

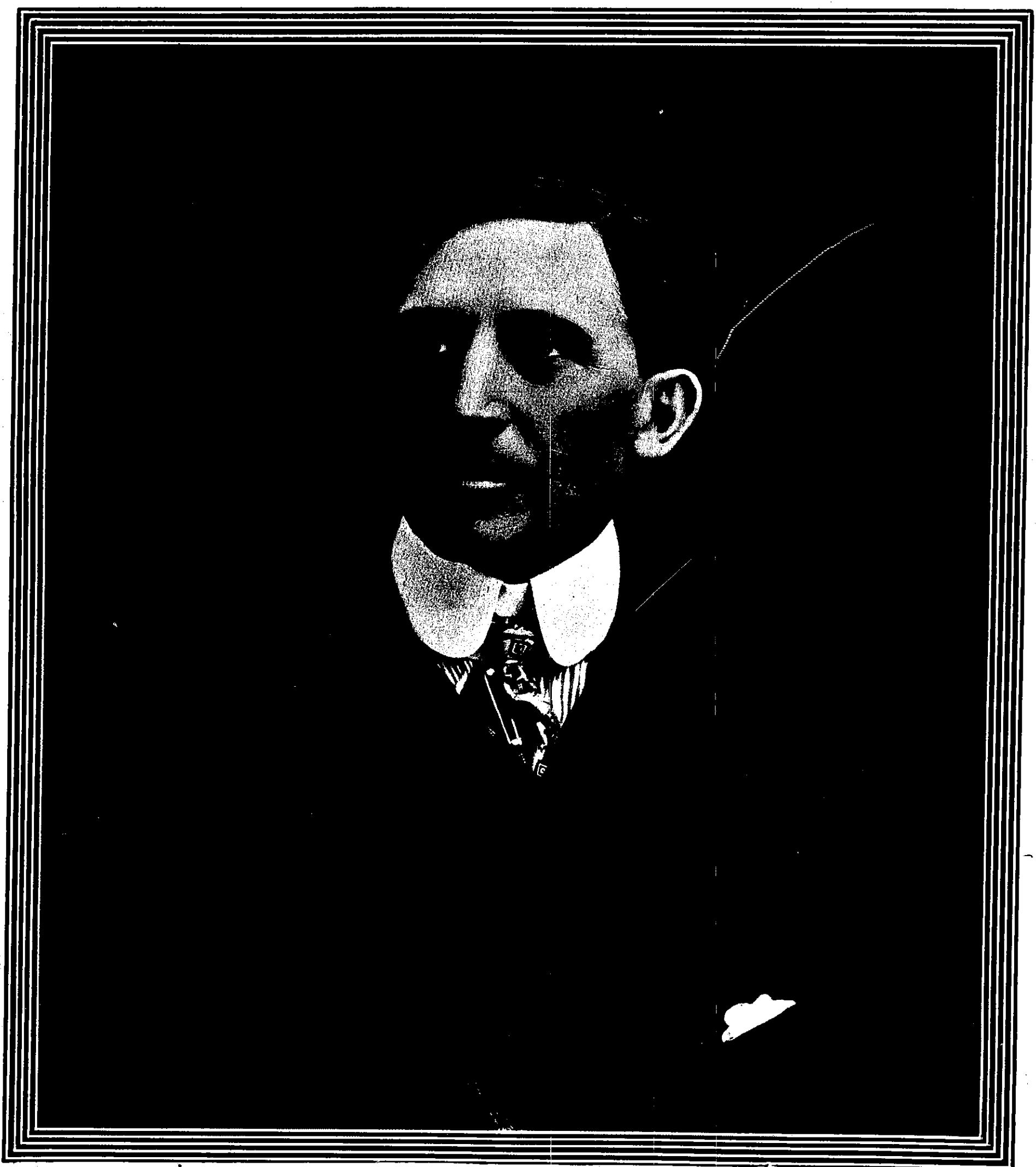
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### PROGRAMME.

#### GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE MEETING, 1907.

##### FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1st, 1907.  
 First Race to start at 12 Noon. MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a steeplechase of the value of 80sovs, or steeplechases of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any steeplechase after declaration of weights to carry a 5lb penalty. About two miles and a-half.

MAIDEN WELTER (HANDICAP) of 100sovs, second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Five furlongs.

GREAT NORTHERN HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 500sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs, with a final payment of 2sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Over ten flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry a 7lb penalty. Two miles and a-half.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 80sovs, or hurdle races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry a 5lb penalty. One mile and three-quarters.

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

JERVOIS HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. The winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

LADIES' BRACELET of 100sovs. A Bracelet of the value of 75sovs for the first horse, and a Bracelet of the value of 25sovs for the second horse. For horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 80sovs, or flat races of the collective value of

200sovs at time of starting. Three-year-olds, 10st 6lb; four-year-olds, 11st; five and six-year-olds, and aged, 11st 2lb. No other allowances. All horses to be nominated by ladies. Entrance 2sovs each, to go to the funds. Gentlemen riders. A trophy value 10sovs to the rider of the winner. One mile and a-half.

#### SECOND DAY, MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1907 (PRINCE OF WALES' BIRTHDAY).

First Race to start at 12 Noon. ORAKEI HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 50sovs, or hurdle races of the collective value of 150sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Over seven flights of hurdles. One mile and three-quarters.

RANFURLY WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 9st. One mile.

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 750sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs, with a final payment of 4sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Winner of any steeplechase of the value of 150sovs after the declaration of weights to carry a 7lb penalty. About three miles and a-half.

REMUEA HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry a 5lb penalty. Two miles.

PRINCE OF WALES' HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 9st. Seven furlongs.

TALLY-HO STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. About three miles.

HUNTERS' BRACELET HANDICAP of 65sovs. A Bracelet of the value of 50sovs for the first horse, and a Bracelet of the value of 15sovs for the second horse. For horses the bona-fide property of members of any recognised Hunt Club, and which have been duly qualified, during the season of 1906, by a lady member of any Hunt Club who is eligible as a gentleman rider under the Rules of Racing. Horses to be ridden by members of Hunt Clubs, who are eligible as gentlemen riders under the Rules of Racing, and who must hand to the Clerk of the Scales, a certificate from the Master of the Hunt Club that they have hunted during the current year. Owners must hand to the Secretary a certificate of qualification of their horses at time of nomination. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 9st 7lb. A trophy value 5sovs to the rider of the winner. One mile and a-quarter.

##### THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8th, 1907.  
 First Race to start at 12 Noon. TAMAKI STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a steeplechase of the value of 80sovs, or steeplechases of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. About two miles and a-half.

YORK WELTER HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 9st. One mile.

WINTER STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each, to go to the funds. About three miles.

CAMPBELL HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Two miles.

FITZROY WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 9st. Six furlongs.

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 9st. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry a 7lb penalty. Five furlongs.

LADIES' BRACELET of 50sovs. A Bracelet of the value of 40sovs for the first horse, and a Bracelet of the value of 10sovs for the second horse. For horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 80sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Three-year-olds, 10st 10lb; four-year-olds and upwards, 11st. No other allowances. All horses to be nominated by ladies. Winner of Ladies'

Bracelet on first day to carry a 7lb penalty. Entrance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Gentlemen riders. A trophy value 5sovs to the rider of the winner. One mile.

#### DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC., GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE MEETING, 1907.

With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.R.C.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26th, by 9 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 17th (General Entry), by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES. — Great Northern Hurdles Handicap 2sovs, Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap 3sovs.

NOMINATIONS. — Maiden Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Maiden Welter Handicap 1sov, Maiden Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Cornwall Handicap 1sov; Jervois Handicap 1sov, Ladies' Bracelet (First Day) 2sovs, Orakei Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Ranfurly Welter Handicap 1sov, Remuera Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Prince of Wales Handicap 1sov, Tally-ho Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Hunters' Bracelet Handicap 1sov, York Welter Handicap 1sov, Campbell Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Fitzroy Welter Handicap 1sov, Farewell Handicap 1sov, Ladies' Bracelet (Third Day) 1sov, Tamaki Steeplechase Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, MAY 24th, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES. — Maiden Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Maiden Welter Handicap 1sov, Maiden Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Cornwall Handicap 2sovs, Jervois Handicap 1sov, Hunters' Bracelet (Handicap) 1sov.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1st, at the Post. Great Northern Hurdles, 2sovs.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1st, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES. — Orakei Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Ranfurly Welter Handicap 1sov, Remuera Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Prince of Wales Handicap 2sovs, Tally-ho Steeplechase Handicap 1sov.

MONDAY, JUNE 3rd, at the Post. Great Northern Steeplechase 4sovs

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES. — Tamaki Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, York Welter Handicap 2sovs, Winter Steeplechase Handicap 2sovs, Campbell Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Fitzroy Welter Handicap 1sov, Farewell Handicap 1sov.

#### DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

ON OR ABOUT MAY 11th, 1907.

Great Northern Hurdles, Great Northern Steeplechase.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22nd, in Morning Paper.

Maiden Steeplechase Handicap, Maiden Welter Handicap, Maiden Hurdle Handicap, Cornwall Handicap, Jervois Handicap, Hunters' Bracelet.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1st, by 8 p.m.

Orakei Hurdles, Ranfurly Welter Handicap, Remuera Hurdles, Prince of Wales Handicap, Tally-ho Steeplechase.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4th, in Morning Paper.

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

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**FIRST DAY.**

- THURSDAY, 23rd MAY, 1907.**  
 1. 12 noon.—BOROUGH HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs.  
 2. 12.45 p.m.—WANGANUI STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 325sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Over the Wanganui Steeplechase course. Distance, about three miles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs.  
 3. 1.30 p.m.—ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, five furlongs. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.  
 4. 2.10 p.m.—MAY HURDLE HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, about one mile and three-quarters. Over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.  
 5. 2.45 p.m.—KAITOKE HACK HURDLE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. About one mile and three-quarters. Over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.  
 6. 3.30 p.m.—CONNOLLY HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a distance. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs.  
 7. 4.15 p.m.—PURUA HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.

**SECOND DAY.**

- FRIDAY, 24th MAY, 1907.**  
 1. 12 noon.—WINTER OATS HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs.  
 2. 12.45 p.m.—GRANDSTAND STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two and a-half miles; over such course as the stewards shall direct. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.  
 3. 1.30 p.m.—BALGOWNIE HACK RACE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a distance. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.  
 4. 2.30 p.m.—CENTURY HURDLE HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs from the stakes. About two miles and a distance. Over eight flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs.  
 5. 3 p.m.—RATA HACK HURDLE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. About one mile and five furlongs. Over six flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.  
 6. 3.30 p.m.—FINAL STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, about two miles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.

7. 4.15 p.m.—FAREWELL HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.

**PENALTIES.**

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**DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.**

And Amounts to be forwarded to Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club.

**WINTER MEETING,**

23rd AND 24th MAY, 1907.  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 26th, 1907, at 9 p.m.—NOMINATIONS.**—Borough Handicap, 1sov; Wanganui Steeplechase, 1sov; Electric Hack Handicap, 1sov; May Hurdles Handicap, 1sov; Kaitoke Hack Hurdles, 1sov; Connolly Handicap, 1sov; Purua Hack Flat Handicap, 1sov; Winter Oats, 1sov; Grandstand Steeplechase, 1sov; Century Hurdles Handicap, 1sov; Balgownie Hack Flat, 1sov; Rata Hack Hurdles, 1sov; Final Steeplechase Handicap, 1sov; Farewell Hack Flat Handicap, 1sov.

**SATURDAY, MAY 11th, 1907 (on or about)**—WEIGHTS for Steeplechase, Connolly Handicap, and Century Hurdles.

**THURSDAY, MAY 16th, 1907.** WEIGHTS for Borough Handicap, Electric Hack Handicap, May Hurdles Handicap, Kaitoke Hack Hurdles, Purua Hack Flat Handicap.

**MONDAY, MAY 20th, 1907, at 9 p.m.**

**ACCEPTANCES.**—Borough Handicap, 2sovs; Wanganui Steeplechase, 3sovs; Electric Hack Handicap, 1sov; May Hurdle Handicap, 1sov; Connolly Handicap, 2sovs; Kaitoke Hack Hurdles, 1sov; Purua Hack Flat Handicap, 1sov; Century Hurdle Handicap, 3sovs.

**THURSDAY, MAY 23rd, 1907 (at or about) 8 p.m.**—WEIGHTS.—For Winter Oats, Grandstand Steeplechase, Balgownie Hack Flat, Rata Hack Hurdles, Final Steeplechase, and Farewell Hack Flat.

**THURSDAY, MAY 23rd, 1907, at 9 p.m.**

**ACCEPTANCES.**—Winter Oats, 2sovs; Grandstand Steeplechase, 1sov; Balgownie Hack Flat, 1sov; Rata Hack Hurdles, 1sov; Final Steeplechase, 1sov; Farewell Hack Flat, 1sov.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26th, 1907, at 9 p.m.—FIRST FORFEIT—**Jackson Stakes, 1908, 1sov. **WM. HALL, Secretary.** Box 15, Post Office, Wanganui.

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**FIRST DAY.**

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**SECOND DAY.**

**FRIDAY, MAY 24th, 1907.** PUPUKE HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

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**SECOND PONY HANDICAP** of 70sovs; second pony to receive 10sovs out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards, 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Six furlongs.

**BRITANNIA HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. One mile.

**TAKAPUNA HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE** of 250sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of stakes. Winner of Handicap Maiden Steeplechase to carry a penalty of 5lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs. About three miles and a-half.

**VICTORIA HANDICAP** of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Britannia Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.

**WELTER HANDICAP** of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stakes. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 5lb. Lowest weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile.

**NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.**

**NOMINATIONS.**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 19th, 9 p.m.** FIRST DAY.—Handicap Maiden Hurdles, 1sov; Handicap Maiden Plate, 1sov; Empire Handicap, 1sov; Royal Handicap, 1sov; Hauraki Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; Handicap Maiden Steeplechase, 1sov; First Pony Handicap, 1sov.

**SECOND DAY.**—Pupuke Handicap, 1sov; Hauturu Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; Second Pony Handicap, 1sov; Britannia Handicap, 1sov; Takapuna Handicap Steeplechase, 1sov; Victoria Handicap, 1sov; Welter Handicap, 1sov.

**WEIGHTS.**  
**FRIDAY, MAY 3rd, 4 p.m.** First Day's Racing.  
 Takapuna Handicap Steeplechase (Second Day).  
**MONDAY, MAY 20th, 4 p.m.** Second Day's Racing.

**ACCEPTANCES.**

**FRIDAY, MAY 10th, 9 p.m.** FIRST DAY.  
 Handicap Maiden Hurdles, 1sov; Handicap Maiden Plate, 1sov; Empire Handicap, 3sovs; Royal Handicap, 2sovs; Hauraki Handicap Hurdles, 2sovs; Handicap Maiden Steeplechase, 1sov; First Pony Handicap, 1sov; Takapuna Handicap Steeplechase (Second Day), 3sovs.  
**TUESDAY, MAY 21st, 9 p.m.** SECOND DAY.  
 Pupuke Handicap, 1sov; Hauturu Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; Second Pony Handicap, 1sov; Britannia Handicap, 2sovs; Victoria Handicap, 2sovs; Welter Handicap, 1sov.

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**NOTES.**

(By "The Judge.")

The Hawke's Bay meeting takes place next Wednesday and Thursday.

The Melbourne Cup winner Blue Spec has run his last race, and goes to the stud in Western Australia.

The Australian Jockey Club has raised the stakes for the Craven Plate, Cumberland Stakes, and Sires' Produce Stakes to 1000sovs each.

Mr. Cook has won another heat in the Amateur Billiard Championship, defeating Mr. Dickson. Mr. Sweet is, however, looked upon as a certain winner of the title.

The sum of £20,950 went through the totalisator during the two days of the Manawatu meeting.

The Railway Handicap on Saturday was one of the finest finishes ever seen on the Avondale course.

Beautiful weather was experienced yesterday for the conclusion of the Avondale meeting, and it is not to be wondered at the attendance was large.

Handicaps for the G.N. Hurdles and Steeplechase are due on May 11.

Weights for the first day of the Takapuna J.C. Winter Meeting may be expected to-morrow.

Nominations for the annual meeting of the Hutt Valley Trotting Club close to-morrow week.

Nonette's sister Bonheur, who has been winning over hurdles recently, has been entered for the Marlborough Cup, in which she has 8st 2lb. The disappointing Aeolus is top weight with 9st.

Splendid nominations have been received for the Wanganui J.C. Winter Meeting. The list appears in another column. By the way, Mr. Coombe will do the starting, and not Mr. O'Connor, as previously advertised.

Necktie was made a "hot pot" for the Juvenile Handicap on Saturday, but could not get a place. Possibly that fall at Ellerslie has not been quite got over.

Carl Rosa was tipped in this paper to win the Avondale Handicap, with Uhlander second, and in a field of eleven that is how they finished. The winner seemed particularly well treated at the weights, and the amount of the dividend came as a surprise.

Soulmaid had to carry 5lb overweight in the Railway Handicap, but Ryan just managed to squeeze the mare home by a head.

St. Cyren paid the surprising dividend of £27 16s in the Maiden Plate at Avondale. The Cyrenian gelding was one of my selections for the race in question.

Landlock did not jump too well on Saturday, but his pace on the flat was too much for the moderates opposed to the son of Flintlock.

The totalisator turnover at Avondale for the present meeting has made a big stride upward. Saturday's figures beat the corresponding day last year by no less than £5383.

News comes from Sydney that both the Auckland ponies Lady Nannie and Kilderkin started in the lilliputian class at the Kensington Pony Races. They were both heavily supported in their respective races, but failed to do themselves justice.

Forty-one nominations have been received for the Great Northern Hurdle Race, 34 for the Great Northern Steeplechase, and 36 for the Winter Steeplechase. Class is very well represented, and altogether the prospects appear bright for some fine contests.

Mr. W. C. Hird, one of the best riders of a trotter we have in Auckland, is going to Gisborne. The farewell banquet at the Epsom Hotel on Friday was a great success. Hird will be much missed from the trotting ranks here.

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**TRAINERS AND THEIR METHODS.**

Not long ago, in the course of an animated controversy as to the relative merits of Auckland versus Southern horses, the contention was put forward by a fairly shrewd judge of the game that there was in most cases not much to choose between the horses, but where the Southerner scored was in the superior method of training. It is difficult to say if there is anything in the contention, but certainly arguments can be adduced in favour of the theory. There is one fact which is a little difficult to explain away, and that is that although for many years Auckland has bred more thoroughbreds than any of her Southern rivals, it is a long time since we had a first-class horse in the North. Nearly all the plums go to the Southern owners, and it is seldom that we can make other than a very poor showing in any of the classic races. Over and over again we see our best two-year-olds easily defeated by Southerners, who are by no means in the champion ranks themselves, and there should be some reason for this regrettable state of affairs. Of course it may be argued that there are no wealthy owners in Auckland, and that the cream of our yearlings always go out of the province. There is much force in this line of reasoning, but at the same time it is difficult to avoid the reflection that some of these Auckland-bred champions would very probably have never gained classic honours had they remained in Auckland. The long-priced colt is not always the best and many of our greatest successes, such, for instance, as Solution, have gone very cheaply indeed. Among the many retained in Auckland now and again we should get a good one, but the fact remains we rarely do.

The horses themselves are always blamed, but are they always in fault? Take the case of Lady Annie, for instance, as illustrating the point. Here was a mare that was thought locally to be untrainable, although she was known to be smart, having won nine races in thirty-seven attempts, a record which might easily have been improved. Sold to a Southern owner for a brood mare, the daughter of Soul and Miss Annie has won four good races consecutively, and should obtain other stakes before being retired. This almost looks as though there was something amiss in the training methods, but it is but one illustration of many. The case for the trainers may be put briefly. The fact really is the Auckland trainer's life is by no means a bed of roses, and is very far from being the means of the rapid acquirement of wealth as some people so fondly imagine. Nearly all the owners round about Auckland are, comparatively speaking, poor men, and there are no wealthy owners, such as we find in England, Australia, or even in the Southern part of this colony. We have no Clifford, Ormond or Stead, and as a consequence trainers have to manage along as best they may. When the bill for training comes in the small owner only too often gives something on account and leaves the rest, hoping for a win. The trainer has to pay his wages sheet and the oat bill all the same, and in many cases finds it a losing transaction in the end. Under the circumstances can he be reasonably expected to do as well as his Southern rival, who is given a free hand regardless of expenses? If our trainers suffer by comparison with the equine educator of the South, then, assuredly it is often more the fault of the owner than the trainer, who in most cases is competent and willing enough, but is often expected to perform almost sheer impossibilities.

**RACING CALENDAR.**

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**FIXTURES.—1907.**

- May 4—Christchurch R.C.
- May 8, 9—Marlborough R.C.
- May 8, 9—Hawke's Bay J.C.
- May 15 and 16—Egmont R.C.
- May 18 and 24—Takapuna J.C.
- May 23 and 24—Wanganui J.C.
- May 23 and 24—North Otago J.C.
- May 25—Hutt Valley Trotting Club
- June 1, 3, 8—Auckland Racing Club
- June 1 and 9—Dunedin J.C.
- June 3 and 4—Otaki Maori R.C.
- June 26 and 27—Napier Park R.C.

**NOMINATIONS.**

- May 10—Hutt Valley T.C.
- May 17—A.R.C. general entries

**HANDICAPS.**

- May 3—Takapuna J.C.
- May 11—Wanganui J.C. special events
- May 11—A.R.C. special events
- May 13—Hutt Valley T.C.
- May 16—Wanganui J.C.
- May 22—A.R.C.

**ACCEPTANCES.**

- May 10—Takapuna J.C.
- May 17—A.R.C. special events
- May 18—Hutt Valley T.C.
- May 20—Wanganui J.C.
- May 24—A.R.C.

**REMINDERS TO OWNERS.**

General entries for the A.R.C. Great Northern Steeplechase Meeting close on May 17.

Nominations for all events to be decided at the annual meeting of the Hutt Valley Trotting Club close with Mr. N. J. Bennington, the secretary, on Friday, May 10, at 9 p.m.

Acceptances for the G.N. Hurdles and Steeplechase must be made to Mr. Hartland by May 17 at 9 p.m. Handicaps are due on May 11.

Acceptances for the first day's events to be decided at the Wanganui J.C. Winter Meeting must be made to Mr. William Hall by Monday, May 20, at 9 p.m.

Acceptances for the first day's events on the winter programme of the Takapuna Jockey Club must be made to Mr. Wynyard by Friday, May 10, at 9 p.m.

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On Thursday morning Tanglefoot, Moulton and Khama were given a turn over the steeplechase jumps in the centre of the course. The latter two took the double twice, while the former chose the water jump. All three acquitted themselves well.

At present at headquarters we have the best class of maiden jumpers yet seen at autumn time. Landlock, Ben Johnson, Heywood, Franklin, and Lunnon have all won races on the flat.

It is understood that Inniskillen, who has lately been doing medium pace work at Ellerslie, will be reserved for the winter campaign, and should the gelding keep sound he may be relied on to keep his account on the credit side of the ledger.

A New York scribe, who, in comparing the relative merits of horses, does not attach much importance to the "time" as applied to races, says very few really great American horses make time records. They beat everything meeting them, they establish themselves as the great horses of their year, their era, or their decade, but very, very few of them break, or make records. Sysonby never ran but one fast race in his life, yet he beat many "record breakers" out of sight with consummate ease—in slow time. Artful, Tradition, Tanya, Prince Hamburg, Oiseau as three-year-olds; Broomstick, Delhi, Beldare, Hamburg Belle, Ort Wells as four-year-olds; Timber Vendor, Yankee Consul, First Water, Clark Griffith, Whimsical, Perverse, Burgomaster, Ormondale, etc., two-year-olds, what "records" did these undoubtedly best horses of 1905 make; and have credited to them—except at Belmont Park, where everything makes "records?"

The trotter Sal Tasker is open to be matched against anything in Australasia for 500 sovs aside. The conditions on which the match will be made are that the contest will be for the best two out of three in two-mile heats, or the best three out of five in one-mile heats.

Society owes to the horse a debt of gratitude a thousand times greater than it does to thousands of men who abuse him. He has ministered to progress, has made social intercourse possible when otherwise it would have been slow and occasional or altogether impossible, he has virtually extended the strength of man, augmented his speed, doubled his time, decreased his burdens, and, becoming his slave, he has relieved him from drudgery, and made him free. For love's sake, for the sake of social life, for eminent moral reasons, the horse needs to be bred, trained, and cared for with scrupulous care.—Henry Ward Beecher.

It has been resolved by a conference of the delegates from West Australian Turf Club, Boulder, Coolgardie, and Kalgoorlie Clubs, and Metropolitan Racing Association, that three stipendiary stewards be appointed. They will have absolute control of all racing on all courses of clubs represented by delegates to the conference, but racing by country clubs is to remain for the present under control of the W.A.T.C. There is to be no appeal from the stewards' decisions, but the latter body are to be under the control of the W.A.T.C. The date fixed for the appointment is August 1, and the salary is £700 per annum each steward; and they will appoint their own chairman. The tenure of office by stewards is 12 months only, subject to agreement being terminated by either party at three months' notice. Applications will be received for the positions up to May 29.

A writer in an English exchange says that interesting statistics have been made up concerning the sales of yearlings in Austria and Hungary during 1903 by public auction. They realised in round figures £22,560. Up to the end of last season they had won about £52,200. This did not leave much margin to pay the cost of training or the hay and corn bill. Sixty-two yearlings out of the number sold were never seen out in public; 21 ran without winning a farthing; 25 brought in less than their purchase money, and 77 won just over their cost, but failed to pay their keep and training expenses. Horkey, who, purchased as a yearling for £548, won in public money 8260sovs., while Xama, sold for £32, rewarded the purchaser with 1290sovs.

Landlock had another easy win in the Maiden Hurdles at Avondale yesterday. He was in front virtually all the way, and got home without any apparent effort by two lengths from Hardship, with the others beaten off.

Haeremal came down at the first jump in the Maiden Hurdles yesterday, treating W. Wilson, who had the mount, to a very nasty fall. A bad shaking, was the doctor's verdict.

There was a delay of over twenty minutes in the Second Pony Handicap at Avondale yesterday. This was caused through the vagaries of Norma, who refused to go to the barrier. Ultimately the race was started without her, the rest getting away in very straggling order.

Waihou followed up her Saturday's win by capturing the Second Pony Handicap. The daughter of Soult won very easily, and is evidently fairly smart.

Once again Mr. Davies' bad luck in getting second stuck to him yesterday, Te Aroha being just beaten by Carl Rosa. The series of seconds must be getting towards a record.

Quite a number of Saturday's winners at Avondale got home again yesterday. Looks as though something was astray with the first day's handicaps.

W. Wilson, who does a lot of track riding at headquarters, is now in splendid condition, and with ordinary luck should put up a good record during the lepping season. He intends being present at the V.R.C. Grand National Meeting.

A very popular win at the North N.Z. Coursing Club's meeting was when Mr. "J. Smith's" Garryclough downed all opposition and won the Mangere Maiden Stakes. The owner won a fair amount, but the counter attractions, the Manawatu J.C. meeting and the elections, kept the principal members of the ring in town, and as a consequence there was a limited market.

Kola Nip, ably steered by young Geo. Pell, created a surprise in the Oakley Handicap at Avondale. The field swerved out at the head of the straight, when the boy, who was behind, saw the advantage and dashed up on the inside, winning on the post by half a length.

On the strength of a gallop between the quartette Carl Rosa, Delania, Scotty and Omati (on Thursday morning) the former came into the market for the Avondale Handicap, whilst the latter was heavily supported for the Railway Handicap in doubles. The son of Seaton Delaval won the 1½ miles race handsomely, but Omati lost his chance by running out at the home turn.

Good fields were the order of the day on the opening day of the Avondale J.C. gathering. In the Maiden Plate 13 faced the barrier, 9 in the Oakley, 11 in the Avondale Handicap, 11 in the Pony Race, 15 in the Chevalier Handicap, and 7 in the Railway Handicap. These are far above the average number that western put in an appearance at the usual suburb.

Most of the Ellerslie-trained two-year-olds have now gone into winter quarters, with the exception of those engaged at Takapuna, and there ought to be a fair number of useful handicap horses picked from this year's crop. As far as Auckland is concerned there were no top-notchers, for taking a line through Downfall our lot are only moderate.

An English exchange says that Spearmint has had the splint on the inside of the near foreleg just below the knee totally eradicated by a process which must have been most severe, as the seat of the trouble remains skin-bare, and is likely to remain so. The blemish, however, is a matter of small importance, as the horse is now thoroughly sound, the long term of rest having enabled the son of Carbine and Maid of the Mint to entirely shake off the ill-effects of the severe test he underwent when successful in the Grand Prix de Paris. Judging by his much-improved appearance, Spearmint is now as well as ever he has been, and, with every likelihood of standing training he should hold his own against all opposition in the Coronation Cup at Epson, and the Gold Cup at Ascot. At his best he is a very good horse over any distance.

Mr. C. F. Mark has gone South to attend the meeting of the N.Z. Trotting Association at Christchurch.

The Mercury Bay annual meeting, which took place recently, was fairly successful. Nothing but district horses competed, and like most country meetings nearly all the favourites won the big end of the stakes.

The turf has lost of Lord Penrhyn, whose name had in another way been brought prominently before the public for some years past in connection with the lamentable labour disputes at his large slate quarries, in the course of which he was ever ready to receive his workpeople, and give ear to their grievances, but persistently refused to receive on their behalf professional agitators and instigators of strikes. The deceased, who took an active interest in hunting, shooting, and fishing, had been a member of the Jockey Club since 1887; but he had taken to racing soon after coming of age, and since then bred or purchased several good horses, and especially so in the course of a racing partnership with Mr. E. C. Clayton. Among many winners may be mentioned Steamboat, Footman, Noble Chieftain, Red Palmer, Robin Hood, Far Niente, Quaesitum (Chester Cup and Ascot Gold Vase), and King's Messenger (Goodwood Cup in 1898, and Great Metropolitan Stakes in 1899 and 1900). Lord Penrhyn was for several years a most popular and enthusiastic master of the famous Grifton Hunt.

"It seems ungracious to argue with Canon Horsley, who means so well, and is endeavouring earnestly, according to his lights, to do what he considers desirable (says the 'Referee'). But he does not quite understand the actual state of the case with which he is so busily occupying himself. Thus he talks of the 'extreme fallibility, the inevitable ignorance of sporting prophets,' a sentence which does injustice in more than one way. To begin with, the writers who analyse form, and draw conclusions—I am speaking of those who contribute to recognised and reputable journals—do not pose as 'prophets.' It is wrong to speak of their 'ignorance.' They are, as a rule, excellent judges of racing, and the fact that horses' names are printed in capital letters does not by any means always signify a prophetic assertion that the animals will win. No writer is idiot enough to imagine that he can pick six or seven winners a day for six days in the week. The best 'prophets,' if Canon Horsley likes the term, run through the various horses' recent performances, and give currency to their preference for one or two out of the probable starters. They draw attention to these animals, but their arguments are open to their readers' consideration, and, perhaps, many of those readers may differ from the deductions advanced. It often strikes me as extraordinary that the tipping is as good as it frequently proves to be."

The Australian-bred York was one of four starters in the New Century Steeplechase at Hurst Park early last month. It was a weight-for-age event, but York never was dangerous, and ran a poor third, while Domino, 6 to 4 on, won in a canter from Whitechapel. York was the outsider of the party.

English papers report the arrival of the New Zealand jockey L. Hewitt in England. Hewitt has been riding Nocktiform (whom he steered to victory in the A.J.C. Derby, 1905), in work, and Major Edwards who trains the New Zealand-bred horse, has the first claim on Hewitt's services during the current season. Writing to a friend in Sydney, Hewitt has a deal to say about English horses and the magnificent training establishments at Newmarket. He writes in praise of the riders he saw, but doubts if there is a lightweight in England the equal of Kelso's small apprentice, L. Pike.

Accounts of several big races run in England last month are to hand, and there were twenty-three runners for the Grand National Steeplechase. Ascetic's Silver (12.10), and Red Lad dividing favouritism at 7 to 1 each, with Eremont, the eventual winner, next in demand at 8's, while Tom West (second) was at 16 to 1, and Patlander (third), at 50's. Eremont, who was ridden by A. Newey, won comfortably by half a dozen lengths. Ob, who had 8.10, and started at 25 to 1 in a field of twenty-four, won the Lincolnshire Mile by five lengths, the favourite His Eminence (9 to 4), not even getting a place.

"I feel it my duty to proclaim that the racecourse societies have rendered the greatest service to the nation, and recognising the benefit that horse-breeding in this country has derived from them, I say that racing is indispensable, and I hope that the racecourse will be with us for a long time."—French Minister of Agriculture.

According to the "Sportsman," upwards of seven millions sterling is put into circulation yearly in Great Britain by racing, nearly the whole of which goes in the payment of wages.

#### TROTTING REVIVAL IN VICTORIA.

For a long time trotting in Victoria has been in a bad way. Mr. J. Wren has, with characteristic energy, thrown himself into the breach, and proposes to lead off with a big programme on May 13. In addition to an ordinary programme of events there will be a Champion Stake of £100-mile heats, best two out of three to win, also a Time Handicap Trot for 2.25 trotters. Entries close on Friday. A full programme of trotting races will be held every fortnight at the Richmond course, so that it would appear the sport has a good chance of a boom. Particulars of the first programme appear in our advertising columns.

#### VICTORIAN PONY AND GALLOPWAY RACING CLUB.

##### A BIG PRIZE FOR PONIES.

From an advertisement in this issue it will be seen that this club, with Mr. J. Wren as general manager, with a view to encouraging pony racing, is offering a £500 stake, to be run for at the Ascot Racecourse on Monday, July 8. It is perhaps hardly necessary to point out that this is the largest stake that has ever been given for a pony event in any part of the world. With such a very rich prize to race for it is safe to assume that there will be a big entry when the lists are made up on June 26. We have some fairly "sultry" ponies in this colony, and doubtless more than one will go across to have a run for the mammoth prize.

#### THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs. Scott and Martindale report the following business on coming events:—

WANGANUI STEEPLE AND HURDLES.  
400 to 6—Waitarere and Exmoor  
300 to 3—Haydn and Mahoe  
200 to 1—Slow Tom and Ability  
100 to 1—Romany King and Mahoe  
100 to 1—Nagador and Mahoe  
AUCKLAND HURDLES AND STEEPLE.  
500 to 5—Mahoe and Mahoe  
500 to 3—Weary Bill and Klatere  
500 to 5—Exmoor and Klatere

#### COURSING.

##### NORTH N.Z. COURSING CLUB.

The April meeting was brought to a conclusion on Wednesday, the 24th inst., when the concluding rounds of the Maiden Stake were run while the Otara All-aged Stake was also decided. The weather was again beautifully fine, and the attendance was good. Hares ran well, and some of the trials were among the best seen on the enclosure. The same officials acted as on the opening day, and all got through their work well.

In the opening round of the All-aged Stake Maroon and Gold narrowly won a fine trial against Peter Jackson, who led up. Helen Wood got a very close decision against Gipsy King, this being the only unsatisfactory course of the day, the hare being weak. Robin Hood easily led and beat Mikado, while Glenore was much too good for Warrior.

In the first trial Helen Wood beat Maroon and Gold, who had run an extra course, pointless. The trial between Glenore and Robin Hood was perhaps the best of the meeting. The latter led two lengths to a racing hare, but when the black got in he was very busy, scoring in quick succession. Robin Hood drove in again, and some fine exchanges followed Glenore getting his flag as puss escaped by a single point.

In the final Helen Wood, who got badly out of slips, led two lengths, and after a few exchanges killed and won.

In the second trial for the Maiden Stake, Garryclough beat Blue Fire

pointless. Waireka had no trouble to put out Maroon and Gold, who was handicapped by an extra course. Tim Doolan led Turangarere a length, and each dog scored twice, a smart kill by Turangarere bringing off the judge's cap for an undecided. In the run off Tim Doolan led three lengths to a good hare, but his opponent had almost worked this off when puss escaped. Eureka easily beat Gavotte, who was partly unsighted on the lead up. In the third ties Garryclough led Waireka three lengths to a good hare, and easily got his flag. Eureka had too much foot for Tim Doolan, and beat him comfortably. In the deciding course Garryclough showed great pace, leading Eureka two lengths. Working the hare very smartly he was a safe winner, when Eureka dash-in and killed.

The particulars were as follows:—

**OTARA ALL-AGED STAKE.** First Dog, £13; Second Dog, £4.

**FIRST ROUND.**

Mr C. Cribb's Maroon and Gold beat Mr J. Edgar's Peter Jackson.

Mr J. Edgar's Helen Wood beat Mr J. Gillespie's Gipsy King.

Mr F. A. Fenton's Robin Hood beat Mr C. Pratt's Mikado.

Mr S. Barnes' Glenore beat Mr J. Coulson's Warrior.

**FIRST TIES.**

Mr J. Edgar's Helen Wood beat Maroon and Gold.

Mr S. Barnes' Glenore beat Robin Hood.

**DECIDING COURSE.**

Helen Wood (by Butcher Boy—Lady Dashwood) beat Glenore (by Darkie—Matlock. A protest has been entered against the winner.

**MANGERE MAIDEN STAKE.** First Dog, £25; Second Dog, £7 10s. Two dogs at £4 each. Four dogs at £2 each.

**SECOND TIES.**

Mr J. Smith's Garryclough beat Mr J. Witheridge's Blue Fire.

Mr G. Mills' Waireka beat Mr C. Cribb's Maroon and Gold.

Mr S. Bright's Tim Doolan beat Mr J. Smith's Turangarere.

Mr F. Baker's Eureka beat Messrs Tapper Brothers' Gavotte.

**THIRD TIES.**

Mr J. Smith's Garryclough beat Waireka.

Mr F. Baker's Eureka beat Tim Doolan.

**DECIDING COURSE.**

Garryclough (by Sandy—White) beat Eureka (by Wahoo—Duchess), and won the stake.

**BIG BONE IN HORSES.**

In an English paper a writer, who is of opinion that most buyers are inclined to attach too much importance to big bone in horses, expresses himself as follows on the subject:—"Reference to big bone reminds me how I first had it demonstrated that the biggest bone does not necessarily contain the most substance. The demonstrator was a well-known veterinary professor, who, taking two metacarpal, or cannon, bones of the horse—of course, from different animals, one being at least half as large again as the other—put them in a scale (one at each end) with the result that the smaller was decidedly the heavier of the two. Then to explain the cause of such an apparent paradox, he sawed them both through the centre, when the seeming absurdity was explained. The tissues of the bigger was porous, while that of the smaller one was quite dense, which, of course, accounted for the great disparity in weight. This is a lesson those who look for big bone in thoroughbreds might well bear in mind. Those who will carefully look over our best race-horses will find that they are not overburdened with bone, while if in a race you see one or two toiling along in the rear you will generally find that in the matter of bone Nature has endowed them with much more than their feeter opponents. Then take the hunting field. Look at the thoroughbred and the half-bred (with plenty of bone) before they start the day and after a good gallop, carrying the same weights. Which is the fresher at the finish? I think most of our hunting friends would answer in favour of the light-boned one. Many folk seem to forget that it is not the bones that generally give way—it is the accessories, the ligaments and muscles."

A feature of the racing at Avondale yesterday was the remarkable run of successes by horses which also won on Saturday. Landlock, Haldane, Carl Rosa, Waihou, and Celerity were all the double winners, while Inglis, who ran second to St. Cyren on Saturday, won yesterday, his conqueror being absent.

**AFTER THE RACES.**

**AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.**

**FIRST DAY.**

Visitors to Avondale are never disappointed, and the meetings held under the auspices of the A.J.C. are invariably successful. Saturday last, the opening day of the autumn meeting, was no exception to the rule. The weather was fine, though dull. Nevertheless, the attendance was all that could be desired. Big fields were the order of the day. At the same time, large fields are not always conducive to good sport, unless attended by one essential feature—good handicapping. Mr. Morse covered himself with laurels on Saturday, and the several excellent finishes proved the thoroughness with which he had weighed the merits and abilities of each horse in the different races. More than once Mr. Bollard, M.H.R., felt the responsibility of his position as judge in being called upon to single out the winners from a field which was bunched on the post. The sport throughout was exceptionally fine. The fact that £5383 more was invested on the totalisator this meeting than on the corresponding day last year speaks for itself. The amount which passed through the machine totalled £8669. This satisfactory state of affairs must have been especially pleasing to the committee and its energetic secretary, Mr. Harry H. Hayr, who did a power of work in bringing the day's sport to a successful issue.

The Maiden Plate was the opening handicap. Thirteen starters lined up at the barrier, and Mr. O'Connor got them away nicely. Merrimanu was the first to show out, followed by Hikual. After travelling along the back Hikual had taken the lead, with Inglis showing out from the rest of the field. Rounding the home turn Inglis ran into first position, and looked a winner all over. St. Cyren sneaked in on the rails, however, and finishing gamely, piped Inglis by less than half a length. Field-Marshal was third, Hardship fourth, and the "other starters" close up. Only sixteen tickets were held on the winner, who paid the handy little dividend of £27 16s.

Only four starters went out in the Hurdle Race, Bonomiana being the popular fancy. Landlock was all out from the start, and led from the first hurdle. The son of Flintlock jumped nicely until the sixth hurdle was reached, when he nearly came to grief. Recovering quickly, however, he continued to improve his lead, and though Bonomiana made a big effort to wear him down, Landlock won handily by two lengths. Loch Fyne, who finished strongly, was very close up, third. Fabricator was nowhere.

The Oakley Handicap, a five-furlong sprint, drew a field of nine. The colours of Duart and Waitati were the first to show out, and made the pace a cracker along the back. Entering the straight the position was unchanged, except that Kola Nip had worked his way out of the ruck and was coming after the leaders with a rattle. The son of Soult had plenty of finishing power, and wore the leaders down, snatching the victory by half a length from Waitati, who had a length to the good on Duart. Kola Nip and Lady Cressy, both being the property of Mr. Gall, were bracketed on the machine, paying a £4 4s dividend.

Necktie was made a hot favourite for the Juvenile Stakes out of a field of seven two-year-olds. The youngsters got away fairly well together, Quadroon showing out prominently from the rise of the barrier. With half the distance covered, Quadroon had a two lengths' lead, Haldane and Advocate being the next in order. In the run home, the cerise jacket was still in the van, and Julian had not drawn the whip, though the green-hides were cracking in every other case. With the whips out, however, the field closed up on the leader, and it was evident Quadroon's rider had been nursing the filly, for she had not the power to finish when called upon, and was downed in turn by Haldane and Advocate, the run past the judge's box being in that order. Pohutu was fourth, and the favourite fifth.

The girls were tightened on eleven starters for the big race, the Avondale Handicap. In the saddling paddock each horse was surrounded by a coterie of admirers as the finishing touches were put to the strappings before the "go-to-the-post bell" rang. The contestants all looked well, Uhlander in particular finding many ad-

mirsers, while Carl Rosa, Scotty and Lord Seaton were evidently very fit. Uhlander was made a strong favourite, and went to the post carrying a lot of public money. From a fair start Carl Rosa and Uhlander were the first out of the barrier, and settled down with a length lead as the field passed the stand the first time, Scotty whipping in the field. Lord Seaton improved his position along the back, and joined the leaders, with Millie and Geordie close up. Uhlander had a full length to the good on rounding the home turn, but Carl Rosa challenged the leader, and, finishing in great style, won easily by three lengths, with Lord Seaton a couple of lengths behind Uhlander, third. Conductor, Geordie and Scotty whipped in the field.

A field of ponies are invariably worse to get away than anything else, and on Saturday it took Mr. O'Connor no less than 20 minutes before he could get the galloways out of the barrier. Octoroon's colours were the first to show out, but rounding the bend Waihou shot to the front, and thence forth the brown daughter of Soult had it all her own way. Storyteller finished strongly, and defeated Octoroon for second place by a head. Master Hippo was last away, and finished last.

A great run was that for the Chevalier Stakes. Fifteen starters lined up at the barrier, and from a good start Celerity and Turbine, who ranked about equal favourites, raced to the front. The pair entered the straight together, and a clinking good race ensued. All the way up the straight they raced neck and neck, and a great struggle resulted in a head win for Celerity. Klondyke was third and Hikual fourth.

The concluding race of the day was unquestionably one of the finest races ever witnessed. The field jumped off the mark like clockwork, and it was some time before anything showed out. Then the pink jacket of Miss Crispin went to the front, followed by the black and gold of Tui Cakobau. Nearing the turn, the field had lined out a little, Omati, Soultmaid, Te Aroha and Sweet Alice showing out in close proximity to the leaders. Once into the straight there was little to choose, and cries of "Miss Crispin," "Soultmaid" and "Sweet Alice" fairly rent the air. The finish was exciting to a degree. While the three horses mentioned had the slightest perceptible advantage, the whole of the field, with the exception of Omati, the favourite, seemed to be running a dead heat. It is safe to say that the six horses finished within a short half-length of one another. The judge singled Soultmaid out for first place, Miss Crispin second, and Sweet Alice third. Omati was last.

Details were as follows:—

**MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP.** Six furlongs.  
Mr. J. Kemp's b g St. Cyren, 6yrs, by Cyrenian—Welcome, 7.11 (Barr) 1  
Mr. A. Hanson's b g Inglis, 3yrs, 7.7 (Whittaker) 2  
Mr. P. James' b g Field-Marshal, 4yrs, 7.7 (Buchanan) 3  
Also started: Hikual 9.0, Paroquet 8.8, Aqua Regia 8.1, Crispnet 7.13, Waihekau 7.11, Star 7.9, Hardship 7.9, Cyreniac 7.7, Merrimanu 7.7, Castadrift 7.7.  
Time, 1m. 19 2-5s. Dividends, £27 and £2 2s.

**HANDICAP HURDLE RACE.** Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.  
Mr. C. W. Coleman's b g Landlock, aged, by Flintlock—Dreamland, 10.7 (Cress) 1  
Mr. A. Tooman's br m Bonomiana, aged, 9.2 (W. Wilson) 2  
Mr. C. Thede's b g Loch Fyne, aged, 9.0 (Nesbit) 3  
Also started: Fabricator 9.0.  
Time, 3m. 52 1-5s. Dividend, £3 10s.

**OAKLEY HANDICAP.** Five furlongs.  
Mr. W. Gall's b g Kola Nip, 6yrs, by Soult—Helen McGregor, 7.0 (Pell) 1  
Mr. T. A. Williams' b g Waitati, 5yrs, 7.5 (Brown) 2  
Mr. H. Stent's b g Duart, 3yrs, 7.7 (Gray) 3  
Also started: Black and Gold 10.0, Discoverer 8.12, Lady Cressy 7.4, Engraver 6.13, Stromness 6.12, Star 6.12.  
Time, 1m. 4s. Dividends, £4 4s and £1. Kola Nip and Lady Cressy were bracketed on the machine.

**JUVENILE HANDICAP.** For two-year-olds. Five furlongs.  
Mr. C. Weal's blk g Haldane, by Hotchkiss—Mantle, 8.0 (Lindsay) 1  
Mr. J. Colbeck's b c Advocate, 7.10 (W. Chaaffe) 2  
Mr. J. Murphy's b f Quadroon, 8.1 (Julian) 3  
Also started: Pohutu 8.12, Necktie 8.7, Denbies 7.1, Japan 7.0.  
Time, 1m. 4 2-5s. Dividends, £2 6s and £3 10s.

**AVONDALE HANDICAP** of 175sovs. One mile and a-quarter.  
Mr. A. Lennard's b h Carl Rosa, 4yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Vieux Rose, 7.9 (Seats) 1  
Mr. J. Renwick's br g Uhlander, 4yrs, 7.13 (McNamara) 2  
Mr. W. Gall's b g Lord Seaton, 6yrs, 7.8 (Pell) 3  
Also started: Scotty 8.2, Delania 8.0, Lucrece 7.11, Millie 7.7, Uenuku 7.5, Geordie 7.3, Pearl Necklet 6.12, Conductor 6.12.  
Time, 2m. 11 1-5s. Dividends, £5 10s and £1.

**FIRST PONY HANDICAP.** Five furlongs.  
Mr. T. Davis' br f Waihou, 4yrs, by Soult—Fairytale, 7.0 (W. Chaaffe) 1  
Mr. P. James' b m Storyteller, 6yrs, 8.5 (Buchanan) 2  
Mr. J. Murphy's ch c Octoroon, 3yrs, 9.0 (Julian) 3  
Also started: Mighty Atom 8.13, Manapouri 8.6, Glenora 8.1, Ruatamata 7.11, Cyrona 7.9, La Annie 7.4, Master Hippo 7.0, Bengala 7.0.  
Time, 1m. 4 4-5s. Dividends, £7 16s and £1.

**CHEVALIER HANDICAP.** Four furlongs.  
Mr. W. A. Scott's b m Celerity, 5yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Monsoon, 8.6 (Julian) 1  
Mr. W. Davies' b g Turbine, 3yrs, 8.2 (Buchanan) 2  
Mrs. Kilgour's br g Klondyke, aged, 8.11 (Deeley) 3  
Also started: Hikual 9.2, Confide 8.4, Crispnet 8.0, Freebird 8.0, Waihekau 7.12, Azoff 7.12, Flying Scud 7.10, Gay Paris 7.10, Cyreniac 7.10, Apollonaris 7.10, Cymri 7.10.  
Time, 51s. Dividends, £3 10s and £1 4s.

**RAILWAY HANDICAP.** Six furlongs.  
Mr. W. Handley's br m Soultmaid, 5yrs, by Soult—Merry Maid, 7.7, including 5lb over (Ryan) 1  
Mr. J. Hannon's ch m Miss Crispin, 4yrs, 6.13, including 2lb over (Brown) 2  
Mr. H. Thomson's b f Sweet Alice, 3yrs, 6.13 (W. Chaaffe) 3  
Also started: Uhlander 8.0, Te Aroha 7.13, Tui Cakobau 7.9 (including 2lb over), Omati 5.  
Time, 1m. 17 1-5s. Dividends, £2 14s and £2 16s.

**CONCLUDING DAY.**

The Autumn Meeting of the Avondale Jockey Club was brought to a successful conclusion yesterday. The weather was brilliantly fine, and for an "off day" the attendance was very satisfactory. The racing throughout was of an interesting character, some good finishes being seen.

The results were as follows:—

**MAIDEN HURDLES.** One mile and three-quarters.  
Landlock, 11.6 (Cress) 1  
Hardship, 9.0 (Percival) 2  
Luminous, 9.0 (Burns) 3  
Won by two lengths, a bad third. Haeremai fell at the first jump. Time, 3m. 23 4-5s. Dividend, £2 5s.

**FLYING HANDICAP.** Four furlongs.  
Celerity, 7.7 (Seats) 1  
Mighty Atom, 7.0 (Gray) 2  
Waitati, 7.13 (Deeley) 3  
Won by a length, two between second and third. Time, 50 1-5s. Dividends, £4 5s and £2 19s.

**SECOND PONY HANDICAP.** Five furlongs.  
Waihou, 8.3 (Chaaffe) 1  
Octoroon, 9.0 (Gray) 2  
Merrimanu, 6.13 (Webster) 3  
Won by two lengths. Time, 1m. 4s. Dividends, £3 5s and £1 13s.

**AUTUMN HANDICAP.** One mile.  
Carl Rosa, 8.7 (Seats) 1  
Te Aroha, 7.2 (Lindsay) 2  
Millie, 7.4 (Brown) 3  
Won by a head. Time, 1m. 43 4-5s. Dividends, £2 9s. and £5 10s.

**NURSERY HANDICAP.** Six furlongs.  
Haldane, 8.11 (Lindsay) 1  
Quadroon, 9.0 (Gray) 2  
Port Light, 8.2 (McNamara) 3  
Won easily by two lengths. Time, 1m. 18 1-5s. Dividends, £2 4s and £1 16s.

**HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE.** Three miles.  
Loch Fyne, 9.10 (Nesbitt) 1  
Kanaka, 10.0 (Neary) 2  
Nor-West, 10.4 (Selby) 3  
Won easily by half a furlong. Time, 6m. 15s. Dividends, £1 12s and £3 4s.

**MT. ROSKILL HANDICAP.** Six furlongs.  
Inglis, 8.0 (McNamara) 1  
Castadrift, 7.7 (Gray) 2  
Ruaparaha, 7.7 (Seats) 3  
Won by a length. Time, 1m. 17 3-5s.

**WAITAKERE HANDICAP.** Six furlongs.  
Te Aroha, 7.11 (Ryan) 1  
Uhlander, 8.0 (McNamara) 2  
Tui Cakobau, 7.7 (Lindsay) 3  
Won by two lengths. Dividends, £5 18s and £3 16s.

**INTER-PROVINCIAL.**

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

**CANTERBURY.**

CHRISTCHURCH, May 1.

The Ashburton Racing Club's nominations for the autumn meeting show an increase of 80 over last year's figures.

D. J. Price intends leaving for Sydney at an early date. He contemplates taking Pink 'Un, Submarine, Savoury and some two-year-olds over with him.

Cutt's team for the Hawke's Bay autumn meeting will comprise Lady Annie, Clanchattan, De Witte and Glenculloch. In the Hawke's Bay Cup Clanchattan (6.13) reads well, and if in his best form should about win.

Both Buccleugh and Assegai pulled up lame after galloping the other morning, and it is not likely either will be seen in public for some time.

I am told that Idasa is taking kindly to hurdle jumping. She has already given two or three good displays in the presence of her trainer. This mare has not been much good

on the flat, being a very slow beginner; but she should pay her way over hurdles.

Carl Rosa was sent to Christchurch as a quiet tip for the Avondale Handicap. When it became known that there was also money here for the son of Seaton Delaval backers, large and small, put in strongly. The dividend came as a great surprise to both backers and layers, especially the latter, who expected him to pay out not over £3.

Vardo, Noxious, Meed Gold, Beater, Carlo and Fandango have been put into work again.

I find that I made an error in stating that Ability's name was missing from the list of nominations for the Century Hurdles at Wanganui. He has been entered for that event, but not the Great Northern Hurdles.

Heorthen, the well-bred filly by Phoebus Apollo—Hilda, is showing some pace, and may be seen out at the Christchurch Meeting on Saturday next. The filly has only raced twice, having a first and second to her credit, gained at the North Canterbury meeting.

Mr. Hobbs has put all his horses in the private sale list. They include Ivanoff, Aimee Sout and Field Gun. Hobbs intends giving up racing on his own account, but will continue to train for other owners. The above-named horses have engagements at the Christchurch meeting on Saturday.

Fairsight and Vale, who both ran unsuccessfully at the North Canterbury meeting, have joined J. G. McCracken's team at Riccarton. Vale is an unruly customer, but is possessed of plenty of pace. If McCracken can quieten him down a bit he is a sure stake winner.

Quite a number of trainers have started work on their rising two-year-olds. Some of the youngsters have shown galloping ability, and as there are some highly-bred ones at Riccarton it is not too much to say that there will be a good one among the number.

Probable is being kept in work, and claims an engagement in the principal handicap at the Christchurch meeting next Saturday. He has also been entered in some of the races to be run at the Ashburton meeting.

I notice that Evenlode has been nominated for both the big hurdle and steeplechases to be decided at the Wanganui and Auckland meetings. This horse has the makings of a fine jumper, as he has any amount of pace, and is a great stayer, and rarely makes a mistake. With careful schooling I shall not be surprised to see him returned the winner of a big steeplechase this winter.

I was rather surprised to see Ability's name missing from the Wanganui and Auckland big jumping events. He shaped well in the hurdle races at the Canterbury Easter meeting.

The Christchurch Racing Club will hold its autumn race meeting at Plumpton on Saturday next. Acceptances are not to hand, but the fields promise to be well up to the average. In the Christchurch Handicap (one mile and a quarter) Probable and Lapland both have recent form to recommend them. At the weights I like Lapland. For the other events I like the chances of the following:—High Weight Handicap: Evenlode, Ivanoff; Maiden Handicap: Gwendoline, Giovanni (coupled); Flying Handicap: Aimee Sout; Hack Handicap: Gipsobel; Welter Handicap: Don Orsino, Mango; Riccarton Trot: Miss Foxhall.

Count Witte's performance in the Manawatu Stakes stamps him as the best two-year-old of the year. He had previously defeated both Glenculloch and Elevation in the Canterbury Champagne Stakes, and when the trio next met in the Manawatu Stakes the Menchikoff colt again defeated the same pair fairly and squarely. That Count Witte is a good one no one will deny, and although I was at first inclined to think that Elevation was his superior, I am now prepared to give pride of place to the son of Menchikoff. Prior to meeting in the Manawatu Stakes Elevation had beaten Glenculloch three times, but those who have seen the two colts are inclined to think that Glenculloch will prove the better of the pair during their three-year-old engagements. It is very seldom that a quartette of such fine colts as Count Witte, Glenculloch, Elevation and Downfall are produced in one year, and the classic

events next season promise to be particularly interesting.

What a slashing mare Lady Annie has proved herself to be. A few months ago she was supposed to be untrainable, yet a new hand gets hold of her and wins four good races out of five starts, not at all a bad record. Lady Annie ought to prove one of the treasures at Stonyhurst Station, which shelters those well-known sires Clanranald, Treadmill and Quarryman.

## HAWKE'S BAY

NAPIER, May 1.

F. (Bud) Williams, one of our well-known local jockeys, to-day joined the ancient order of Benedicts. Bud was the recipient of a number of useful and valuable presents.

I noticed Mr. R. Tait, the manager of the Hon. J. D. Ormond's Te Aute property, riding a fashionably-bred mare the other day. His mount was a three-year-old half-sister by Birkenhead to Defiance, and Defiant, and though not built on the massive lines of the majority of the Birkenheads is an exceedingly nice sort.

Land O' Nod is showing a great deal of proficiency over the schooling hurdles on the Hastings track.

A. Woods has received a couple of new pupils from Karamu. The new comers are a bay filly by Birkenhead out of Goyt, and a gelding out of Norsemaid by the same sire. The latter is a half-brother to North Star, Ice, Andree and Co., and is a solid built fellow of commanding stature. Goyt's daughter is a nice sample of the thoroughbred, built on smaller lines than the other Birkenheads. Under the tuition of Woods on looks and breeding lines she ought to go fast, for she is built to skip, and as her grandma on the dam's side is a half-sister to Carbine, there is not much amiss with her breeding. The pair are both rising three-year-olds.

After the Hawke's Bay meeting next week J. Webster, who had lately taken office with Mr. H. Gaisford as private trainer, will have Gauze and Swimming Belt handed over to him. This pair of gee-gees, who are the property of Mr. Gaisford, have for some time been pupils of J. Prosser at Porirua.

San Fernandez, the San Francisco—Sybil two-year-old colt in McLaughlin's stable, has given evidence that he can use his feet all right, for though he has so far been asked no serious question his style of locomotion leaves no cause for complaint. The colt is the property of Mr. F. Martin, owner of Moata.

The sports behind Golden Gate here were going for a good even when San Francisco's son got second to Kitchenmaid at Awapuni last week.

Zimmerman's yearling full-brother and the fillies of the same age, out of Chance and Banjo, have been broken in, and are now being ridden about at Karamu.

The following horses, who are engaged at the autumn meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, arrived at Hastings on Saturday:—Night, De Witte, Lady Annie, Glenculloch, Clanchattan, Volume, Elevation, and Culmination.

A committee meeting of the Waipukurau Jockey Club was held last night in the Tavistock Hotel. Present: Messrs. George Hunter (chair), J. J. Bailey, G. Lomas, A. Johnston, H. Speedy and Dr. Godfray. The interim balance-sheet in connection with the late race meeting which showed a net profit of £619 was laid on the table. The committee decided that the following improvements be made in time for the next annual meeting:—Erection of ladies' cloak-room; all sanitary arrangements to be brought up-to-date, and the approach to the grandstand to be made of an easier grade. In consequence of Mr. H. Limmer losing the services of White Squall through an accident at the Napier Park autumn meeting his nomination fees in connection with the horse were ordered to be refunded.

The next annual race meeting of the club was fixed for Easter Monday, April 20, 1908. The secretary was unanimously voted a bonus of £10.

## OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, May 1.

W. Macdonald has resigned his position as private trainer to the Hon. G. McLean.

The yearlings purchased by Mr. L. C. Hazlett at the Randwick blood stock sales arrived on Saturday after a good voyage across.

The Rubezahl gelding Maremma was badly kicked by another horse a

few days ago, and his case was regarded so hopeless that he was destroyed.

The Hon. Geo. McLean's team has been strengthened by the inclusion of a yearling colt by Stepniak—Brisa, a yearling filly by Lord Rosslyn, —Tourmaline and a two-year-old sister to Armamento.

W. Guskil, who rode several winners for the Hon. Geo. McLean's stable has deserted the saddle owing to the increasing bulk making it very difficult for him to ride at a handy weight. Guskil frequently displayed excellent horsemanship, and it is regrettable in the ever-present dearth of good riders that owing to being cast in a generous mould he has been prevented from taking the position generally held by capable jockeys, who can keep their weight within bounds.

A gelding that at one time was expected to gain distinction, and on whose future career many writers some years ago variously speculated, may now be occasionally seen drawing a trap through the streets of Invercargill when his master has a mind to visit town. The animal in question was sired by the English horse Bendigo from the Musket—Sylvia mare Engagement, and was unsuccessfully tried on the turf under the name Sandhurst. Engagement was sent to Britain on a visit to Bendigo, and her son was afterwards raced in Canterbury. While Sandhurst has fallen from the high estate of a racehorse, great things are anticipated from the future of En Garde, a younger half-brother now at the stud in England. En Garde is a son of St. Simon, seven years of age, and a leading English writer, states that his present modest fee of 18gns. is likely to undergo a rapid rise when once his early stock have passed under the ordeal of the racecourse.

## WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, May 1.

The Manawatu Racing Club's autumn meeting, following closely upon the Wellington Club's fixture, was in consequence only sparsely patronised by local sportsmen. The race for the Manawatu Stakes was the draw of the meeting, and with that event absent from the programme the meeting would have passed off without much attention from Wellington sports. The Porirua horse Achilles always commands a good following, and some racing clubs will realise after his retirement from the turf that much of their success in the past was due to the presence on their racecourse of Mr. Monk's star performer. For once in a way the Porirua horse did not start favourite, and backers at last seeming to realise that the gallant son of Medallion was incapable of carrying a welter weight and galloping with his younger and lightly burdened rivals. Count Witte displayed an improvement on his C.J.C. Champagne form, and getting into his stride like a tradesman, quickly demonstrated that he is the best two-year-old seen out this season. Glenculloch and Elevation are a fairly evenly-matched pair, but with both really fit the latter should prove the better colt. Glenculloch's trainer judiciously gave his charge a gallop at Trentham in the North Island Challenge Stakes, and this no doubt sharpened the Clanranald colt up, whilst Elevation, for the want of just such a gallop failed to run up to his C.J.C. Challenge Stakes form.

The result of the Hawke's Bay Stakes, which is the next classic event to be decided, will be awaited with interest. Glenculloch, Elevation, Count Witte and Downfall, if started, should produce a great race.

Mr. W. Davies' pair, Armamento and Ancylo, half-brother to Ballarat, cut a moderate figure at Manawatu. The latter is an upstanding lathy gelding, and will probably require considerable time ere he emulates the deeds of his speedy relative.

With the exception of Achilles and Gold Crest, who were only engaged in the Manawatu Stakes, Prosser was not represented at the Manawatu meeting.

Gauze and Swimming Belt, a couple of horses under the mentorship of the Porirua trainer, are owned by the Hawke's Bay sportsman Mr. H. Gaisford.

Prior to the nominations for the Wanganui winter meeting it was feared that the number of jumpers available for that meeting would be limited. A glance through the list discloses the fact that although it is fairly numerous quality is very poorly re-

presented. Has-been and patched up cripples seem to have been resurrected from all quarters. These, with the addition of some hurdlers, are left to do duty until later in the season, when probably some of the latter class will have become proficient over country. The Wanganui Steeplechase course is a capital one for beginners, the class of jumps being no more formidable than the hurdles formerly raced over on the same course.

Prosser has taken up Waitarere, but he is still somewhat backward in condition, and Pawa and Maui may prove the Porirua representatives for Wanganui. Exmoor has been engaged, but he has been for some time invalidated owing to an injured knee, and he may not be taken to Wanganui.

## WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, April 30.

The weights for the Wanganui Steeplechase, Connolly Handicap, and Century Hurdles are due on or about Saturday, May 11.

The Wanganui Jockey Club have received such excellent nominations for their winter meeting, which takes place on May 23 and 24, as to make it fairly safe to predict that the forthcoming gathering will be one of the greatest successes on record for a steeplechase fixture. The entries for the big steeples include such good performers over country as Nadador, Phaetonitis, Slow Tom, Haydn, Eclair, Kiatere and others, whilst amongst the recruits may be mentioned Maui, Nestator, Romany King, and Lion Heart, so that it will be seen that there promises to be no lack of quality in the field, which will contest the event. The Century Hurdles Race has also filled splendidly, and there is every reason to believe that the contestants will be quite up to the best standard seen here. A good lot of horses are also engaged in the Connolly Handicap, as well as in the other open events, whilst the hack races, as usual, have filled particularly well. Providing, therefore, that Mr. George Morse exercises his customary skill in framing the weights big fields and high-class racing may be looked forward to.

Messrs. Walsh and Quarterman, the well-known local metallicians, have opened a double book on the Wanganui Steeplechase and the Connolly Handicap.

The Apremont gelding Lingerer changed hands the other day, when Mr. H. Munro parted with the chestnut for £50 to Mr. J. Larmer.

Lion Heart, the Leolantis—Good Day gelding, which recently won a hurdle race in Victoria, is evidently to be brought back to this colony as his name figures amongst the horses entered for the Wanganui and Auckland meetings.

General Peel, the hurdler, who appears to have benefited greatly by the lengthy spell he has been treated to, will shortly be put into work again. It is probable the son of Linstock will be sent to Hastings to be trained by George Collelo.

Romany King and Sammy are apparently going to be given every opportunity to win distinction over the big fences, as Frank Lind visited Waverley the other day for the purpose of schooling the horses named.

Fontenoy did not benefit as he was expected to do by his running at Wellington, and, moreover, his leg filled. Hence the son of Haut Brion was brought straight home instead of being allowed to fulfil his Manawatu engagements. He may show to more advantage here this month.

Sedgemoor will probably be taken across to Blenheim to compete at the Marlborough R.C. meeting on the 8th and 9th. The chestnut is nicely weighted in the Electric Handicap the first day, and as he is showing good form at present he should be hard to beat with only 8.2 to carry.

Kairoma quite failed to run up to expectations in the Manawatu Stakes on Wednesday. Many of those who saw the big Birkenhead gelding galloping in the Jackson Stakes here imagined that he would be very close to the winner at Awapuni, and his failure to run at all prominently was a disappointment to his many backers.

The local bookies have all done well over the last three meetings—Wellington, Manawatu and Avondale. For some months prior thereto the backers had repeatedly come off best in their battle against the books, so that it was up to the latter to have a turn.

Marguerite is gaining quite an evil reputation on account of the way the





## FOOTBALL.

The Cricketers v. Non-cricketers match, which virtually opened the football season as far as Auckland is concerned, took place at Alexandra Park on Saturday, the attendance being very fair. The teams were as follows:—Cricketers (red and white): W. Brooke-Smith, W. E. H. McKenzie, R. Wynyard, R. McGee, M. Gray, E. MacCormack, Joyce, Doyle, Williams, Walsh, Kinder, Francis and A. Haddon. Non-Cricketers (red and black): Murray, Twiname, Rowe, W. Wynyard, L. B. Todd, Hill, W. Tyler, McIlhone, G. Tyler, Mackrell, McGuire, C. Seeling, Trevarthen, Hall, and Dean. The game proved interesting right through, although, of course, most of the players were out of form. Rowe, W. Tyler and Murray scored tries for the Non-Cricketers, who won by 9 to 3. R. Wynyard getting the Cricketers' late try. Mr A. Campbell was referee.

At Wellington on Saturday Oriental 13 (two goals from tries and a penalty goal) drew with the Athletic representatives (two goals from tries and one try). Petone easily defeated the Old Boys by 31 points to nil. Poneke (11 points) beat Wellington (nil). Melrose (34) also defeated Victoria College (nil).

At Christchurch (10) beat Old Boys (5); Sydenham (15) beat Linwood (nil); Albion (17) beat Canterbury College (nil); Merivale a bye.

The Dunedin matches on Saturday were as follows:—Alhambra beat Zingari by 6 to 3; Southern beat Port by 8 to 3; University beat Pirates by 40 to nil; Kaikorai beat Dunedin by 14 to 7; Taieri beat Union by 8 to 3.

The annual general meeting of the Franklin Rugby Union was held at Pukekohe on Wednesday evening. Mr. C. Munro was elected chairman. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—President, Mr. James Roulston, jun.; vice-presidents, Dr. Reekie, Messrs. J. Molloy, I. Motion, H. Lilley, E. Quinn, F. Gimblett, S. Morris, J. Graham, W. G. Abbott, A. Waller, H. Walsh, and Brown; hon. secretary, Mr. A. H. Tapper; hon. treasurer, Mr. Penman; hon. auditors, Messrs. W. Roulston and G. Blake; Management Committee, Messrs. G. Morgan, Abbott, Tooman, J. McGuire, Kenealy, Larsen, and the president, secretary, and treasurer ex officio. A new set of by-laws was set up and adopted by the union. Mr. Penman was appointed sole selector of the representative teams. The cup matches will be commenced on May 11, two rounds to be played. The following is the draw:—May 11: Drury v. United, Wairoa v. Tuakau, Pukekohe a bye. May 18: United Wairoa v. Tuakau, Wairoa v. Pukekohe, Drury a bye. May 25: United v. Pukekohe, Tuakau v. Drury, Wairoa a bye. June 1: Tuakau v. Pukekohe, Drury v. Wairoa, United a bye. June 8: United v. Wairoa, Pukekohe v. Drury, Tuakau a bye.

The balance-sheet of the Southland Rugby Union showed that the expenditure amounted to £2720, which included £1342 15/2 purchase of new grounds, £805 5/ work on new grounds, and £268 12/3 expenses of Northern tour. Receipts included: Rugby rally profits £202, and loan from New Zealand Rugby Union at 2½ per cent. £1300. The overdraft at the bank is £690 10/8. The balance of assets over liabilities was set down at £1189.

Next Saturday's matches will be played as follows:—

### FIRST FIFTEENS.

No. 1 Ground (Alexandra Park): Ponsonby v. Parnell. Referee, Mr. C. W. Oram.

No. 2 Ground: Newton v. City. Referee, Mr. W. Pitt's.

At North Shore: Grafton v. North Shore. Referee, Mr. H. Frost.

### SECOND FIFTEENS.

No. 3 Ground: Ponsonby v. Parnell. Referee, Mr. Austin.

No. 4 Ground: Newton v. City. Referee, Mr. Sutherland.

At North Shore: Grafton v. North Shore. Referee, Mr. R. McGregor.

### THIRD FIFTEENS.

No. 5 Ground: Parnell v. Ponsonby. Referee, Mr. J. Laing.

At Kingsland Cricket Ground: Grafton v. North Shore A. Referee, Mr. Freeman. Newton v. North Shore B. Referee, Mr. Greenough.

### FOURTH FIFTEENS.

No. 6 Ground (Alexandra Park): Grafton v. North Shore. Referee, Mr. C. Martin.

No. 7 Ground: Newton v. Parnell B. Referee, Mr. H. Williams.

No. 3 Ground: Parnell A. v. Ponsonby. Referee, Mr. N. McLean.

The annual meeting of the Goldfields Rugby Union took place at Karangahake on Thursday, Mr. T. Sheen presiding. The balance-sheet showed a credit of £14. The following officers were elected for the incoming year:—Patron, Mr. W. H. Herries, M.H.R.; president, Mr. H. Poland, M.H.R.; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. R. Bush; chairman, Mr. Field. The first round of the inter-union fixtures was arranged as under:—May 25: Walkino v. Karangahake, at Mackaytown; Waihi v. Paeroa, at Waihi. June 15: Waihi v. Karangahake, at Mackaytown; Paeroa v. Walkino (ground to be fixed). June 22: Walkino v. Waihi, at Waihi; Paeroa v. Karangahake, at Mackaytown.

At the annual meeting of the Waihi Australian Football Club on Thursday (Mr. G. Lowe in the chair), the financial statement submitted showed a credit balance of £3 6/8. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Patron, Mr. W. H. Herries, M.H.R.; president, Mr. A. B. Buckland; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. White, T. M. Pattullo, G. Wurm, E. McLeay, M. Crimmins, H. Meyer, J. Kelly, Fitzpatrick, and Mrs. Pilling; treasurer, Mr. H. Swann; secretary, Mr. T. O. Pock. Five representative matches will probably be played at Waihi during the season, including contests with teams from Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch.

The annual match between Ireland and Wales, which was played at Cardiff before some 25,000 spectators, ended very unexpectedly in the utter rout of the Irishmen. The surprise was not so much on account of the visitors being defeated, but because the defeat was such a severe one, namely, by 29 points to nil, which is a record figure in the annals of the matches between the two countries. The Welshmen opened the scoring within three minutes of the start of play, and, despite a stern defence by the Irish team, half-time was reached with the score standing at—Wales, 6 points; Ireland, nil. On resuming, the home side fairly smothered their opponents, the score mounting up with extraordinary rapidity through the complete demoralisation of the Irishmen, who eventually left the field defeated by the great margin stated above. The winners' score was made up of two placed goals, one penalty goal, one dropped goal, and four tries. Of the 22 matches now played, Wales has won 13, Ireland 8, and 1 was drawn.

### DRAW FOR THE SEASON.

At the last meeting of the Management Committee of the Auckland Rugby Union the draw for the ensuing season was made. The following was the result:—

### FIRST AND SECOND FIFTEENS.

May 4: Grafton v. North Shore, Newton v. City, Ponsonby v. Parnell.

May 11: Grafton v. Newton, North Shore v. Ponsonby, Parnell v. City.

May 18: Grafton v. Parnell, North Shore v. Newton, City v. Ponsonby.

May 25: Grafton v. City, North Shore v. Parnell, Newton v. Ponsonby.

June 1: Grafton v. Ponsonby, North Shore v. City, Newton v. Parnell.

### THIRD FIFTEENS.

May 4: Grafton v. North Shore A, Newton v. North Shore B, Parnell v. Ponsonby, City a bye.

May 11: Grafton v. Newton, Parnell v. North Shore B, City v. Ponsonby, North Shore A a bye.

May 18: Grafton v. Parnell, North Shore A v. Newton, City v. North Shore B, Ponsonby a bye.

May 25: Grafton v. City, North Shore A v. Parnell, Ponsonby v. North Shore B, Ponsonby a bye.

June 1: Grafton v. Ponsonby, North Shore A v. City, Newton v. Parnell, North Shore B a bye.

June 8: Grafton v. North Shore B, North Shore A v. Ponsonby, Newton v. City, Parnell a bye.

June 15: North Shore A v. North Shore B, Newton v. Ponsonby, Parnell v. City, Grafton a bye.

### FOURTH FIFTEENS.

May 4: Grafton v. North Shore, Newton v. Parnell B, Parnell A v. Ponsonby, City a bye.

May 11: Grafton v. Newton, Parnell A. v. Parnell B, City v. Ponsonby, North Shore a bye.

May 18: Grafton v. Parnell A, North Shore v. Newton, City v. Parnell B, Newton a bye.

June 1: Grafton v. Ponsonby, North Shore v. City, Newton v. Parnell A, Parnell B a bye.

June 8: Grafton v. North Shore, Parnell B v. Ponsonby, Newton v. City, Parnell A a bye.

June 15: North Shore v. Parnell B, Newton v. Ponsonby, Parnell A v. City, Grafton a bye.

### INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Appended is a list of the results, from which it will be seen that England is still the weakest of the nations at Rugby Union football:—Scotland beat Wales, 6 to 3; Scotland beat Ireland, 15 to 3; Scotland beat England, 8 to 3; Scotland beat South Africa, 6 to nil; South Africa beat Ireland, 15 to 12; South Africa beat Wales, 11 to nil; South Africa and England drew, points all; Wales beat Ireland, 29 to nil; Ireland beat England, 17 to 9.

## BOWLING.

The season is fast drawing to a close, and several of the greens are already closed, Onehunga being the latest to put up the shutters. Nevertheless on such of the greens as are still open there were plenty of players on Saturday, and some interesting matches took place.

Ponsonby played Auckland, and once again the senior club went under, as has been the case with monotonous regularity this season. Twelve rinks were engaged, Ponsonby winning on nine, the total scores being Ponsonby 245, Auckland 213. Majority for Ponsonby 32.

The individual games resulted as follows:—

Ponsonby—Adams, Dewar, Smith, G. K. Webb (skip)—26, v. Auckland—Wilson, Gresham, McDougall, Mennie (skip)—24.

Ponsonby—Hobbs, Arey, Jones, Hemus (skip)—26, v. Auckland—Jacobs, McMaster, Plummer, Dean (skip)—11.

Ponsonby—Diddams, Miller, W. Darby, Watson (skip)—18, v. Auckland—Tudehope, Styak, Benny, Easton (skip)—15.

Ponsonby—Oswald, Gouk, Payne, Quinn (skip)—29, v. Auckland—Mewburn, Piggott, Gorrie, James (skip)—20.

Ponsonby—Billington, Shaw, Crabtree, Parsons (skip)—22, v. Auckland—Robinson, Keesing, Denniston, Holland (skip)—18.

Ponsonby—Harkins, Bartley, J. Bercroft, Coultts (skip)—11, v. Auckland—Littler, Whyte, B. Buttle, Gilmour (skip)—22.

Ponsonby—Oldham, Robinson, Lee, Usher (skip)—9, v. Auckland—Colthurst, Cooke, Culpan, Perritt (skip)—18.

Ponsonby—Dunnet, Dickenson, Baddiley, Arnell (skip)—23, v. Auckland—Coldicutt, Scott, Oliphant, G. A. Buttle (skip)—13.

Ponsonby—Edmiston, Cook, Osmond, Buchanan (skip)—19, v. Auckland—Barnard, Colonel Pirie, Elliot, Lambert (skip)—21.

Ponsonby—E. Darby, P. Darby, Stichbury, Newell (skip)—30, v. Auckland—Robertson, Brigham, P. M. Thomson, Ledingham (skip)—12.

Ponsonby—Crowe, Russell, Littler, Ballantyne (skip)—17, v. Auckland—Tait, Allen, Forster, Handcock (skip)—15.

Ponsonby—Edgar, McLeod, Gorman, Veale (skip)—15, v. Auckland—Allsop, Alexander, Carlaw, Brookes (skip)—24.

Ponsonby and Auckland's first year's players had a very even go. At one time the former had 10 points to the good, but Eversleigh's men pulled themselves together and tied on the last head with 21 all.

Devonport played a very close match against Remuera on the former club's green, as the following games will show:—

Devonport—Reeve, Cooper, R. Mitchell, Miller (skip)—17, v. Remuera—Lennox, Keesing, Hegman, Clerk (skip)—24.

Devonport—Cameron, King, Armstrong, Eyre (skip)—12, Remuera—Robertson, Barstow, Mahoney, Garland (skip)—21.

Devonport—Erickson, Stewart, Grattan, Harvey (skip)—25, v. Remuera—Spooner, Wallace, Littlejohn, McLean (skip)—18.

Devonport—Renshaw, J. M. Crosher, Harty, Broughton (skip)—20, v. Remuera—Ziman, Kemp, Ruddock, Hull (skip)—10.

Grand Total: Devonport, 74; Remuera, 73.

A three rink a-side match between Epsom and Onehunga took place on Saturday, the latter club winning easily. Here are the games:—

Onehunga—W. Sayers, J. Haslett, H. Davies, S. Bradley (skip)—28, v. Epsom—Pollard, A. Ellison, J. Kerr, McLeod (skip)—11.

Onehunga—J. Robins, Ed. Sutherland, C. J. Schnauer, F. W. Court (skip)—16, v. Epsom—Harrison, Haresnape, Jones, R. Eagleton (skip)—17.

Onehunga—W. S. Traves, G. H. Bray, W. T. Court, E. B. Wright (skip)—26, v. Epsom—A. Smith, E. W. Burton, A. Craig, P. A. Craig (skip)—12.

Total: Onehunga, 70; Epsom, 40.


G. Eversleigh is spoken of as the probable winner of the Auckland Club's first year competition. He plays a very steady drawing game.

The Carlton Club's winter green is now open, and is in fine order for the coming season.

I should like to give a word of advice to some of the skips playing around Auckland. All members play for enjoyment, and it is not enjoyment to be hectored all the afternoon by a skip whose side may be losing. This is the very time when the side want encouragement instead of abuse, yet some of our veteran skips persist in adopting this silly method of getting the worst out of their men. It is the essence of bad skipping to do it, and many a game is thus lost. Very often, too, the skip's bad play is a big contributing factor to the defeat, but has a veteran ever been known to admit it? No, for with him it is always the men who are at fault. Selection committees should note well such offenders and place them somewhere else in the team than in charge.

Once again the Edwin Stars have changed hands, the Mt. Eden challengers Gill, Brimblecombe, Barns and Brookes winning from Woodhead's men by 21 to 15.

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(By "The Reefer.")

The yachting season is almost at an end, and already some of the boats have been hauled up. Others had their last week-end cruise on Saturday and Sunday, and got a bit of a dusting coming home.

Ariki was at Waiwera on Saturday and Sunday, and got out of the bay just in time, for shortly after she had made a good offing a gale blew up dead on shore, bringing in a nasty sea.

Auckland has applied for the next rowing championship to be held at Mercer. The matter will not be decided until the annual meeting of the A.R.A. in October.

The "Sydney Mail" gives the following account of the great motor launch championship in Sydney, in which the winner broke the Australasian record. The starters were Mr. L. J. Davies' 15-20 h.p. Fairbanks (36ft x 4ft), and Mr. C. H. Relph's 60-70 h.p. Invincible (35ft x 5ft 8in). The race started punctually at 3.40 p.m., Invincible getting away quickest. The weather was then fine, but a strong sou'-wester, which had blown all the morning with the fierceness of a gale, had rendered the water choppy. As the boats dashed away towards Manly the excitement was intense. Fairbanks, skimming the water beautifully, seemed to have the advantage of her rival in not throwing up so much spray. Before Taylor Bay was reached on the outward journey Invincible, which had a lead of several lengths, was gradually overhauled, and Fairbanks was then piling on the pace at a 21-miles an hour bat. Mr. Relph's boat, which was hugging the shore, then seemed temporarily to make better progress, and there was very little difference in the positions crossing the heads. Nearing Manly, however, Fairbanks gradually drew away, and turned the buoy with a good 200 yards lead. The return journey saw Mr. Davies' launch gradually widen the distance between herself and her rival, as when Fairbanks had passed the heads Invincible had only got mid-way across. Rounding Shark Island the leading boat was fully a mile to the good, and as she hove in sight at Garden the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. It was only at the finish that the remarkable speed of the new boat and her graceful racing lines became apparent. The winner, which ultimately got home in front of Invincible by about a mile and a quarter, was steered by Mr. Arthur Davies. The latter got a great reception, and was congratulated on all sides on his victory. Fairbanks averaged 21.11 miles an hour throughout, her actual time for the course being 31m. 24s. Invincible averaged approximately 19 miles an hour, taking 35 minutes for the journey, or 3m. 36s. longer than her rival. The actual finishing times were:—Fairbanks, 4h. 10m. 41s.; and that of Invincible, 4h. 14m. 20s.

**CRICKET.**

The cricket season is now a thing of the past, and bats and stumps have been laid aside until the spring.

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Loreburn, known in the cricket world as "Bob" Reid, the Oxford University wicketkeeper of some years back, has been elected to the position of president of the Kent County Cricket Club in succession to Lord Harris, the retiring president.

The will of the late Alfred Shaw, the famous Notts cricketer, has been proved at £2,462, independent of his large interest in the firm of Shaw and Shrewsbury, Ltd.

Lord Hawke has been elected captain of the Yorkshire Country Cricket XI, for the 25th successive year.

The South African colours in England are green and gold, with the springbok on the breast of the blazer.

The cricket season in England was to have been opened on Wednesday May 1, at Lord's, with a match M.C.C. and Ground v. Notts.

Mr. James Elliman, of Embrocation fame, formally handed over to the

Slough Urban District Council (Eng.) on March 21, the trust deed of a magnificent recreation ground which he has presented to the town, covering 26 acres, 1 rood, 20 poles, together with a cheque for £10,000, the amount of the endowment. The laying out of the ground and the construction of the handsome buildings upon it have occupied two and a-half years, and the cost has been £21,750, which, with the endowment, makes a total of £31,750.

**BILLIARDS.**

(By "Pyramid.")

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

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**THE NORTH ISLAND AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.**

The competition at the Waitemata Saloon for the Amateur Championship of the North Island has steadily progressed, and on the whole some good play has been shown. The best form so far has been shown by Mr. Sweet, and it looks as though he will win the coveted title.

On Thursday evening Cook met Russell, and gradually drawing away from his younger rival won by 500 to 417. The winner's average per cue was 5.9.

On Friday Sweet played Hackett, and as the result of this game was expected to decide the championship. There was an overflowing attendance, many being unable to gain admission. Up to 400 it was fairly even, but then Sweet drew out a big lead, ultimately winning by 500 to 401. Sweet's best break was one of 65, which was terminated by him being angled on the red, the sole object ball. Hackett never appeared to warm up to it, his display being a long way below his best.

The heat on Monday night between Messrs. Valentine and Hackett proved a capital contest, and provided some of the best play seen at the tournament. The issue was in doubt right up to the very end, both players being in good form. Valentine was the most brilliant, but the steadiness of his opponent beat him, Hackett winning by 500 to 474. His best breaks were 42, 38, 37, and 36, coming out with the good average of 8.6. Valentine strung together a pretty 88, the highest during the tournament, and also got runs of 48, 47, and 37, but was somewhat weak at times.

**H. D. STEVENSON IN SYDNEY.**

This famous cueist, who was booked to leave Sydney for Auckland yesterday, was interviewed by a representative of the "Sydney Mail" on his arrival in the Harbour City. After unreservedly condemning the cradle cannon shot, Stevenson said:—"I will leave Sydney for New Zealand this week, and will call at Auckland, Napier, and Wellington, playing on the way. I will leave the Bluff for Hobart, playing there and at Launceston. I will open at Melbourne in June. So far, I have not made any arrangements as to who my opponents are to be in any of my matches. In July I shall show in Sydney, and, that done, will start for Brisbane, playing as required on the road, say at Newcastle, Inverell, and Armidale. In Queensland it is likely I shall have engagements at Townsville and Toowoomba, and will leave Brisbane first week in September, reaching Japan about October. Shanghai, Hongkong, Penang, Singapore, Rangoon, and other parts of India will fill in about three months, and Colombo will be left behind for England, where I expect to arrive in time for the 1908 and 1909 season."

Speaking of his form, Stevenson remarked:—"I had a very good season. I finished in wonderful form, and I am improving. The season before last I made 70 breaks over 300. This season I scored as many runs over 300 in two months' less time. Since the present rules have been in force—that is, since 1898—there are 41 breaks over 500 to my credit, including the all-round record of 802, which was made against Dawson on February 16, 1905. In a tournament at Manchester I obtained 1375 in three successive visits to the table—548, 169, and 658; and," added Stevenson, with a smile, "without the aid of the cradle, anchor, or Lovejoy cannon."

Reference was made to Stevenson's form against Dawson just before he left London, and the reply was:—

"In Burroughes and Watt's tournament, which I won from scratch, I made against Dawson 702 on the last session, which was the last night I had in London. In that match I went 100 times to the table for 9000, and averaged 89.83; it would have been an average of 90 but for the 17 misses I received from Dawson, to whom I gave six. During the five weeks I played in the tournament I averaged 49.99, and won the prize for the best average. For my achievement against Dawson the London sporting press presented me with a record of the game printed on silk, in recognition of the most remark-

able display of billiards in the history of the game. I defeated Dawson by 5269 in 9000."

"How do you stand in games with Dawson?"

"I have met him in 25 games, and have won 17."

"Is there a possibility of meeting Inman in matches during his visit to Australia?"

"I don't know. I would like to play him games at Sydney or Melbourne or elsewhere. The only contest I lost in Burroughes and Watts' tournament was that against him. I was handicapped to concede 2250 in 9000."

Speaking about breaks, Stevenson remarked that he was the only player to make two runs of 500 on the one evening, and that he had done it twice—571 and 509 against Dawson, in February, 1905, and 539 and 546 against Lovejoy, in October, 1906. He does not think Weiss is likely to return to Australia for some time. Speaking of other players, he says Aiken, the Scottish champion, is an attractive player, moving round the table very quickly, and playing in good style. Williams, of Manchester, Stevenson thinks, may develop into a champion.

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## CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

The following entries have been received for the Onehunga Cycling Touring Club's ten miles road race for the Pardy Cup, presented by the club captain, Mr. T. H. Pardington:—D. Howard, N. Wadman, F. Roget, E. Pople, B. Flewellyn, W. C. Hill, J. Fletcher, T. Pardington, O. Melburn, A. Mason, Cyril Rushbrook, Chas. Rushbrook, B. Pullan, E. Spiers, H. Thompson, E. V. Sutherland, R. J. Sutherland, H. Sayers, C. Denzie, P. Groove, J. Duthie, A. Perrin, H. Christini. The race will take place next Saturday.

Dr. Raynor, a well-known Auckland motorist, now drives a Simms-Welbeck car.

The following handicaps have been declared by Mr. S. H. Brooking, handicapper to the Onehunga Cycling Touring Club, for the 10 miles Pardy Cup Road Race, to take place at Mangere next Saturday afternoon:—O. Melburn, scratch; A. G. Mason, 15s.; E. Spiers, 30s.; N. Wadman, 1m.; Cyril Rushbrook, 1m. 45s.; H. Thompson, 2m.; F. Roget, 2m. 15s.; D. Howard, 2m. 15s.; T. H. Pardington, 2m. 30s.; Chas. Rushbrook, 2m. 30s.; C. Denzie, 3m.; H. Christini, 3m.; B. Flewellyn, 3m. 15s.; E. Pople, 3m. 30s.; B. Groove, 3m. 30s.; R. J. Sutherland, 4m.; A. Perrin, 4m. 30s.; H. Pullan, 4m. 30s.; A. Sayers, 5m.; J. Duthie, 5m. 30s.; Ed. V. Sutherland, 6m.; W. C. Hill, 7m.; J. Fletcher, 7m. 30s.

The American Automobile manufacturers are adopting a novel means of introducing the American-built motor car into Europe. A reliability trial extending over 60 days is to be held in June and July, over a distance of 4000 miles, for a gold cup valued at £600. The route will lay through France, Spain, Italy, Austria, Germany, Belgium and England, the only restriction being that American-made cars are to be used. The entrance fee is £200, which amount covers the whole expenses of the tour.

It is said that the output of cycles in Great Britain for the year 1906 totalled a million machines. No wonder the principal English cycle manufacturing concerns are making big profits.

An English rubber manufacturer states that during the last 15 years

the demand for rubber has more than doubled in quantity and nearly trebled in value, while there is every probability that the demand will continue to increase at a proportionately faster rate than the supply. Rubber plantations have been ruthlessly destroyed in the haste to secure a large quantity of the precious product, and until the rubber-cultivating areas in Ceylon and elsewhere are yielding their full quota to the world's supply, it will be difficult to keep pace with the present demand. If the raw material increases any further in price, as seems not improbable, cyclists and motorists will be faced with the prospect of either dearer tyres or the far more serious alternative of tyres containing a smaller quantity of rubber.

The Dresden Cycle Racing Track, one of the finest and fastest in the world, and upon which many of the big motor-paced matches and contests have been held, has been ordered by the German authorities to be closed. The trouble was that the patients in a hospital close by complained of the noise of the big powered cycles, with open exhausts, thundering round the arena, the result being that the fine track which cost £7000 will have to be shut up, for sprint racing will not draw a payable gate in Germany.

Last year the Dunlop Rubber Co. substituted bronze and enamel time medallions in place of the usual certificate previously given to riders that covered the Dunlop Road Race course from Warrnambool to Melbourne within the set time limit, an innovation that proved most popular with the contestants, albeit an expensive one for the Dunlop Co., for out of the 206 starters, 149 medals were won and presented to the successful riders. This year medallions will again be presented, the same design being used, with a different coloured ring of metal. The big Australasian Road Race will be held on Saturday, September 23, the League of Victorian Wheelmen having granted that date.

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The cycling novice who is desirous of taking up the sport of cycle racing and wants to be a success at the game, should note that the two most essential qualifications of a first-class crack are intelligence and will-power, and, therefore, novices would do well to cultivate these early. Beginners are very apt to gear too high, and the result is that they never acquire that style which is one of the secrets of success so far as short distance work is concerned. Zimmerman, who was an ideal sprinter, and the fastest pedaller the world ever saw, attributed his successes to riding a small gear, but nowadays novices commence with gears that champions of the past left off with, and despite the advantages gained by the use of wood rims and light tyres, they cannot in any way approach the times of the old flyers. Spirits and drugs of all kinds should be carefully avoided. The embryo crack should live a regular life, and not expect to become a champion in one season, and not be discouraged if prizes do not come his way at first, as perhaps a little change in position or alteration of work is all that is required.

Particulars of an interesting fuel test are to hand from New York, the object of the trial being to determine the relative propelling power of petrol, kerosene and alcohol for motor car use. Three identical cars, with practically the same load up, were utilised for the test, held over a distance of 249 miles, between New York and Boston, heavy snow laying over the greater portion of the route. The actual running of the three cars was satisfactory, the average speed being 15½ miles an hour; whilst no adjustments were made, the same pattern carburetter being used on each car, although the density of the three fuels differed materially. The number of miles driven on the gallon were as follows:—Petrol 10 1/10, kerosene 7 4-10, alcohol 8 13/100, the heavy nature of the road keeping the figures considerably lower than they would have been. The cost per mile was in favour of kerosene, with petrol a close second. Alcohol cost three times as much as the kerosene.

The scheme proposed by the Dunlop Rubber Co. for organising the

Brisbane-Adelaide Motor Contest for adoption by the Automobile clubs and subscribers to the fund, for carrying out the proposed test, is roughly as follows:—"The automobile and allied trades subscribe from £600 to £700. The Brisbane-Adelaide course to be motored over at an early date, and after inspection of the route, alternative scheme of organisation and conditions of test to be laid before the subscribers by the Dunlop Co. Suggested lines of contest to be then submitted to the Automobile Clubs of Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, and the recommendation of each club to be finally discussed by a sporting executive committee composed of three club representatives and two subscribers or trade delegates, and a definite scheme of organisation, and the details of test decided upon. The arrangements for the test through each of the States is to be handled by its respective Automobile Club, the expenses for the same to be drawn from the subscribers' fund, which will be placed to the credit of the executive committee. The Dunlop Co. will partly bear the cost of the inspection of the route in addition to their donation of £100 to the fund, and as soon as the trial trip is completed and data obtained for organising the test, will then hand the whole matter over to the clubs and subscribers, and take no further responsibility, except as a subscriber, as regards the test. A sum of £400 has already been promised by the Automobile trade, and as a considerable number of Sydney and Adelaide subscribers have to yet come in, it is anticipated that sufficient funds to warrant carrying out the test in a thorough manner will be forthcoming by the end of the week. It is proposed to utilise any surplus funds towards lessening the cost of competing to entrants.

## ATHLETICS.

### AMATEUR WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Entries for the Auckland amateur wrestling championships closed on Saturday evening, and no less than 28 nominations were received by Professor Potter and Mr. J. H. Trudgeon, who are promoting the carnival. The following are the nominations:—

Light Weight, 10st and under: A. R. Leslie (New Zealand champion), V. Dunne (runner-up, 1905), R. Roskrige, A. Bannatyne, N. C. Bannatyne, R. Meek (pupil of Mr. Muska), F. Shirley, and W. Jones.

Middle Weight, 11st and under: W. Colledge, T. Mackay, A. Powell, F. Alpe, and E. Russell.

Light Heavy Weight, 12st and under: C. Fraser, J. Colledge, J. Watters, N. Hurley, and E. Russell.

Heavy Weight, any weight: W. Tait, J. Colledge, J. Watters, McKinnon, J. Wallace, H. McNeil, and J. O'Connor.

Cumberland, 11st and under: V. Dunne.

Cumberland, Heavy Weight, any weight: J. Wallace, H. McNeil, J. Dumbill, A. Clark and H. McKeown.

The competitions will commence on Monday, May 26.

### PROPOSED VISIT OF SOUTH AFRICAN ATHLETES TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

The following extracts from a letter written to Mr. R. Coombes, President of the A.A.A., by a prominent South African will be read by all lovers of athletics with much interest. It appears in the latest issue of the "Referee":—

"I have just been reading in the 'Sydney Referee' a paragraph wherein appears a suggestion, emanating from Melbourne, that a visit of South African amateur athletes to Australia and New Zealand would probably be preferable to sending an Australasian team to the Olympic Games in London next year. I look upon the suggestion as one of the grandest ideas of the decade, and in more ways than one. It is almost certain that South African athletes, with a couple of exceptions, would be outclassed by the giants of the game

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They called him Little Jim,  
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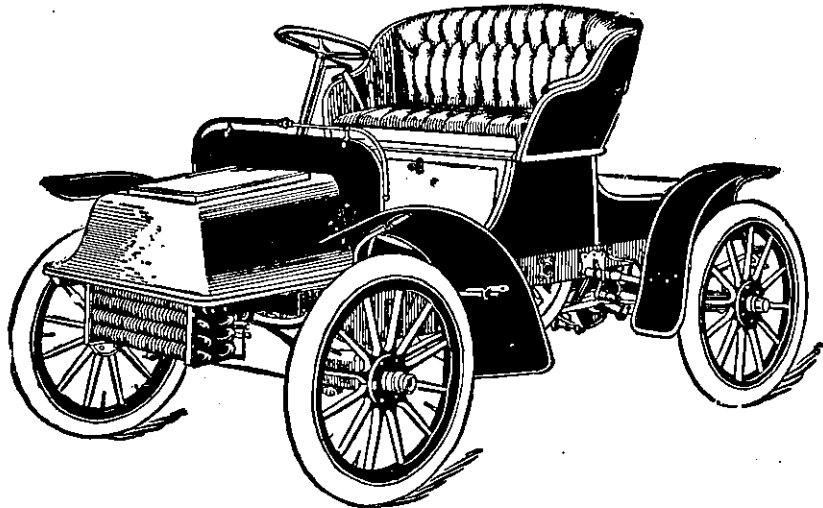
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100 and 220yds: L. T. Phillips and another, A. R. B. Palmer.

440yds: L. T. Phillips and J. H. M. de Bary, A. R. B. Palmer.

880yds: J. H. M. de Bary and J. C. Landers, C. Heffernon, W. C. Stevenson.

1 mile: C. Heffernon, and J. C. Landers, W. C. Stevenson, H. T. Landers.

Four miles: C. Heffernon and W. C. Stevenson, J. C. Landers, H. T. Landers.

Running high jump: J. H. M. de Bary, C. de la Harpe, H. Heine, T. Scheepers, H. E. Haddon.

Running broad jump: H. E. Haddon and D. R. Stupart.

Pole vault: H. Heine and another.

120yds hurdles: D. R. Stupart, H. Heine, L. T. Phillips, H. E. Haddon.

Three miles walk: W. A. Miller, F. A. Sheppard, T. B. Taylor.

I should not advise the last-named event, as it means two men for that event alone. From the list of names, even ten would cover the programme, and no reserves needed. Could you figure out the cost at your end, arriving and departing; also New Zealand tour of, say, a month, to embrace four or five meetings. The expenses of all our men from all parts of S.A. to point of embarkation would be covered by £50 at the outside. Now for suggestions.

Your sports season seems to start about October or November, just as ours ends. Consequently, if this project is put through your Union, and an invitation sent in time to reach the secretary S.A. Championships, Durban, not later than June 29, your invitation could be discussed at the annual general meeting of the South African Amateur Athletic and Cycling Association, to be held in Durban on July 2. It would be advisable, however, to have the message sent if possible to reach here about a month earlier in order that the idea could be fully discussed, and all the Associations, etc., fully advised in good time. The proposition would be then fully debated by the press, public, and officially by the executive committee, and placed before the various representatives of the Orange River, Transvaal, Cape Colony, and Natal centres at the annual general meeting in Durban. If communication is sent early enough to reach here about a month before, letter should be addressed to secretary South African Amateur Athletic and Cycling Association, box 421, Johannesburg, or care of Wanderers' Club, Johannesburg, Transvaal.

I should suggest to you that strictly amateurs only be allowed. We out here uphold the formula, "once a pro. always a pro.," consequently no reinstated pros. or "cash amateurs" in your teams would be eligible.

I presume that the tour would be a succession of special inter-State sports, intersected with ordinary handicap events to fill the bill. For instance, South Africa v. West Australia, then South Africa in turn against South Australia, Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales, and Queensland. Then finally a trip to N.Z. (North Isle and South) with a return to Melbourne or Sydney, and South Africa v. All Australasia in a great two-day meeting, with additional events each day, to include scratch invitation events and handicaps.

Of course, the foregoing is merely tentative, but your side could lick the proper routine into feasible shape in a tour to include far more meetings, as I presume finances would need nursing all along the line.

Our side is very strict on the amateur question, and extreme caution not to infringe the status of any team sent will be exercised, but of course your people will know all that is necessary that way.

Now, lastly, but not least, how about finance. A guarantee is inevitable, and gate proportion, I suppose, and if so, your Union should handle the affair from the moment the S.A. team arrive to the time of departure. Cook and Co., I should think, could "do the tour to a turn" as regards

rail, boat, and hotels, and thus give the team no trouble except training and keeping fit.

Our team could be picked on form at the S.A. Championships and sent on their journey three months later if terms of arrangements were explicit, which means guarantee covering cost of tour posted in bank at either end (preferably this side), which could be done through Cook and Co. The results of the tour would be eminently beneficial to both sides, and give a line for the Olympic games, as our men improve in suitable climate, and the fact of avoiding the summer here would do them good for English trip if such be decided upon their return.

Although I am only giving my personal views, I believe the South African A.A. and C.A. would be quite willing to send a team of amateur athletes to tour your section provided the A.A. Union of Australasia send them an invitation, and the expenses of the tour were guaranteed. If an invitation arrives, and is accepted, our team could be ready to cover the period from Christmas, 1907, to March, 1898, which, I understand, embraces most of the championship games in the various States and the colony of New Zealand; also perhaps the Australasian Championships could be so fixed to meet the invasion. In conclusion, I might mention that it may be taken for granted that the South African governing body would welcome a return tour by Australian and New Zealand athletes during the following winter—June, July, August, 1909. If anything is to be done, it must be done promptly.

The idea is well worthy of serious consideration.

A LESSON FROM FRANCE.

It is high time that we turned to France and took a lesson from their methods in dealing with the question of the national horse supply, says the Glasgow "Herald." The French Government has realised that it is from the racecourses, that they must obtain horses of strength, speed, and quality as stallions for the State stud farms. France breeds the horses for its army itself, and is independent of other countries in this respect. In various parts of the provinces large stud farms have been established, and over 200 thoroughbred stallions have been bought from the racecourses to serve as stallions the mares, mostly half-bred, that are selected with similar enterprise and care. Those people who are agitating for the suppression of racing in England are evidently not aware of the important part that the racehorse plays in the military programmes of Continental countries. Not only France, but Germany, Austria, Russia, and Italy have large establishments supported by their respective Governments for breeding from thoroughbred stock (brought to a high standard on the racecourse) the horses required for national defence. When we read of a famous racehorse being bought for a large sum by a foreign Power it is not merely for the development of racing that he has been acquired, but for a far more important mission.

All the racecourses in France are under the direct control of the Ministers of Agriculture and Finance, and it is specially stipulated by law that no racing will be permitted that does not have for its aim the improvement of the breed of horses. Large sums are voted annually by the State in the way of prizes and premiums, and the inspectors make periodical visits to the various training establishments and purchase horses that have proved their superiority on the racecourse. Special prizes are given for steeplechases on the understanding that the Government has the right to take the winner at a stipulated price. There is one race in particular at Auteuil to which £2000 is given, and should the winner be a four-year-old the Government has the right to buy him for £800, the price being reduced to £400 if the winner should be five years old or upwards. In this way the owner, or breeder, gets a good price for his horse, and the Government acquires one that has stood the test for strength and stamina. In this system we have the explanation of the remarkable progress that France has made, and why racing in that country has become such a great national industry.

Although "timing" plays a prominent part in American racing, and every now and then a "world's record" for some distance or other is claimed, the fact that the conditions are not the same as in other countries is thoroughly recognised by many sporting men in the land of the "Stars and Stripes." In a recent article on "Time" in the New York "Sports of the Times," Will F. Pond

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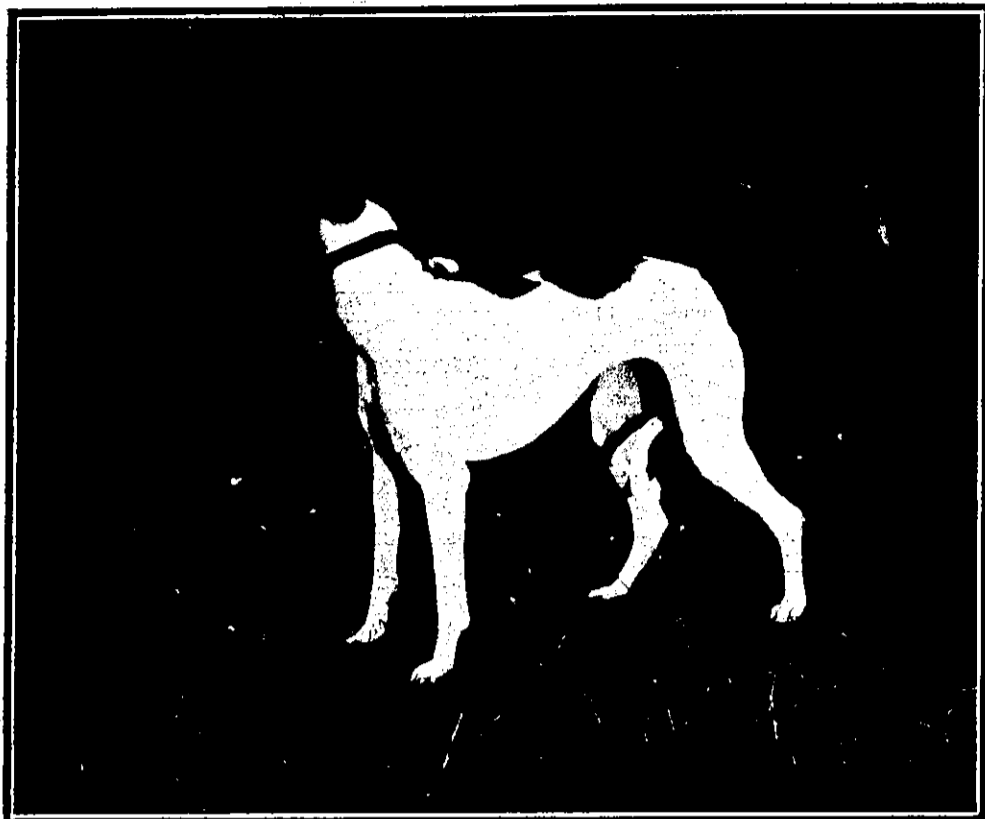
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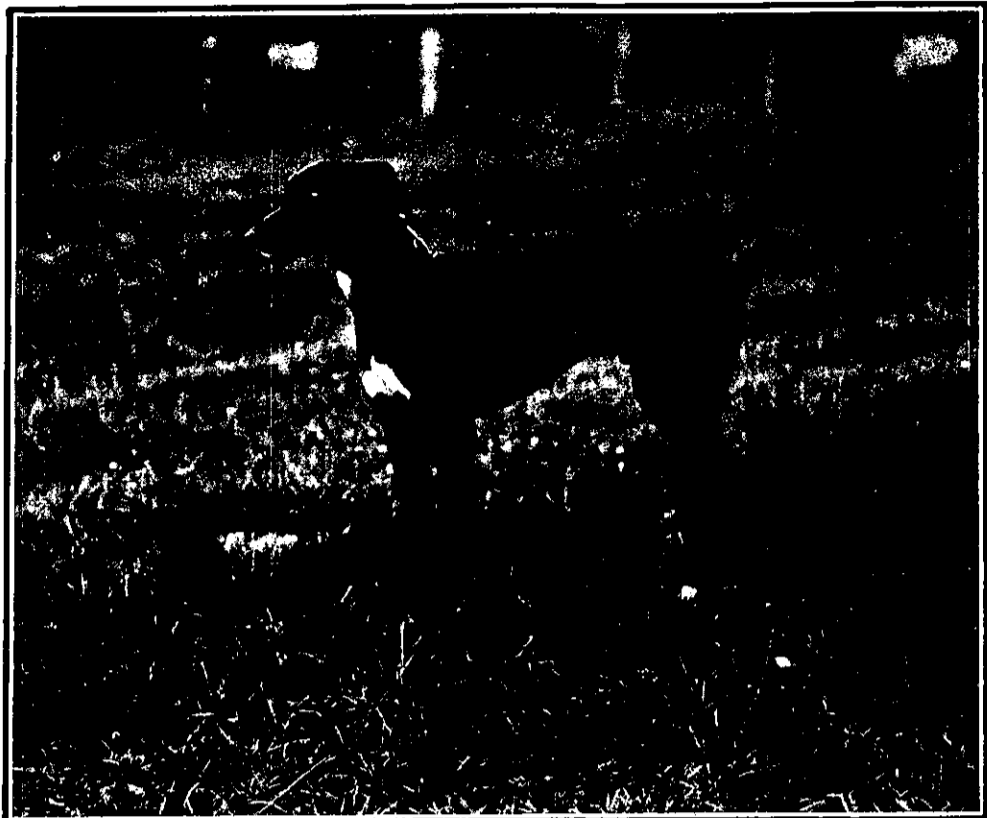
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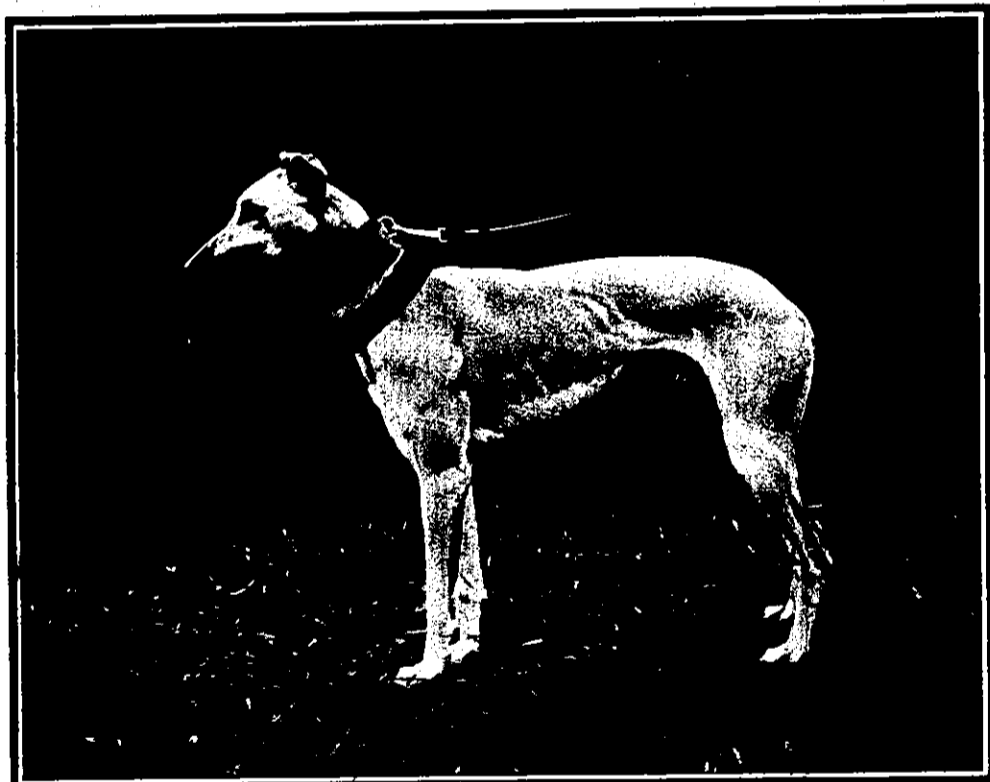
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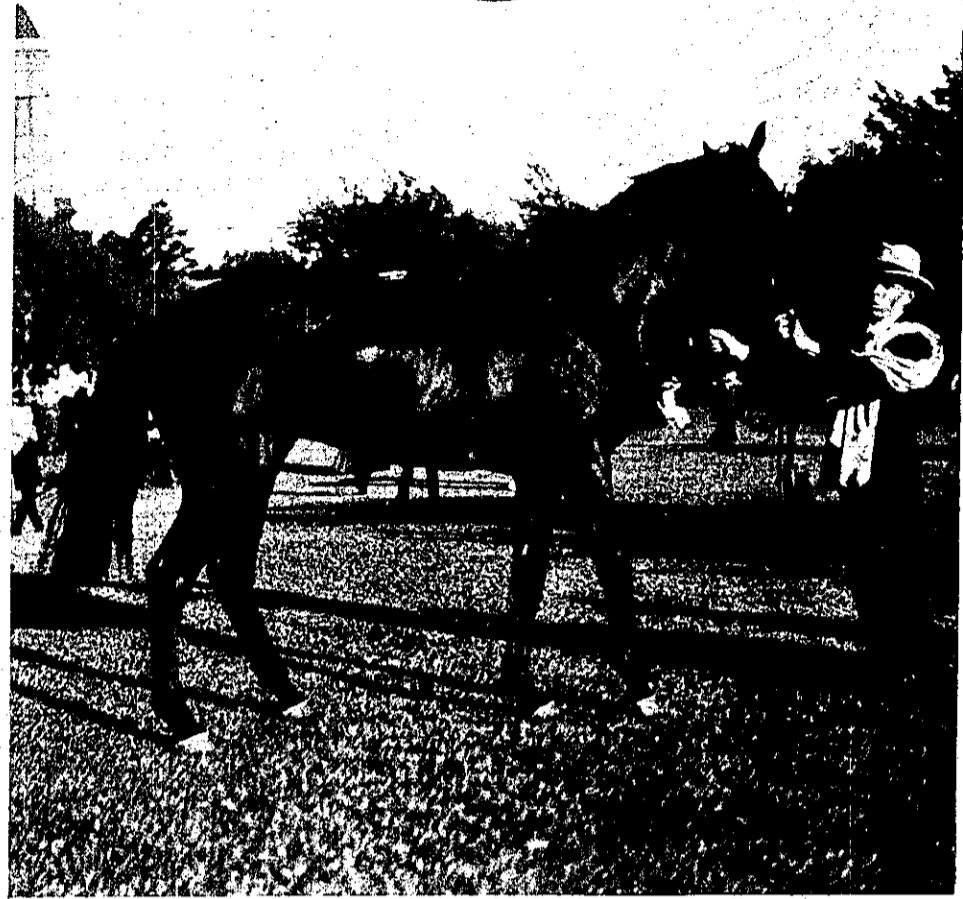


IN THE SLIPPER'S BOX.—MR. BRENNAN SLIPPING.

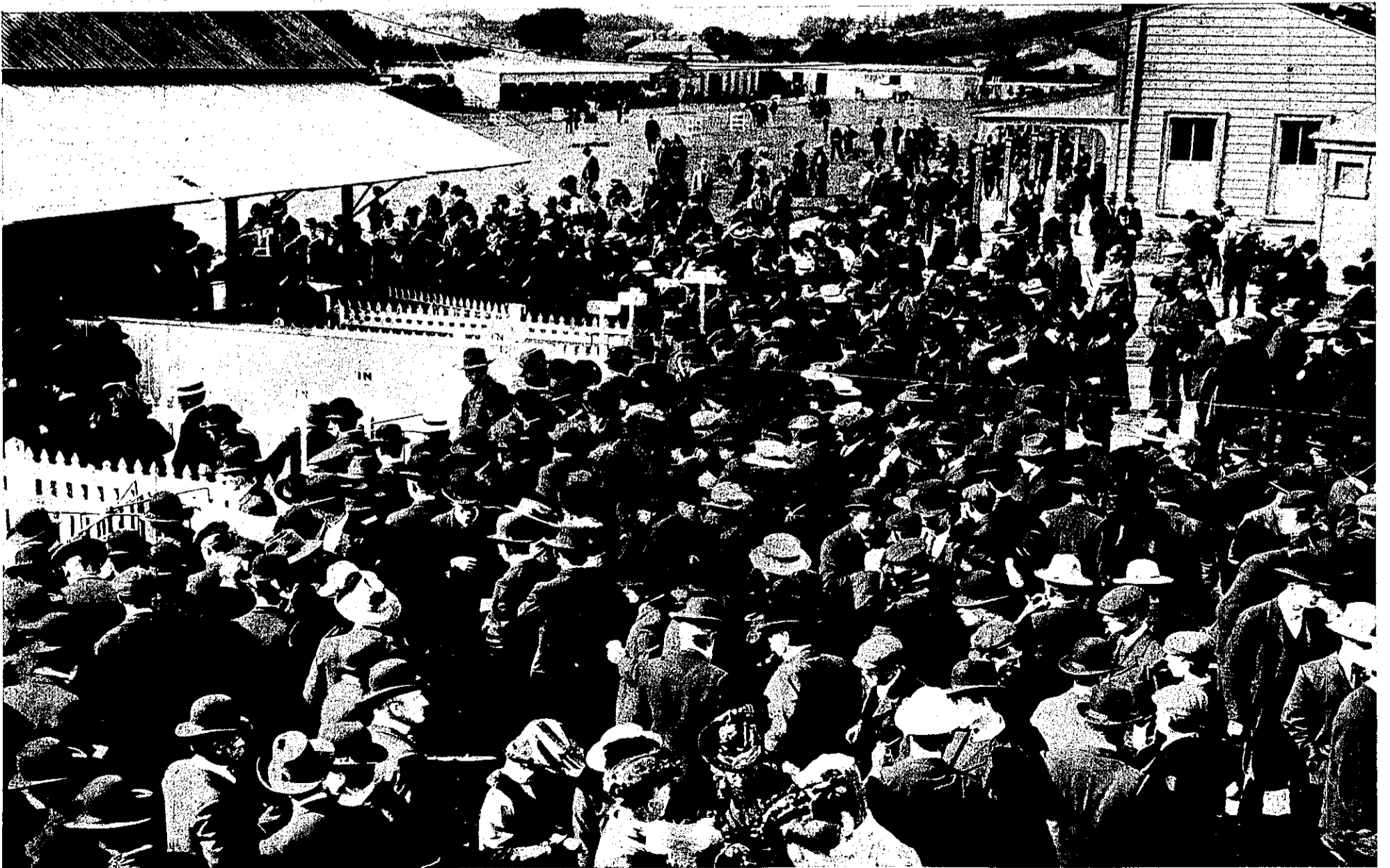
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# THE STAGE

(By "Footlight.")

## HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

### "THE MIDNIGHT WEDDING."

A good deal of curiosity had been aroused concerning this four-act military drama by Walter Howard, and it was not, therefore, surprising that there was a very large house on Monday night on the occasion of the first performance here. The plot was given in our last issue, and it is thus unnecessary to recapitulate. The story is much on the lines of those quasi-historical romances which Anthony Hope has made so popular in "The Prisoner of Zenda." It is a most interesting one, and gives rise to several very strong situations. It used to be said that a good rule in whist was "when in doubt, lead trumps." With the author of "The Midnight Wedding" the axiom appears to have been "when in doubt, fight a duel," and these more or less sanguinary encounters crop up in every act. This is something of a blemish, as is the overdoing of the author of the low comedy, which at times seriously threatens to engulf the interest of the story.

Mr. Harcourt Beatty essayed the role of Paul Valmar, the lieutenant sword-master of the Red Hussars, who subsequently proves to be the son of the Crown Prince. It may be said that great as was the talented actor's popularity before, it lost nothing by his latest performance. The role is a somewhat arduous one, but Mr. Beatty carried it through with great ease. In one of the scenes in which he saves the honour of Princess Astrea, or again when he with his left hand, the right being wounded, fights a duel with two opponents the audience fairly "made the welkin ring" with applause. Miss May Congdon was cast for the Princess Astrea von Strelsbuurg, but was hardly so successful as we have seen her in other roles. The character was somewhat lacking in dignity, the best work being when the Princess, disguised as a lieutenant, defends her wounded and sleeping husband from an attack by his arch enemy. Mr. James Lindsay gave a particularly fine rendering of the part

of Captain Rudolph von Scarsbruck, the villain of the story, whose efforts to kill Valmar and marry the Princess are constantly checkmated. Mr. Lindsay is fully regimented. His stage appearance, and although the role was, of course, a very thankless one, he carried it through with the utmost credit, making every point tell. Mr. Herbert Leigh met all requirements as the Crown Prince Leopold. He should, of course, have been given some sort of retinue, a great opportunity being lost for a glittering display of uniforms. Mr. Conway Wingfield as Lieutenant Eugene von Strelsbuurg, Astrea's despicable brother, looked rather too manly for the feeble character intended by the author. Mr. C. R. Stanford made a capital Father Gerrard, while Dina Cooper made the most of the somewhat over-vague Satanela. The comedy element was in the hands of Miss P. Laurence (Marie), and Messrs. Rutland Beckett (Sergeant Max), Leopold Stach (Corporal Otto), and Tom Canam (Private Bobs), and while these four were in evidence merriment was at high pressure. Mr. Hannam was an especial favourite, his sallies and facial expression causing roars of laughter. Possibly some might object to one or two of the passages being rather broad, and it may be said the author has here and there gone perilously near the line which separates fun from vulgarity. The play on the opening night was not over until past eleven, and might be curtailed with advantage, while another improvement would be the filling out of the exceedingly attenuated regiment of the Red Hussars which indeed consisted of several officers and one private. Apart from these easily-remedied defects, it is a strong and well-acted play, and one which should certainly be seen by those who have not done so, to-night being the last opportunity.

To-morrow (Friday) and on Saturday afternoon and evening will be staged that wonderful money-maker, "The Fatal Wedding." On its former production in Auckland it put up a record for the theatre, and it is quite safe to assume that this musical drama and its famous tin-can band will again fill the theatre to its utmost capacity. The season definitely closes on Saturday evening.

## ANDREW MACK.

Mr Andrew Mack will commence his Auckland season at His Majesty's Theatre on Monday night next in the Irish drama entitled "Tom Moore." Mr Mack will be supported by a specially selected company of American artists. The tour—which is under the management of Mr J. C. Williamson—has so far proved a great artistic and financial success, as did Mr Mack's first visit to Australia in 1905. And from the reported merits of the performances and plays, it is safe to predict the same hearty support throughout his tour. A wise choice has been made in selecting the drama "Tom Moore" for the opening piece. It affords Mr Mack unlimited opportunities to display his wonderful ability as an actor and vocalist.

Mr Mack made his first appearance in Wellington on Easter Sunday, and of the play and artist the "Times" has the following to say:—"The audience that packed the Opera House in all parts to witness the initial bow to New Zealand of Mr Andrew Mack, whilst they were fully prepared to be delighted, reserved the right, as it were, to express their feelings when they found their expectations realised, and not a moment earlier. The Irish actor—or, rather the American delineator of Irish characters—had not reached anything like the final stages of his performance before he had satisfied all curiosity, fulfilled all anticipations, won a thousand friends. He will henceforth rank as highly in New Zealanders' esteem as ever he did in that of the people of the Commonwealth, or of his own land. His success, and that of the play, "Tom Moore," in which he introduced himself, were of a cumulative kind—growing as the night progressed, denoted at the end of each act by insistent curtain-calls, and culminating in a genuine demonstration at the close.

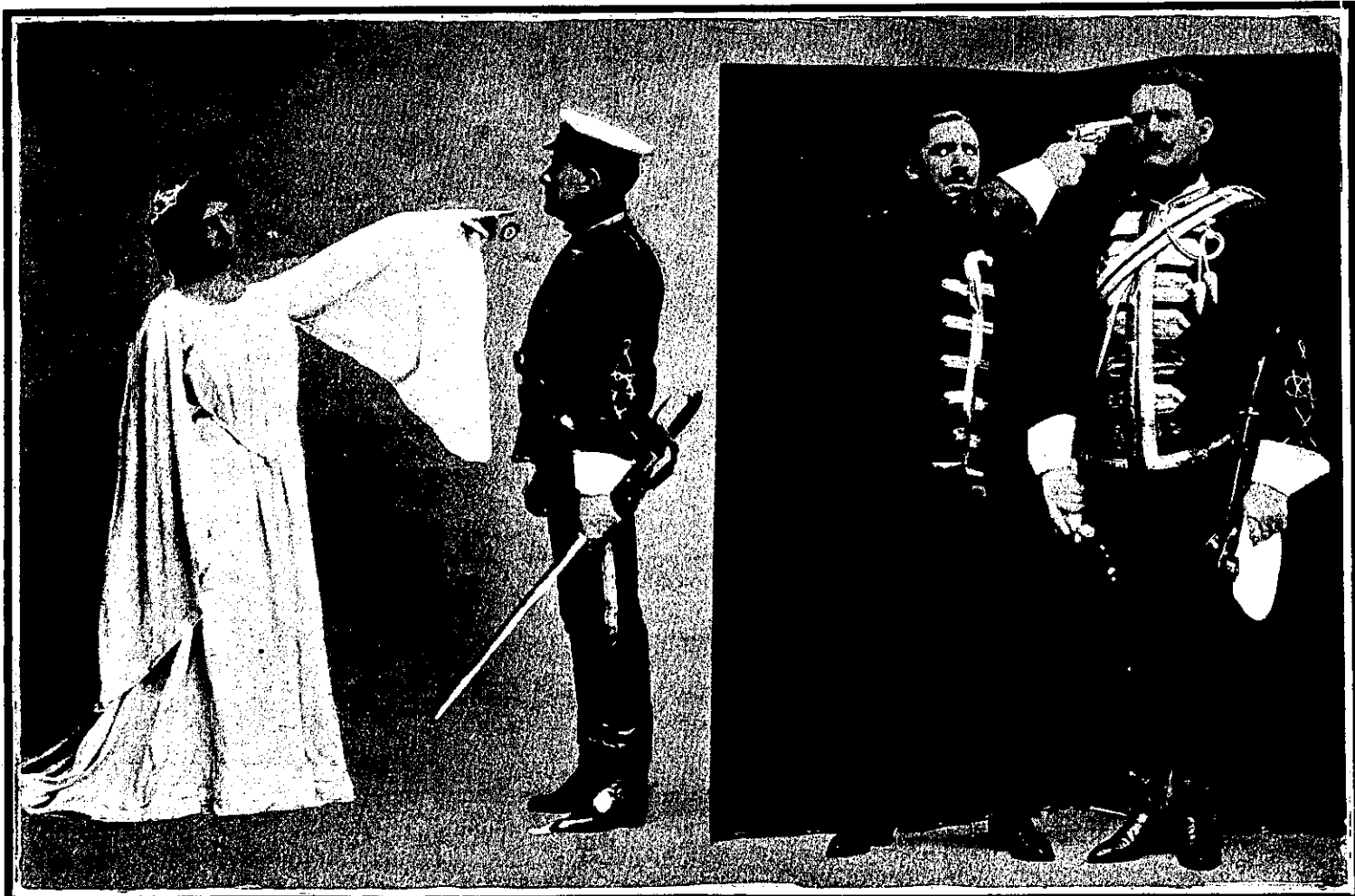
"Wherein lies the charm of Andrew Mack? Saturday night's audience discovered the answer to that question. Those who have yet to find it out will do so readily enough. It is in his absolute naturalness first of all, his winning personality, his sincerity, and his depth. It is in his voice, soft in speech, and pure and musical in song—coloured by temperamental warmth and sympathy, rather with the skill that in-born feeling, rather than artistic effects of high training, imparts. He sings from the heart, and that, too, is how he acts."

## OPERA HOUSE.

### FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS.

#### THE ROBING OF THE GODS.

Crowded houses have again to be chronicled at the Opera House this week. The programme submitted is excellent, despite the fact that several old favourites have disappeared. The chorus is rather weak, but the opening medley of sea songs went prettily enough. Miss Ivy Carlisle continues to improve, and is winning some popularity. As a musician, Mr George Mackie possesses considerable ability, but as a corner-man comedian he is absolutely out of his element. Mr Val Newton is an established favourite. "The Queen's Navy" and "If Those Lips Could Only Speak," were two delightful songs from the pleasing baritone. Mr Harry Ahlberg is also well received; his dancing is better than his singing. The chic little comedienne, Miss Pearl Livingstone, is decidedly popular, and is generally called on for two or three encores. Old friends are glad to see Mr Bob Lloyd back again. He is a clever comedian, and may be counted on for ten minutes' really good fun. His songs and parodies are comical to a degree and his mirth-making antics send the audience into roars of laughter. The Rose Sisters are as charming as ever in their dainty singing and dancing. Their fantastical and whimsical creations of the terpsichorean art are equal to anything yet seen at the Opera House. On Monday night there was a special performance by Mr J. E. Ward and Miss Ruby White in a daring and novel representation of living pictures, entitled "The Robing of the Gods." Mr Ward is an Auckland artist, and the unique idea was conceived by him of producing a series of tableaux, representative of the different Goddesses, with the aid of Miss White, who posed as the model. The proscenium went up to display an ordinary stage setting. Then followed a limelight picture of the model, thrown on to a screen. The first figure depicted was that of "Minerva." When the screen was drawn aside, Miss White appeared as the famous goddess of wisdom and was draped in a single piece of cloth, with an antique pillared portico as a background. Minerva was delineated in several postures, and the first series was a together artistic. "Juno," Queen of Heaven, was likewise very pretty, and was followed in turn by a representation of the tearful Niobe. The most intrepid picture of all however, was that of Psy-



SCENE FROM "THE MIDNIGHT WEDDING."—Paul Valmar frustrates Captain Rudolph's attempt to blacken the reputation of the Princess Astrea.



che at the Bath. There is an old French phrase "honi soit qui mal y pense," and perhaps the originators of this daring representation of Leighton's great picture based their resolve on a recent magisterial decision that there is nothing vulgar in the beautiful. Anyway, it would have been interesting to know what thoughts would have possessed the sensitive minds of Sergt. Hendry, or the lady secretary of the Y.M.C.A., had they seen the delinquent in real life of the picture to which they took such exception as a post card. The Psyche of Monday night was no doubt as beautifully moulded as the maid who loved Cupid but the question arises, would the Psyche of old have disrobed so innocently had she known a pair of masculine eyes stared at her from some hiding place? Enough to say that had the "Robing of the Gods" been reproduced on Tuesday night, there would not have been standing room in the theatre. Mr Ward also did some lightning sketches in black and white, drawing with a few strokes of the pencil characteristic cartoons of leading Auckland people. An excellent item on this week's programme is that provided by Victor the Great, whose humorous interlude as a ventriloquist is exceptionally clever. The audience left no doubt as to their appreciation of Victor's efforts. The Quealy's are having a very good run at

The Charles Holloway Dramatic Co. left Auckland for Sydney by the Waikare on Monday afternoon. They open in Newcastle next Monday for a two weeks' season.

A few weeks ago Madame Clara Butt and her husband, who will be in Australia in September under engagement to Messrs J. and N. Tait, sang at Liverpool, and so great was the rush to hear them that every seat in the hall was bought up two days before the concert. The two great concert stars give their farewell to England concert on June 29th, leaving with their three children a few days later for the Antipodes.

This year promises to see Mr Percy Grainger, the brilliant young Australian pianist, at a far higher position in the musical world than he has hitherto attained. Last month he won six recalls for his performance with the London Philharmonic, and the papers spoke enthusiastically about the refined brilliance, the virility, the insight and the charm of his playing. He is now due for a tour of Denmark, where he is universally popular, and among other important engagements are appearances at the Albert and the Queen's Halls.

The Fuller Proprietary have secured a

Mr Archibald Gunter, whose death is announced in New York, was better known in England as a popular and sensational novel writer than as a dramatist. Adaptations of his book, "Mr Potter of Texas," and one or two of his other plays, were seen on the English stage, but had not the attraction over the public exercised by his novel. His plays produced in America include:—"After the Opera," "Courage," "Crazy Patch," "D.A.M.," "The Deacon's Daughter," "The Dive Novel," "Florida Enchantment," "Fresh the American," "Little Puck," "Mr Barnes of New York," "Mr Potter of Texas," "My Official Wife," "One Against Many," "Polly Middles," "Prince Karl," "The Soul of an Actress," "Two Nights in Rome," and "A Wall Street Bandit."

The tour of the Besses o' th' Barn Band throughout New Zealand is now drawing to a close, and they are due in Australia next month, beginning on May 11th at Sydney. A trip to Brisbane and other Queensland towns will then be undertaken, and in July they will appear in Melbourne.

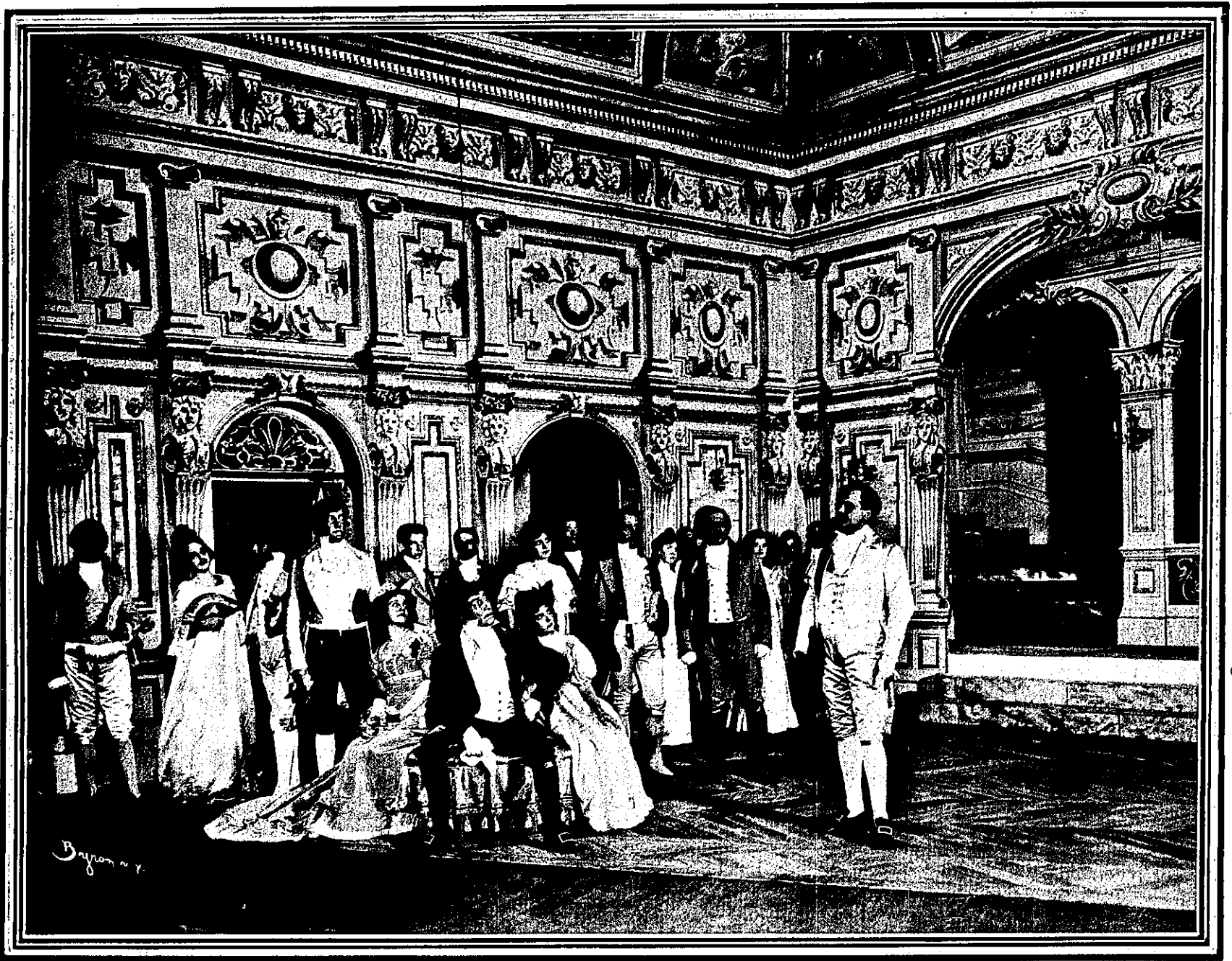
Madame Albani and the other artists of her concert company were to leave London for Australia by the Marmora on April 26. The tenor is Mr William Green, who

kindness, and say they will always remember their pleasant stay in Tasmania, and will look forward to another visit in the near future.

One can scarcely realise that no fewer than 3500 women are required at theatres within the four-mile metropolitan radius, to figure as chorus girls, show girls, and "extra ladies" generally in the Christmas pantomimes in London.

The largest sum which has probably ever been offered to an artist for a long engagement was one which was made to Miss Mary Anderson only a very few years ago. A certain American manager sought to induce her to go back to the United States for a tour for a season of thirty weeks. He resolved to do the thing handsomely, and his offer was £2000 a week, or £60,000 for the season. In South Africa recently Miss Ada Reeve received £5000 for a nine weeks' engagement.

Miss Dina Cooper, who is at present in Auckland with the Meynell and Gunn Dramatic Company, has a financial interest in the venture. She purposes, about the end of the year, bringing out a company of her own to tour Australia



A STRIKING SCENE FROM "TOM MOORE," IN WHICH THE ANDREW MACK COMPANY OPEN NEXT MONDAY AT HIS MAJESTY'S.

the Opera House. Their dancing is really good, while their singing and laughable skits send the house into ecstasies. Likewise there is no room for doubt as to the popularity of the Ahlbergs. As acrobats and hand balancers they move the audience to genuine outbursts of applause. "The Wig Chase" is the tremendously funny biograph film which terminates an enjoyable programme.

**THE ST. PATRICK'S OPERATIC SOCIETY.**

Before long Aucklanders will have an opportunity of hearing the favourite opera "Maritana." This will be staged at the Opera House by the St. Patrick's Operatic Society on July 9, 10, 11 and 12. Mr John Fuller having very kindly granted the Society the use of the theatre for those dates. The difficult role of Maritana will be undertaken by that accomplished artist Madame Slapoffski, while the full grand opera chorus will be led by Mr Colin Muston. Every member of the Society is working hard to make the production a huge success.

Madame Blanche Arral, who has been successfully touring the South, is this week visiting the Hawke's Bay district.

long lease of the Wellington Theatre Royal, together with the Commercial Hotel and adjoining properties, and Mr C. T. Natusch, architect, has been commissioned to prepare plans for a new theatre and other buildings, to cost £40,000.

Mr Alfred Sutro's new comedy, "John Gladys Honour" was produced at the St. James's Theatre, London, on the 8th March by Mr George Alexander.

Miss Beryl Faber, at one time associated with the Brough and Boucicault Company in Australia, has temporarily entered the musical comedy ranks in order to play a part specially suited to her style in the new Seymour-Hicks production, "My Darling."

For some months it has been known that Mr Tom Pollard, supported by two well-known gentlemen who are interested in theatrical matters, would, at the conclusion of his term at the New Zealand International Exhibition as Director of Entertainments, launch out once more at the head of a juvenile opera company. It is understood that Mr Pollard will pay a visit to Australia shortly in search of talent.

occupies a very high place in the English musical world. Miss Mildred Jones, a contralto, is coming in the place of the American contralto, Miss Spencer. The pianist is Miss Myrtle Meggy, a Sydney young lady, who has won high honours in Europe. Mr Haydon Wood, a talented violinist, and Mr Theodore Flint, conductor, complete the party.

Hugh Buckler, a young Australian actor, has joined Mr Beerbohm Tree's company. He is playing the part of Eros in "Antony and Cleopatra" at Her Majesty's. This is the third Australian playing a prominent part with this company, the others being Miss Alice Crawford and Miss Wanda Radford.

The Black Family, who have established themselves as popular favourites in Tasmania, have just concluded their tour of that State, and have gone to Victoria. Their tour, which has been most successful in every way, consisted of 12 weeks, and during that time 70 concerts were given, 51 towns visited, 1672 miles travelled by rail, 348 by coach, and 317 by steamer; grand total, 2337 miles. The family where everywhere greeted with splendid houses, much enthusiasm, and

and New Zealand, and negotiations are now in progress for several high-class plays from America. Miss Cooper is a niece of Sir Pope Cooper, Chief Justice of Queensland.

It is difficult to find a company in London to which some Australian has not won admission. Mr Cecil Ward and Mr Edward Hocking—formerly of Bland Holt's company—are appearing in "The Four Just Men," a revolutionary melodrama of some distinctive merit.

Mr G. W. Titheradge is still playing in America.

The news that Miss Marie Lohr, daughter of Mr John Lohr, has returned to the Kendalls to play the heroine in "The Melcombe Marriage," indicates that this young lady is making a rapid advance in the profession.

Frank Thornton has secured the Australian rights of "When Knights Were Bold" a piece in which James Welch, one of the best of English comedians, has scored a distinct success. The title suggests chivalry, but the play is pure comedy.

The Besses o' th' Barn band leave New Zealand on May 6th in continuance of their tour under the management of Messrs J. and N. Tait, and open in Sydney on May 11th.

The well-known English actress, "Miss Maud Hidyard," and a first-class Dramatic Company, with a repertoire of four or five pieces, will arrive from England in Australia about the end of July, and after playing a season in Sydney, will come on to New Zealand, under the direction of Mr Allan Hamilton, in conjunction with Messrs Meynell and Gunn. The tour will take about three months, and will open in H.M. Theatre, Auckland, on Monday, 16th September, for three weeks, all the principal towns being afterwards visited. Mr George Buller will represent Mr Hamilton. Mr Allan Hamilton is sending another company to New Zealand in October, the personnel of which is not quite determined upon at present, but most likely it will be first-class vaudeville, and remain two or three months. Mr George Buller informs us it will be one of the best shows that have been sent from Australia.

A very gratifying run of "Parsifal" comes to an end this week at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne (writes Mr George Tallis). Throughout the attendances maintained a high level, and the interest and enthusiasm displayed kept up so well that a materially increased term could have been negotiated. But, as this is Miss Brune's last season in Melbourne, and Mr J. C. Williamson is desirous of her admirers seeing her in every one of the best and most popular impersonations in her repertoire, it was withdrawn in order that this object might be achieved before she takes her farewell on May 31st. Consequently the first of a series of revivals were commenced with "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall" last Saturday evening. That bright and entertaining comedy drama will be played a week with "Sunday" as its successor, and this will be followed by "Leah Kleschna," "L'Aiglon," "La Tosca," "Camille," "Romeo and Juliet" and others.

The irrepressible Miss Ada Ward has found a new theme for her denunciations and has turned the battery of her eloquence upon "Parsifal," which she has never seen, but which she denounces on evidence wholly hearsay, as immoral. In his prompt defence of the drama Mr Williamson pointed out that a play that has received the imprimatur of hundreds of clergymen as well as the support of thousands of clean minded Australians could hardly suffer from the condemnation of such an agitator as Miss Ward, while he neatly counters on the lady by suggesting that she should call herself the escaped actress, in analogy to the lady who toured Australia some time ago as the escaped nun.

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Mr J. C. Williamson has secured the Australasian rights in "Brewster's Millions," a comedy drama just now at the height of a remarkably successful career in New York.

The Adelaide season of the Royal Comic Opera Company finished there on 27th April with "The Little Michus, Ballarat and Geelong followed, and then the company leave for Brisbane for a short season commencing there on the 6th May.

The pantomime "Mother Goose" still goes on its way rejoicing in crowded houses, and unlimited enthusiasm at Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, the audiences there equalling at all points the Melbourne experience.

In connection with the success scored by Mr Julius Knight and his company with "Raffles" at the Theatre Royal, Sydney, it is worth mentioning that the same piece has just concluded a 400 nights run in England, while its American course must at least have been equal to that.

"Eileen Asthore," one of Mr Andrew Mack's latest and best plays, brought over specially by him for this tour will be done for the first time in Australasia during his Auckland season, which commences on Monday.

For the principal soprano to his new musical comedy company, Mr J. C. Williamson has secured Miss Amy Murphy. She has been a prominent platform artist for some years, and in addition has had plenty of stage experience in amateur operatic productions. Mr Williamson first tried to induce her to join one of his companies three years ago, and on many occasions since has made her very flattering offers, but it was not until his recent visit to the colony that he was able to break her resolve not to enter the theatrical profession, and by a personal interview clinch the matter. Another of his engagements for the same company is Mr

Reginald Kenneth, a baritone who has already won a popularity in the George Edwardes' Companies.

Australian playgoers have certainly a treat in store for them in "John Gladys's Honor," the new play by Mr Alfred Sutro, the rights for which on this side of the world Mr J. C. Williamson has just secured. The latest English mails bring the press notices of its first production in London by Mr George Alexander last month, and the budget exhibits a remarkable unanimity of opinion regarding its forcefulness and strength. Without exception it is acknowledged that Mr Sutro has made a distinct advance in his art as a dramatist, and that even "The Walls of Jericho" is below the standard of his new play. The London "Daily Telegraph" hails it as a direct forceful concentrated piece of work, carried out logically and consistently from beginning to end, handled with masterly vigour and directness, real stuff dealing with actual life, involving the jutting action of real personages. Other of the leading journals speak in the same strain. Mr Sidney Dark in the London "Daily Express" speaking of it as a great drama, bold in its conception, admirably adept in its construction, and the "Daily Chronicle" as a challenging play, extremely witty in the leisure moments, and ingenious in its little devices for entrances and exits. It was received with tremendous enthusiasm.

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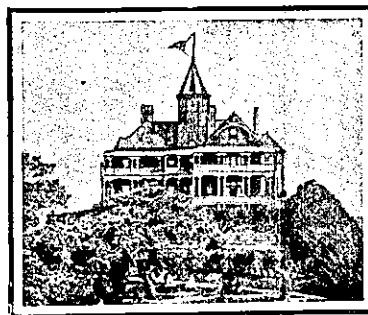
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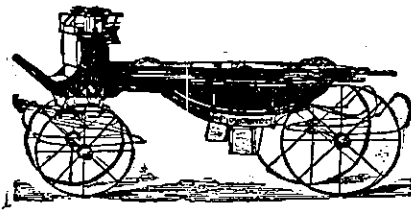
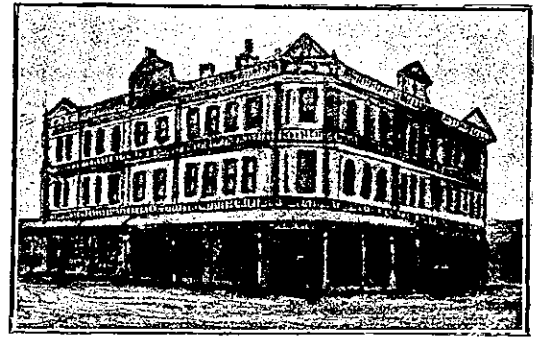
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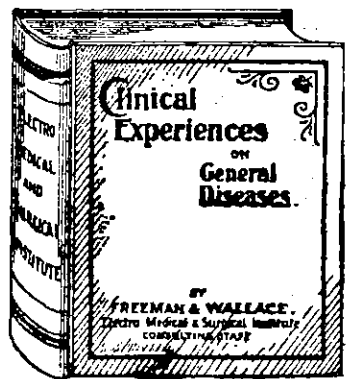
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# THE LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE

Mr E. T. Bain has lately taken over the Rangiriri Hotel. This fine house is in tip top order and affords the travelling public every comfort. There is excellent boating to be had on the Waikato river. Several thousands of trout have lately been liberated in the vicinity of Rangiriri, and good fishing should be obtainable within the next twelve months.

It is reported that Mr Alf. Adams has purchased Mr R. T. Michaels' interest in the Manukau Hotel at Onehunga.

Mr W. F. Bell, who has purchased Mr R. Cameron's interest in the Panmure Hotel, took over that house last Monday.

We hear that Mr E. H. White, who was for some years in the Esplanade Hotel, at Devonport, has purchased Mr Donald McLeod's interest in the Settlers' Hotel at Whangarei.

Tenders are called for painting work at Mr A. Bach's United Service Hotel.

The latest news in the McIntyre business is that a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

At Westport last Friday, Mr Kenrick, S.M., fined a hotelkeeper at Karamea £3 for selling liquor on Sunday. Two teams of cricketers (one travelling five miles) had dinner at the hotel, the losers of the match paying 1s 6d per head for dinner. Beer was supplied with the dinner. The Magistrate held there was an alleged sale of liquor.

At Christchurch last week a large number of entries were received in connection with the re-judging of the wines and spirits exhibits at the recent Exhibition.

Under the Wellington Corporation by-laws persons under 18 years of age are not allowed in billiard rooms.

Messrs Drake and Welch, the well-known firm of commission agents at New Plymouth, make a specialty of hotel broking. They have on their books leases ranging from £400 to £4000, and freehold from £3000 to £10,000. Since undertaking this class of business the firm have made a very great success of it. Any would-be purchaser should send for a list of properties on the books, which will be forwarded by return.

It has been calculated that the Exhibition took the best part of £100,000 out of Dunedin. The basis of calculation is the fact that about 18,000 people travelled from there by rail and steamer. The supposition is that the spending per head averaged £5, probably it averaged more.

Judgment was entered by default at Dublin for £65,000 against D. E. Williams and Patrick Smith, distillers, at the instance of the Inland Revenue authorities owing to the failure of the defendants to issue permits correctly with parcels of spirits.

Policemen of experience have laid it down that a mob is always most dangerous when it is quiet.

The negotiations for the amalgamation of all the principal brewing companies in Melbourne are completed. The new proprietary will have a capital of £1,000,000. The scheme is for the amalgamation of six of the Melbourne breweries, the new company to have a capital of £1,000,000. Three of the breweries would be closed, and all brewing be done at the remaining three. The six breweries employ about 600 men, and it is expected that 100 of these will not be required. The brewery hands held meetings some time ago, with a view to forming a co-operative brewery to give the discardful men work. McCracken's Brewery Company, which has been in financial difficulties, is in the amalgamation scheme.

Messrs Lomax, Lucena and Co., the well known firm of Wellington hotel brokers, have recently opened an office at 77, Royal Oak Buildings, Wellington. Those interested should read their revised list of hotel properties for sale appearing in this issue. It covers all kinds of hotels to suit buyers with either long or short purses.

The population of the colony is about 960,000, and the number of people who attended the International Exhibition at Christchurch was 1,970,000, or an average of over two visits for every person in the colony.

In the course of a prohibition order case at the Masterton Magistrate's Court, there was a difference of opinion between the arresting constable and the accused as to whether the contents of the jug, found in accused's house, was beer or otherwise, the former swearing that it was beer, and the latter that it was a mixture of tea, water, and quinine put there as a practical joke for the express purpose of trapping the constable. The magistrate decided against the alleged practical poker.

William Lawson and David Hollman were charged at the Invercargill Police Court last week that being rogues and vagabonds within the meaning of the Act, they did impose upon one William Watt, a private individual, by false and fraudulent representations, with a view to obtaining money and goods and board and lodgings on credit. The allegation was that they arranged for board and lodging at the Royal Hotel, and went away without paying. Watt said he had been deceived by four people during a fortnight. The magistrate held that no criminal offence had been shown by the evidence, and dismissed the case, with two guineas costs against informant.

A Dunedin lady returns from Christchurch with an exalted notion of the integrity of "cabby" in the Cathedral City. She left a satchel containing a good many pounds' worth of jewellery and a considerable sum of money in a cab, and a good many hours later was diligently sought out at the hotel where she was staying and the lost property dutifully returned.

At the sitting of the Assessment Court for South Invercargill an objector took exception to the constitution of the Court stating that Mr A. Bain, appointed by the borough, had been a bitter opponent of his for many years. The chairman, Magistrate McCarthy, said he had known Mr Bain for many years as a member of the Licensing Committee, and that while he was a hard hitter he never did anything unfair. He could not see his way to enter the suggestion of the objector. The Court then proceeded to business.

It is reported that one of the city hotels was the scene of a recent theft, which occurred early in the evening, a bedroom being entered and the side of a portmanteau cut out, the contents being abstracted through the hole.

At Invercargill last Saturday the police raided two local hotels in search of illicit liquor. Liquor taken possession of at one hotel (where there are lockers) was returned, and it is understood that nothing to justify proceedings was found. Liquor was confiscated at the other hotel also, and informations will be laid against the proprietor for keeping liquor for sale.

It was reported from Blenheim last Monday that Mrs Cress, aged 31, proprietress of the Waihou Valley Hotel, died suddenly on Sunday morning. An inquest is being held.

At the Magistrate's Court, Ashburton, last Friday, James Burgess pleaded guilty to a charge of illegally selling beer, and was fined £40.

We hear that Mr H. Brunton has sold his interest in the Mauku Inn at Patumahoe, to Mr T. B. Bailey.

McLean's boarding-house in Duke-street, Cambridge, the property of Mrs E. Keesing, of Auckland, was nearly destroyed by fire at three o'clock last Monday morning. A number of Maoris, who were staying in the house, were nearly suffocated by smoke. They woke the proprietor, who was found on a sofa, the curtains of the dining-room being on fire. With the help of the Maoris the fire was extinguished without much damage. The building was formerly the old Duke of Cambridge Hotel, but was moved back some years ago. Mrs Keesing spent a considerable sum on the property.

An audacious individual, evidently bent on theft, entered the premises of the Auckland Club on Saturday afternoon and went through the bedrooms of two of the members. Fortunately no valuables were left there by the occupants, and the intruder, so far as can be ascertained, obtained nothing to reward his search among the various articles left in the rooms. It is stated that a tie pin was found in one of the rooms, and as the pin does not belong to either of the occupants, it may lead to the detection of the visitor.

## THE MCINTYRE CASE.

It was reported from Christchurch last Thursday that a warrant for the arrest of D. C. McIntyre, ex-director of exhibits and superintendent of awards at the International Exhibition, was issued by Mr H. W. Bishop, S.M. It will most probably be necessary to take McIntyre from Monte Video on to England, and then back to New Zealand, for it seems that the steamers do not call in at the South American port on the journey out, and difficulty might be experienced in making satisfactory arrangements for his return direct from Monte Video. The Turakina is expected to arrive at Monte Video by the 30th of April, and the Commissioner of Police in Wellington will probably receive a cablegram announcing the arrest of McIntyre on May 1.

Other charges of a similar nature will probably be laid against McIntyre, after he arrives in the colony, but it is not expected that a very large total amount will be involved.

## NO-LICENSE FIGURES.

An examination of Invercargill Customs figures discloses the interesting fact that the duty paid on liquors of all descriptions, including locally brewed beer decreased £2319 in nine months of no-license. In general goods other than liquors a record year was experienced, the amount collected being over £6000 in excess of that of the previous year. While admitting that these facts are favourable to the contention that more merchandise and less liquor have been sold under no-license, the Temperance party do not admit that the figures of duty paid in Invercargill are any criterion of consumption there, as duty is paid in Invercargill for the whole of Southland, which includes three license areas, Awarua, Wallace and Port Wakitipu. All liquor sold by the travellers of two Invercargill wholesale spirit merchants, wherever consumed, and beer manufactured at Gore brewery, forty miles away, pay duty at Invercargill. The Temperance party contend it is unfair to judge the consumption for the town from the figures for the whole area.

## INFORMATION DISMISSED.

In the Police Court last Monday morning before Mr C. C. Kettle, S.M., William Gibson Rae was charged that on February 7, being the licensee of the Star Hotel, Newton, he supplied beer to Henry Trevarthen, a person apparently under the age of 18 years of age, he, the said Trevarthen, not being a resident on the premises or a bona fide guest or lodger. Mr W. Fallon appeared for the prosecution, and Mr F. E. Baume for the defence pleaded not guilty.

Henry Trevarthen said that on February 7 he went into the Star Hotel and had five drinks in about three-quarters of an hour. Cross-examined witness said he was a blacksmith and had told the barman of the hotel that he was 19.

His Worship: Why did you tell this lie?

Witness: Just to get a drink, sir. Witness went on to say that after he left the Star Hotel he had some more drink, and told another licensee that he was 20.

Mr Kettle: What is your age?  
Witness: Sixteen and a-half.  
Mrs Trevarthen said her son would be 17 in August next. She was not sure how long her son had been at the blacksmithing trade.

Evidence was called by Mr Baume to the effect that Trevarthen was sober when he left the hotel. Another blacksmith and stated that when spoken to by Rae

said he would take Trevarthen to be 19, after the case Trevarthen told him first that he had given his age as 20, and then as 19.

Percy Francis Lloyd, barman at the Star Hotel, said Trevarthen had been supplied several times and had the appearance of being from 19 to 20 years of age. It never occurred to witness that he was under age.

The licensee's daughter said Trevarthen had given his age to her as 21 and to Mrs Rae he had said he was 20.

His Worship said that he did not have to consider whether Trevarthen had more drink than he should have had, but whether he was a boy apparently under the age of 18 years. Personally he would think that he was over 18 and then he had represented himself as over that age to several people, and his Worship did not consider the case proved, and dismissed the information.

## LICENSED VICTUALLERS.

The annual meeting of the Wellington Licensed Victuallers' Association was held last week. Mr F. McParland (president) presided. The annual report recommended that licensees should be asked to observe the provisions of the cooks and waiters' industrial agreement strictly so long as it was current. It was further recommended that a secretary should be obtained who could devote all his time to the work of the association. Attention was drawn to the alteration in the Shops and Offices Act proposed by the Trades and Labour Council to bring hotels under the operation of that Act in regard to the statutory weekly half-holiday. This would prejudicially affect the public at large, as it would entail giving the half holiday to all hotel servants on the same day, whereas at present all employees get the half-holiday, but on different days. The report stated further that it was proposed to continue giving an annual ball, and also to hold an annual reunion of the trade at which matters might be publicly discussed with Ministers, M.H.R.'s, and other visitors present. The financial statement was fairly satisfactory, showing a credit balance of £20 odd, with this year's subscriptions still to come in. The same levy was struck as last year. The following officers were elected:— President, Mr F. McParland (second year); vice-president, Mr J. S. Flewellyn; treasurer, Mr M. J. Donnelly; committee Messrs T. Taylor, M. Nathan, J. Curran, J. Fairburn, J. Dwyer, Clulow, and J. S. Flewellyn; secretary, Mr H. J. Williams.

## GREAT MEETING OF BARMAIDS IN LONDON.

### STRONG PROTESTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

Yesterday was a great day for the barmaids in London. The meeting, convened by Miss Eva Gore-Booth (who is secretary of the Manchester, Salford, and Women's Trade Union Council), Mrs Sarah Dickenson, and Miss Esther Roper, B.A., to protest against the proposed legislation intended to limit or abolish the employment of barmaids, was attended by

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barmaids and women assistants from all parts of the Metropolis. Long before the hour appointed for the commencement of the proceedings, every seat in the body of the Holborn Town Hall was filled, and when Miss Gore-Booth took the presidential chair, there was not even standing room. Mere man was allowed to view the proceedings from the gallery. Never was there a more orderly or better-conducted meeting. Only ladies were allowed to address the assembly, and the speakers were all ranged on the platform, each being introduced by the chairwoman. Miss Gore-Booth made a most effective speech, in the course of which she pointed out that those who were championing the movement viewed the question entirely from the point of view of women workers. She had received many letters from barmaids on the subject, and one very naively asked whether Mr Gladstone would provide her with £150 in the event of her being turned out of her situation in order that she might start a business on her own account. What they maintained was that if the employment of barmaids was abolished, they would necessarily have to swell the ranks of the unemployed, and it was a very serious thing, indeed, to deprive people of their living. Those who were fostering this legislation had no statistics to fall back upon to support their arguments. Barmaids, it was said, drank to excess, and all that they could bring forward were 18 cases; and, said Miss Gore-Booth, there were 27,000 barmaids! Again, it was said that they lived irregular lives, yet they had only 16 cases to put forward in support of this statement. Then they said the hours were too long. Well, the hours varied, and no doubt they were long, but that was no reason why barmaids should be turned out of employment. It was all nonsense to talk about getting women into skilled trades and professions. It was true that some women had become doctors, but what chance was there for them as lawyers? And those who could hope to make a living in such a way must needs spend money before they could expect to succeed. Then, again, it was said if there is no room here there was plenty of room in South Africa and in Canada. She had received a letter from Manitoba stating that it was a beautiful country for women's work. What I want to know, said Miss Gore-Booth amidst vociferous cheering, is why cannot England be a beautiful country for women's work? In conclusion, she moved the following resolution:—

"That this meeting of London barmaids protests indignantly against any attempt through legislation to restrict or abolish their employment. They regard the unwarrantable attacks that have been made on their reputation as grossly insulting, slanderous, and injurious to the industrial interests of a large body of respectable and hardworking women. They deeply resent the proposal of the Home Secretary to give the authority of the State to that section of the public, who, in their efforts after strict temperance legislation, do not shrink from swelling the numbers of the unemployed workers, increasing the sharpness of competition and the sum of poverty in the country, and they appeal to every fair-minded citizen to help them in averting such a disaster."

The resolution was seconded by Miss Maple, and supported by Miss Robbins; by Miss Roper, who said such legislation would simply mean starvation, and perhaps suicide; by Mrs Dickenson, Trades Union organiser, who felt sure that if the London barmaids protested against any interference with their employment, that they would have the women workers of the country at their back; by Miss Chant, who pointed out that there were far greater opportunities for immorality amongst shop girls than there was among barmaids; and by Mrs King Day, who gave a most telling speech, in which she showed how it was desired to abolish the occupation of acrobats by the Dangerous Performance Bill.

The next resolution moved from the chair, ran as follows:—

"That with a view to giving practical effect to the wishes of this meeting, authority is hereby given to its conveners to form a deputation representative of barmaids for the purpose of waiting upon the Home Secretary to lay before him the opinions and interests of women employed in the licensed Trade."

This was seconded by Mrs Reddish, and supported by Lady Russell, who maintained that if certain work was not good for women, it was not good for man. It was finally resolved that a copy of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary, the other members of the Cabinet, and to all Members of Parliament; and Miss Eva Gore-Booth, in closing what she very rightly described as "a magnificent meeting," asked those present, who were willing to join the deputation, to give in their names on leaving, or forward them to 18, Buckingham Street, Strand. There was a businesslike air about the whole proceedings, and Mr Gladstone is to be asked for an early interview.

—London L.V. Gazette.

**ANNUAL LICENSING MEETINGS, JUNE, 1907.**

- Kaipara, Saturday, 1st June, to be adjourned to 28th June, Court House, Dargaville.
- Manukau, Saturday, 1st June, to be adjourned to 15th June, Court House, Onehunga.
- Marsden, Saturday, 1st June, Court House, Whangarei.
- City of Auckland, Tuesday, 4th June, S.M. Court, High Street.
- Franklin, Tuesday, 4th June, Court House, Mercer.
- Parnell, Wednesday, 5th June, Borough Council Chambers, Parnell.
- Waikato, Wednesday, 5th June, Court House, Hamilton.
- Ohinemuri, Wednesday, 5th June, Court House, Paeroa.
- Bay of Plenty, Wednesday, 5th June, Court House, Tauranga.
- Eden, Thursday, 6th June, Epsom Hall, Epsom.
- Waitemata, Friday, 7th June, Borough Council Chambers, Devonport.
- Thames, Friday, 7th June, Court House, Thames.
- Bay of Islands, Friday, 7th June, Court House, Kawakawa.

**THE ETERNAL QUESTION.**

The defeat of the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, the appearance of Jane Cakebread at the police-court, and the threat to legislate the barmaid out of existence, were at one time the three most persistent recurriers in the annals of the year's happenings. But in this finite world all things come to an end sooner or later. The Deceased Wife's Sister Bill will one day attain to the dignity and oblivion of an Act, while Miss J. Cakebread has already disappeared as effectively as Mr Wertheimer's pictures. The barmaid is still with us, but the prospect of legislation to put an end to her term of usefulness is now greater than ever, and the necessity for making an active stand against the mischievous proposals of Mr Herbert Gladstone and his following of ill-informed, interfering, and insolent busy-bodies is correspondingly greater also. We have always advocated the continuance of the employment of women in licensed premises, both on the behalf of women, to whom such employment affords the means of making an honest, clean, and independent living, and in the interests of public morality. We resent any attempt that is made to close this means of livelihood against a body of women who are as respectable, as competent, and as trustworthy as the people who are agitating for their removal, and we emphatically resent the insulting grounds upon which they base their demand for their abolition. When the Home Secretary ventilated his conviction that "the employment of girls and women in bars was open to objection on grounds of health, economic disadvantages, temperance, and morals," he flung his insult not only at the women so employed and their employers, but at the community at large.

There can be no difficulty whatever in proving that, in the matter of health, the barmaid is catered for as well, and better than, nine-tenths of the women who have to work for their livings, and it is a fact that a large percentage of the girls who dispense intoxicating beverages are themselves teetotallers. Indeed, the temperance objection is the most obsolete kind of bogey that ever put the fear into a Radical politician. It is not easy to handle Mr Gladstone's objection to the economic disadvantages of the present barmaid system, because we do not see to whom the disadvantage applies. It cannot surely be to the employees? Yet we cannot believe this concern is on behalf of the employers. Nor can we understand how the economic conditions of the general public would be affected by the proposed change. We doubt if even the financial experts of the Wastrel party in the last County Council could demonstrate the economic advantage derived from throwing some thirty thousand women out of employment. But when Mr Gladstone refers to the moral objections to the engagement of females in licensed premises we are able to follow him once more; and, presuming that he grants that the women so employed were moral when they entered the business, it may be inferred that their deviation from the strict path of virtue is brought about by the people with whom they come in contact. In other words, the questionable morality of which the barmaids as a class are suspected by the Home Secretary is attributable to about nine-tenths of the male population of the United Kingdom.

It is only necessary to grant the inferior state of morality that prevails among barmaids to agree with Mr Gladstone's conclusions. But we indignantly deny that barmaids are less moral than any other class of female workers, or female loafers, in the country. We are not disposed to accept Mr Hall Caine's insinuations with regard to hospital nurses; we are not swallowing all the stuff that is written about the immorality of the stage; we suspect that most of the stories reflecting

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upon the purity of lady typists have no advertisement, is quite so abandoned and foundation in fact; we don't even believe dissolute as we are asked to believe. But that the Smart Set, out of whom Father Bernard Vaughan is making such bold we unhesitatingly maintain that, in the matter of the domestic virtues, barmaids

are as well provided for as nurses, actresses, typists, or ladies of fashion. Vaughan, who was asked his views on the barmaid question, was only prepared with the artless rejoinder, "Every profession is more or less immoral, isn't it?" If the eminent censor of the morality of Mayfair had assumed that a woman in every profession is more or less subject to temptation he would have come nearer the mark but if every calling into which the tempter pokes his ubiquitous nose is to be closed to women, where, in the name of wonder, are we going to stop?

Is the barmaid who spends the whole of her professional life in the publicity of a saloon more subject to temptation than the girl who is dependent upon the good word of the shopwalker or the half-dozen men who have influence in the theatre, or of the male authorities in a factory? The girl in domestic service has to run the double temptation which comes to her through the tradesmen's employees and the male members of the family in which she is employed; and the lady typist is liable to experience the more subtle danger which arises from isolation with the tempter upon whom she depends for her bread-and-butter. If contact with the masculine variety of the species is dangerous, then we declare that the girl in service, in the private office, in the hospital, and on the stage is in a position of more peril than the girl behind the bar; and we contend, further, that the latter is better placed to withstand the temptations that may be presented to her. To say that a barmaid has to listen to indecent stories, or even swear-words, is to show an utter want of knowledge of the conditions that obtain in public-houses. Any girl with a penchant for obscenity can have her weakness satisfied without troubling the interior of a bar, where, moreover, she will pick up less bad language than she will hear in the public streets. Where there is one blackguard who has no respect for the presence of a woman in a bar there are a score who will forcefully call him to book for any exhibition of characteristic laxity. Men are the natural protectors of women, and nowhere is a woman more safe than when surrounded by a crowd of them.

Father Vaughan, who believes that every profession is more or less immoral, and Archdeacon Sinclair, whose beliefs

have obtained less publicity, have both announced their intention of devoting some consideration to the eternal question, and they will doubtless in due time communicate the result of their studies to the Home Secretary. Messrs Vaughan and Sinclair will, it may safely be surmised, obtain the data upon which they will form their opinions from the people who are agitating to have barmaids abolished, and it is on these second, third, or fourth-hand recommendations that Mr Gladstone will form the conclusions which will be embodied in the threatened legislation. But what we should like to ask is, what facts can be produced to show that the maid in the bar be morally inferior, or even subject to more temptation, than the girl who earns her maintenance in any other walk of life. Before putting the legislative finger on barmaids it is obligatory on the authorities to ascertain if there are not other female workers who face greater perils, make less resistance, and should logically be removed first. If the percentage of undesirable women employed on licensed premises is not found to be less than that shown in at least three other classes of female workers, we will willingly pay the expenses of the Commission appointed to ascertain the facts, and advertise in every published newspaper in England our congratulations to the Government and the country upon the exceptional bill of moral health which the inquiry will have revealed.

—London L.V. Gazette.

#### CHILDREN'S BENEFACTOR.

Death has revealed one of the best-kept secrets of the philanthropic world. Everybody has heard of the mysterious gentleman who for three-and-twenty successive Christmases has anonymously presented a new sixpence to every child in the London workhouses through the medium of the "Truth" Toy Show but the name of the giver has only just leaked out. In "Truth" of March 15 it is announced that the benefactor was the late Sir Francis Tress Barry, of St. Leonard's Hill, near Windsor. It was not till after Sir Francis had passed away that even the editor of "Truth" was allowed to know the name of the giver. In 1883, when the "Truth" Toy Show was in its in-

fancy a commissionaire dropped, casually, into "Truth" office a week or two before Christmas with a parcel containing 5000 sixpences for the "Truth" Toy Show. Inside the parcel also was a note requesting that the sixpences should be distributed by "Truth" to the workhouse children of London. The note was simply signed "A Friend." Year after year, till last Christmas, the anonymous donor renewed his gift; the parcel growing larger as London's workhouse children increased in number, until last year it reached the big total of 11,000.

#### POLICE EVIDENCE.

In the March issue of the Wine and Spirit News and Australian Vigneron, the value of police evidence is gone into and that journal remarks that a question those connected with the liquor trade have often to ask themselves and others is—Why is the evidence of a police constable nearly always accepted in preference to the oath of anyone else? Are all men liars—except a policeman?

These remarks are apropos of a case recently decided, where a conviction was obtained by two constables in the face of distinctly contradictory evidence by half-a-dozen "civilians," as the members of our autocratic police force delight to style the general public. Now it is to the interest of the policeman to obtain a conviction, this being counted unto him as a good work. The temptation to him is, therefore, greater to exaggerate or distort facts, or to go to his imagination for his facts, than it is to the mere outsider. The evidence of a licensee may possibly be held to be tainted or affected by self-interest, but on the other hand, so is that of the police, and, to our thinking, the ordinary bench of magistrates attaches far too much weight to the evidence, often entirely without corroboration, of a policeman, and in cases where the evidence in favour of the publican is supported by outside and untainted evidence, far outweighing that of the police, the decision should follow the ordinary laws of evidence. Few people would willingly run the risk of a prosecution for perjury unless they had something very substantial to gain by it, and it is easier for the police to punish perjury than for members of the public, who have neither the time nor the money to spend in bringing any offending members of the force to book.

Our contention is that the evidence of policeman and licensee being biased, should be held to be equal, and no conviction should be recorded where there is a balance of evidence against the charge. A few dismissals would render the police a little more careful.

#### GAMBLING AND CLIMATE.

The bitter cry of the British spa may, the Medical Press thinks, assume a less painuive note in the future if the present French Government adhere to their intention firmly to enforce their new anti-gambling law. "It has always been easily explicable on rational grounds why English people should prefer the Riviera and Algiers to their native watering-places in the winter, but it has been somewhat less obvious why they should spend their summer and autumn at many inconvenient, overcrowded, and not particularly salutary spas. The waters have been the ostensible excuse, but even the most scientific analysis have frequently failed to demonstrate that there is any overwhelming virtue in some of the springs that have contained calcium chloride or sodium sulphate in the similar proportions to those that bubble out of the bowels of the earth in England. The explanation in many cases, of course, is that roulette, baccarat, or petits chevaux have been allowed as pastimes, and even the most gouty and hypochondriacal dyspeptic realises the difference in the degree of mental exhilaration derivable from those amusements and that drawn from the drawingroom 'music' or the wheezy orchestra of the British hydro. On moral grounds we must commend the latter, but on medical ones it is not a little questionable whether some patients might not be drawn out of themselves more by a course of 'rouge-et-noir' and 'pair' and 'impair.' However, the first attempts to suppress gambling in the pleasure resorts in France have been partly repulsed, and it may be the Government's courage will ooze out of its finger-tips when it comes to a fight. If, however, gambling is finally suppressed, hydro shares may rise."

#### GERMAN BEER DRINKERS.

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GOUT  
NEURALGIA  
LUMBAGO  
SCIATICA  
GRAVEL AND STONE  
BLADDER TROUBLES

Biliary  
INDIGESTION  
BILIOUSNESS  
JAUNDICE  
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ANAEMIA  
GENERAL DEBILITY  
BLOOD DISORDERS

Now all these disorders originate from the same cause—namely, the inability of the kidneys and liver to properly perform their function of eliminating from the system the urinary and biliary poisons which produce the disease.

The Kidneys of the average person filter and extract from the blood about three pints of urine every day. In this quantity of urine should be dissolved about an ounce of urea, ten to twelve grains in weight of uric acid, and other animal and mineral matter varying from a third of an ounce to nearly an ounce. If the kidneys are working freely and healthily, all this solid matter leaves the body dissolved in the urine, but if, through weakness or disease, the kidneys are unable to do their duty properly, a quantity of these urinary substances remains in the blood and flows through the veins contaminating the whole system. Then we suffer from some form of uric poisoning such as Rheumatism, Gout, Lumbago, Backache, Sciatica, Persistent Headache, Neuralgia, Gravel Stone, and Bladder Troubles. A simple test to make as to whether the kidneys are healthy is to place some urine passed the first thing in the morning, in a covered glass, and let it stand until next morning. If it is then cloudy, shows a sediment like brick-dust, is of an unnatural colour, or has particles floating about in it, the kidneys are weak or diseased, and steps must immediately be taken to restore their vigour, or Bright's Disease, Diabetes, or some of the many manifestations of uric poisoning will result.

The Liver is an automatic chemical laboratory. In the liver various substances are actually made from the blood. Two or three pounds of bile are thus made by the liver every day. The liver takes sugar from the blood, converts it into another form, and stores it up so as to be able to again supply it to the blood as the latter may require enrichment. The liver changes uric acid, which is insoluble, into urea, which is completely soluble, and the liver also deals with the blood corpuscles which have lived their life and are useful no longer. When the liver is inactive or diseased we suffer from some form of biliary poisoning such as Indigestion, Biliousness, Anaemia, Jaundice, Sick Headache, General Debility, and Blood Disorders.

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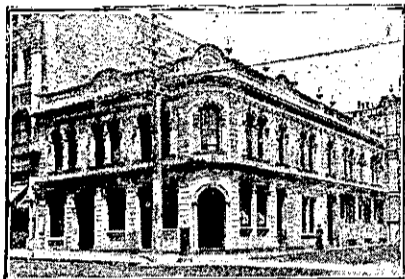
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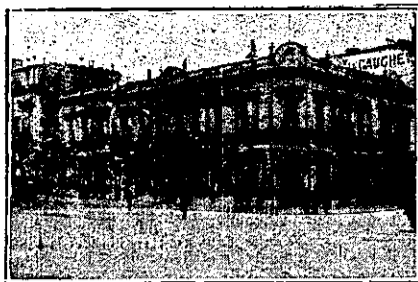
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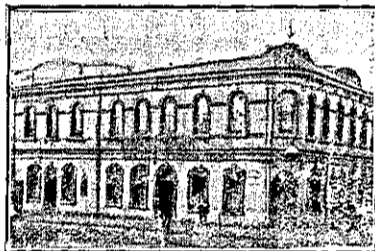


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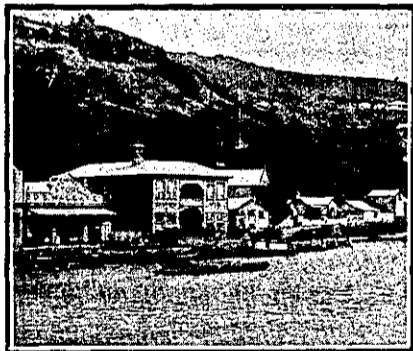
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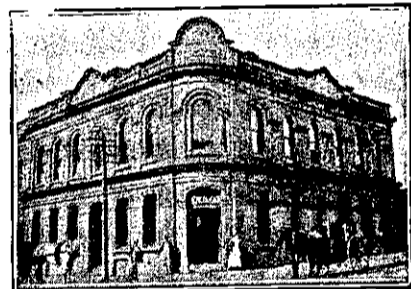
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Telegrams: "Pilling," Waihi. Box No. 56.

MRS. PILLING ..... Proprietress.



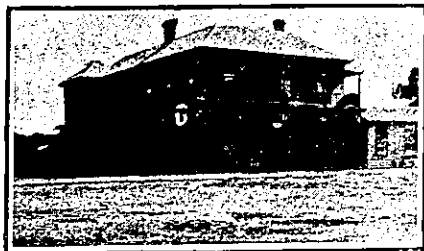
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First-class accommodation for the Travelling Public. Centrally situated. All modern conveniences. Best Brands of Ales, Wines and Spirits on Stock.

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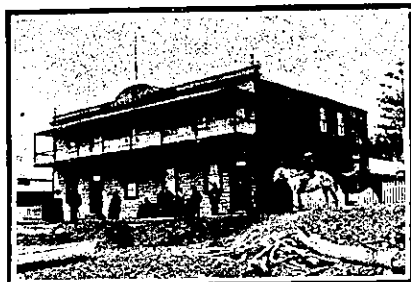
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Begs to notify that he has taken over the above favourite Hostelry.

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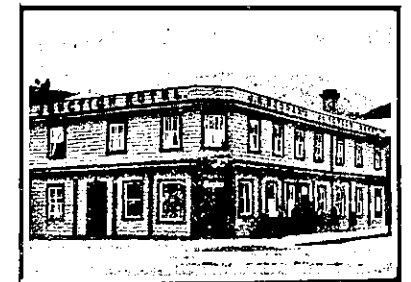


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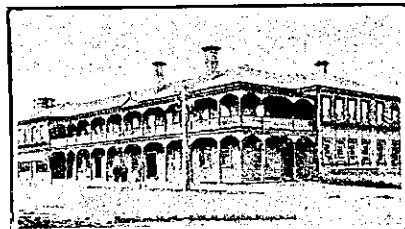
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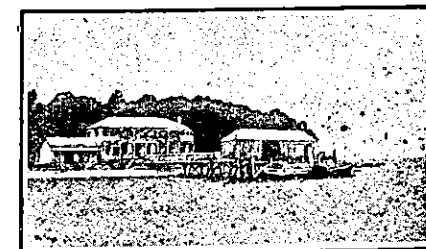
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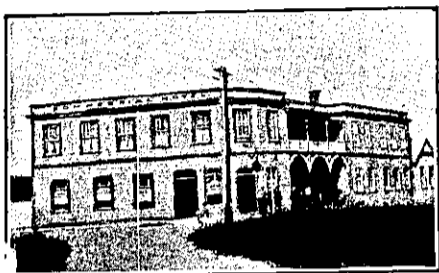
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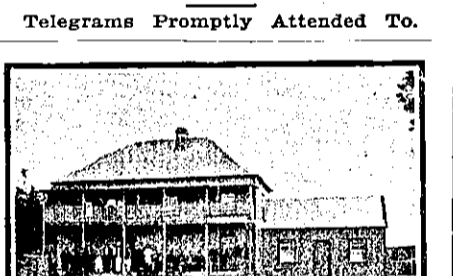
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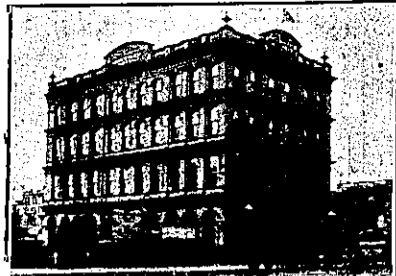
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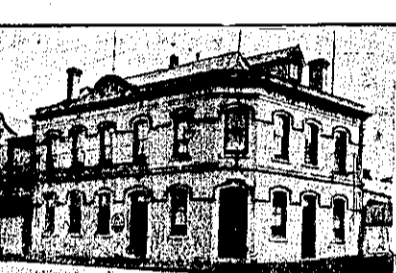
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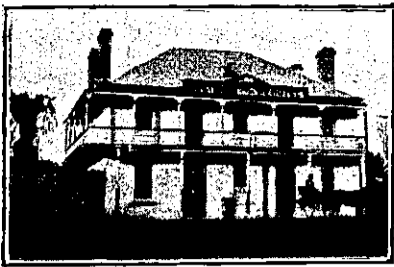
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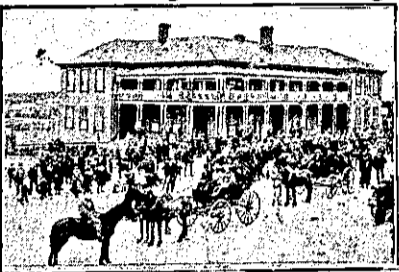
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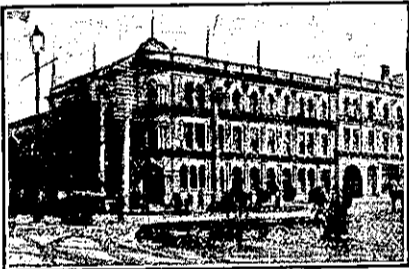
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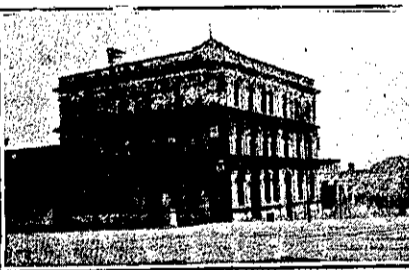
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WINES, SPIRITS AND BEERS—BEST ONLY.  
Give me a Call—  
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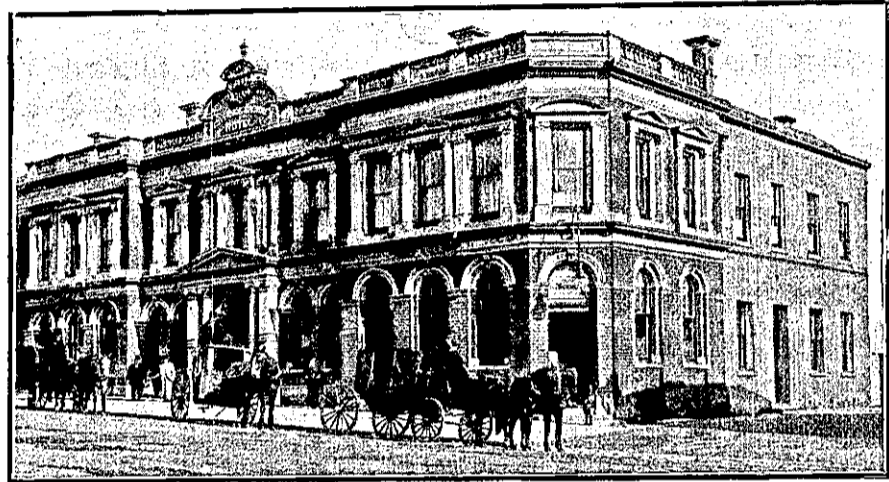
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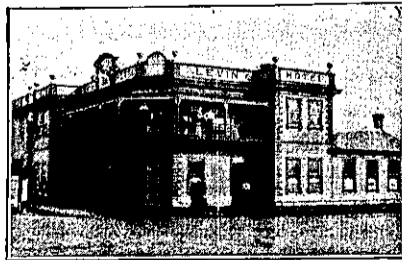
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WELLINGTON PROVINCE.

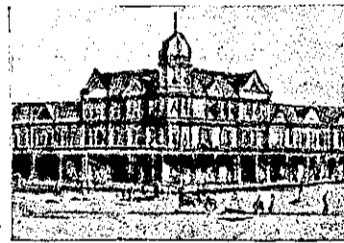
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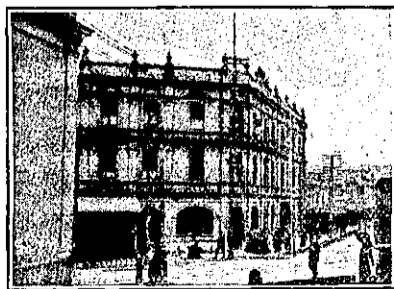
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THE HOME OF THE TOURIST.

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WELLINGTON.—Cont.

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THE LEADING HOTEL OF "FLAXOPOLIS."  
Coaches leave hotel for Shannon and Levin.  
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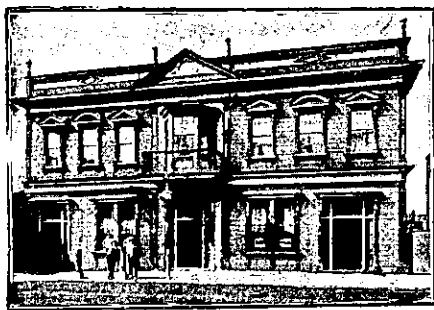
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MR. JOHN YOUNG begs to inform the Public that he has taken over the above. The Hotel has been thoroughly renovated, and now offers accommodation second to none in the district. Central position and close to the Gardens. Excellent Table, and Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc.  
Good Stabling and Commodious Loose Boxes.  
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The appointed House for the Commercial Travellers and Warehousemen's Association, Wellington, also Cook's Tourist Travellers.  
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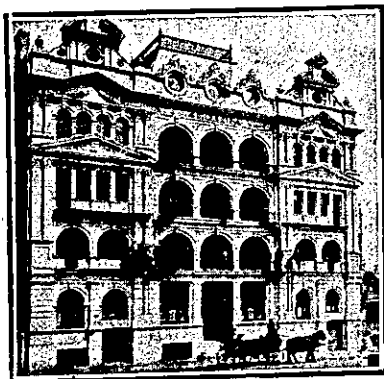


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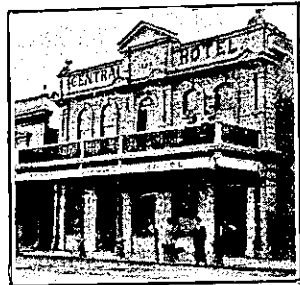
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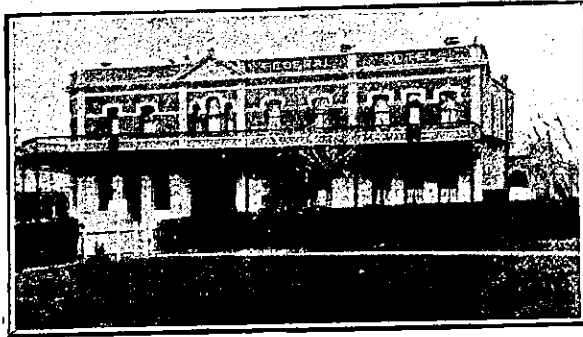


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CENTRAL HOTEL, MASTERTON. MR. F. S. COOPER, late of the Empire Hotel, Hawera, and formerly of Wellington, wishes to inform the Travelling Public that he has taken over the above well-known house. This hotel offers superior accommodation to travellers, and is a First-class Family Residence in every respect. The rooms are well ventilated, lofty, and comfortably furnished. Good Table, Best of Wines, Ales, etc. Telegrams and Letters will receive prompt attention. F. S. COOPER ..... Proprietor.



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Apposite Railway Station. Travellers may rely on catching early trains. Speight's Beer.

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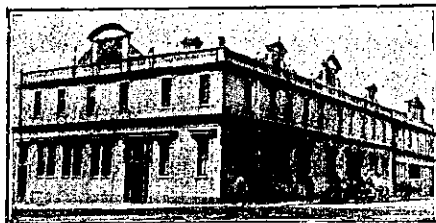


ROYAL HOTEL, THE SQUARE, PALMERSTON NORTH. G. SEARLE (late of Otago and Canterbury), has taken over the above well-known Hotel, and hopes by strict attention to business to receive the patronage of the travelling public and residents of the district. Good accommodation for commercials and families.

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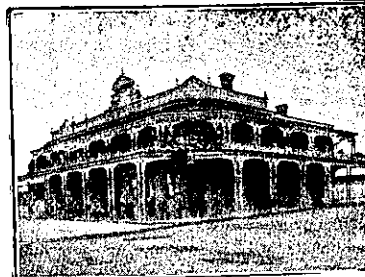
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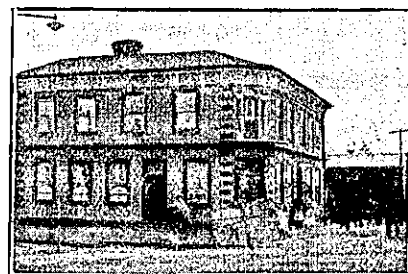
JAMES SMITH ..... Proprietor.

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.



EGMONT HOTEL, HAWERA. 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.**

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PERCY MARTIN .. Proprietor.

First-class Accommodation to the Travelling Public.

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

**CENTRAL HOTEL, WOODVILLE, HAWKE'S BAY.**

J. BOTTOMLEY .. Proprietor.

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JOSEPH CRAIG, PROPRIETOR.

Wines, Spirits, and Beer of the Best Quality Only. The stables in connection with the Hotel offer every facility, and there are also a number of loose boxes.

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GEO. H. GILDING ..... Proprietor.

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

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Under New Management, and everything of the Choicest.

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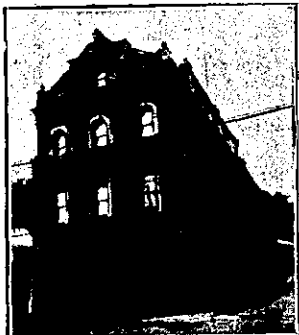
R. CONEYS ..... Proprietor.

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(For 25 years manager of Hawke's Bay Club).

**HAWKE'S BAY—Continued.**

**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.

**SOUTHLAND PROVINCE.**



**APARIMA HOTEL, SOUTH RIVERTON.**

T. R. CARROLL begs to inform intending visitors to Riverton that he has taken over the beautiful-situated Seaside APARIMA HOTEL. The Hotel is connected to all parts of Southland by telephone. Nothing but First-class Wines and Spirits in stock, and Speight and Co.'s famous Beer. For tariff and further particulars apply to the Proprietor, T. R. CARROLL. Telephone No. 4.

**CANTERBURY PROVINCE.**

**CLUB HOTEL, TIMARU.**

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

Liberal Cuisine. Hot and Cold Baths. Best Brands of Liqueurs Stocked.

Moderate Tariff.

E. WARD .. Proprietor.



**LYTTELTON HOTEL, LYTTELTON.**

(Under new management). The above Hotel has been renovated throughout, and now offers Accommodation second to none. Best Brands of Wines, Ales, and Spirits. Crown XXX Ales on Draught. Good stabling. Trams stop at the door. Terms, 6s per diem, or 30s per week. Families and Permanent Boarders by arrangement.

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First-class Accommodation for the Travelling Public, Commercial, and Tourists. Large Sample Rooms. Superior Billiard Room. Private Rooms. Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. Good Stabling. Loose Boxes.

**CANTERBURY.—Cont.**

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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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Right Opposite Railway Station.

Convenient to all parts of city and suburbs, as Electric Cars start from the door.

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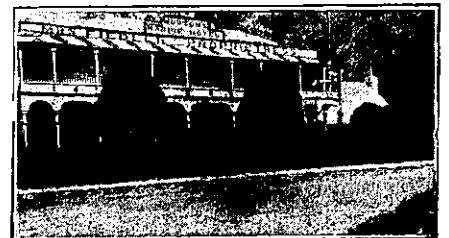


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CORNER OF OXFORD TERRACE AND WORCESTER-STREET (One Minute's Walk from General Post Office).

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

D. COLLINS .. Proprietor.



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An Ideal Holiday Resort, offering excellent Accommodation for the Travelling Public.

BEST BRANDS OF WINES AND SPIRITS. HOT, COLD, AND SHOWER BATHS. BILLIARD TABLE.

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