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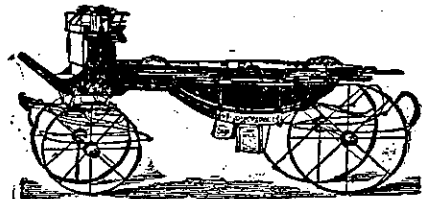
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SEASON 1907.

FIXTURES.

Aug. 15 and 17—C.J.C. Grand National
 Aug. 29—Amberley Steeplechase Club Annual
 Sept. 4 and 5—Marton J.C.'s Hack Meeting
 Sept. 11 and 12—Horowhenua Hack R.C. Annual
 Sept. 11 and 12—Ashburton County R.C. Spring Meeting
 Sept. 18 and 19—Rangitikei R.C. Spring
 Oct. 9 and 12—Dunedin Jockey Club Spring

NOMINATIONS.

Aug. 16—Marton J.C.'s Hack Meeting
 Aug. 23—Horowhenua Hack R.C. Annual
 Aug. 24—Rangitikei R.C. Spring
 Aug. 24—Ashburton County R.C. Spring Meeting
 Sept. 1 (1908)—Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes, 1909 (yearlings of 1907)
 Sept. 2—Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes, 1908 (yearlings).
 Sept. 2—Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes, 1909 (yearlings of 1906).
 Sept. 20—Dunedin Jockey Club Spring

WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

August 19—Amberley Steeplechase Club Annual
 Aug. 21—Marton J.C.'s Hack Meeting
 Aug. 31—Horowhenua Hack R.C. Annual
 Sept. 1—New Zealand Cup.
 Sept. 2—Ashburton County R.C. Spring Meeting
 Sept. 7—Rangitikei R.C. Spring
 Sept. 30—Dunedin Jockey Club Spring

ACCEPTANCES.

Aug. 24—Amberley Steeplechase Club Annual
 Aug. 27—Marton J.C.'s Hack Meeting
 Sept. 6—New Zealand Cup (3sovs).
 Sept. 6—Horowhenua Hack R.C. Annual
 Sept. 6—Ashburton County R.C. Spring Meeting
 Sept. 12—Rangitikei R.C. Spring
 Oct. 4—Dunedin Jockey Club Spring.

FURTHER PAYMENTS.

Oct. 18—New Zealand Cup (6sovs).

GAME PRESERVATION.

In order to avert the total destruction of feathered game it is necessary to form an association for each Island, or for the colony as a whole, of organised local clubs, for the adequate protection of big and small game, and game-fish. Ladies to be enrolled free on application. Sympathy to be enlisted on behalf of chivalrous forbearance and sportsmanlike behaviour by every means, and through every channel at command. A limit to be placed on the number of birds to be shot on one day by any individual, both as regards total, and on a proportional basis laid down to suit local conditions as between varieties. Exportation or the sale of game-birds to be prohibited, or, if sale be permitted, a vigorous supervision to be exercised, and full proof shown by dealers or vendors as to where their game is procured by whom shot. If sales be permitted the vendors' license to be fixed at a substantial figure for the benefit of Acclimatisation Societies, and subject to immediate cancellation through any infringement of regulations, or attempted sale of game which has not been fairly shot. This has become a burning question in other countries where protective measures having succeeded—the increase of game has led to wholesale "market-poaching," frequently with the connivance of transport officials, in accepting falsified consignment notes, etc. Further; the issue of separate forms of license at a suitable fee for, and the publication of the names of those who are entitled to shoot and sell, but not to retail, native and imported game, which should be obtainable by consumers only through authorised vendors.

Painful instances of flagrant abuse of hospitality have repeatedly come under the writer's notice in connection with the sale of game, and have been obviously detrimental to the interests of clean-handed sportsmen. The question of gun licenses should be thoroughly investigated by means of a committee of delegates capable of approaching the subject with minds unbiased, and possessing individual, all-round shooting experience of local sporting conditions, including the back bush country. The amount levied as surtax on "gun-dogs" by local bodies who, properly, in most places discriminate in favour of working collies, to be handed over to the Acclimatisation Societies.

Adequate consideration can scarcely be given to the question as a whole

without touching, to some extent, upon its fiscal aspect.

Guns, as luxuries, may fairly bear import duty ad valorem to a substantial amount. Below and behind this fact, however, a long and intimate observation of the hands into which they are applied, has convinced us that an inferior class of gun, chiefly of trashy foreign manufacture, is unduly encouraged by the tariff as at present adjusted.

The best interests of sport would be promoted by limiting importation of such weapons; an obvious means to this end would be a minimum duty of £1 each on double, and 15s each on single-barrelled guns. This could be brought into line with existing measures by levying ad valorem, as at present, but only upon value in excess of £5 per gun. In the same interest, and more so in that of safety, no gun should be allowed to be imported into the colony which is not distinctly and genuinely stamped "nitro-proof." As tending to minimise unsportsmanlike slaughter, the size of bore should be limited to twelve gauge, and the weight of a double-barrelled gun to 8lbs, single-barrel in proportion, while paper cartridge cases should not exceed 2¼ in., and thin brass cases 2 9-16th inches, the usual length of so called 2½ in. cartridge cases.

These opinions are tendered by us in no spirit of officiousness, but solely with the desire of furthering the interests of a branch of sport which has scarcely received the measure of intelligent consideration it deserves and requires. Should such desire promote a purely sporting spirit, and the suppression of hen-slayers, game-hogs, and market-baggers, then the time spent on this article will be well spent indeed.

THE SHOULDER OF THE HORSE.

There are not so many really good judges of horses. The horse needs a life-long study and experience if we wish to acquire sound, practical knowledge concerning him, and to learn all about his various little ways. Yet some critics who have never had anything to do with horses, are apt to be dogmatic in proportion to their want of useful information. It is saddening to hear them talk on this and other subjects. When an oracle tells us now—though he has never ridden a horse over a fence in his life—how horses should be ridden over fences, our feeling is one of extreme despondency. Why do many of our fellow-creatures persist in expatiating on sporting themes with which they have not even a nodding acquaintance?

In the majority of instances, after a man has examined a horse, the man says, referring to the latter with an air of infinite wisdom: "What a beautiful shoulder!" That is often a safe remark to make when the other man does not know any more than we do. Numerous thoroughbred horses have beautiful shoulders; without a doubt, some hunters are almost equally well endowed in that respect. Pure breed gives greater excellence in this branch of anatomy, and the lower we descend in the equine scale the worst conformation offends our aesthetic taste.

A good shoulder is necessary, of course, for horses intended to be ridden. If they do not possess that advantage their rider is not likely to enjoy a great deal of pleasure while he is on their back. Still, during the progress of our perigrinations we often see hacks with a straight donkey shoulder and low withers, so that the saddle does not stop in its proper place, and the equestrian has a disagreeable impression that he is always riding down hill. "It is a crupper, not a breast-plate, I want," said the owner of such a hack, with a groan. A large number of so-called hacks ought to do nothing but shaft-work.

Some horses, in effect, are not designed by Nature to be ridden. It is scarcely possible to put a saddle on their backs and keep it there as it ought to be without a lot of unnatural appliances. Instead of the shoulder gradually sloping into the back at the

right point, and bearing its true relation to fore-legs, so as to constitute an artistic and harmonious spectacle, we notice that such animals as those indicated are altogether deficient in this respect. They ought to exercise their pulling muscles exclusively. Bristled, they may drop in the road if their pilot is not careful, and if he is careful he is never easy in his mind until he has dismounted.

One reason, amongst others equally important, why we have always preferred a thoroughbred hack or hunter, especially if he has not been raced, is that he is pretty sure to possess a good shoulder. There is plenty in front of the saddle, which remains in its proper place accordingly, and if girths become a trifle slack it does not matter. We are not sitting on the horse's neck.

In the hunting field we see many good shoulders. There are, however, old hunting experts who swear more by a short back and strong jumping quarters. "Give me those," said an enthusiast, "with sound feet and legs, and I am not likely to be hypercritical as to correct shoulders. Of course, I appreciate its value, but I have ridden several horses who could gallop and jump with the best, whom ridge and furrow did not tire more than the others, though they were not built, perhaps, on what are considered perfectly orthodox lines."

There are brilliant exceptions in every branch of sport. Deviations from approved type—we shall learn to know them—may be discarded without making many mistakes.



MR. N. A. NATHAN, re-elected on the committee of the A.R.C.

It is a truism that practical horsemen like to have plenty in front of the saddle. Pottering, proppy action, caused by defect in that way, is very uncomfortable, especially when trotting down hill, with a conviction that our next moment will be our last unless we are lucky. That knuckling over, sticking-toes-in method of walking adopted by some hacks, who are not constructed for riding on, is another grievance which we often feel inclined to ventilate in the pigskin. A good walker, when one is riding on the road, is a priceless possession.

We often find, even in the show rings of the colony, many harness-shouldered horses being ridden in the class for walking horses. Their riders or owners being quite unable to classify a walking horse from one that should be in a butcher's cart. Taking the question by and large, we prefer the orthodox to the unorthodox, and with straight shouldered horses we can see nothing worth admiring under a saddle, though in harness the defect is never so noticeable.

SIRES OF THE SEASON.

OBLIGADO.

Auckland breeders of thoroughbred stock are to be congratulated upon having at their service such a fashionably-bred horse as Obligado, of Bruce Lowe's No. 16 family, from which many great horses trace their descent, including the mighty Ormonde, and the champion mare Sceptre.

Orville, the sire of Obligado, is by Ormonde, a horse all my readers will remember that won the 2000 Guineas, Derby and St. Leger; in fact, he started fifteen times and was never beaten. He won in stakes £28,265. As a sire he has also made his name famous by getting, amongst others, Orme, the sire of Flying Fox and Orby, the winner of this year's Derby. Shotover, the dam of Orville, was a great mare on the turf, winning the 2000 Guineas and Derby, and was herself got by Hermit, another Derby winner.

Obligado's dam, The Flirt, is by Trappist, of the No. 1 family—a good performer up to a mile—and a son of Hermit. Trappist was successful as a sire, his daughter, La Abbess de Jouarre, being a classic winner—out of Frivolity, a daughter of Macaroni, winner of the 2000 Guineas and Derby—and Miss Agnes by Birdcatcher, the grandsire of Stockwell.

By this it will be seen that Obligado traces back to the successful Agnes family through both his sire and dam. A perusal of his extended pedigree disclosed a wonderful array of classic winners—Ormonde, Bend Or, Doncaster, Stockwell (2), Shotover, Macaroni (twice), Thormanby, Teddington, Touchstone (3), Whalebone (2), Newminster (2), Priam, Hermit (2), Mendicant, Miss Letty, etc. So much for breeding. As a horse, Obligado is a magnificent specimen of the thoroughbred, showing great quality and substance. He possesses a beautiful temper, and is very docile. His first season at Cambria Park stamps him a sure foal-getter. Of seventeen mares belonging to the stud mated with him, two missed, one died in foal, and two met with mishaps for which no blame could be attached to the horse; the other twelve will foal this season; in fact, two mares have already produced fine healthy colts.

As a mate for mare with St. Simon blood, this horse should prove invaluable, this being the most successful cross of recent years in the Old Country.

At the low fee of twelve guineas his list should soon fill, as he will be limited to thirty mares, including his owner's. His stock have been racing well in the extreme South, where prizes are not too rich. Zetland, Pensive, Cathron, Rosebloom, Red Morn, and Flavour all showing winning form. His progeny won £1335 in stakes last season.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1906-7.

The following is the Chairman's report to the members of the Avondale Jockey Club:—

"Gentlemen,—Your committee again have pleasure in presenting their annual report and balance sheet for the year ending July 31, 1907, and it will be gratifying to members to find that the club had a most successful year. We have held the usual Spring and Autumn meetings during the season, giving added money to the amount of £3255, and the amount passed through the totalisator amounted to £41,735, as against £22,140 last season, showing an increase of £19,595. We commenced the season with a credit balance in bank of £20, and during the year made a gross profit on race meetings of £1700 6s 2d. The disbursements were as follows:—General account, £700 8s 5d; improvement account, £9 9s. In addition to these amounts we have been able to pay £500 off the mortgage, and all the old liabilities, amounting to over £500. The freehold, shown as £3487, remains the same value as last year, but, as you are aware, this land has much increased in value, and should at least be worth over £5000. Our assets amount to £8273 9s 6d, and our liabilities to £3512, thus showing a balance of £4761 9s 6d, an increase on last year of £906 1s 2d.—M. Foley, Chairman of Committee."



MR. E. W. DUDER, re-elected on the committee of the A.R.C.

THE C.J.C. GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The Canterbury Jockey Club did not have the best of weather for the opening day of its Grand National Meeting. A thick, drizzling rain fell early in the morning; towards noon the sky cleared, but the afternoon was cold and unpleasant. The attendance was well up to the average, while the racing was on the whole first class. The Grand National Steeplechase furnished an excellent contest; the exhibition of jumping being equal to that witnessed in any previous National, and the pace was a cracker from the start, a new time record being established.

The Hunters Hurdles provided the opening event, five horses going out. Kaikomako, an aged son of Musketry, at once caught the eye of backers, and he was sent out a strong favourite. From an even start the field came on the first hurdle in a line. Roan Banner, who took off too close, coming down. At the next hurdle the favourite fell, leaving Makuri in the lead with Crispinot second, and Canton a dozen lengths away third. Just after passing the mile post Canton ran up to the leaders, and easily drawing away, won by three lengths from Crispinot, who was a similar distance in front of Makuri.

There were four withdrawals, Stay-boy, Le Beau, Southern Cross, and Magical, from the Trial Hurdles, leaving eight to face the starter. St. Albert was installed a firm favourite, Ability being next in demand. Ability turned round at the start, and took no part in the race. Hop Rose fell at the first hurdle, at which stage St. Albert was three lengths in front of Royal Shell, with Design and Golden Count following in that order. There was very little change in the positions until the mile post was reached, Catch'em running up into third place. At the six furlongs post St. Albert was still striding along in front, having a good three lengths lead from Royal Shell; a little further on Te Uira moved up and rounding the top turn was level with Royal Shell. St. Albert landed in the straight with a two lengths advantage, and despite a strong challenge in the last furlong by Te Uira, he held his own and won by two lengths; Golden Comb being a dozen lengths behind Te Uira, Design fourth, and Royal Shell fifth.

The Winter Cup, the principal flat race handicap of the winter season, next claimed attention. Twenty-three horses figured on the card, and there was only one withdrawal, Don Orsino. The race provided some spirited betting, Seaman, Helen Portland, Jolly Friar, Idealist, and Pas Seul, carrying the most money. The outsiders of the field being Ruapehu, Fandango, St. Bill, and Montigo. There was very

little delay at the post, but when the barrier went up fully half the horses were slow to move. Mataari was first to show out, but after the first furlong had been covered, Idealist ran through and soon had a three lengths lead; Jolly Friar and Buccleugh being at the head of the next division. Passing the six furlongs post, Buccleugh ran into second place; behind Idealist; Helen Portland, Jolly Friar, and Czar Kolohol following in the order named. As the field swept round the top turn, Idealist was still holding his own, and entered the straight with a three lengths advantage, which he maintained to the finish, winning comfortably from Seaman, who put in a strong run from the distance and beat Helen Portland by a neck for second place. Buccleugh was half a length further away fourth, while Jolly Friar and Pas Seul were at the head of the others. The time was the fastest on record for the race, and after the first half-mile the field became strung out; several of the horses being clearly outclassed.

The Grand National Steeplechase came next, and of the twelve horses who paid the final acceptance, Hikairo was the only one to decline the contest. Phaetontis, the early favourite for the race, maintained his position in the betting to the finish. Inniskillen, on the strength of his fine track form, being made second favourite. Phaetontis, Needlework, Eclair, and Kaitere were voted the best conditioned animals in the race. A fine start was effected, the field coming down the straight like a line of cavalry. The stand double was negotiated safely, Romany Lad, Inniskillen and Irish being in the lead with Needlework at the head of the second division; Kaitere bringing up at the rear. All got over the fence at Cutts' in fine style, Needlework moving up close behind Irish and Romany Lad. The first of the kennels double proved fatal to Romany Lad, while at the same jump Irish lost ground and allowed Needlework to assume command. The next pair were Evenlode and Phaetontis, Kaitere still being a long way back. As they came into the straight, Needlework, who was jumping beautifully, drew out and led past the stand well clear of Irish, Evenlode and Phaetontis. Passing Cutts', Irish fell back, Evenlode running into second position, just clear of Phaetontis, while Eclair, Loch Fyne, and Slow Tom bunched came next. Going round the turn Slow Tom ran into third place, but came down at the sod wall, where Needlework was leading by three lengths from Phaetontis, Eclair just leading Loch Fyne and Evenlode. Before reaching the straight Kaitere could be seen coming through his field in great style, and at the last fence he was close behind the three leaders, Needlework, Phaetontis, and Eclair. After clearing the last jump, Needlework was first into his stride on the flat; but Eclair, finishing gamely under punishment, got up in the last fifty yards, and after a great struggle, beat Needlework by a length; Kaitere being three lengths away third; next came Phaetontis a dozen lengths away, Nadador, Evenlode, and Irish following at intervals.

There were only four starters in the Tally-ho Steeplechase South Canterbury, as usual, furnishing the winner. Brownhill was leading until six furlongs from home when he fell; Albury then went on and won easily by fifty yards from Jack Snipe.

When the barrier went up for the Jumpers' Flat Race, Landlock crossed in front of Merriwai, Warfire, Cavalry, and Levant, completely spoiling their chances. Stronghold was first to show out, but after going a quarter of a mile he had to give way to Ben Jonson; Lady Hune being at the head of the others. This pair practically had the race to themselves. Ben Jonson after leading throughout, beating the mare by a bare length; Gold Dust was third six lengths away, followed by Leaside, Stronghold and Creusot.

The Enfield Steeplechase was a chapter of accidents. The favourite fell at the first fence, where Pitcher ran off; Wet Blanket came down at the sod wall, while Deerslayer came to grief when leading at the top of the straight. Starlight, who was always in a handy position, gave the best display of jumping, and won easily by five lengths from Sir James; Hinemoa finishing a long way behind, in third place.

The Hack Handicap was run when the light was getting bad, and it was hard to see the colours. There were seventeen starters; Armamento and Jack-a-shore being the first and second favourites. The winner turned up in Hinupai, who came through from the

distance with a strong run, and beat Heorthen somewhat easily, while Volodia, who was leading in the early part of the race, finished third.

On to-day's form in the Jumpers' Flat Handicap, Ben Jonson must be hard to beat in the Grand National Hurdles on Thursday. To-day I like the chances of Merriwai, Ben Jonson, and Shrapnel.

TALES OF SPORT.

This week's tale in the above series is entitled "When Cupid Captains the Team," and it deals with the ever-popular national pastime of Rugby football. The love interest woven into the story so ingeniously makes it very readable and interesting, and all lovers of football will find this clever story most entertaining and well worth reading.

Marton nominations to-morrow.

Avondale J.C. in a flourishing condition.

Mr J. E. Henrys has been re-appointed handicapper for the Dunedin Jockey Club, and Mr H. Piper has again been appointed starter.

Cuirassier's death at Morrinsville on Wednesday night was due to stoppage of the bowels. He was in good health up till a few days before his death.

The stewards of the Wellington Racing Club have decided to increase the value of the Wellesley, Wellington, and Challenge Stakes by 100sovs each, making each stake 500sovs.

INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

WANGANUI.

Local Gees Getting Ready for the Spring—Kuroki and White Star Going Well—Armistice in Fine Trim—Manipoto with the Strangles—Fishermald Hopping Along Again—Irish Rifle being Prepared for Marton and Bangitikei—General Peel Much Improved—Sedgemoor and Cassiopea—Rapanui—The Hunter Well—Auratus in Work—Gleam Well—Romany King Doing Slow Work—Tapu Well—Mongolia Coming Along—Noifaa Coming Along Well.

WANGANUI, August 13.

Most of the local horses that were spelled after the Wanganui May meeting have been taken up again, and are being got ready for spring meetings.

Kuroki and White Star are galloping in fine style at present, and the former shows no sign of his old leg trouble.

Armistice, the New Zealand Cup candidate, is looking very well, and revels in her work. Harry Jackson should have Mr. Moore's mare in tip-top form by Cup time.

Another New Zealand Cup candidate in work here is Manipoto, who, under T. F. Goddard's guidance, is working nicely, although he has been only restricted to slow work, having had a touch of strangles last week.

Walter Raynor has taken Fishermald in hand again, and she appears to have wintered well.

Irish Rifle has been put on the active list again, and will be seen out at the Marton and Rangitikei meetings.

Geo. Laing should be well repaid this spring, judging by the way General Peel has improved since he took him in hand.

Belcher should have Sedgemoor and Cassiopea very fit by the time the Marton and Rangitikei meetings come round.

Jack Blair took his hunter, Rapanui, through to Pahiatua hunt meeting last week, but had no luck, although the old horse is looking very well and should score a win at the Egmont-Wanganui meeting here this month.

About a dozen horses are in work at Waverley now. Both S. Brereton and E. Oakenfull have a large string in their stables.

Auratus was showing good form over the sticks, but was troubled with



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muscle soreness, so had to be spelled for a time. However, she is working on very nicely now, and will most likely be seen out at Wanganui meeting.

Brereton has Gleam looking splendid, and the Daystar mare should place a win to her credit shortly.

Romany King was rested a while, but is now doing slow work.

Tapu is one that should pay his way this season.

Oakenfull is bringing Mongolia along nicely at present.

Noifaa is in work now, and the Waverley meeting should see him amongst the starters, and more than probable, winners.

WELLINGTON.

Horowhenua R.C. Alter Their Spring Dates—Their Spring Programme—A Sportsmanlike Action—Mr. Bevan an "All Right" Racing Man—Spring Race Meetings—The New Gaming and Lotteries Bill—The Premier's Reply—More Dodging by Sir Jo!—Totes and Tote Inspectors—A Wise Recommendation—The Double Tote and the Young Rooks—The Wowzers who Battle for Them—The N.Z. Cup Stagnant.

WELLINGTON, August 11.

The Horowhenua Hack Racing Club whose meetings for several seasons have resulted disastrously from a financial point of view decided at their annual meeting to abandon St. Patrick's Day, and hold their annual meeting early in the Spring; the outgoing stewards had with this end in view applied for the 11th and 12th September as dates upon which to hold their meeting, this having been granted a programme has been issued, the principal events being the Horowhenua Cup of 150 sovs, nine furlongs, and the Weraroa Handicap of 100 sovs, seven furlongs. Mr T. Bevan, junr., a Horowhenua horse owner, came in for special thanks for withdrawing his horse from one race at the last meeting instead of claiming a walk over, the club thus saved £50 through Mr Bevan's sportsmanlike action.

Local and provincial horseowners will have their hands full after the end of this month. Marton annual meeting takes place on 4th and 5th September; Horowhenua on 11th and 12th. The Rangitikei Racing Club's meeting follows on the 18th and 19th, and Wanganui on 26th and 27th. Next we have Otaki on October 9th and 10th, and Wellington Racing Club's Spring fixture on the 16th and 19th, this with Masterton meeting on 24th and 25th should give owners a chance to earn sufficient "oof" to go on with, and if their cattle are class enough, to have a cut at the C.J. C. or A.R.C. Spring meeting, where valuable stakes are on offer.



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A question placed on the order paper by Mr Poole, M.H.R., re the Premier's new Gaming and Lotteries Bill, and suggesting the cutting down of the number of racing days of the principal clubs, and the total extinction of a number of others, elicited on Wednesday last the following reply by Sir Joseph Ward: "I hope to have the Gaming Bill circulated in a few days, and the hon. member then in possession of the proposals of the Government, the hon. member will then be in possession of full information upon the whole subject, and will recognise that under the circumstances it was desirable to wait for the Bill."

The prospects of the Government's Gaming Bill making the appointment of totalisator inspection imperative, is causing a number of estimable gentlemen to take a keen interest in the doings of totalisators; as is usually the case they all consider that they were just created for such a billet. In the past the public have been sole inspectors (and very good inspectors too), there have been lapses, certainly, but considering the big sums handled, the public have little to complain of; nevertheless, racing clubs no doubt will welcome any system of supervision, provided such is a charge on the tax imposed on the totalisator by the Government.

That the totalisator is quite safe is the opinion vouchsafed in the best informed circles, Racing Clubs may have to confine all totalisator investments to persons on their racecourses; somewhat illogically a set has been made against the double totalisator, the latter machine has become very popular with the small better who can stand to win a fair stake for a small outlay; that it diminishes instead of increases betting is more than probable, owing to much cash being locked up for a considerable portion of the afternoon. The absence of the double totalisator will provide greatly increased business for the bookmakers, and they are fortunate in having such powerful advocates in the Hons. Samuels, Geo. McLean, the Rev. North, and last but not least, Sir Joseph Ward.

The metalicians have mostly taken wing to the C.J.C. Grand National Meeting, where they have free access to the racecourse, reports say they have splendid double books on the National double; many treble books were opened on the Winter Cup, and the two jumping events and almost every possible combination found supporters. The New Zealand Cup betting is stagnant; the scratching of Achilles will probably alter the appearance of the whole handicap, as the weight adjuster will have to look elsewhere for a top weight

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS.

WAIKATO HUNT CLUB'S MEETING.

HUNT CLUB HURDLES.—Baritone, Tera, Glasgow, Golden Gem, Tui, Cornwall Park, All Fours, Capital, Bonnie, Aldershot, Flying Scud, Kia Ora, Rouseabout.

MAIDEN WELTER.—Nebula, Tui, Cornwall Park, Moment, Te Taniwha, Ngawiro, Romantic, Anna Lombard, Alarm, Master Crespin, Rosette, Tarakina, Golden Gem, Toheroa, Derringer, Ottoman, Ngakapa, Sabine, Flying Scud, Rouseabout, Bonnie.

HUNT CLUB STEEPLECHASE.—Baritone, Tui, Glasgow, Tera, Flourish, Waioma, All Fours, Crespin, Capital, Mozart, Bonnie, Leopold, Aldershot.

BARDOWIE HANDICAP.—Mary Ann, Leonette, Napenape, Miss Crispin, Tarakina, Ottoman, Wauchope, Lady Regal, Sabine, Waihou, Soul, Tawa.

LADIES' BRACELET.—Eblis, Nebula, Tera, Glasgow, Tui, St. Crispinian, Cornwall Park, Mignon, Ngawiro, Romantic, Napenape, Tarakina, Toheroa, Cornwall Park, Leonette, Rosette, Sunshine, Lady Regal, Sabine, Waihou, Flying Scud.

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE.—Mary Ann, Nebula, Tera, Flourish, Tui, Waioma, Muskerdale, Crespin, Capital, Bonnie, Leopold, Aldershot, Flying Scud, Rouseabout.

HANDICAPS.

C.J.C. NATIONAL MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

HUNT CLUB CUP of 100sovs, two miles and a-half.—Starlight 11.13, Craigmore 11.11, Albury 11.4, Rosemorn 10.13, Deerslayer 10.10, Gnat 10.7, Sir James 10.6, Post Haste 10.2, Hinemoa 10.0, Wahine 9.9, Stormy Petrel 9.9, Pitcher 9.7, Purimu 9.7.

SUMMER HANDICAP of 100sovs, one mile.—Ben Jonson 11.9, Outer 10.8, Silkweb 10.6, Fandango 10.5, Czar Kolokol 10.5, Hinupai 10.3, Ruapehu 10.0, Petard 9.9, Iceland 9.9, Monkey Puzzle 9.7, Giovanni 9.0, Ancycle 9.0, Spinning Flight 9.0, Tahu 9.0, Mangrove 9.0, Westwind 9.0, Steplink 9.0, Ayesha 9.0, Thyrus 9.0.

BEAUFORT STEEPLECHASE of 250 sovs, two miles and a-half.—Klatere 13.2, Phaetonitis 11.10, Haydn 11.7, Eclair 11.4, Slow Tom 10.11, Romany

Lad 10.10, Inniskillen 10.6, Irish 10.5, Nadador 10.5, Loch Fyne 10.3, Needlework 10.2, Pipi 10.2, Evenlode 9.13, Rangitoto 9.7, Hutana 9.7, Hikairoa 9.7, St. Kooringa 9.7, John Peel 9.7, Comfort 9.7, Silica 9.7, Kelpy 9.7, Stormy Petrel 9.7.

SPREYDON HACK HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100sovs, one mile and three-quarters.—St. Albert 10.13, Stronghold 10.9, Kaipitipeti 10.4, Golden Comb 10.0, Waipu 10.0, Top Rose 9.13, Royal Shell 9.9, Magical 9.9, Kelpy 9.7, Catch-em 9.5, Fleka 9.4, Kakui 9.3, Vizier 9.0, Crispinot 9.0, Kaikomako 9.0, Design 9.0, Roan Banner 9.0.

AUGUST HANDICAP of 250sovs, six furlongs.—Buccleuch 11.1, Lady Annie 10.13, Helen Portland 10.13, Medalist 10.11, Aeolus 10.9, Idealist 10.9, Jolly Friar 10.8, Pas Seul 10.0, St. Bill 9.13, Ivanoff 9.12, Probable 9.8, Grandstand 9.8, De Witte 9.7, Bons 9.7, Tessina 9.6, Chatterer 9.5, Ingleneuk 9.5, Gwendolina 9.5, Don Orsino 9.4, White Cockade 9.3, Waihuku 9.3, Czar Kolokol 9.3, Somateria 9.2, Volodia 9.2, Blythemaid 9.2, Jolly Roger 9.2, Jack Ashore 9.0, Heorthen 9.0, Fandango 9.0, Vardo 9.0, Sunburst 9.0.

ISLINGTON HANDICAP of 150sovs, one mile.—Seaman 10.11, Helen Portland 10.10, Buccleuch 10.9, Aeolus 10.7, Lady Annie 10.5, Medalist 10.5, Idealist 10.5, Pas Seul 9.10, Montigo 9.8, Lapland 9.7, Probable 9.5, Whakawehi 9.5, Ivanoff 9.5, Clanchattan 9.3, Chatterer 9.3, Tessera 9.3, Gwendolina 9.2, Mataari 9.2, Czar Kolokol 9.0, White Cockade 9.0, Te Rahui 9.0, Fandango 9.0, Fancywork 9.0, Iceland 9.0, Giovanni 9.0.

SCRATCHINGS.

MELBOURNE CUP.—Sylvan King, Duilius, Curtain Lecture, Memsic, Posture, Prestonpans, Frolicsome, Tryst, Dalriada, Stirling, Retrencher, Longchamps, Ringlet, The Ribble, Blaaven, Dalgety, Inch Keith, Duke of Melton, Buckleberry, Cross Battery, Putty, Green Mountain, Hampton, Lachlan, Dunolly, Maniapoto, Right Royal, Thalaba.

CAULFIELD CUP.—Infanta, Recruit, Ganbado, Lord Amherst, Thalaba, Malevolence, Wagery, Ormolu, Cherry Lass, Inch Keith, Betsy Burke, Montcalm, Duke of Melton, Buckleberry, Malt, Grenadier, Putty, Seychelles, Millson, Legion, Green Mountain, Gecko, Antonio, Marmont, Scotch Mist, Rhubarb, Socialist, Dalrymple, La Ville, Dunolly, Maniapoto, Vim, Sylvan King, Curtain Lecture, Mmesic, Posture, Keilder, Dividend, Roosevelt, The Amazon, Metal Queen, Dalriada, Tryst, Perfection, Heiro, Lest We Forget, Comely, Ringlet, Munus, Captain Shannon, Retrencher, Mira, Dalgety, Leading Lady, Proportion, Right Royal.

TURF RESULTS.

C.J.C. GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

HUNTERS' HURDLE HANDICAP of 100sovs. Once round and a distance. 210—Mr. L. A. Rutherford's gr g Canton, aged, by Exile—Babelle, 11.0 (Mr. G. J. Pine) ... 1 197—Mr. R. Logan's ch g Crispinot, 4yrs, 11.7 (Mr. C. Harty) ... 2 170—Mr. C. Rutherford's gr g Makuri, aged, 12.7 (Mr. Retter) ... 3 Also started: 465 Kaikomako, and Roan Banner. Time, 3m. 14 1-5s. Dividend, £4 12s.

TRIAL HURDLE HANDICAP of 150 sovs. One mile and three-quarters. 567—Mr. A. F. Douglas' b g St. Albert, by St. Andrew—Aretusa, 9.9 (J. McConnell) ... 1 208—Mr. G. P. Donnelly's ch g Te Uira, 5yrs, 9.10 (J. Hall) ... 2 131—Mr. R. M. Hempseed's ch g Golden Comb, aged, 9.9 (Telford) ... 3 Also started: 394 Ability, 225 Top Rose, 243 Royal Shell, 304 Catch-em, 46 Design. Time, 3m. 24 4-5s. Dividends, £2 11s 6d and £1 19s.

WINTER CUP of 500sovs. One mile. 416—Hon. J. D. Ormond's br h Idealist, 4yrs, by Birkenhead—Ideal, 9.3 (P. D. Jones) ... 1 736—Mr. F. C. Faber's b g Seaman, 5yrs, 10.4, including 10lb penalty (G. Price) ... 2 649—Mr. G. F. Moore's b m Helen Portland, 4yrs, 10.5 (McCombe) ... 3 Also started: 273 Aeolus, 196 Buccleuch, 292 Lady Annie, 72 Montigo, 461 Jolly Friar, 382 Pas Seul, 204 Whakawehi, 133 Probable, 101 Chatterer, 69 St. Bill, 221 Gwendolina, 148 Manjess, 34 Fandango, 94 Mataari, 155 Waihuku, 88 Czar Kolokol, 33 Ruapehu, 157 Silkweb, 268 White Cockade. Time, 1m. 43 3-5s. Dividends, £8 8s and £1 11s 6d.

WINNERS OF THE WINTER CUP. m. s. 1899—Jupiter, 5yrs, 9.9 ... 1 49 1900—Spider, 4yrs, 9.0 ... 1 47 1/2 1901—Ostia, 5yrs, 10.5 ... 1 44 3-5 1902—Waiwhera, 4yrs, 9.0 ... 1 49 4-5 1903—Vladimir, 4yrs, 10.12 ... 1 45 1904—Mahutonga, 4yrs, 9.10 ... 1 45 2-5 1905—Kremlin, aged, 10.12 ... 1 45 1906—Aboriginal, 4yrs, 9.0 ... 1 50 1907—Idealist, 4yrs, 9.3 ... 1 43 3-5

NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE of 1000sovs. Three miles and a-half. 292—Mr. H. Hickey's b g Eclair, aged, by Mystical—Makakiri, 10.2 (J. Hall) ... 1 141—Mr. A. F. Douglas' ch g Needlework, aged, by Muskapeer—Dressmaker, 9.7 (J. O'Connell) ... 2 343—Mr. S. Darragh's b g Klatere, aged, by Castor—Victoria, 13.3 (W. Wilson) ... 3 Also started: 768 Phaetonitis 13.8 Slow Tom, 153 Irish, 181 Nadador, 600 Inniskillen, 217 Romany Lad, 408 Evenlode, 183 Loch Fyne. Time, 7m. 10 2-5s. Dividends, £7 18s and £5 9s.

WINNERS OF NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE. 1888—Mr. G. Donnelly's Manahone, 11.2 ... 9 29

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Note.—From 1888 to 1890, the course was about four miles. In 1881 the distance was reduced to about three miles and a-half at which it has since remained.

TALLY-HO STEEPLECHASE of 60 sovs. Two miles and a-half. 275—Mr. A. S. Elworthy's b g Albury, aged, 12.10 (Mr. Orbell) ... 1 164—Miss J. Rutherford's b g Jack Snipe, aged, 12.10 (Mr. Selby) ... 2 319—Mr. F. P. Evans' b g Lucky Star, aged, 12.10 (owner) ... 3 Also started: 100 Brown Hill. Time, 5m. 14 4-5s. Dividend, £2 16s.

JUMPERS' FLAT RACE of 150sovs. One mile and a-half. 359—Mr. C. Dawson's b g Ben Jonson, aged, by Ben Godfrey—Horri, 10.0 (Phillips) ... 1 698—Mr. C. Wael's b m Lady Hune, aged, 10.0 (Julian) ... 2 323—Mr. J. Munn's b g Gold Dust, aged, 8.11 (O'Brien) ... 3 Also started: 139 Landlock, 611 Stronghold, 99 Creusot, 233 Southern Cross, 476 Merriwai, and Waipu (coupled), 101 Cavalry, 211 Leaside, 27 Levant, 50 Wild Cat. Time, 2m. 41 4-5s. Dividends, £6 4s 6d and £1 1s.

ENFIELD STEEPLECHASE of 100sovs. About two miles. 553—Mr. W. G. Stead's ch g Starlight, aged, by Dreadnought, 10.9 (McConnon) ... 1 71—Mr. G. L. Rutherford's ch g Sir James, aged, 9.12 (Whitehouse) ... 2 101—Mr. H. Glennie's br m Hinemoa, aged, 9.13 (J. O'Connell) ... 3 Also started: 166 Deerslayer, 87 Wet Blanket, 388 Post Haste, 554 Rosemorn, 24 Pitcher, 122 Stormy Petrel. Time, 4m. 9s. Dividends, £2 10s 6d and £6 12s.

HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. Six furlongs. 185—Mr. K. F. Wallace's br g Hinupai, 6yrs, by Petroleum—Kotiri, 9.0 (Reid) ... 1 141—Mr. J. Frank's b f Heorthen, 4yrs, 9.0 (W. Price) ... 2 395—Mr. C. H. Piper's blk m Volodia, 5yrs, 9.13 (A. Piper) ... 3 Also started: 427 Outer, 480 Jack Ashore, 165 Strathallan, 722 Armento, 268 Sen Sim, 96 Petard, 244 Vardo, 45 Gypsobel, 34 Spinning Flight, 76 Takero, 57 Tahu, 43 Giovanni, 33 Mangrove, 30 Steplink. Time, 1m. 27 2-5s. Dividends, £12 12s and £5 9s 6d.

NEW ZEALAND METROPOLITAN TROTTING CLUB'S MEETING.

The New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club's August meeting took place at Addington under unfavourable weather conditions. Heavy rain fell during the night, making the track holding, while the afternoon was cold and showery, and the attendance was considerably affected. The totalisator investments amounted to £6363 10s. The results were as follows:—

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 100sovs, two miles.—Woodland Whispers, 15s., 1; Tornado, 18s., 2; Foreman, 12s., 3. Also started: Lady Patch, scratch; Redeemer scratch, Duly-Elected 8s., Casey 9s., Tohu 10s., Prithoff 11s., Edward R. 12s., Seaweed 12s., Saltair 18s., Pom-pom 18s. Won easily by 10 lengths. Time, 5m. 26 4-5s. Dividends, £1 14s and £4 10s.

LADIES' BRACELET HANDICAP of 60sovs, one mile and a-half.—Te Porangi, s., 1; Floater, 12s., 2; Tracey General, 3s., 3. Also started: Edward R. scratch, Lucky Child scratch, V.R. 2s., Glenlock 3s., Fidelity 4s., Special Form 6s., Woodbine Maid 7s., Careno B. 7s., Ouida 7s., President Lincoln 7s., Cematis 8s., Alice Maud 9s., Bazil 9s., Gossip 9s., Amazona 9s., Childwick 9s., Romany Rye 10s., Bonification 10s., Rockefeller 10s., Little Rothie 10s., Northcote 10s., Flakewood 12s., Dolly Linton 12s., Bess of the Barn 12s., Darchid 12s., Prince Irving 12s. Won easily by 10 lengths. Time, 4m. 22s. Dividends, £19 15s and £1 11s. Edward R. finished second but was disqualified for galloping.

AUGUST HANDICAP of 175sovs, one mile and a-half.—Lady Lillian, 12s., 1; Young McKinney, 8s., 2; Hamlin, 4s., 3. Also started: Black Child scratch; Albertorious 3s., General Lyons 4s., Onward 4s., Vivid 7s., Miss Wilson 9s., General Mac 9., Electrician 12s., Grey Echo 12s. Lady Lillian won by half a length from Black Child, but the latter started before time and was not placed. Time, 3m. 37 4-5s. Dividends, £1 8s and £4 7s.

ALEXANDRA HANDICAP of 120 sovs, two miles.—Storm, 18s., 1; Turk (late George Patch'em), 19s., 2; King George, 12s., 3. Also started: Te Whiti scratch, Piracy 7s., Brown Ribbon 7s., Battleaxe 8s., Prince Warbeck 8s., Alliance 10s., Michael Malone

12s., Mahoney 13s., Nellie Spec 15s., Pansy 16s., Dick Turpin 16s., Starborough 18s. Won easily. Time, 5m. 18s. Dividends, £2 14s and £1 15s. INTRODUCTORY HANDICAP of 110 sovs, one mile and a-half.—Willow Wood, 18s., 1; Te Porangi, 20s., 2; Thistle, 10s., 3. Also started: Victor scratch, Peacock 12s., Lard Spec 15s., Seaweed 17s., Lucky Child 17s., Glenlock 18s., King Tracy 18s., Exchequer 20s. Won very easily. Time, 4m. 15s. Dividends, £1 16s and £4 1s.

SELWYN HANDICAP of 120sovs, two miles.—Miss Youngley, 16s., 1; Nellie H., 18s., 2; Capitalist, 15s., 3. Also started: Roseneath 12s., Havelock 12s., Senator 14s., Almont, Jun. 15s., Ringman 15s., Lady Patch 18s., Prince Randle. Won by six lengths. Time, 5m. 20 2-5s. Dividends, £2 19s and £3 15s.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 100sovs, one mile.—Norval, 5s., 1; Bay King, 10s., 2; Derrington, 1s., 3. Also started: Victor Huon 2s., Elmwood 4s., Major Rothsea 4s., Woodbury 6s., Prince Warbeck 7s., Elsie 8s., Veleda 8s., Teatree 8s., Victory 9s., Dick Turpin 10s., Scottish Mac 10s., Ben Blackwood 10s. Won by three lengths. Time, 2m. 28 2-5s. Dividends, £3 6s and £2 9s.

LIGHTNING HANDICAP of 130sovs, one mile.—Woodthorpe Maid, 9s., 1; The Middle, 6s., 2; Electrician, 3s., 3. Also started: General Mac 2s., O.T.M. 4s., Bellboy 6s., Berlin M. 7s., Cleopatra 9s., Wild Duck 9s. Won very easily. Time, 2m. 43s. Dividends, £2 7s and £5 7s.

THE CAULFIELD GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE.

The V.A.T.C. brought their Grand National Meeting to a conclusion on August 10.

The following was the result of the principal event:— THE CAULFIELD GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE of 1400sovs. The owner of the second horse to receive 200sovs, and the owner of the third 100sovs from the stake. About four miles.

Mr. D. J. Price's br g Bribery, aged, by Malvollo—The Gift, 11.11 (Burn) 1 Mr. A. McCracken's gr g Blueskin, aged, by Dick Swiveller, 9.13 (Dickenson) ... 2 Mr. A. Miller's gr g Cardinal, aged, by Richlieu, 11.1 (Cosgrove) ... 3

Betting: 5 to 1 against Dog of War, 7 to 1 Boomerang, 8 to 1 Boisdale and Cardinal, 10 to 1 Blueskin, 12 to 1 Bribery and Swimmer. Time, 8m. 9 1/2s.

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THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs Ross and Bradshaw report the following business:—

NEW ZEALAND CUP.

12 to 1 Elevation; 16 to 1 Seal Rock, Master Delaval, Apa, Mahutu, Armistice, Truce; 20 to 1 Aeolus, Starina, Boniform; 25 to 1 Downfall, Fireiron, Grand Slam, Harvest, Mystification, Montigo, Marguerite, Maniapoto, Paritutu, Seaman, Sir Tristram, Zimmerman; 33 to 1 Astrakhan, Bonny Glen, Frisco, Grafton Loch, Glenulin, Lapland, Oxtan, St. Joe; 50 to 1 Koran, Landwern, Waitapu, Probable; 66 to 1 Chatterer, Hippolytus, Maharani, Rendrock, Aberration, Amboise, Signor; 100 to 1 Buccleugh, Gazelly, Auratus, Gold Thread, Ivanoff, Silk Web, Somateria, The Hand; 150 to 1 Kingslynn, Outlander, Saga, Waione; 200 to 1 c g by Conqueror, Culmination, Crichton, Miss Advance, Stepping Stone.

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following business:—

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SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1907.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 50sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, two miles.

AVONDALE STAKES of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8st; fillies and geldings, 7st 9lb. By subscription of 3sovs each, payable on the night of general entry. Distance, four furlongs.

AVONDALE CUP HANDICAP of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Winner of any race after the declaration of weight to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs, and 3sovs at post. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

PLUNKET HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight of handicap, 8st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, seven furlongs.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, about three miles.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP of 50sovs; second pony to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For all ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. Winner of any race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1907.

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

AVONDALE GUINEAS of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 5lb each. By subscription of 3sovs each, payable on the night of general entry. Distance, one mile.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, four furlongs.

PLUMPTON HANDICAP of 160sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Distance, one mile.

KINGSLAND HANDICAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 50sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP of 50sovs; second pony to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

MOUNT ALBERT HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of President's or Plumpton Handicaps to carry a penalty of 5lb; of both races, 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

THIRD DAY,

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1907.

MAIDEN HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 70sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised hurdle race of the value of 40sovs, or hurdle races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Over seven flights of hurdles. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

NEW LYNN HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 40sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

WELTER HANDICAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Minimum weight of handicap, 8st. Distance, six furlongs.

SECOND HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 70sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, about three miles.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, one mile.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, four furlongs.

THIRD PONY HANDICAP of 40sovs; second pony to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For all ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1/2 sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

PUBLICANS' HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.,

SPRING MEETING,

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1907, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS.—Avondale Cup, 1 sov; Handicap Steeplechase, 1sov; Plumpton Handicap, 1sov; Flying Stakes Handicap, 1sov.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 (General Entry), by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.—Maiden Plate Handicap, 1sov; First Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; Plunket Handicap, 1sov; First Pony Handicap, 1sov; Second Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; President's Handicap, 1sov; Nursery Handicap, 1sov; Second Pony Handicap, 1sov; Kingsland Handicap, 1sov; Mount Albert Handicap, 1sov; Maiden Handicap Hurdle Race, 1sov; New Lynn Handicap, 1sov; Welter Handicap, 1sov; Second Handicap Steeplechase, 1sov; Grandstand Handicap, 1 sov; Electric Handicap, 1sov; Third Pony Handicap, 1/2 sov; Publicans' Handicap, 1sov.

FINAL PAYMENTS.—Avondale Stakes 1907, 3sovs; Avondale Guineas, 1907, 3sovs.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Maiden Plate Handicap, 1sov; First Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; Avondale Cup, 2sovs; Plunket Handicap, 1sov; Handicap Steeplechase, 1sov; First Pony Handicap, 1sov; Flying Stakes Handicap, 1sov.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 (at post). Avondale Cup, 3sovs.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES.—Second Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; President's Handicap,

1sov; Nursery Handicap, 1sov; Second Pony Handicap, 1sov; Plumpton Handicap, 2sovs; Kingsland Handicap, 1sov; Mount Albert Handicap, 1sov.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Maiden Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; New Lynn Handicap, 1sov; Welter Handicap, 1sov; Second Handicap Steeplechase, 1sov; Grandstand Handicap, 1sov; Electric Handicap, 1sov; Third Pony Handicap, 1sov; Publicans' Handicap, 1sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

On or about **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 1907.**

Avondale Cup, Flying Stakes Handicap.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9.

Maiden Plate Handicap, First Handicap Hurdles, Plunket Handicap, First Pony Handicap, Handicap Steeplechase.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, Morning Paper.

Second Handicap Hurdles, President's Handicap, Nursery Handicap, Second Pony Handicap, Plumpton Handicap, Kingsland Handicap, Mount Albert Handicap.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, Morning Paper.

Maiden Handicap Hurdles, New Lynn Handicap, Welter Handicap, Second Handicap Steeple, Grandstand Handicap, Electric Handicap, Third Pony Handicap, Publicans' Handicap.

MANAWATU RACING CLUB. PALMERSTON NORTH. N.Z.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE SEPTEMBER 2nd 1907, at 10 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MEETING 1908.

MANAWATU SIRES' PRODUCE STAKES a sweepstake of Sires' Subscriptions, with 1000sovs added. For Two-year-olds. Weight, 8st 10lb. Geldings allowed 3lb; fillies, 5lb; with penalties and allowances. First horse to receive 650sovs and 70 per cent. of Sires' Sweepstake; second horse to receive 100sovs and 20 per cent. of Sires' Sweepstake; third horse to receive 50sovs and 10 per cent. of Sires' Sweepstake. The nominator of the Sire of the winning horse to receive 125sovs; the nominator of the Sire of the second horse to receive 50sovs; and the nominator of the Sire of the third horse to receive 25sovs from the stakes. Six furlongs.

A sweepstake for all Stallions entered. The owner of each stallion entered to pay 20sovs; provided that in the event of two or more Stallions being entered, the property of the same owner, the subscription shall be 20 sovs for the first and 10sovs for each subsequent entry. By subscription of 12sovs unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows:—1sov if struck out by 1st Friday in September, 1908; 5sovs if struck out by 1st Friday in December, 1908. All horses remaining in after that date to pay their total subscription of 12 sovs on a day to be named shortly before the race.

PENALTIES.—Winners after August 1st 1908, of any race or races collectively of the value of 100sovs to carry 3lb; of 300sovs, 7lb; of 500sovs, 10lb; of 1000sovs, 14lb extra. Maidens allowed 5lb. Progeny of mares that have not produced a winner at time of entry allowed 5lb in addition to maiden allowance, provided that such allowance is claimed at the time of entry.

SIRES NOMINATED AS FOLLOWS:—1908. St. Ambrose, Kicheran, Conqueror, Clanranald, Treadmill, Merri- wee, Birkenhead, Renown, Seaton Delaval, Stepiak, Field Battery, Multiform, Royal Artillery.

NOMINATIONS FOR YEARLINGS (progeny of nominated Sires) close with the Secretary Manawatu Racing Club on **MONDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER, 1907, at 10 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS MEETING, 1909.

MANAWATU SIRES' PRODUCE STAKES, a sweepstake of Sires' Subscriptions, with 1000sovs added. For Two and Three-year-olds. Two-year-olds, 7st 11lb; Three-year-olds, 8st 10lb. Geldings allowed 3lb; Fillies, 5lb; with penalties and allowances. Other conditions same as for 1908.

SIRES NOMINATED AS FOLLOWS:—1909. St. Ambrose, Kicheran, Conqueror, Clanranald, Martian, Quarryman, Papakura, Metriwee, Stepiak, Sir Laddo, Birkenhead, Renown, Soult, Field Battery, Multiform, Royal Artillery.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1906 YEARLINGS (progeny of nominated Sires) close with the Secretary Manawatu Racing Club on **MONDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER, 1907, at 10 p.m.**

NOMINATIONS FOR 1907 YEARLINGS (progeny of nominated Sires) close with the Secretary Manawatu Racing Club on **TUESDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER, 1908, at 10 p.m.**

J. M. JOHNSON, Secretary.



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This Stallion will be located during the coming Season at Sylvia Park, Otahuhu.

SEATON DELAVAL heads the list of Winning Sires for the past season. During the Stud career of this horse, his progeny have won on the turf over £60,000 in stakes, which places him ahead of all living Sires in New Zealand.

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For further particulars apply E. M. COLEMAN, 101, Queen-street,

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HANDSOME JACK'S progeny are all sound-legged horses, and as shown by above, have stood the test of racing successfully throughout many seasons on the flat and across country.

For further particulars apply to W. F. McBETH, P.O., Wanganui.

CAMBRIA PARK STUD, PAPATOITOI, AUCKLAND.

The undermentioned Sires will be at the service of Breeders this season:—

OBLIGADO (IMP.), 16,

By ORVILLE, 13 (ORMONDE, 16—winner of 2000 Guineas, Derby and St. Leger, and never been beaten—out of SHOTOVER—2000 Guineas and Derby), The Fair, by Trappist, 1 (son of Hermit, Derby)—Frivolity (three-quarter sister to Lily Agnes, the dam of Ormonde and grand-dam of Scepter).

OBLIGADO'S chances in the South have been very limited. He is the sire of ZETLAND, ROSEBLOOM, RED MORN, CATHRON, FLAVOUR, PEN-SIVE, Etc. During the past season nine of his get won £1335 in stakes. Twelve Cambria Park mares will foal to him this season.

TERMS: 12 GUINEAS.

ETON, 2,

By Castor 2 (imp.), dam Lady Walmsley (sister to Carbine).

ETON is sire of Irish, Noteorini, and Simplex. He has been overshadowed by other horses till recently, but nine fine yearlings by him can now be inspected at Cambria Park, and they would do credit to any sire.

TERMS: 10 GUINEAS.

Good pasturage and all care taken, but no responsibility.

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GLENORA PARK STUD.

SEASON 1907.

The following Stallions will be at the service of Breeders this season at Glenora Park:—

SOULT

(IMP.), BROWN HORSE BY ST. SIMON—BEAUHARNAIS, By SEE SAW.

Terms: 40gns. (List full.) During his stud career the descendants of Soult have won stakes to the value of over £45,000.

GLUTEN

(IMP.), DARK CHESTNUT, BY THURIO—BRAN BREAD, BY SEE SAW.

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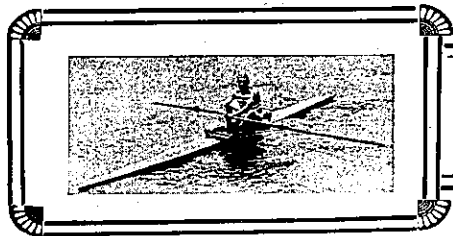
GLUTEN was a fine performer on the turf, amongst his wins being the Lingfield Welter Plate (11st), Birmingham Autumn Handicap, Gatwick Oval Handicap (two miles), and Goodwood Stakes (2 1/2 miles). In India he won the Bangalore Cup (1 3/4 miles), carrying 9st 4lb. Four of his two-year-old get raced last season, and all are winners. Glucose started three times; twice second and once first, winning the Gang Forward Stakes in Adelaide.

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SPORTING NEWS



BOXING.

(By "Head Stop.")

It seems a regrettable matter that the local inspector in charge of the Auckland police force should not have whole and absolute control of the boxing permits that are issued from the local police office here. It is such an absurd idea to make a local commanding officer subservient to those in power so many miles away. What on earth does Chief Commissioner Dinnie know about the boxing clubs of the Auckland district? He might just as well be in Fiji or Honolulu as in New Zealand when the adjudication or allotting of permits comes upon the tapis. It will be a good and sportsmanlike thing for us when the new Act is passed and we do not have to depend upon a machine hundreds of miles away to help us in the fight for clean sport.

In their laudable endeavours to found a gymnasium for the troopers of the Auckland Garrison Battalions, the A.G.C. have started a meeting in which all classes of boxing and wrestling are intermingled. There are boxing competitions for heavy-weights down to middle-weights and bantams; and wrestling competitions for heavy, middle and light-weights. The Officers' Club have received so many entries that it is quite possible that the competitions may extend over the two nights prescribed. The public may depend upon seeing two nights of clean and smart sport, and should the sport extend to a third night, all lovers of the gentle art may expect three nights of splendid amusement.

As the New Zealand Boxing Championship Meeting draws near, the final selections of the local representatives are being made by the Northern Boxing Association. The championships are under the control of the N.Z. Boxing Council, the only body legalised and fitted to hold such championships. The public must not, therefore, confound the alleged N.Z. Championships advertised by an unaffiliated body with the real thing. The N.Z. Boxing Council have received entries from all the N.Z. boxing centres, including Southland, Otago, Canterbury, Wellington and Auckland. This championship meeting will be one worth going a long way to see, and the winners of the Council championships will have their names inscribed on the scroll of fame, when other competitors in unaffiliated club competitions will be long dead and forgotten.

Bob Turner is making up for his mistake in Wellington, when he disputed the referee's ruling. This is what he says in Sydney:—Bob Turner came back yesterday from New Zealand, and paid me a visit last evening. He seems to have fattened up a bit since leaving Sydney. Bob speaks highly indeed of the treatment accorded him by Wellington sporting people—the officials of the local Amateur Boxing Association particularly, especially the secretary (Mr. Coffey) of that body. "They gave me £15 over and above what I was entitled to," said Bob, "and I had tickets for all the theatres and sporting meetings going on during my stay. That'll tell you what good people they are. I wish also," added Turner, "to mention the great kindness of Mr. Pilmer, of the Zealandia Hotel, where I trained. Nothing was a trouble to him, and we had the best of everything."—"Referee."

Says the "Referee": "Billy McCall, the ex-heavy-weight champion boxer of Australia, made another attempt to get into the game on Friday night last, when he met Jim Griffin, of New Zealand, in the Victoria Theatre. There was a fairly large crowd on

hand to witness the mill, the gate receipts totalling £130. Johnny Moroney and Tom Jones provided the preliminary. It was nearly nine o'clock when McCall jumped through the ropes to the cheers of his many local admirers. He looked wiry and healthy, and his skin shone like polished mahogany. The ex-champion had behind him Giro Gallagher (trainer), Dan Hiam, Jim Bell, and George Russell. Griffin also met with a gratifying reception. His frame was evidently that of a man who had seen severe work, and it was apparent that he was ready to put up a strenuous battle. Jim was attended by Jack Athorne (trainer), A. Furey, Johnny Moroney, and another. Mr. Harry Beckett journeyed especially from Sydney to act as referee, and Mr. A. F. Chapman officiated as timekeeper. The New Zealander was favourite at 6 to 4 on. No time was wasted in commencing the fray, the pace being lively from the jump. Both men watched keenly for an opening, Griffin being the first to score with a right to the head, Billy's counter being short. His wild swigs were invariably wide of the mark, and several times he clinched and smothered to avoid punishment. There was a spirited rally before the close of the round, but it was noticed that McCall had lost much of his dash, and he made little or no use of his left hand. The New Zealander showed clever footwork, and the round ended in his favour. The second term had not been long in progress before Billy was sent to the floor for nine seconds with a right swing on the ear; but when he assumed the perpendicular he soon recovered, and delighted his friends by landing a stiff right on the jaw. In the third round he showed to every advantage and three times he got dangerously close to Griffin's jaw. He hit hard and with clear intention, but the New Zealander was always on the alert, and managed to get out of range of the flying visits of both hands. The fourth term saw Billy clinching to save, and he was down again for six seconds. On rising he was frequently hit about the body with a bewildering variety of blows, and an uppercut on the nose did him no good. Retaliating, he caught Griffin heavily on the side of the head with a well-directed right, but he did not follow up the advantage. From this out to the end of the round he clinched to avoid punishment. The fifth round brought the contest to a close. Both men fought fiercely, McCall being particularly aggressive. He timed better, and was more certain in his footwork. Twice he drove in a couple of telling punches, and a fierce ding-dong rally ended in honours being even. To the surprise of everyone in the building, however, the towel was skied from McCall's corner in token of defeat, and Griffin was declared the winner.

"It transpired afterwards that McCall could not breathe freely owing to the blood finding its way down the throat instead of through the nostrils. The result was he was almost choked, and he wondered how he managed to hold out as long as he did. On the Saturday previous to the fight, while sparring with a friend, the old wound in the nose was reopened, and it only required the slightest tap to cause the blood to flow. Unfortunately for Billy, he was hit on the nose in the first round, and from that out he was always in trouble. No man could have made a gamer showing, and the contest was responsible for the downfall of another popular idol. Griffin also struck trouble early in the battle, a small bone in his left forearm being fractured. He explained to the crowd afterwards that for three rounds and a-half the left hand was of little or no use to him. The contest gave the utmost satisfaction, as the crowd expected to witness a splendid tussle for supremacy, and they were not disappointed.

"Before leaving for Sydney on Saturday McCall announced his permanent retirement from the ring."

A flight of colds set out one day, Great ugly things, and flew away, Across the hills and o'er the sea, Determined vengeful thus to be, But all at once these colds grew fewer, Vanquished by Woods' Great Peppermint Cure; And so they died, all one by one, Their deadly work left all undone.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

THE DUNLOP ROAD RACE.

After uninterruptedly and successfully organising and running the Timaru-to-Christchurch Road Race, and the many eliminating tests throughout the whole colony in connection with this great event for the past five years, and also in 1899, the Dunlop Co. has been advised that in view of the active steps recently taken by the police in the North Island to suppress road racing, similar action would be adopted here in the event of the Timaru-to-Christchurch or any other road races being again promoted. Such intimation has, of course, left the Dunlop Co. no other alternative but to abandon their race for this year. Although it had for some time past been feared that such a course would be adopted, the promoters had hoped that in view of the objects for which this event has from year to year been promoted, viz., to allow of an opportunity to select the most capable rider in the colony to uphold its prestige in the great Australasian Road Championship which is held annually in Victoria by the "Dunlop Co." over the Warrnambool-to-Melbourne course (165 miles), under the rules of the League of New Zealand Wheelmen, and in which in past years New Zealand riders had invariably covered themselves with glory, thus adding lustre to the reputation gained by the athletic community of this colony, and at the same time allowing of a comparison as to the calibre of "our boys" when pitted in honest and stern rivalry against many of the world's greatest athletes who yearly compete for the Blue Riband of the Australasian wheel world in this great road race, it had been hoped that exception would have been made of the "Dunlop Timaru-to-Christchurch Road Race," more especially as there never yet has been anything approaching the semblance of a serious accident in connection with this event, or the numerous eliminating tests held, so that it is small wonder the promoters and wheelmen generally had very good reasons to hope that the great road race would again materialise without police intervention, but unfortunately this was not to be, consequently very keen disappointment has been felt by numerous riders who have for months past been in active training for the race.

It is to be hoped, however, that means will be devised for sending one or more accredited representatives to uphold the enviable reputation this colony has already gained through the instrumentality of the Dunlop Road Race, and the sterling performances of such riders as A. Ralston, A. Calder, Arnst Bros., H. E. Mehrstens, Birch Hume, and many others, who have in the past figured with such gratifying success in these classic events, and of which the following acts speak most eloquently. The first time that New Zealand was represented in the Warrnambool-to-Melbourne race in 1901, when A. Ralston gained the coveted title of "Australasian Champion," on which occasion he established the fastest time, whilst the following year Calder and Ralston scored second and third fastest times. All will readily remember the world's record established in 1903 by that peer of road riders, Jack Arnst, who won from scratch in the record time of 7 hours 43 minutes, his brother Dick in the same event gaining second fastest place, whilst another brother W. Arnst, when occupying first position to within 50 miles of the finishing post, had the misfortune to break his machine and was disqualified. Jack Arnst that year, it will also be remembered, competed with conspicuous success in the Sydney-to-Goulburn Road Race (132 miles), in which he gained fastest time, and established a record for that course, whilst last year the fine performances of the New Zealand contingent is still green in our minds, when the coveted title of champion of Australasia was again brought to our shores, this time by that sterling road rider, H. E. Mehrstens, also the creditable performances of A. Birch and Hume in securing second and third positions in such a strong field. With these fine performances by "our boys" in the past, we can only hope that this

year's championship will not be allowed to go by default. The reputation of our colony is at stake and we shall now look to those governing the sport to devise some means whereby New Zealand may again be represented by her most capable men.

ATHLETICS.

AUCKLAND ATHLETIC CLUB.

The Auckland Athletic Club ran off its 23rd Novice Handicap last Saturday evening after two unsuccessful attempts to run it in the week. The weather was particularly bad on Wednesday and again on Friday, causing a further postponement to Saturday. The club suffered in consequence of the postponements, the attendance not being up to the average and the acceptances not so large. The club had received an entry of 204, being the second largest since its inception, and of these 144 accepted. The racing was good, the majority of heats being run in 7 4-5s. During the evening the judging machine failed, mainly owing to the fact that the cotton fuses had become dampened by the excessive rains of the week, and refused to contact. The concluding heats and final were judged by Messrs. Tapper and Lecky. The final was a particularly fine race, the first three men being only inches apart. The placing was:—

- B. Harper, 8½yds 1
- G. Nicholson, 6½yds 2
- R. D. Campbell, 10yds ... 3
- G. Timms, 6½yds 4
- F. W. Killip, 8½yds 5

From an even start the back men started to close up, and at the finish very little separated the whole field, Harper winning by six inches, Campbell being the same distance away from Nicholson, the others about a foot away. The finish was certainly one of the best ever seen in Auckland, the public hailing three of the men as winners. Time, 7 3-5s. The officials responsible for the success of the meeting were:—Mr. W. Riley (starter), Mr. Bert Buchanan (track manager), Messrs. Riley and Burbush (handicappers), Messrs. Tapper and Lecky (judges).

WOLF'S SCHNAPPS

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TALES OF SPORT

(BY F. D'A. C. DE L'ISLE.)

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WHEN CUPID CAPTAINS THE TEAM.

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There was a football craze on at The Levels; young men and maidens, old maids and children, fossilised veterans of the sixties, and boys at school were all football mad. It was impossible to join any group in a street, to visit any store, or to enter any hotel without hearing about football, and entering into discussions as to the tackling abilities of Bill Briggs, the trickiest of tricksters John Fobbs, the big kicking of Ted Jacks, who always found the touch-line, or the simply marvellous pace of Bob Gallop, who could score anywhere and at any time.

The Levels was patriotically football roused; its population was a conserved mass of football Jingoese, and the football hub of New Zealand was The Levels. The season before The Levels team had played through the championship right bang up to the final tie; and then they unfortunately got snuffed out by the Romata Wanderers, a club that had held the district championship for three years. But now all was to be changed. An army of young players had been steadily growing up at The Levels; those who were youths of sixteen three years ago were now stalwart young men of nineteen; strong-limbed, determined young New Zealanders, bred on football, and soaked with it to the tips of their massive toes. Small wonder that they had downed the Otago Athletics in the first round of the championship this season, and were at the head of the list—five points above their redoubtable rivals, the Romata Wanderers! Therefore, all the population of The Levels vowed that this season the district championship must come to their town. At last they were to be revenged on their determined rivals, the Wanderers, and all past defeats were to be wiped out by an unmistakable and most decisive victory.

With which laudable end in view, The Levels' team was putting in an extra strong lot of gymnasium grind, and taking long runs at night along the dusty roads of their town. All strong liquors were strongly tabooed, and woe betide the young 'un who was caught smoking a cigarette or putting away a tankard of beer; for of a certainty excommunication would follow, and a new player would be placed in the backslider's position on the field.

Everything was in their favour, too, for they had the benefit of an experienced coach, an elder brother of Ted Jacks—a crippled warrior of Australasian fame, a footballer who had played in more "rep." matches than he had fingers and toes. He was wont to turn out regularly to every practice and instruct the young idea how to "bump," "collar," "hook," "find the line," "pass," "screw the scrum," and other acts of intricate finesse, acquired during a long experience of representative football.

They had also the negative sarcasm of The Scoffer, which, though they feigned not to like, nevertheless they assimilated into their theories; and the beneficial result of said sarcasm was undeniably good. They all liked The Scoffer. Crutches, their veteran coach, said The Scoffer knew a thing or two, and his opinion carried much weight. The Scoffer was an Englishman, an old international soccer "rep.," who had played for England three consecutive years against Scotland, Ireland, and Wales. He understood Rugby, too, though he had never played much. Reputation is a great thing, and when The Scoffer first came to The Levels, The Levels fellows got him to play fullback for them against North Otago Hornets. He played well, soccer fashion. When the ball came sailing over the heads of his threequarters to him, and a heavy, rushing pack of opposing forwards closed on him with the rapidity of a locomotive, he calmly stood until they were right on top of him, and then "bang!" he took a flying kick at the ball before it reached the ground, and found the line forty yards up the field. The spectators yelled at the "speculation," there was no limit to their derision.

"What sort of football d'you call that?" cried the opposing forwards.

"You shouldn't take risks like that, old man!" said Ted Jacks, his captain, kindly. "If you cannot get in your kick collar the ball and fall on it, and we'll come to your rescue!"

"But hang it, man, I found the touch-line, didn't I?" urged The Scoffer.

"Too risky!" muttered Ted Jacks, as he dived into a forward rush and flattened out one of the Hornets' cracks.

Once more the ball came sailing overhead, and once again the Hornets' pack made a savage and hurried call on The Scoffer. There was no time nor inclination to mark the flying sphere, the fierce gleam of Hornets' eyes flashed in front. Well, "bang" went The Scoffer again, soccer fashion, his left foot going up beyond his head as he met the ball, and with a magnificent punt he kicked the ball up field into touch.

"Well kicked, Scoffer!" yelled Crutches from among a hilarious crowd of spectators.

"Look here, old chap, don't do that again!" said Ted Jacks, purple with his rush to the rescue, "We'll be losing this match if you keep on chancing it like that!"

The Scoffer used graphic poetry to describe his disgust, then tried Rugby, with the result that he made some awfully piffing mulls. After that match he never played again. But he used his tongue.

"You fellows are a lusty, strong, heavy lot, fast and plucky, and you wade in and bump, and scrag, and bang, and lay each other out. Well, it may be awfully jolly, but, hang it, that's not scientific football. All the time you lose in scragging and bumping, science utilises in making the game fast and open. Very few of the public care to pay to see a close game, where every man is hauling and tearing and cuddling his opponents and the ball for dear life, simply trusting to brute strength to pull the game through. Here in New Zealand you have educated your public up to the bumping game; they're a real blood-thirsty lot. Even your womenfolk sing out for gore in the big club matches. But, hang it all, man, Rugby isn't worth a cuss unless the game is fast and open. You have the makings of the finest Rugby men in the world; but you never will be until you learn to play a fast, heavy, forward pack and a clever, loose, quick-passing four threequarter game behind. Have you ever seen your backs pass before being collared? Teach your fellows to pass before being collared; to pass quickly and often; to feint, change the point of attack, and dash at the weak spot that the feint lays open. Then you will become champions! And remember that four points for a goal kicked from the field is worth all the frustrated tries in the world. Time and again I have seen you fellows here with a positive certainty twenty-five yards in front of your opponents' goal, and yet you have blindly dashed into your opposing back, and tried to bore a hole through him to reach his goal-line. Here, I'm not paid to lecture on football. I've said enough."

But though The Levels team did not like such candid criticism, they got some hold of the quick-passing idea; and when Crutches and The Scoffer laid their heads together and evolved a plan, the team learnt it, and practised it, until they knew it by heart. This was how it worked: Anywhere down the field the halfback would get the ball from the "scrum," it would go to the right threequarter, who would dash up the field with his supports lining up by him towards the right corner flag: except the left threequarter, who would keep straight up the field in a line with the ball. All the opposing backs would incline to the right, when the right threequarter would kick obliquely across the field, and, running on, would put the whole team on side. Meanwhile the outside left threequarter, absolutely unmarked, would gather up the ball, and run in before the opposing backs could reach him. They got that capital feint "pat." And Ted Jacks put in some fine drop-kicking from the field. He was a magnificent kicker, and had often reached the goal-posts from over the half-way line. It was The Scoffer's idea again, the utilising of his magnificent kicking powers. Say a "scrum" occurred anywhere within 50 yards of the op-

ponents' goal. The halfback, getting the ball from the scrum, would send it to Jacks, who would be edging up, and "bang" he would let go at the goal posts. After some practice he got very deadly with those drop kicks.

Now all would have gone well with The Levels team but for the serpent entering into the football Paradise, in the shape of a fluffy-haired, rosy-cheeked little miss of some 18 summers, who had been walking with Bill Briggs for the last 12 months. Briggs was a decent, hard-working blacksmith's apprentice, an honest lad, with an honest bucolic affection for the fickle little jade who had been keeping company with him. Rosy Davis was saleswoman at the Little Dustpan, in the High street of The Levels. When The Scoffer first came and settled at The Levels as managing clerk to the local attorney, he became the subject of general gossip throughout the village and its immediate neighbourhood. You know how they cackle in a country town—it's about all they have to do. The Scoffer was well discussed, you may depend, among the girls at the Little Dustpan, as well as elsewhere.

He was tall, fair, and handsome, and when he walked into the Dustpan to buy a necktie little Rosy was overjoyed to serve him, nor did she forget to make use of her pretty hazel eyes to some tune. The Scoffer was a lady killer; all women were fair game to him, so he at once made a dead set at Rosy. He danced often with her at the local Cinderellas, he took her to see a play once or twice, when any company doing the "smalls" visited The Levels, and at last, just when this story opens, he cut poor Bill Briggs out unmistakably one Sunday night after church and marched off in triumph with the faithless minx who had harrowed the heart of The Levels halfback for the last month by her unfaithful conduct. The green-eyed monster raged in Bill's heart, and he cursed the long-legged English swell, and vowed to find a means to his undoing. But blithely and naughtily Rosy trod the halcyon path of gratified vanity on the arm of her swagger gentleman sweetheart. She knew she was the envied of all the girls at The Levels, and it did her faithless heart good to see them turn green as she sailed by them with The Scoffer. Meanwhile the day drew nigh when The Levels team had to meet Otago Athletics in the final round of the district championship. The Scoffer and Crutches betted heavily on the result of the match. They knew they had a real good thing on; and as the Athletics were equally cock-sure of winning, they soon managed to arrange wagers with The Scoffer and Crutches to the tune of about £35. Of course, all The Levels team knew of this heavy plunging on the part of The Scoffer, and Bill Briggs cursed his luck because he had to play to win money for that "bloomin' toff," as he styled The Scoffer.

On the day of the match the Athletics came down, followed by half the population of their town. The Athletics made a brave show on the ground in their dark green and white-hooped jerseys. They looked a real hefty lot, and their followers might easily be pardoned for backing them so heavily. Briggs, sulking along, with his hands in his pockets, saw Rosy standing at the ropes, gay in a cream blouse decorated with maroon ribbons, a cocky little sailor hat on her head, with a maroon band and the monogram "L.F.C." in gold embroidered on the front of it. By her side, smiling into her naughty hazel eyes, stood The Scoffer, with an enormous maroon rosette pinned on his stylish covert coat. A mad rage filled the soul of Bill Briggs. He would be eternally lost, he swore to himself, if he would help to win money for that English popinjay. He sulked to his place, and the game began. But Briggs played a villainous game at half back. He muled the "scrums," he passed wildly, and was never in the right place when he was wanted. Time and again the Athletics' pack smothered him before he could get the ball away. Their wing forward nearly screwed his head off just before half-time, and, mad with fury, Briggs went for that wing forward like a bull at a red rag. At length, just before half-time, he met the wing forward full butt. They both had their heads down, and they came together with a crack that was heard all over the

ground. The Athletics' wing was knocked clean out, and had to be carried off the ground, a limp mass of muscular brawn not worth twopence on a football field for the next 24 hours. Briggs staggered about the field like a drunken man oblivious to where he was and what he was doing. The Athletics won the match by 9 points to 4: three unconverted tries to a magnificent drop-kick which Ted Jacks got over from behind the half-way line.

They were a sick lot at The Levels that night.

"Look here, Jacks," said the disgusted Scoffer, "that silly swine Briggs has to answer for all this. He played like a fool the whole time. You'll have to kick him out of the team! This infernal match has cost me £30!"

Not being a philosopher, Crutches was dumbfounded over the result of the match, and could say nothing.

It was lucky for Briggs that he had to retire to bed early with a damaged skull, for there is no knowing what they might have done to him at The Levels that night. In disgust they all departed from the paths of virtue, and lunched on liquors for the next few days, which spoilt their form entirely, made their insides dirty, and ruined their wind. So much so that when the North Otago Hornets played them on the following Saturday they were disgracefully beaten again; which let up the Romata Wanderers, who then stood at the head of the list, equal with The Levels.

The following Saturday was to see the final tie played off between the Wanderers and The Levels teams; either team winning were certain of the championship. The Wanderers were in high feather over their chance, as they had beaten both the Athletics and the Hornets. But there is as much uncertainty in football as there is in cricket, and a change came over the scene at The Levels. It happened thuswise. When the North Otago Hornets came down and gave The Levels such a dressing, the Scoffer found himself seated by a bonny violet-eyed enthusiast from Romata, who nearly took his breath away with her lovely looks and superb figure. She was a desperate flirt, too. Although she cheered and applauded like fun for the Hornets throughout the game, yet she played havoc with her eyes in the heart of The Scoffer. Rosy, the match, local patriotism—all were forgotten, and The Scoffer rushed about at half-time intent on finding somebody to introduce him, instead of busying himself by slinging lemons all over the field to The Levels team. He managed to get the necessary introduction, and from that time he remained by the side of the girl from Romata, even going so far as to accompany her home on his bike.

It was a very melancholy Rosy who left the football ground that afternoon. She had been neglected, absolutely and brutally neglected, for a red-haired, beefy woman from Romata. She knew the girl, a sister of the captain of the Romata Wanderers' Club, who had come over to see The Levels beaten, in the hopes of her brother's team winning the championship. It was too bad, and Rosy nearly wept with disappointment.

Next evening Bill Briggs, hanging round the church gate, saw Rosy come out alone. She walked slowly past him as he doffed his hat, and she said "Good night." She knew that The Scoffer had gone to Romata to church.

"Are you alone, Rosy?" asked a gruff voice, humbly, behind her.

"Oh, is that you, Bill?" As if she didn't know!

"May I walk home with you, Rosy?" asked Bill.

"Yes, Bill." He walked home with her, and a happier man than Bill Briggs did not turn into bed that night at The Levels.

A virtuous patriotism filled the heart of Rosy during the whole of that week, and she longed for the defeat of the Wanderers' team, and the accompanying downfall of the girl from Romata. On the Friday night, as Bill was kissing her good-night at the garden gate, she said:

"Oh, Bill, do try and win tomorrow! We must win the championship for The Levels this year!"

And Bill hugged her to his bosom, saying: "Bet yer we do!"

The Scoffer and Crutches had a long talk that night, and the next day all The Levels team knew that Crutches would sing out directions and encouragement from the touch-line on the left wing, and The Scoffer from the right wing would do what he could to help The Levels.

And, my stars! what a game The Levels halfback played. Three minutes after the start, from a "scrum" in mid-field, he whipped the ball out, and sent it like a shot to the five-eighths—swish—and the threequarter had it, and was ripping along like thunder for the Romata corner flag. Just as all the Wanderers' back division had got well under way for the left wing, the flying threequarter neatly kicked across the ground and raced on. The Levels threequarter on the left wing, unpaired, raced up, gathered the ball cleverly, and dodged in almost unchallenged. Ted Jacks placed a perfect goal. Bill Briggs, turning cart-wheels back to his place, heard a shrill, female voice cry:

"Bravo, Bill!"

Once again Briggs ripped the ball out of the "scrum," well in the Wanderers' twenty-five, and sent it straight and true to the expectant Jacks. The ball had passed between their posts before the Wanderers' pack reached him. So the game went on. Time and again The Levels' halfback beat the whole of the Wanderers' combination, and finally, getting a nice pass, he dived for the line and scored himself. Ted Jacks, taking a mark from behind the half-way line, heard a hoarse voice shout from the right wing:

"Take a pot, Jacks! Try a pot!"

He measured his distance as the Wanderers came racing down on him, then he took his drop-kick. Up the ball sailed, a fine, long, low kick, straight and true for the posts, between which it shot with feet to spare. That decided the match. The Levels won the championship by 16 points to 3—the result of a belated penalty kick.

And Rosy achieved a triumph after all, for she walked off the field in front of The Scoffer and the sadly dejected girl from Romata, the observed of all observers, on the arm of the dashing half-back of The Levels, who had practically won the match of the season.

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In a man's lungs did reside,
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A CRADLE CANNON SEANCE.

The following, says the "World of Billiards," may be accepted as a fairly vivid sketch of one of the monotonous instalments of the game of 500,000 up between Reece and Chapman:—

"There were fourteen spectators, in addition to the marker, and the game proceeded as follows:—

8.0 p.m. Reece resumes after bowing in recognition to a lukewarm reception. Then the tap-tap! of the cannons, at the rate of about one to every two and a-half seconds, is heard.

8.2. Three people walk out as Reece takes a rest after making fifty cannons.

8.4. Another fifty cannons are scored, and with a deep sigh Reece chalks his cue.

8.6. Fifty cannons added and a stray enthusiast enters on tip-toe.

8.8. Marker, with a tired voice, announces another hundred points have been scored.

8.10. "The break has reached two hundred thousand points, gentlemen!" from the marker, a notification which causes a few spectators to put their hands together. Two of them prepare to leave, and noticing this Reece says "All gentlemen may stand as close to the table as they like."

By way of a diversion and doubtless glad of the change, Reece gives a little demonstration to prove that each of the object balls revolves once in every five or six hundred cannons. This is more interesting than the actual play in the so-called match.

In answer to a question as to how the one-stroke exhibition affected him Reece remarked, "It makes me rather stiff standing in one position all the time, but I mean to stick to it, if possible, to the end. I don't think my ordinary game suffers. I keep it up to an average standard in between whilles."

8.20. The ten minutes interlude over Reece commenced upon his two hundred and first thousand to a company reduced to ten plainly tired watchers.

So this one-man show goes on."

AQUATICS.

SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

WEBB CHALLENGED BY DURMAN.

The Canadian sculler, Durman, has cabled to Webb, challenging him to row at Toronto for £500 a-side, or upwards, and the championship, and allowing £150 as expenses.

Webb states that he will row Tressider in six months' time, and then turn his attention to other challenges. He, however, prefers to row at Wanganui.

Webb, in speaking to a press interviewer, said: "Stanbury will tell you that we have a fine course at Wanganui, and I don't see why I should row elsewhere."

Durman, it will be remembered, visited Sydney some time ago in order to row George Towns for the world's championship, and was beaten by Towns on the Nepean River course. Subsequently the winner of the race was challenged by his brother Charles, to whom the championship went by default. Webb then challenged Charles Towns and beat him. After the race Tressider, the Newcastle champion, challenged Webb, and lodged a deposit.

WINNERS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

- 1831—C. Campbell beat J. Williams, Thames.
- 1838—C. Campbell beat R. Coombes, Thames, 42.0.
- 1846—R. Coombes beat C. Campbell, Thames; 25.15.
- 1847—R. Coombes beat R. Newell, Thames; 23.46.
- 1851—R. Coombes beat T. Mackinney, Thames; 26.15.
- 1852—T. Cole beat R. Coombes, Thames; 23.35.
- 1852—T. Cole beat R. Coombes, Thames; 26.15.
- 1854—J. Messenger beat T. Cole, Thames; 24.25.
- 1857—H. Kelley beat J. Messenger, Thames, 24.30.
- 1859—R. Chambers beat H. Kelley, Thames; 25.25.
- 1860—R. Chambers beat T. White, Thames; 23.15.
- 1863—R. Chambers beat G. W. Everson, Thames; 25.27.
- 1863—R. Chambers beat R. Green, Thames; 25.25.
- 1865—H. Kelley beat R. Chambers, Thames; 23.26.
- 1866—H. Kelley beat Hamill, Tyne; 32.29
- 1866—R. Chambers beat J. Sadler, Thames; 25.4.
- 1867—H. Kelley beat R. Chambers, Tyne; 31.47.
- 1868—J. Renforth beat H. Kelley, Thames; 23.15.
- 1874—J. H. Sadler beat R. Bagnall, Thames; 24.15.
- 1875—J. H. Sadler beat R. W. Boyd, Thames; 28.15.
- 1876—E. Trickett beat J. H. Sadler, Thames; 25.23.
- 1877—E. Trickett beat M. Rush, Parramatta; 23.27½.

- 1879—E. Trickett beat Laycock, Parramatta; 23.29.
- 1880—E. Hanlan beat E. Trickett, Thames; 26.22.
- 1881—E. Hanlan beat E. C. Laycock, Thames; 25.40.
- 1882—E. Hanlan beat R. W. Boyd, Tyne; 21.25.
- 1882—E. Hanlan beat E. Trickett, Thames; 28.0.
- 1884—E. Hanlan beat E. C. Laycock, Nepean; 22.45.
- 1884—W. Beach beat E. Hanlan, Parramatta; 20.28½.
- 1885—W. Beach beat N. Matterson Parramatta; 24.11½.
- 1885—W. Beach beat Clifford, Parramatta; 26.0.
- 1885—W. Beach beat E. Hanlan, Parramatta; 22.51.
- 1886—W. Beach beat J. Gadaur, Thames; 22.29.
- 1886—W. Beach beat Wallace Ross, Thames; 23.51.
- 1887—W. Beach beat E. Hanlan, Nepean; 19.55.
- 1887—P. Kemp beat T. Clifford, Parramatta; 23.47.
- 1888—P. Kemp beat E. Hanlan, Parramatta; 21.36.
- 1888—P. Kemp beat E. Hanlan, Parramatta; 21.25.
- 1888—H. Searle beat P. Kemp, Parramatta; 22.44½.
- 1889—H. Searle beat W. O'Connor, Thames; 22.42.
- 1890—P. Kemp beat Neil Matterson, Parramatta; 21.13¾.
- 1890—P. Kemp beat J. McLean, Parramatta; 21.45½.
- 1890—McLean beat P. Kemp, Parramatta; 22.13.
- 1891—J. Stanbury beat J. McLean, Parramatta; 22.15½.
- 1891—J. Stanbury beat J. McLean, Parramatta; 18.25.*
- 1892—J. Stanbury beat T. Sullivan, Parramatta; 18.27.*
- 1896—J. Stanbury beat Harding, Thames; 21.51.
- 1896—J. Gaudaur beat J. Stanbury, Thames; 23.1.
- 1897—J. Gaudaur beat F. Johnstone, Vancouver.
- 1901—G. Towns beat J. Gaudaur, Canada; 20.30.
- 1904—G. Towns beat H. Tressider, Parramatta; 21.48 4-5.
- 1905—J. Stanbury beat G. Towns, Parramatta; 10.47.
- 1906—G. Towns beat J. Stanbury, Parramatta; 19.53 1-5.
- 1907—G. Towns beat E. Durman, Nepean; 22.27.
- 1907—W. Webb beat C. Towns, Parramatta; 20.45.

Notes.—Thames course, 4 miles 400 yards; Parramatta course, 3 miles 320 yards; Tyne course, 3 miles 713 yards; Nepean River course, about 3¼ miles.

* These races were about half a mile short of the full course.

The course in 1905 was not the usual one, and the time was unofficial.

We have been requested by the Mayor of Wanganui to insert the following open letter in our sporting columns:—

A NATIONAL HONOUR.

PROPOSED NEW ZEALAND TESTIMONIAL TO WILLIAM WEBB.

To the citizens of Auckland: Ladies and Gentlemen,—

As you are doubtless aware, the distinguished honour of the World's Championship for Sculling has been won for the first time in history by a New Zealand oarsman, William Webb, of Wanganui. The citizens of Wanganui feel, as I doubt not you yourselves feel, that this achievement is one of national importance and worthy of recognition by New Zealanders everywhere.

At a largely-attended public meeting held in Wanganui, it was decided to make an appeal to the whole colony for subscriptions towards this end.

It was decided that the testimonial should take a substantial and useful form, preferably in the shape of a freehold residence, and nearly £200 was immediately subscribed by those attending the meeting.

I take the liberty of appealing to you as fellow colonists of the champion and participants in whatever colonial benefit accrues from his notable achievement in the realm of sport, to join with us in making this movement the success it deserves to be. Subscription lists have been sent to this paper, and the proprietors have kindly consented to receive, acknowledge, and forward subscriptions.

In addition to this I should esteem it a favour extended to the burgesses of Wanganui if the officers of your local athletic bodies, football clubs, etc., would enter into the movement and organise something in the way of a special canvas amongst their members.

It is desired to make the testimonial of a thoroughly representative character, and in order that no one should be debarred from participating, the amount of the donation is left entirely to the discretion of subscribers; and the working man's modest shilling will be as acceptable as the larger amounts subscribed by those in more affluent circumstances.

May we hope that a generous response from your town will be the result of what we believe will be a thoroughly justified appeal.

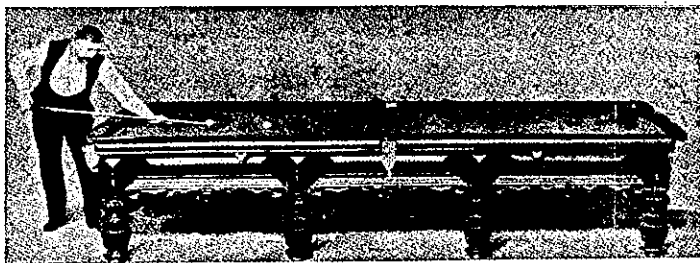
Yours faithfully,

C. E. MACKAY,

Mayor of Wanganui.

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THE FOOTBALL WORLD.

(BY "SCRUTATOR.")

Auckland went mightily near losing the Ranfurly Shield last Saturday. 'Tis many a long day since such a weak rep. team essayed to uphold the laurels of the Northern Province as that which took the field against Hawke's Bay. With Smith, Kiernan, Gillett, R. Wynyard, Seeling, Trevarthen, G. Tyler, W. Tyler, Francis and Cunningsham out of the team, it was anything but the redoubtable combination of previous years.

It was a crowd of thorough Rugby enthusiasts which assembled at Alexandra Park on Saturday to witness the match between Auckland and Hawke's Bay. The game was very keenly contested—too keenly, in fact, for the peace of mind of the big crowd, and for the greater part of the match they were in suspense. When, however, towards the end, Auckland's victory became assured, they gave way to suppressed feeling, and the stand became a seething mass of excitement.

The visitors had by far the stronger team, and the heavier. From the outset, it was patent that Auckland was going to have a rough time of it. The display in the first half was simply shocking. The Hawke's Bay men ran over the Aucklanders, and for at least two-thirds of the time had them on the defensive. The home team seemed altogether at a loss as regards combination. The backs gave an exhibition that could only be classed as a parody on football. Fumbling, for which there was no excuse, occurred again and again, and there was not a redeeming feature. Likewise the forwards failed to shine out with any semblance of brilliance.

It was simply pure good luck that Hawke's Bay did not register a point in the first half. Early in the game the referee penalised Auckland right in front of their own goal. Walshe took an easy kick, but failed to put the ball over the cross-bar. Time and again the visitors invaded their opponents' 25, but though they tried hard, failed to notch a score. One or two apparently certain tries were lost through bad passing. Auckland was playing with a strong wind, almost amounting to a gale, behind them. Yet they were entirely kept on the defensive for the first 30 minutes. Towards the end of the first spell, they rallied somewhat, and the forwards began to show out more forcibly in loose play. Carrying the game to a neutral zone, the defenders of the shield managed to hold their own there, and then relieved the tension by assuming the aggressive. W. Wynyard and Magee carried the ball into Hawke's Bay territory, and then the forwards took it up. Hayward and McDonald headed a nice forward rush, and Hayward, securing the leather within a few yards of the line, ploughed his way through the thick of his opponents, scoring a meritorious try. Magee made a good attempt to convert from a difficult angle.

Though Auckland had the advantage of three points when play was resumed after the spell, supporters of the home team were inclined to consider their prospects in rather a gloomy light. All the honours of the first half were with the visitors, and on resuming they had the sun and wind behind them. Magee reorganised his pack in the second spell, putting City Maguire into the front rank. The change was unquestionably a wise one, and had a good deal to do with subsequent developments. Confident of their own abilities, the visitors attacked smartly, and immediately had Auckland in trouble. All the Auckland backs were out of position, and Miller essayed to take the ball from a kick by McIntyre. Failing to get underneath it in time, he fumbled, and McIntyre, following on, had a clear run along the line, enabling him to score. Tomlin failed to convert.

With the score even, there was no end of excitement. Hawke's Bay barrackers—and there were a few—were wildly confident of victory. Had the Auckland team continued to play as wretchedly to the end as they had

up to the time of Hawke's Bay's score, it is certain that Northern-Bayers would have to-day been bewailing the loss of the shield. Fortunately, however, a miraculous change seemed to be worked. The home team rallied in a manner that was out of all comparison to their previous play. The backs retrieved themselves, and effected some brilliant rushes. Again and again they tackled their opponents' stronghold. W. Wynyard, who had shone out above all the other backs right through the game, got in with a brilliant run. When tackled, he passed to Twiname, who in turn transferred to Dillamore, and amidst the greatest excitement another try was scored. A few minutes later, Hall got hold of the leather, and with a lovely run, dashed over the line.

From this out the game was fast and furious. Hawke's Bay tried hard to equalise matters, but Auckland was just as keen, and the last 20 minutes of the game was a revelation. Magee, who skippered the home team, and Walshe, who captained the visitors, both received injuries which necessitated their taking up positions as full-backs to their respective teams. In the last ten minutes Wynyard was responsible for a very fine score. From the line-out he got possession, and passed to Murray, who, when tackled, passed back to Wynyard, and the score was added to by a neat try. Shortly after the bell rang, and the home team retained possession of the shield by 12 points to 3.

As before remarked, the exhibition in the first half by the Auckland team was beyond understanding. Miller, as fullback, was the only player whose form was not disappointing, and it was due to his cool, heady, defensive work that Hawke's Bay played a scoreless first half. In the second spell the Auckland backs retrieved themselves. Murray was the pick of a very poor threequarter-line. Magee was suffering from an injured shoulder, received at the Thames the previous Saturday, and his work at five-eighths, though safe, was not as brilliant as usual. W. Wynyard played the game of his life, and was responsible for a deal of brilliant work. Kiernan's place behind the scrum was taken by Ladner, but his play was mediocre in the extreme. Of the forwards, Hayward Kinder, Hall and Grafton Maguire were the most solid. Hayward's work throughout was deserving of the greatest praise, and in the open he was simply a tower of strength to the Auckland team.

Of the visitors it was not an easy matter to sort out any player except McIntyre for individual mention. Hawke's Bay has certainly a stronger representative team this season than any previous year and went very near wresting the coveted Ranfurly Shield from Auckland's possession. Walshe and Tomlin, as five-eighths, played dashing games, while Payne was a model half-back. McCarthy and Strufflers were more than a match for the opposing hookers in the first half, though matters were equalised somewhat in the second spell. Caulton and Scullion were perhaps the smartest in the loose of a very fine lot of forwards.

As a curtain-raiser to the big match on Saturday, Auckland B's met a rep. team sent down by the Franklin Union. The visitors began by making things very lively in Auckland's 25, and within ten minutes of the game's commencement had worked the ball by a forward rush over the home team's line, D. Blake notching the try. The visitors' first advantage was their last, for the blue and whites had it all their own way in subsequent play. Wilson, by a decent run, carried the leather into Franklin's 25, and from a scrum on the line Farrant repeated his performance of the previous Saturday by taking the ball from the opposing team, thus equalising the score.

For a while play centred about a neutral zone. Then Farrant secured from some line-out play, and after a

tricky run passed to Hogan, who swerved through the opposition, and though he collided heavily with a goal-post, succeeded in planting the ball over the line. Within a few moments, Hogan had scored his second try. Wilson, with his usual pace, got clear away from the field, and with only the fullback to beat, passed to Hogan at the right moment, with the result that another three points were added to the score.

The teams did not leave the field, but simply changed ends for the second spell. Play was not of a very interesting nature, and the only try scored was placed to the credit of Pople, who darted across from a convenient line out. Wilson converted, and the game resulted: Auckland B's, 14; Franklin, 3.

Auckland secured a triple victory on Saturday, the junior reps. visiting Waiuku and downing the local union by 8 points to 6. Rough weather was encountered by the juniors on their trip down the Manukau, and on arrival at Waiuku many of them did not feel much like football. In the first half Hardwick scored for the juniors, and in the second spell Bater got over the line in a good position, and Paul converted. Towards the end of the game the home team showed to better advantage, and Bennett and Bright both scored. No further scores were added, however, and the game resulted in a win for the visitors by 8 points to 6.

For the juniors, all the backs played splendidly, while of the forwards Wright, Baker, Fricker, Vosper and Shaw were the best. Of the Waiuku team, Bennett, Herrold, Middleton, Brockless and Mellisop played good games. In the evening the visitors were banqueted at Molloy's hotel, when toasts proposed by Messrs. Barriball, Rossiter, Herrold, Hardwick and Molloy were duly honoured, and a very enjoyable time spent. The team returned to Auckland on Sunday.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Who is Mr. Hopkins?

Taylor, an old Grafton player, was a member of the Franklin team which visited Auckland on Saturday.

Exit Todd, R. Wynyard, Mackrell, Rowe, Trevarthen, and W. Tyler from New Zealand football.

A big crowd assembled to wish the professionals "Good-bye" on Monday, when they left by the Victoria. As the boat left the tee, "Toddy's" call for "Three cheers for good old Auckland" was intermingled with the strains of "We Parted on the Shore," played by the ship's bugler.

George Smith, W. Wynyard and Dunning expect to leave for Sydney on Monday next, to join the professional team. Wynyard is a clever five-eighths, and has skippered the North Shore team for several seasons past, while Dunning is a fine Ponsonby hooker. The reason of their inclusion is that several of the "All Blacks" who were expected to remain in Sydney and join the professionals, failed to do so.

The N.Z. Rugby Union has the right to appoint the referee in all challenge matches for the Ranfurly Shield. A Mr. Hopkins, of New Plymouth, was their selection for the Hawke's Bay match on Saturday. The appointment wasn't a happy one. The gentleman in question is very fond of the whistle—so fond, in fact, that one wasn't enough to last him through the game. They certainly play different football in Mr. Hopkins' country to what we do in the North.

It is asserted that one of the trickiest backs in Auckland refuses to go South with the touring team unless he receives compensation equivalent to the amount he would lose while away from his work. The fact that the player in question was absent from last Saturday's team lends colour to the report.

On the strength of Saturday's display by the Auckland reps., the selector must have been somewhat perplexed, such was the inconsistency of form shown. It is rather a pity, after his fine performance in Auckland the previous Saturday, that Harrison, the Northern Wairoa three-quarter, was not given a chance.

How is the Auckland team going to fare on its Southern tour this month? This is a question which has more than one Rugby enthusiast by the wool. With the exception of Bob Magee, and perhaps two others, there are no first-class backs in Auckland this season. Likewise the forwards have been greatly weakened; the retirement of Tyler and Seeling is a big blow, while the professionals have carried off three of the best. The opportunity has been provided of filling the ranks with younger players, but the promotion of Miller, Kinder, Hall and McDonald seems to have exhausted resources. Just how the team which goes South is going to prosper is a question of moment, for it is indisputable that the combination is not as strong as that of previous years.

The display of the Auckland reps. in the match against Hawke's Bay last Saturday must have been very much like a repetition of what took place in Sydney in the first "All Black" match. Until within the last 20 minutes of the game, Hawke's Bay had all the best of it. Then in the closing stages Auckland made a wonderful rally, and after defending for close on 60 out of the 90 minutes, turned the tables and fairly romped over their opponents.

"Shylock" writes as follows:—"Does the Rugby Union already feel the pinch of professional opposition, that they have decided on retrenchment, or is it really that their munificence in encouraging players has been such this year that they find it essential to dispense with a band, as an expense beyond their means? Hitherto it has been customary, on auspicious occasions, such as a Ranfurly Shield match, to add to the enjoyment of proceedings with a little band music. What's the reason of the sudden change this year?"

The sole selector to the Auckland Rugby Union (Mr D. Gallaher) has chosen the following players to represent Auckland in the tour South as far as Invercargill:—Backs: Miller, Murray, Twiname, Dillamore, R. Magee, Stuckey, Farrant, Hogan, Ladner (of Auckland) Snowling (Thames), and Coote (Waikato). Forwards: McDonald, Gillett, Maguire (2) (City and Grafton), Nicholson, Seeling, Francis, Hall, Cunningham, Kinder, MacCormick, Williams (of Auckland), and Hayward (Thames). Emergencies: Backs—Wilson, Woodward (Auckland) and Newdick (Thames). Forwards—Pople, Walsh, Hooper, and Smith (Thames). The team will probably leave Auckland next Tuesday.

At the Auckland Opera House a series of biograph pictures, showing the "All Blacks" in their first match against New South Wales, is creating no end of interest. Some of the snapshots are really good.

At the time of writing it is expected that the Goldfields will pay a return visit to Auckland next Saturday.

A match in which considerable interest is centred is that between the Ponsonby and Newton fourths, for premiership honours, which eventuate on Saturday.

It is gratifying to find that Rugby is making such splendid strides in Australia. The final test match on Saturday, which was really a third contest between the waratahs and silver ferns, brings us no nearer a solution as to which team is the superior. In the first match New Zealand was victorious by 9 to 3, and the win was generally accounted a lucky one. In the second contest the New South Welshmen had the best of it by 14 points to nil. The third combat last Saturday resulted in a drawn game. Controversy is therefore no nearer a settlement.

WELLINGTON CHATTER.

My Wellington correspondent writes:—

Championship matches were brought to a conclusion last Saturday, Petone, for the fourth year in succession coming out on top. The match between Petone and Ponoke was the deciding one, and it was played at the Athletic Park. From the fact that whichever team won the game would win with it the championship, a great deal of interest was taken in it, but the fates were unkind to the players and the Rugby Union. The weather was so bad on Saturday morning that many followers of the game hoped that a postponement would be necessary, as nothing but a two hours' shiver could be looked forward to, as the rain was accompanied by a keen southerly blow, which has only to be felt on the main football ground of Wellington to be appreciated.

It must be confessed, however, that those who felt this way were mainly supporters of the Ponoke team, for if the match was put off for a week, Wallace and Mitchinson would be back from the Australian trip, and their presence on the field would considerably enhance the chances of victory by the red and blacks.

The game was played, however, and a strenuous one it was, too, the lads from the village winning by 9 points (tries by Green, Clark, and a penalty goal by Reed) to 3 points (a try by Sutherland). The play was mainly confined to the forwards, the Ponoke team being more expert in the loose, and Petone hooking the ball with the more success. The former had much the better of the game, and should have won if they had been handled properly. Their backs let them down badly, while their opponents in the same position handled the ball and used the wind and touchline to greater advantage. To this they owed their victory, and they deserve it because of the finer defence and better judgment of their backs.

The following table shows how the various teams performed in the contest for the senior championship:—

Team.	Matches.			Points.	
	P.	W.	L.	For.	Ag.
Petone	12	9	1	171	49
Ponoke	13	8	2	146	51
Athletic	13	7	2	158	79
Oriental	12	6	4	141	63
Melrose	13	7	6	143	86
Old Boys	12	4	7	46	169
St. James'	12	3	7	67	75
Wellington	12	3	7	57	134
Vic. College	11	0	11	26	249

Championship points: Petone, 20; Ponoke, 19; Athletic, 18; Oriental, 14; Melrose, 14; Old Boys, 9; St. James', 8; Wellington 8; Victoria College, 0.

The success of the Petone team of late years has been on the phenomenal side. In 1902 they were so badly off for players that they were disqualified through forfeiting more than the permissible number of matches, and the outlook before the club was very sombre indeed.

Between the end of that season and the beginning of the next, Mr W. Hardham, the only V.C. man in this dominion, returned from assisting the Mother Country in the war against the Boers. He immediately got to work, and gathered round him kindred souls in the persons of Bill King, Dan Fraser, George Davis, Pi Wynyard, and many others, and a big effort was made to put the Petone Club on its feet. Old players and young players rallied round them; and so pronounced was the rally that when the numbers went up at the end of the 1903 season, Petone were the runners up for the championship. To jump in one short season from the lowest team to that position will indicate pretty clearly what vim the boys from the village had put into their efforts to uplift the club.

The next year—1904—they got right to the top, and, despite many close calls, they have retained their position, and for four successive seasons have had their names inscribed as the champion team in Wellington.

Every club in this dominion can learn a lesson from the success of the Petone Club, and it is—encourage your junior players and look after them and the club must go ahead. In the suburban club they have many men who know a likely footballer, and right from their schooldays onwards they watch their lads improving, and give the needful hint where necessary, with the result that as the years go by, and vacancies happen in the senior team, there are tried juniors to take their places. It will be readily seen what I mean when I say that in the champion team this season there are players who were schoolboy representatives when Petone won the championship in 1904. The real lesson to be learnt is never

to mind the well earned reputation player, but look after the promising junior talent in your own club.

At the time of writing it is more than probable that the Petone Club will win the whole of the five championships of the Wellington Rugby Union—a performance never before approached by any other club in this district.

The Wellington and Canterbury members of the professional team got a hearty send off when they left by the Warrimoo last Friday afternoon for Sydney. In addition to those mentioned by me last week the Wellington contingent included Lile (who was a member of this year's North Island team) and Gilchrist (who has represented Wellington on many occasions, and was one of the team that tripped to Auckland last year). Both of them were eleventh-hour selections, and were included as the result of a cablegram received from Sydney.

A good yarn is told of Lile. He was a member of the Permanent Artillery, and last Sunday was cook's orderly for the day. At half-past eleven in the morning, Baskerville came up to him and said, "We want you, Fatty!" "Hurroo! they can cook their own blooming chops, I'm off." And away he went, and bought his discharge from the Permanents, and the next afternoon was speeding away on his journey to England. Quick work, truly!

The departure of the professional team is going to weaken the Wellington representative fifteen, although by thus giving many younger players an opportunity of gaining their caps it may do the game more good. Cross was out of action, but Wright, Tyne, Byrne, Lile, and Gilchrist were all certain of their places in the forward division. Rush, who was reckoned a certainty to fill the back position, was put out of court last Saturday through an injury to his shoulder, and, altogether it looks as if the Wellington selectors are going to have a merry time marshalling their forces.

Tab Wynyard, the old Auckland and Wellington representative player, has been transferred once again to Wellington, this time to a position in the Chief Inspector of Stocks office.

Warbrick, eldest son of Alf of that ilk, was coaxed to show his paces once again for Oriental on Saturday week, and by potting a goal from the field showed that he has not forgotten what his feet are for.

There are many people in Wellington rejoicing that Fred Murray is coming South as the manager of the Auckland team. All who have come in contact with him during the many years "the Doctor" has been connected with football in Auckland have a good word to say for him, and his many acts of kindness to Wellington footballers while in the northern city are held keenly in remembrance. If Murray and his team do not have pleasant recollections of their trip to Wellington this year it won't be the fault of his many friends.

Wellington is well off for half-backs this year. Fred Roberts, the "All Black," still retains his form, and in Clem Green, the Petone youthful player, he has a splendid understudy. If he doesn't win his cap this year it will be hard luck. Still another lad who is going to make his mark in this position is Tilyard, who, in the last few matches, has been showing his paces behind the Ponoke pack. He is only a boy, but is cleverness itself. Both Green and Tilyard have had the one mentor—to wit, Jimmy Lynskey, who represented Canterbury in his day, and is one of the best schoolboy coaches at present in this dominion. A great deal of the success of the Petone Club referred to in an earlier paragraph is due to the solid grounding in the principles given the schoolboys by Lynskey, who for years has taught the Petone boys how to play football as well as the other things necessary for a schoolboy's education.

A book entitled "Modern Rugby Football" made its appearance in Wellington this week. At the time of writing I have only had a casual look through it, but it is interesting to know that the author of it is A. H. Baskerville, who has been one of the main factors towards getting the professional team together to tour the Northern Counties of England.

The Auckland match, fixed for the 24th instant, is the first of a big series of representative games here. A trial matches in Wellington are a weariness to the flesh, and in all probability next Saturday will be devoted to the Charity Cup match, in which the winner of the senior championship has to play one of the other competing teams whichever one's challenge is agreed to by the Rugby Union.

ONE OF THE OLD BRIGADE.

AN AUCKLAND AND N.S.W REP.

A FINE FOOTBALL CAREER.

'Tis frequently said that not only is there a dearth of good backs in New Zealand, but also that back play is deteriorating, and becoming a lost science. It is certainly true that Auckland is badly off in this respect. In past interviews with men like Bob Whiteside and Tim O'Connor, the "Review" has been able to draw some fine parallels of the play of a quarter of a century ago, compared with the present-day tactics of Rugby. In this issue we publish an interesting interview with O. N. Riley, one of the trickiest and cleverest backs of his day. As half, five-eighths or three-quarter, "Olly" Riley was one of the outest, nattiest, and most versatile exponents of the game we have had in New Zealand.

It is 20 years ago since Riley first made his appearance in competition football. When the district scheme was inaugurated in 1892, he played with the first Ponsonby seniors, and in the same year won his rep. cap, taking part in the game against Canterbury, when a team of Southern players came to Auckland and showed what a combined team could do against a fifteen lacking system, by licking the Northerners by 24 points to nil. The Auckland rep. team of that year included Jack Kissling as fullback, Reg. Masefield, Doss Jervis and Riley as three-quarters, Elliott as five-eighths, and Alby Braund behind the scrum. These men were mostly considered star players, but Canterbury absolutely over-ran the Auckland team, simply because they had combination, while the home team had none. The following season Riley represented Auckland again, but was debarred from taking any part in the interprovincial matches, as the result of an injury to his knee.

In 1894 Riley was probably at his best. At that time he was a resident of Sydney, and played on the three-quarter-line for Randwick, then the champion club of the N.S. Wales metropolis. His form was so consistent that he found his way into the New South Wales rep. team, and visited New Zealand. His work as five-eighths with that team was one of the strongest links in its mechanism. Riley took part in the match at Christchurch, when the light blues downed the "All Blacks," much to the surprise of everyone. Asked to what reason he ascribed that victory, Riley replied that pure strategy won the game for the New South Welshmen. Knowing that the "All Black" forwards would play to their backs, the light blues allowed the wearers of the silver fern emblem to secure the ball in the scrum, and set their backs. The policy might sound queer, but it worked, and the visiting team left the field victorious.

The following season Riley found his way back to Auckland, and striking form again, was once more included in the Auckland reps. The team went South that year, but met with scant success. Rather reticent on the subject, Mr. Riley vouchsafed that football was near being ruined in the North that season, a narrow spirit of cliquism having prevailed over the truer sentiments of the game, and to this reason he attributes the non-success of the team with which he went South.

Like a man attracted by two loves. Mr. Riley was anything but settled in his movements, and 1896 found him again in Sydney, once more donning the jersey for the Randwick fifteen. The succeeding season, however, found him back once again with the old love—Ponsonby—and playing at his best. He was a member of the "Pony" team which won the senior competition cup that year, and was also one of the Auckland team which gave such a drubbing to the "All Black" team after its victorious tour

of Australia. With the Auckland reps. he also went South that season, when Taranaki and Wellington were administered pretty severe defeats.

During 1898 Riley was located at Coromandel, but assisted Auckland in all outside engagements. The 1899 season found him at the Thames, and he was a member of the fifteen which gave such a memorable licking to the Auckland reps. that year. Though selected to go South with the Auckland team, the veteran three-quarter was beginning to show some sign of the strain of 12 years' hard football training, and through indisposition was unable to participate in the tour. The following season (1900) saw Olly Riley's last appearance in rep. football, when he played against Wellington and Otago.

Asked what he thought of the game of to-day, as compared with a decade of years back, Mr. Riley says he does not believe Rugby is so attractive as it was in the old days. The backs are not nearly up to the standard of the old-time players. The principal reason of the game losing its brilliancy, in his opinion, is because there are no half-backs of the Alby Braund and Buff Caradus type. These two exponents of the halfback game—than whom it is doubtful if New Zealand has ever known better—used to play the cute, clever, opening-up tactics, and were responsible for the passing runs which would invariably send the crowds into ecstasies. "To-day you don't get much of that," he said. "It is usually a tussle of sheer strength amongst the forwards, with the backs ever on the look-out to relieve the monotony should the ball by chance



"OLLY" RILEY.

come their way." Kiernan, in the old Auckland rep.'s opinion, is the only halfback we have had during recent years who possesses the subtle art necessary in filling this position, which is generally regarded as the key to the mechanism of the whole combination.

Riley was always known as a tricky player, who never hesitated, but seized an opportunity. He would hold the ball at arm's length in front of him, and pretending to pass, at every move in close play, would swerve and wriggle his way through an opposing crowd before they knew what had really happened. In Olly's opinion, the tackling is not nearly so effective as it used to be. His motto always was to never deliberate, but rush a man as fast as possible, and dive low—and, above all, never to hesitate.

It is rather a noticeable thing that most of the old players, who devoted their time to amateur Rugby, have a decided leaning towards the professional element. Perhaps it is because players like Bob Whiteside are to-day compelled to pay for entrance to the football ground, and fight for a seat amongst the crowd. Most of these veterans carry scars won in past battles, and still suffer from the results of injuries received on the football field. With the glamour of health, youth and strength, supplanted by the reflection of middle age, they are inclined to look on the glories of amateurism from a different standpoint. Anyway, Mr. Riley argues that when Australian cricketers can go Home and clear £200 and £300 a man and yet retain their amateur status, the definition of amateur Rugby suffers very much by comparison.

As an all-round sportsman, few men are better known in Auckland than Olly N. Riley, and as a yachtsman he has won dozens of races on the Manukau, Waitemata, Coromandel, and Whangarei Harbours.

THE "ALL BLACK" AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

RESULTS.

July 13, v. N.S. Wales. Won by 9 to 3.
July 17, v. N.S. Wales. Defeated by 14 to nil.
July 20, v. Australia. Won by 26 to 6.
July 24, v. Queensland. Won by 23 to 3.
July 27, v. Queensland. Won by 17 to 11.
August 10, v. Australia. Drawn—5 points each.

F O O T B A L L

SATURDAY NEXT, AUGUST 17.

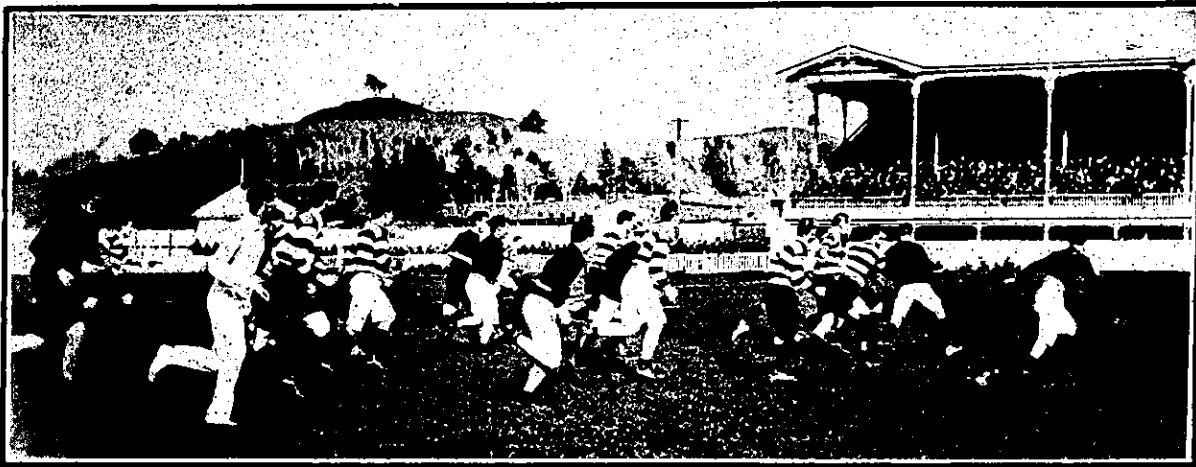
AT ALEXANDRA PARK, EPSOM.

GOLDFIELDS V. AUCKLAND.

KICK-OFF AT 3 P.M. SHARP.

ADMISSION to Ground, 6d; Grandstand, 6d.

C. V. LANGSFORD,
Sec. A.R.U.



AN AUCKLAND FORWARD RUSH.



REDWOOD GETTING OFF THE MARK.



MARSHALL DEFENDS THE AUCKLAND GOAL-LINE.



PAT. WALSH ON THE BALL.



AUCKLAND B V. FRANKLIN.—READY FOR THE THROW-IN.



AUCKLAND V. HAWKE'S BAY.—LADNER TACKLED BEFORE PASSING.



LADNER IN POSSESSION.



WALSHE (H.B.) SNAPPING THE BALL UP.



THE HAWKE'S BAY TEAM.



THE BALL FINDS ITS WAY TO AUCKLAND BACKS.



A SCRAMBLE FOR POSSESSION.



THE STAGE

(By "O. P. Cyde.")

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

RICKARDS' COMPANY.

As a theatregoing people there is no nation, in point of population, that can compare favourably with New Zealand. The enormous houses we have witnessed in the above theatre of late may be taken for example. When the Maori-land public know that they have something superior to witness they do not hesitate to patronise a performance or performances of invading managers. This is the reason probably why His Majesty's Theatre was so densely packed on Monday night, when Rickards' Vaudeville Co. made their first appearance. Throughout the whole performance a fine standard of excellence was maintained, and rarely, if ever, have the walls of the theatre rocked with such spontaneous applause and so much uproarious laughter. After a selection by the orchestra, Mr. Harry Hart appeared on the stage in immaculate evening dress and sang the usual opening bit, or pad song, with good effect, being rewarded by an encore. Miss Ada Sadler followed and gave us a fairly decent rendering of a contra ballad, which would have gone infinitely better, if the orchestra had had less of the circus-band character about it. In fact, throughout the performance, the various members of the orchestra were all engaged, at the same time, in playing double forte solos on their respective instruments. The pianist, on the extra high seat, tried his best to drown the combined noise of all these instruments, and it wasn't the pianist's fault that he didn't succeed. There are few leaders of orchestra in vaudeville business who know that p.p means double piano, and not "pound, please." So we took our orchestra phisic with a refined resignation. Mr. George Dean was very entertaining. George always did have a splendid style for a lion comique, and he had to sing many songs to the most imperative of encores and possibly not one was better than "Psht! Gone! Like That!" On the heels of George Dean came Mr. Fred Russell and Coster Joe, and we have seldom, if ever, put in so good a time with a ventriloquist. Ventriloquists, as a rule, are a delusion and a swear, and are generally the most unmitigated bores unchoked by their own stomachic efforts, but Mr. Fred Russell is quite something else, and quite different. He is a bright six-pointed and coruscating star in his line of business, and his "patter" would be disastrous to the serious expressions of a hippopotamus or a dodo. One absolutely cannot help laughing at him and his very comical coster pal, and we regret that we cannot purchase Mr. Fred Russell and Coster Joe as an after-dinner indigestion cure. They are individually and collectively splendid. Mr. Rochfort came forward (when Coster Joe had, at length, been allowed to retire) and sang something decrepit and ancient in a very nice voice, and with excellent intonation, but it was a bray to the death between him and the orchestra, and the orchestra won, anyhow. Then we were treated to King and Benson, duettists. The gentleman was low comedy, the lady was—ahem, a dream! Her frock would have made a Parisian Moulin Rouge turn green with envy, her voice would have charmed Amasis to life again after his twenty thousand years' sleep; and that fascinating glance, when she was giving us "Ri-too-ral" would assuredly have taken the heart of a Hindu idol captive. Miss Benson is a beautiful woman and her beauty enhances her very decided cleverness. Her partner, Mr. King, is blessed with a most extraordinary falsetto voice; and the "gods" came at him like one man when he had finished his last ballad. The turn, taken altogether, was very Pavilionesque, and I felt wafted back to the Ox., the Pav., and the Folies once again. More welcome turns from George Dean in the second part, more drowned contralto from Miss Ada Sadler and then came the star-act of the entertainment. The scene was laid in a well-furnished drawing-room, and Mrs. Charlene, in a most elaborately



TERESA CARRENO, THE CELEBRATED PIANISTE, WHO WILL APPEAR AT THE CHORAL HALL ON AUGUST 22nd.

exquisite gown of the Masjon Lafitte order, received as her guest. Mr. Charlene, who is as clean a juggler as Cinqvealli. The lady is a beautiful and talented creature most divinely dressed, and she draws the bald-heads with the strength of a porous plaster. She plays the piano well, but as xylophonist we fancy Mrs. Charlene must be a world's champion. Von Suppe's overture of the "Poe and Peasant" is difficult enough to execute on the piano, but the lady effects it on the xylophone with apparent ease and a great deal of extraordinary success. Meanwhile Mr. Charlene is juggling with cigars, umbrellas, silk hats, overcoats, violins, bows, plates, dusting brushes, torches on fire, etc., with consummate ease, and a dexterity that is simply astounding. The act, as a whole, is on a par with the star turns of the best English and American vaudeville theatres; and must be seen to be thoroughly appreciated and understood. Miss Cassie Walmer, a dusky princess with a fine strong voice, sings, dances and acts very well, and looks—ye gods!—she looks entrancing. All the time she's dancing she is carrying on a conversation with her admiring audience; such expressions as "she must have been well taught!" "Isn't this a silly way to make a living?" "Will she go on for ever?" and others reaching our ears through the plaudits of the audience. One expression struck us forcibly, "I wonder if she's married?" queried Miss Cassie. We'll stake on it; such a sinner as Miss Cassie couldn't go long unattached. The whole entertainment is an extraordinarily good one and well worthy of the best patronage.

OPERA HOUSE.

FULLERS' ENTERTAINERS.

It is no exaggeration to say that unbounded enthusiasm prevails nightly at the Opera House. In fact, it is doubtful if the popular proprietary of Messrs. John Fuller and Sons have ever put on a stronger company than that now ap-

pearing in Auckland. Hammon and Wyatt are simply great. Introduced as the Sandow Girls, they have every right to the title. Queens of symmetry and physical beauty, their very perfection of development is a feast for the eyes of those who glory in the modern ideals of harmonic proportion that is Venus-like, and all that implies to the higher qualities which delight the taste and imagination. Hammon and Wyatt are Amazons of the drawing-room. Combined with physical development, they are bewitching of manner, and sing with a refreshing grace that charms. There is no mistaking the reception which greets them nightly. The musical gem of the programme this week is the duet, "Flow Gently, Deva," in which the silvery tenor of Mr. John Fuller intermingles with the pleasing bass of Mr. A. L. Cropp, with a resultant flow of harmony that carries the listener with it in rapt attention until the end, when an outburst of applause fairly makes the theatre ring. Octavia and Warne have a smart little sketch entitled, "Military Maniacs," in which they patter forth in a way which is unique and original. Mr. Warne is no end smart too, in making use of anything he lays hands on, and be it a loaded gun with which to display his dexterity, or a piano that gets in his way and needs hopping over, it is all the same in the accomplishment of his ends. It goes to show just how up-to-date the management is that before the "All Backs" completed their tour biograph pictures were being shown at the Opera House of the New Zealand-New South Wales matches. One of the sweetest singers ever heard in Auckland is Clarence Tisdale, the American tenor. The dusky artist is one of the most pronounced successes Mr. John Fuller has ever introduced to Opera House patrons, and his popularity is immense; Love Me and the World is Mine," and "Dream, My Love, of You," are two of the finest songs in Mr. Tisdale's repertory. Armstrong and Verne are back again, and it doesn't need a huge bump of understanding to realise that these comedy artists are pro-

viding the main draw. "Colonel Ketchup" is the sketch they appear in, and it is about as silly as any sketch ever written. But that doesn't matter. Mr. Tom Armstrong isn't on the stage three minutes before he has the audience wound up to such a pitch that they will laugh at anything. He is a real artist, and has a style all his own. Miss Priscilla Verne is an old Auckland favourite, and from the reception accorded her, it is patent that that popularity has not diminished. They are assisted in their sketch by Mr. Joe Woodward. The Maynards are two clever serious and dancers, and it is safe to say they will have a long and successful run. Walker and Hughes continue to amaze people with their marvellous dexterity in juggling feats. The manipulation of tennis racquets is their strong forte, and they fairly astonish the audience. Their act is clever, original and is added to by the introduction of the comedy element, which is in accordance with the general excellence of their whole performance. Bob Bell is back again, after a long absence, and gets in with some funnyisms which are more or less original. Mr. Percy Denton continues to prove his versatility by appearing in two roles, first of all as a comedian, and subsequently as a singer of illustrated songs. Mr. A. L. Cropp has two good old songs in "The Bandalero" and "The Old Turnkey." As a dancer of considerable merit Mr. Joe Woodward earns no end of applause. Mr. Carlton Cooper, the lighting ventriloquist, is something out of the ordinary, and with his cosmopolitan family is the medium for much good fun. A series of biograph pictures brings to a conclusion a thoroughly enjoyable programme.

Next Saturday evening the Ahbergs, humorous acrobats, and Raleigh and May, wire-walkers, make their re-appearance.

CARRENO.

Madame Carreno, concerning whom such glowing reports have been published by the Australian and New Zealand press, will commence a short series of pianoforte recitals at the Choral Hall on the 22nd inst.

Madame Carreno has had a romantic career. She is a native of Caracas, Venezuela, and a grand-niece of Simon Bolivar, the liberator of America from the Spanish yoke. Her father, who was an accomplished musician, was at one time Minister of Finance. She received parental instruction in music at a very early age, and she showed such aptitude that she was enabled to make her debut as a pianist in New York at the age of nine. She quite won the heart of Gottschalk, then at the zenith of his success, and he at once accepted her as a pupil. When she went to Europe three years she became the pupil of George Matthias, student under Chopin, and subsequently of Rubinstein and Liszt, and she soon became famous in Great Britain and America, as well as on the Continent. From then Madame Carreno has taken the position of one of the greatest pianistes of the period. As an object lesson to students of the piano, the visit here of Madame Carreno should be of incalculable value.

Mr. George Rignold has gone to Melbourne under engagement with Mr. Band Holt to appear at the Theatre Royal in that city.

Regarding the Continental success, "The Merry Widow" which has taken London by storm, some surprising figures are quoted. The opera began its career in Vienna, where it lasted for 450 nights—a run never approached there before—while it put up records of 300 nights in St. Petersburg and Copenhagen, and 200 in such "provincial" centres as Hamburg and Cologne. It has brought in over a million marks in royalties to its authors and over a million copies of the famous waltz tune have been sold.

Miss Marie Norelle, who has had a long illness in Sydney, is rapidly recovering.

It is remarkable how woefully ignorant Musgrove's Teutons are of the use and the handling of either the rapier or the broadsword. One would have thought that, being Germans, they would have at least known the feel of a broadsword. By the ludicrous way in which the various characters in "Lohengrin" handled their "toasting forks" it was evident to the veriest novice that they were more fitted to guide the top-whip than the sword. The principals fell, writhing in death, without even being struck by the avenging blades, and it was excruciatingly funny to see them fall prone when they were yards away from the enemy.

freezing space until the trump of Gabriel shall present us with a natural and a real nice melodrama of the classic kind.

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My Christchurch Dramatic correspondent writes:—Marcus Superbus Julius Knight is still with us at the time of writing, although the season is now rapidly drawing to a close. "Raffles" succeeded "Robin Hood," and the amateur housebreaker proved as interesting a character as portrayed by Mr. Knight on the boards as he does between the covers of the well-known yellow-back which bears his name. Whether there ever was such a gentlemanly, well-bred, highly-polished and expensively-educated burglar in real life as "Raffles" is beside the question. Let us accept him as we find him—a most fascinating rascal with the manners of an aristocrat and the morals of Claude du Val. To this engaging personality Mr. Knight did full justice, and it is no small tribute to the genius of the actor that he had the sympathies of the whole house with him. Amongst those who particularly distinguished themselves in this production may be mentioned Mr. Reynolds Denniston (a son, I believe, of Mr. Justice Denniston), whose Lord Crowley was an admirable "portrait of a nobleman; Mr. Harry Plimmer, as a common or garden specimen of burglar; and Mr. H. Willis, as Curtis Bedford, the detective. The detective of the stage, like the detective of the novelist, bears, as a rule, but a remote resemblance to the detective of real life. But Mr. Willis is to be congratulated on his Bedford, nevertheless. Mr. Julius Knight is always sure of a welcome here, but it is questionable whether he has ever scored a second success quite equal to that he achieved in "The Sign of the Cross."

On Monday next, 12th inst., the new Pollard "Lilliputians" will make their bow to a New Zealand audience at the local Theatre Royal, when "Bluebell in Fairyland," which has been in active rehearsal for weeks past, will be presented for the first time in this colony. The piece (the book is from the pen of Seymour Hicks, and the music was composed by Walter Slaughter), is somewhat on the lines of "Alice in Wonderland," and is full, I understand, of picturesque situations, tuneful music, pretty songs and graceful dances, while there are some novel and elaborate scenic effects. I heartily wish Mr. Pollard all the success he deserves with his new company, and I hope to have to chronicle crowded houses nightly while the company is here. "Fuller's," needless to say, continues to do the same phenomenal business as ever, and Christchurch now wonders how it ever got along without the popular "entertainers."

"The Great Awakening," a sensational melodrama of the most unqualified type, succeeded "A Beautiful Fiend," at the Royal, Sydney, under the management of Messrs Meynell and Gunn. The piece is the joint work of Miss Maud Hildyard and Russell Vaun, the former taking the lion's share in the production. As the heartless adventuress, Lola Selby, she has the principal part to play, but it is one which is ill-adapted to secure the favour of the audience, since Lola apparently possesses no quality likely to endear her to those with whom her lot is cast. It is unnecessary to follow her in her career of selfishness, cruelty, and crime, nor to discuss the details of a plot which is neither novel nor attractive. The other members of the company who took part in the piece include Messrs Charles Vane, Wingfield, and Bovis, and Miss May Congdon. The piece is splendidly set and staged, especially the scenes showing the old oak hall at Merton Abbey, and the exterior of a cafe at Monte Carlo.

We clip the above from the "Sydney Town and Country Journal," and once more we wail, like a lost angel hovering on the outskirts of "The Great Awakening," or "The Immense Beyond," or "The Large Hereafter," over the decadence of the melodrama. Miss Maud Hildyard is evidently a h'authoress as well as a h'actress. She is also an assassin in act as well as in part, for she murders melodrama with a blood-soaked pen, and then murders reason and every other respect by acting the part of "A Beautiful Fiend" at "The Great Kitchen Fire Lighting" period. Oh! why do these new-chums think they can write dramas? The stages of 2s, 1s, and 6d theatres are literally buried beneath the shattered reputations of would-be yellowdramatists. And it is an everlasting regret to us that the authors and authoresses of such banalities cannot be taken to the summit of Mt. Cook, and be hurled from there into everlasting, and ever-



MADAME CLARA BUTT, THE WORLD-FAMOUS CONTRALTO, NOW TOURING AUSTRALASIA.

An Australian journal states that Charley Holloway has had a relapse.

Denis Carney is now the star at the Theatre Royal, Broken Hill.

After an absence of two years R. G. Knowles is back again in England.

A cable was received from Mr. J. C. Williamson a few days ago to the effect that he had engaged Miss Beatrice Irwin to play the leading woman's part in "Brewster's Millions" when that piece is produced in Sydney next October. Miss Irwin, who has sailed for Australia, counts in her experience engagements with Sir Charles Wyndham and the late Sir Henry Irwin.

Caruso's present salary amounts to £40,000 a year.

Two thousand hands are employed at Luna, Coney Island, New York.

Owing to the impending conclusion of their season in Sydney the Royal Comic Opera Company could only play "Dorothy" for a fortnight, though the appreciative reception accorded that captivating comic opera would in other circumstances have justified an extension. The final four weeks of their season will be equally divided between "La Mascotte" and the "Belle of New York," the revivals of which they have made singularly attractive.

West's Pictures are still the reigning picture show in Sydney.

Another important engagement just concluded by Mr. J. C. Williamson is that of Miss Fanny Dango, who has sailed for Australia in the Mongolia to create for this country the character of Peggy Sabine in "The Dairymaids," which is the next new piece to be done by the Royal Comic Opera Company. Miss Dango is a younger sister of Letty Lind, whom everybody will remember as a prominent member of the first London Gaiety Co. to visit Australia. She has made her mark on the London lyric stage, that wonderful musical comedy "San Toy" standing sponsor for one of her biggest successes. She played the title role—curiously enough—with Mr. Reginald Kenneth as the Bobby Preston of the cast—during the two years run of the piece in London.

The New York State Assembly prohibits children under 16 attending places of amusement unless accompanied by adults.

A public character like Madame Clara Butt is the recipient, of course, of scores of curious letters, but she seems to specialise on long lost relatives, and Australia seems to be the home of such in her case. A year or so ago some one in New Zealand, who had been reading an interview with her, discovered that she was fond of monkeys, and immediately wrote claiming kinship on the ground that her mother had also a passionate attachment for the simian tribe. More recently—just before she left, as a matter of fact—Madame Butt received a letter from a lady, evidently with the vaguest idea as to Australian topography, who had lost touch with a rich uncle who once owned a cattle ranch in West Australia. In the opinion of the writer everyone in those two states was "sure to hear Madame Butt's heavenly voice," and she therefore craved the contralto's assistance in finding her missing relative. As the pastoral country is not likely to come down en masse to the cities to hear Madame Butt, it may be as well to mention that the missing uncle's name is Varrils.



ATHAS, the Trick Skater, on the Fuller Circuit.



WALKER AND HUGHES, Jugglers, on the Fuller Circuit.

Royal Comics recently "did" "Dorothy" at Her Majesty's, Sydney.

Messrs Meyneli and Gunn announced the withdrawal of the Russian melodrama, "The Beautiful Fiend," from the boards of the Royal after August 2, and on the following night they produced for the first time in Australia, "The Great Awakening," by M. ss. Maud Hildyard, who heref interpreted the principal role.

"I sat next an' interesting couple at 'Lohengrin,' the other night, in the two bob department of Melbourne Princess gallery. They were a cut or two above push society, but had some characteristics in common wth the talent. He might have been gripman on a delivery cart; she was a star cigarette hand in a tobacco factory. After the first act she was very curious. 'Wha's it all erbout,' she said, 'tha's what I wante know. Why'd that bloke with ther sword make a row fer? The lydy in the night dress do nothin' t' him what I could see.'" "Ah-h, he's er nark, the gaboz with ther sword. He. orter be pinched," answered the youth. "But what's up with 'em all, Dolf? Blime, they're up the stick." Dolf, feeling that he had a duty to perform, settled down to explain. Not being quite certain of his ground his voice was low and confidential. "I dunno for a cert," he said, "but I reckon this is how. See, they're havin' a sort iv picnic 'n' darnee, these torfs, et eh place something like Dreamland 'r Prince's Court. Tumble? Well, the guy with ther sword—Fred his name is—he does a mag that ther lydy Elsie's done him for his ticker or p'r'aps bilked him fer er quid er two. Well, he makes er tickle iv th' show, Harry the Fowl they calls him, 'n' Harry sez they better not call in ther Johns, ez it ud on'y give ther p'ace er bad name. He sez gysts that Elsie's bloke should put up er ecuple iv rounds with this 'ere Fred fer ther ticker, winner t' take ther lot. Ther tickler, winner t' long stick, he's ther 'eferee, 'n' he cal's out ther names 'n' weght: iv ther two lads, 'n' th' cond'ions iv th' contract. Elsie's bloke, he's willin' 'n' he gets et Fred, 'n' passes 'im out in one round." The young lady looked relieved, but was not yet quite satisfied. "But what iv ther goose?" she said. "Why does Elsie's bloke have 'er goose t' drag him round?" "Yar, yer mug," retorted Dolf; "that's on'y one er them penny rides, same ez ther dragon et Prince's Court."—S. Snell, in "Sydney Bulletin."

Mr. Percy Grainger, according to letters received by Messrs. J. and N. Tait, is still pursuing his upward and N. Tait, as one of the rising pianists of to-day, and his second London recital in the Aeolian Hall was even better attended and more cordially received than the first.

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Miss Marie Hall completed her successful tour of New Zealand under the direction of Messrs J. and N. Tait last week, and is already on her way to England again on board the Aorangi, which she joined at Suva.

Mr. Andrew Mack's new piece, which first saw the light at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, last Saturday (July 27th) has in it, to judge from its reception from a packed audience, all the elements of as great a popular success as any of the older favourites such as "Tom Moore," "The Way to Kenmare," or "Moore Shannon." It presents the star himself in a character that was made for him. Gerald Fitzgerald, the Earl of Kildare, is one of those open-hearted, kind, handsome sons of Ireland whom nothing can dismay or disconcert, who goes through life with a smile for everybody and everything, a captivating character altogether, and one that suits the comedian's particularly "human" methods entirely adequately. Whether he was making love, in that peculiarly half-tender, half-humorous style of his, defying his enemies or entertaining his friends, he was always admirable, whilst his singing of his own compositions, as well as Edward Harrigan's "My Dudheen," had the customary enthusiastic recognition, the effectiveness of the last named being increased by the full chorus, while the joining in the refrain of "My Sweet Maid" by a chorus in the gallery was also much applauded. The rest of the cast was capably filled by Miss Jane Kelton, who played the part of Kathleen Fitzmaurice with freshness and vivacity, by Miss Annie Mack Berlein as the sharp-tongued, warm-hearted seward of Killea Castle, and by the rest of Mr. Mack's company. Some elaborate scenery and appointments, costumes and properties generally give further distinction to the piece, and an excellently managed fight in the second act wrought the audience up to a high pitch of enthusiasm.

During the past winter season over forty shows of every description toured Queensland. Naturally, it was a case of killing the goose again, and the show people fell heavily. One big concern, it is said, dropped over £3000 on the tour; another, £1500; and a third, £1000; many others suffering to a proportionate extent.

Marie Lloyd, the sprightly, who not long ago again ventured into matrimony, recently made her first appearance in Paris before a large and enthusiastic audience at the Marigny Theatre. It was a gala night, and Marie, who had received no less than sixty telegrams from London friends wishing her good luck, immediately got on the best of terms with the "parley-vous." "Tiddley-Om-Pom" brought down the house. Marie Lloyd's English engagements run right up to the end of 1909, with just one tour to America between.

When every audience packs a building like the Melbourne Town Hall to the extent of invading the playing platform and almost sitting on the bandmen's knees, it is not surprising to hear that Messrs. J. and N. Tait decided to alter their announced arrangements for the Besses o' th' Barn Band and to postpone the provincial tour projected this week, so that an extension of the Melbourne season might be secured. Indeed, Melbourne has shown a greater enthusiasm for, and a keener interest in the Besses than any other town in the Commonwealth, and even the matinee performances have been crowded, while the hall has never been large enough to hold all those who wanted to hear the Band in the evening. From Melbourne the Band goes next week to Adelaide—that is, if Melbournians will let them depart—and thereafter to the West. Their tour comes to a conclusion at the end of

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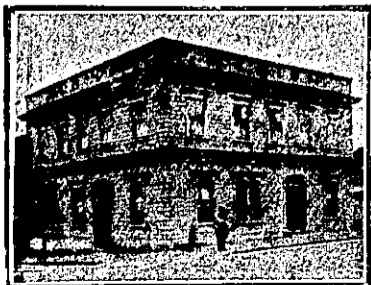


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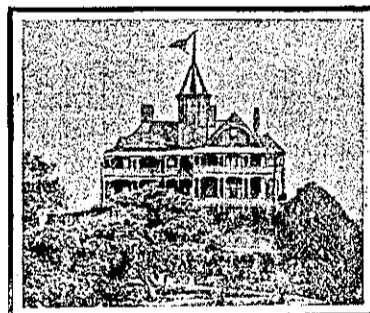
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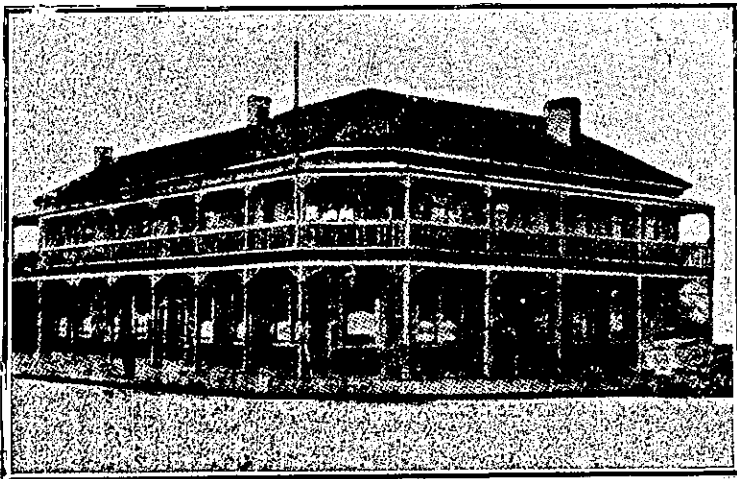
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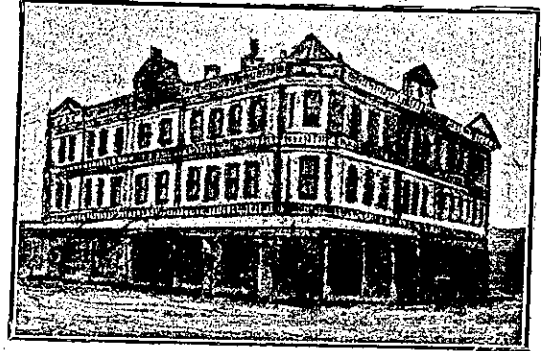
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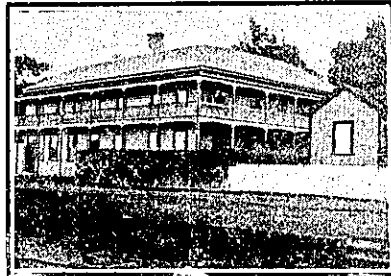
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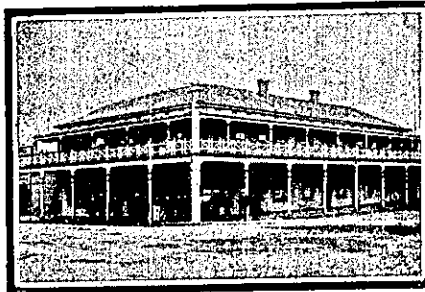
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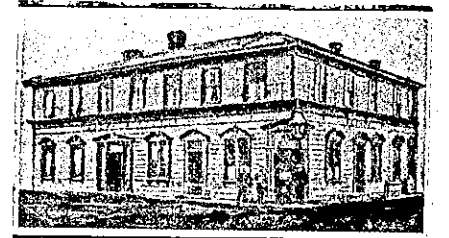
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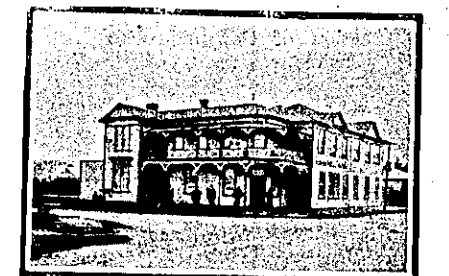
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THE LICENSEE VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE

At Waihi last week, a man who was convicted of obtaining three weeks' board at the Thames by false pretences was sentenced to a month's imprisonment.

Last week, in the Wellington Police Court, Mrs. Weiss was fined £3 and costs on a charge of being privy to a sale of intoxicating liquor on unlicensed premises. A full report of the case is published in another column.

Two firemen belonging to the steamer Drayton Grange were last week fined for bringing tobacco ashore without having gone through the very necessary formality of paying duty.

A commercial traveller named Charles Smith, who was a passenger by the express from Dunedin to Christchurch one day last week, fell dead shortly after the train reached Christchurch, presumably from heart failure.

It is stated that opium smokers in the Northern Territory of Australia get through £1 worth of opium per week per man.

Mr. Findlay Smith is now in the Globe Hotel, Papakura, having taken that house over from Mr. David Morrison, who is now in the Criterion Hotel, Albert-street.

Mr. A. Thomas, who sold out of the Criterion Hotel at Otahuhu to Mr. R. Cameron, late of Panmure, has purchased Mr. J. R. D. Baker's interest in the Newmarket Hotel.

Mr. William Jones is now in the Tuakau Hotel, having purchased Mr. Edward Quinn's interest in that house.

A special report on the Northern Territory opium traffic has been written by Mr. W. A. Stretton, sub-Collector at Port Darwin. From this document it appears that £8800 worth of opium, 300lb in weight, is still smuggled yearly into Port Darwin, notwithstanding the exertions of a small army of officials and Chinese spies. It is now proposed to have a detective permanently on board some of the Eastern vessels from Hong Kong, to assist towards the effective administration of the Immigration Restriction Act, as well as towards the prevention of opium smuggling. Mr. Stretton is convinced that junior officials on the boats assist stowaway coloured aliens and smugglers.

Towards the end of last month it was reported from Marton that there had been a considerable row there on a Saturday night, the outburst of feeling being attributed to the fact that the crowd, numbering about 200, did not approve of the action of Constable Fitzgerald in a licensing case.

Last week the Marton Court was occupied all one day hearing the police prosecutions against persons taking part in the disturbance at Marton on Saturday night, July 27. John McKennon was fined £3 and costs for throwing an egg which struck John F. Sicely; Oswald Jefferson and James Freeman were convicted and fined £10 each and costs for throwing stones and breaking the police station windows; and six others were fined £1 each and costs for creating a disturbance. One case was dismissed.

A Police Court dialogue at Masterton:—Bench (considerately): "We don't want to send you to gaol if we can help it." Accused: "No, Your Worships; it'll do ye no good if you do." Bench (sharply): "But it may do you some good, though." Later to same accused:—Bench: "Why, man, you are shaking with the effects of drink now." Accused (innocently): "Yes, Your Worships, it's the water I have been drinking this morning."

Mr. Tom McEwin, late of the Papakura Hotel, has taken over the Kaipara Hotel, Helensville, he having purchased Mr. Harry Priston's interest in that house.

Mr. Michael Ryan has purchased Mr. George Bishop's interest in the Epsom Hotel.

At Wellington last week, at the annual meeting of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. S. Palmer vice-presidents, Messrs. Hole (Timaru), Burke (Christchurch), Devine (Palmerston), Payne (Christchurch), McParland (Wellington), Kirkwood (Stratford), Foley (Auckland), and Rainbow (Hawera); treasurer, Mr. Donnelly (Wellington).

According to the "Hawke's Bay Herald," the estate of the late Mr. John Close, formerly grocer and draper in that town, has been proved by the executors. Seven shares in a local company are to be transferred to the Napier corporation, in trust to maintain the grave of the late Mrs. Close, the balance to be expended in a yearly gift of a ham and a bottle of ale to as many old people as possible on December 24 in each year. Another five shares are vested in the same corporation to provide a hundred weight of coal to as many poor people as possible on June 21 of each year, in commemoration of the birthday of Mrs. Close.

Mr. W. H. Bishop, S.M., of Christchurch, in dealing with a case of forgery, spoke of the gross negligence of people accepting cheques without inquiry. This was the cause of there being so many cases of forgery.

A witness in the New Plymouth Court last Monday stated that her husband had allowed her 30s a week with which to "keep house," and out of that she had managed to save £7 or £8 a year. The Magistrate: "Not clothing, of course?"—"Yes, clothing, too. We were up in the bush, and that didn't cost much." The magistrate remarked: "It's a pity there are not more wives like you. You deserve to be complimented." Later on it was elicited that there had been born a family of 11, of whom seven were still living. "And you mean to say that you managed on £78 a year?" queried Mr. Fitzherbert. "Yes, and often on less. For two years I don't believe I had £100 altogether, for Mr. — had all our milk cheques."

Hops to the value of £1489 were exported from the colony last month.

The new duties in the Commonwealth of Australia came into operation last Friday. Amongst the increases in duties are: Tobacco 3d and cigars 9d per lb.

In Sydney the Anglican Synod has shelved a motion favouring no-license, but carried an amendment approving of the reduction and control of hotels.

The invention of the typewriter has given employment to nearly a million women.

It has been incorrectly stated in the country press that Father Hays, who visited New Zealand on a temperance crusade, is dead. The Father Hays who died is not the temperance lecturer, but a priest of higher rank in the Jesuit Order. The temperance lecturer is now stationed in one of the English provinces.

The Otakeho Hotel, at Otakeho, Taranaki, was recently destroyed by fire. The building was occupied by Mr. A. Beattie.

The "Tahape News" states that for years grog has been illicitly sold in Utiki and other parts of Rangitikei district quite openly, one vendor on closing down his "business" publicly boasting that he "had cleared £600 at the game."

It was Lincoln who defined a hopeless inquiry as "a blind negro in a dark room looking for a black hat that is not there."

A heavy London fog will cost for artificial light between £7000 and £8000.

Last Saturday at the Ashburton Magistrate's Court, Isabella Burgess was fined £10 for sly-grog selling, and Edmund Morley was fined 20s and costs for sending liquor into a no-license district insufficiently labelled.

In the Wellington Police Court last week, Albert Edward Derringer and Frank Robert Gray pleaded not guilty to a charge of obtaining by means of false pretences board and lodging to the value of £3 each, from Mrs. Julia Parsons. Evidence was given by the prosecution to show that Gray went to the Waverley Private Hotel, of which Mrs. Parsons is the proprietress, on July 18th. About a week later, in answer to a question, he said he was employed by Messrs. Alcock and Co., as a repairer of billiard tables. His Worship thought that no case had been made out against Derringer, who would therefore be discharged. Gray would be fined £5 and ordered to pay the amount owing, as well as the costs of the case, in default one month's imprisonment. The prosecution stated that Gray previously had been convicted of theft.

Mr. Michael Corcoran has taken over the Te Rerenga Hotel at Te Rerenga, from Mr. Thomas Thompson.

A contracting painter and decorator, of Wellington, who recently filed his petition in bankruptcy, said that he "had the work of about 33 hotels, and his expenses in these houses came from 10s. to 15s per day, but it all came back in the price of the work." It is now up to hotel-keepers to do a think.

Everyone who knows Mr. Lindsay Cooke will sincerely hope that we are not going to miss him for long from the ranks of Auckland's hotelkeepers. He is just selling out of the Metropolitan Hotel, where he has for some years kept up the reputation of a first-class hotel-keeper, which he deservedly gained during the years he was in the Albert Hotel. There is probably no hotelkeeper in these colonies better known than Lindsay Cooke, and we hope to see him in another hotel very shortly.

Mr. John Morrison, late of the Royal Hotel, Victoria-street, has purchased Mr. Lindsay Cooke's interest in the Metropolitan Hotel, Queen-street, and takes possession on the 26th inst. Mr. Morrison is one of the most experienced hotelkeepers in the Auckland province, and has always borne the reputation of being one of the best in the business. He will no doubt make a great success in his new undertaking. Some little time before going into the Royal Mr. Morrison was in the Metropolitan, so that he is thoroughly acquainted with the house and its patrons.

Mr. F. T. Lipscombe took over the Globe Hotel, Wakefield-street, from Mr. W. G. Smith yesterday.

Mr. William White has purchased Mr. George Wallace's interest in the Alpha Hotel, at Kihikihi.

Mr. Poole, the gentleman who honours the electors of Auckland City West by representing them in Parliament, recently stated that a fair proportion of the money paid in old age pensions went directly to the coffers of the liquor trade. The Premier however pointed out that there were 13,000 pensions in the colony; but only 150 to 200 convictions for drunkenness has been recorded. Mr. Poole's statement throws an unmerited slur on a deserving body of old people who have possibly accomplished more for the good of the colony than many of its so-called legislators have done, who are in receipt of £300 a year.

A PLEASANT CEREMONY.

To be appreciated and popular alike with the guests and the staff of the Royal Hotel was the enviable position of Mr. J. Morrison, who recently sold out of that hotel. To mark the occasion, the staff, to show their appreciation, presented him with a handsome illuminated address, expressing their high appreciation of the fair and impartial manner in which he and Mrs. Morrison always treated them. Mr. Tooman made the presentation on behalf of the staff, and in a few nicely-selected words expressed the regret of one and all at Mr. and Mrs. Morrison's departure. In the evening Mr. MacMahon, on behalf of a large number of guests and friends, tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Morrison a purse of sovereigns with their best wishes for future welfare. The staff also presented Mrs. Morrison with a handsome case of toilet brushware. The health of the host and hostess, as well as the incoming proprietor, Mr. W. Woodward, was drunk with musical honours.

IMPORTANT TO LICENSEES.

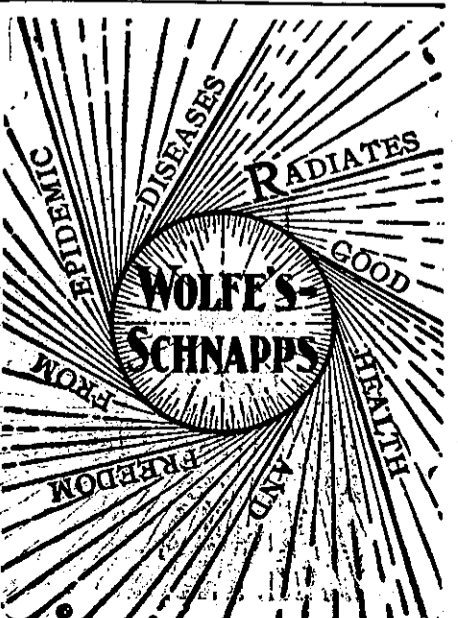
In the Gisborne Police Court last Friday the Magistrate imposed a fine of £5 and costs against the licensee of the Albion Hotel, on a charge of permitting drunkenness. This being the first case as far as he was aware in which the question was raised as to the right of a licensee to permit a lodger, while in a state of intoxication, to be in the public portion of his licensed premises, the Magistrate refrained from ordering the conviction to be endorsed on the license.

In giving judgment Mr. Barton, S.M., ruled: "I am of opinion that it is the duty of a licensee, or his representative, in case of a lodger being on his licensed premises in a drunken state, to either order him to go to his room or to leave the premises altogether, and if a drunken person is permitted to remain in a public part of the premises the licensee is guilty of permitting drunkenness to take place on his premises. In this case the drunken person was permitted to remain in the public bar for about half-an-hour, without any attempt being made to remove him. I am of opinion, after considering all the circumstances of the case, that, notwithstanding the fact of the man Feeney being a lodger, defendant has permitted an offence by allowing him to remain in a public part of the house in a drunken state. A licensee is clothed with full authority to rid his premises of drunken persons."

POSSIBLE LEGISLATION.

The report of the New Zealand Licensed Victuallers' Association, presented at the annual meeting, states that the question of possible legislation is invested with more than ordinary importance at this session of Parliament, firstly from rumours that are in the air, second-

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ly from the known predilections of at least three members of the Cabinet.

The proposed Amendments to the Arbitration Act and the Shops and Offices Act will be watched with interest, in view of the activity of the labour unions.

In reference to the important part taken by the Health Department at the annual licensing meetings, the report states that the question arose in more than one district as to whether suggestions of the Department were not bordering on tyranny.

Referring to the no-license question, the executive urges on members the necessity for more organisation in view of the poll to be taken in 1908, and points to the example shown by the no-license party in this respect.

A WINE CASE.

From the "New Zealand Times" we get particulars of the case in which Emily Weiss was charged with having on July 20th, at Wellington, sold wine without being licensed to do so. There was a second charge against defendant of being the occupier of unlicensed premises on which liquor within the meaning of the Licensing Act, 1881, had been sold. Sub-Inspector O'Donovan prosecuted, and Mr. D. M. Findlay defended. Mr. T. M. Wilford watched the proceedings on behalf of Mrs. Weiss's son, Frederick.

Sub-Inspector O'Donovan stated that Mrs. Weiss's license had been determined on May 21st. At that date Mrs. Weiss had a quantity of wine in her shop, situated at 57a Willis-street, and it was the object of the prosecution to show that after that date wine was sold in quantities of less than two gallons, to be consumed on the premises.

Dr. Maclaurin, Government Analyst, stated that on July 22nd a probationary constable handed him a small bottle (produced) containing two or three ounces of wine for analysis. The bottle was sealed, and was in a sealed envelope. He analysed the wine, and found it to contain 10.07 per cent. of absolute alcohol by weight, and 21.87 per cent. of proof spirit by measurement. It was decidedly intoxicating, containing about twice as much alcohol as ordinary beer.

Ernest Alexander Regan, a probationary constable, stationed at Mount Cook, deposed that he went, with two other probationers, to the premises of accused at 57a Willis-street, at 8.15 p.m., on Saturday, July 20th. He called for three glasses of wine, for which he paid 9d, and which was served by Frederick Weiss. Smithers, one of his companions, also called for three drinks, which they got. Witness put his drink in a bottle, and took it away for analysis, as he had been instructed. He went back with Smithers on the night of the Monday following, when wine was also supplied.

A. J. R. Smithers, also a probationer at Mount Cook, corroborated the evidence of the witness Regan as to the buying of wine on the Saturday night. He deposed also that on the occasion of their visit on the Monday night they asked for wine, and were asked if they wanted grape wine. They got wine, which tasted like port. It was much the same as they had had on Saturday night. They did not keep a sample of that wine. Witness asked if they could have a bottle of the wine they had just had, but they were told that they could not, as it would not keep for more than a day. They were told that the only wine which was sold in single bottles was ginger-wine. Witness saw some red Karenga wine on a shelf, and they had a taste of it. They were told it was not sold in smaller quantities than two dozen bottles. On Monday night he saw Mrs. Weiss sitting in a back room; she seemed to be reading.

B. E. Church, the third probationer who visited Mrs. Weiss's premises on the Saturday night, supported the stories of the previous witnesses. He was not present on the Monday night.

Sergeant Dale said that on July 25th he visited Mrs. Weiss's shop, and told her that three probationers had there bought wine which had been found to contain alcohol. The probationer Regan was with him, but Mrs. Weiss did not recognise Regan. Mrs. Weiss said she had no alcoholic liquor in the shop. She said she had handed over the business to her son, Frederick. Regan was not recognised by Frederick Weiss as a man to whom wine had been sold. Weiss said, "If it has been analysed there must be a conspiracy with the police." Charles Watson, an assistant in the shop, remembered Regan, whom he said he had served with ginger-wine.

A. H. Holmes, clerk of the Magistrate's Court, Wellington, and clerk of the Wellington Licensing District, gave formal evidence, proving accused's occupancy of the premises at 57a Willis-street.

Mr. Findlay, in opening the defence,

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submitted that the case was not one for a jury, and expressed his intention to go on with the defence at once. His defence would be based on two grounds. First, the business was not, at the time of the alleged offence, the property of the defendant, but had been handed over to her son, Frederick Weiss. Second if the defendant was considered to have any connection with the retail business she was not to blame in the present case, as she had taken every precaution against violating the law. He had no doubt that His Worship would believe that defendant was not in any way a party to the sale in question. Her son, Frederick Weiss, was the only one who had supplied liquor to anyone. Mrs. Weiss was not even present on the Saturday night when the probationers called. Defendant had handed over the retail part of her business to her son by a perfectly legal document (produced), and she had control solely of the wholesale branch, which was quite separate from her son's business. In order that a conviction could be registered against accused, it must be shown that there had been connivance between her and her son. This the prosecution had failed to show, and he held accordingly that the information must be dismissed.

Evidence for the defence was given by Mrs. Weiss and Charles Watson, a man in her employ in the business.

After hearing the evidence, his Wor-

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ship held that the first charge against accused had not been proved, and the information would be accordingly dismissed. On the second charge he would reserve judgment.

Frederick Weiss was charged that on July 20th, 1907, at Wellington, he did sell certain liquor within the meaning of the Licensing Act, 1881, without being duly licensed to sell the same, nor

otherwise authorised or allowed by the said Act and its amendments to sell liquor without a license. Sub-Inspector O'Donovan prosecuted, and Mr. T. M. Wilford defended.

Mr. Wilford applied for an adjournment of the case until after the decision of his Worship on the charge against Mrs. Weiss was delivered, as he would frame his defence in accordance with that judgment.

N.Z. LICENSED VICTUALLERS' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual meeting of the Licensed Victuallers' Association of New Zealand was held in Wellington on the 8th inst.

The report presented said, dealing with conciliation and arbitration matters, that up to the present time only one place and one local association has suffered from "workers' demand," but, as in the near future quite a number of districts are promised invasion by workers' agitators, the matter will become of more general interest, and the proposed amendments to the Conciliation and Arbitration Act will be awaited with no little anxiety, especially as the fact must be admitted that few concessions are granted to employers, and fewer still where those employers are associated with the liquor trade. The question of legislation, always in the past an absorbing interest to the trade, is invested with more than ordinary importance at this session of Parliament, firstly from rumours that are in the air, and secondly from the known predilections of at least three members of the Cabinet.

POSSIBLE LEGISLATION.

Dealing with this phase, the report proceeds:—Of licensing amendments proper, your executive is of opinion that the question—notwithstanding its importance—will not receive any consideration at the hands of the present Government, or, if introduced, has no confidence that the trade will receive equitable treatment. The executive by resolution decided to interview the Premier on the subject, but, owing to the illness of Mr. Hall-Jones, and the late arrival of Sir Joseph Ward, no opportunity has yet offered. The proposed Shops and Offices Amendment Bill is more menacing than at any previous time, from the fact that this year the trade will have the organised opposition of the Cooks' and Waiters' Union, and the Trades and Labour Council, both of which have pronounced strongly in favour of the statutory half-holiday being given to hotel servants from 1 p.m. Each member of the association will be able to estimate how far his business will be affected if such a proposal becomes law. The Minister for Labour has foreshadowed very drastic changes in the Conciliation and Arbitration Act, and as there is little doubt that the ramifications of the Employees' Union will soon be spread over the entire colony, any amendments must of necessity be of the greatest interest to the trade. In any district where the Act is brought into operation one effect alone is the material increase in the wages-sheet. Many members will remember the important part the Health Department played at the annual meetings of Licensing Committees. And the question arose in more than one district as to whether the suggestions were not bordering on tyranny, and as such should be resisted. In any case, it is quite clear that any proposed amendments to the Public Health Act should be closely scrutinised to prevent injustice accruing to the trade. The executive will yield to none in its desire to promote the utmost cleanliness throughout hotel premises, but its protest is recorded against expensive and useless experimental fads. It is quite possible to introduce clauses into harmless-looking Bills which may become most oppressive to the trade; indeed, for some years past the side-wind legislation has been more harassing than direct Licensing Bills. With regard to licensing amendments, the executive is not prepared to recommend any action unless any such Bill emanates from the Government, as private measures on this question have ever been futile and abortive. It will thus be seen how arduous the duty is of watching legislation, and the work is not minimised in sessions where no trade legislation has been enacted, as at such times the watch-dog has to exercise greater alertness to guard against surprise.

NO-LICENSE.

Referring to the question of no-license, the report states:—Unofficially the executive has been informed that Mr. W. Thomson, the secretary or organiser of the Otago Association, has been to America to ascertain how no-license is working in the prohibitory States, and the executive quite concurs that any reliable

information bearing on the question may be advantageously used at the forthcoming election in 1908. But, seeing that this colony has, unfortunately, five districts working under "no-license," your executive is impressed with the opinion that in these districts data of a startling character is available far more calculated to appeal to the people of New Zealand than any that can be adduced from the distant States of America, which have now been exploited ad nauseam. The committee strongly recommends that steps be taken at the annual meeting to provide for exhaustive and reliable information being obtained as to the working of no-license in each of the prohibited districts of New Zealand, and that such data and statistics be tabulated in convenient form for dissemination prior to the election of 1908.

ORGANISATION URGED.

The need for organisation is also touched upon, as follows:—In the last annual report the executive expressed diffidence in approaching this question, but its present feelings are almost those of despair. The opposing party, though not having one cent's worth of interest in the liquor question outside the fat salaries paid, is yet concentrating all its energies to bring defeat and disaster on the trade. Oppressed with liabilities from last election of a magnitude to discourage the most ardent fighters, it rises with renewed vigour, and is making greater and more combined efforts than heretofore. And the battle-cry of the no-license party is more organisation. Contrast this with the action of the trade, which absolutely resents the very name of organisation, and which holds that the isolated action of a few in any district constitutes good and sufficient defence against the confiscation of property counted by its millions. The no-license party in the Auckland district alone recently obtained guarantee for raising £1500 per annum until after the next election. The revenue of this association for the past year reached the munificent sum of £262 for the whole colony. Licensees cavil at paying £1 per annum to the association, yet they have been repaid a hundredfold each year in the checks that have been given to oppressive legislative clauses. Quite recently the secretary of a small association gratefully acknowledged the source of the success of his district at the last election, which he attributed to the practical counsel and advice he had received from your secretary, all of which he had carried out to the letter, and he expressed a very decided opinion that had the same course been followed in Oamaru, where the most masterly inactivity was observed, the result would have been reversed. The executive would point out that the necessity for combination is not only generally admitted, but is acted upon by every section of the community—outside the liquor trade. And the impossibility of properly carrying out the many purposes of such an association as this on an income of £262 per annum cannot be too strongly emphasised. The executive will receive with pleasure any practical suggestions that does not involve an expenditure beyond the means at its disposal.

The statement of accounts shows a credit balance of £99 4s 4d.

A WORLD WITHIN A WORLD.

There is a little world within a world in Chicago, called Packingtown. It consists of about 450 acres in what is now the heart of the city. Within its precincts are employed from 20,000 to 30,000 men and women, and in them can be slaughtered in a single day 25,000 cattle, 25,000 sheep, and 50,000 hogs. During the course of a year its entire business aggregates over £100,000,000. There are within its borders banks, railroads, fire departments, restaurants, policemen, sanitary inspectors—in fact, all the features of a municipality. Civilisation and the broad acres of the United States have produced a nation of ardent admirers of animals. As one picks his way between engines and goods waggons to the main entrance to Packingtown the first sign which strikes his eye is the sign of the Humane Society, placed upon the portentous gateway. It is the duty of the society's officers to see that there is no suffering caused the thousands of cattle, sheep, and hogs which are daily sent there to be killed. There is little need, however, for such supervision. A steer loses its market value if bruised, and it is to the financial interest of the owners of all animals to see there is no clubbing or any other violence done to their stock. Once inside the gateway the visitor finds himself upon a well-paved street leading straight to the heart of the great packing industry and to the huge plants which daily provide a portion of the civilised world with their meat products. On either side stretch the

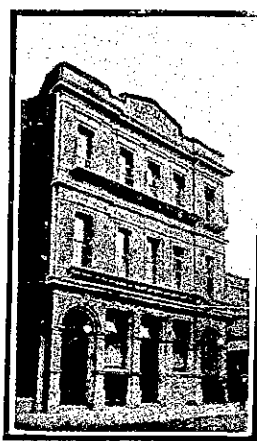
acres of pens in which the various animals are kept for half-a-day or more, resting after their journey hither. The method of selling live stock in America at the various stockyards is a straightforward business proposition. The stock in these pens may be the property of a stock-raiser, whose farm or ranch is 50, or, perhaps, 1000 miles away. As the steer pig, or lamb begins to reach the age when it will soon be ready for market, the owner, kept advised by the daily papers of the prices obtainable at the different selling points, commences to decide if he shall sell. If he concludes that the market is right, he forwards his salable stock to the commission house with whom he is accustomed to do business. If the journey be a long one, the law requires that at stated intervals the train shall stop, the animals be taken from the car, fed, watered, and given an opportunity to rest. The enactment of this law has been a great boon to the stock-raiser, as his cattle, thus taken care of, command a higher price in the market, on account of their condition, than formerly, while the loss in transit is practically reduced to a minimum.

WHERE DOCTORS DISAGREE.

Not many years ago the public heard from its medical men one monotonous chaunt to the effect that alco-

hol was always mischievous to the human frame—a poison, not a food. A recent manifesto, drawn up by distinguished British medical authorities, assailed this position, and now the eminent German expert, Dr. Starke, in his work on "Alcohol, the Sanction for Its Use," has delivered a yet more vehement and damaging assault upon it.

Dr. Starke, indeed, goes far beyond what moderate British authorities hold, and it remains to be seen whether his views will be endorsed by the best scientific opinion. But, according to him, alcohol is less deleterious to the city-dweller than tea or coffee. Indeed, he almost seems to cry that there is death in the teapot, while the beer-barrel contains the germ of life. The average man is becoming puzzled by these conflicts of expert opinion, and scarcely knows what to make of mentors who are constantly changing their views. The impression left by taking a course of temperance works, followed by Dr. Starke's trenchant treatise, will be that nothing is safe to drink, and that all beverages are equally poisonous, which, as Euclid would say, is absurd. Possibly, when he has reached this conclusion, the man in the street will act upon it in characteristically British fashion, by drinking exactly what suits him.—"Daily Mail."



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From Mr. Thomas H. Roach, 24 Margaret Street, Enmore, Sydney, N.S.W., 16th March, 1906:

"About seven years ago my little daughter, now ten years of age, contracted scarlet fever in a very severe form. She recovered from the fever, but her constitution was left very weak, and some years later she began to suffer from Bright's Disease of the kidneys and dropsy. Her appetite at first became very capricious, then her body and head began to swell and her face became pallid. We were alarmed by her condition, especially when the doctor, after a thorough examination, pronounced her to be suffering from Bright's Disease in a bad form. She was taken to the hospital, where her disease was pronounced by the doctor to be quite incurable, and that they could do nothing for her. Her urine by analysis, showed much albumen. We tried every possible means of alleviating her sufferings without result. It was an awful and anxious time for us to see her dying and to be able to do nothing to help her. As a last resource we decided to give her Warner's Safe Cure, having heard such good reports of the efficacy of that medicine. The result proved the reports to be correct, for after she had taken one bottle we were delighted to find the medicine was doing her good. We persevered with the medicine, and she continued to grow better and stronger. Every week showed great improvement. Repeated tests proved that the quantity of albumen in her urine was decreasing. We continued to give her Warner's Safe Cure until all trace of albumen and sediment had disappeared, and all signs of dropsy had left her. She has now fully regained her health and strength, and looks more robust than any member of the family."

From Miss M. Cornish, Storekeeper, 352 High Street, Bendigo, Vic., 24th August, 1905:

"For many years past I had been suffering from kidney complaint. The pain in my back and sides was so intense at times that I could not lay down, and sleep was out of the question whilst food was revolting to me. I also suffered from severe chronic headaches, recurring two or three times each week. Doctors' medicines did me no good, so I started to try the effect of Warner's Safe Cure. Soon after commencing to take this medicine I obtained relief, and gradually began to mend, until all pain had left me and I could eat and sleep without distress. I am now in the best of health."

From Miss Elizabeth Newbery, Bangor S.A., 3rd August, 1905:

"In hope that others may benefit by my experience, I wish to testify to what Warner's Safe Cure has done for me in saving my life. In October, 1903, I was taken ill with dropsy whilst away from home. I did not take much notice of it at first, but soon became so ill that I had to be removed to the hospital. For ten weeks two doctors attended to me, and at last had to confess that they could do nothing for me, and that the best thing I could do was to go home to my parents. They fully expected that I should die, and I thought the same. I decided to go home. Before leaving, a minister advised me to try Warner's Safe Cure, saying that a like case, to his knowledge, had been cured by that medicine. For seven months, after arriving at home, my life was hanging by a thread, and everyone thought that I should die. Often I had such difficulty in breathing that a rope had to be passed through a beam in the roof and I had to be raised by that, so that, whilst holding on, I could get my breath. At one period of my illness I measured forty-four (44) inches round the waist. I then procured a bottle of Warner's Safe Cure, and finding that it did me a little good, I continued to take it, taking also Warner's Safe Pills. Altogether, I took thirteen bottles of the medicine (with the pills), and, marvellous to say, since then I have been stronger and have enjoyed better health than ever before. Warner's Safe Cure undoubtedly saved my life after the doctors said that I was incurable."

From Mr. J. W. Jackson, Storekeeper, 37 Inkerman Street, St. Kilda, Vic., 25th January, 1906:

"For a number of years I suffered from disease of the kidneys, which gradually undermined my health. As the disease advanced I became weaker. I lost all appetite, and experienced extreme wakefulness and nervousness. I had a sinking feeling which increased day by day, unfitting me for exercise of any kind. When at the worst I commenced to take Warner's Safe Cure. I rapidly recovered, and was soon once again in the enjoyment of good health and strength."

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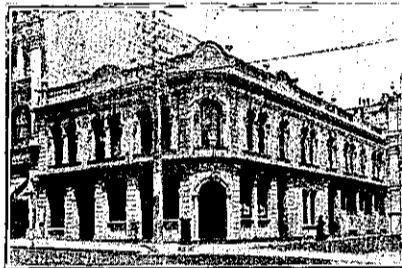
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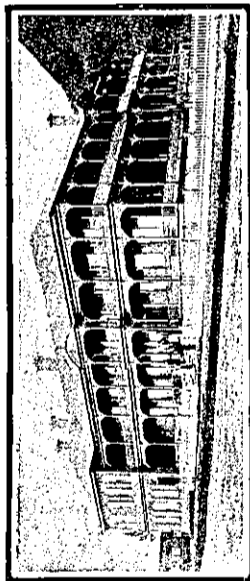
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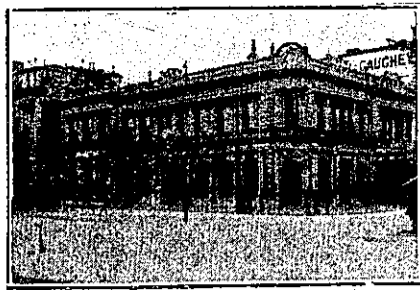
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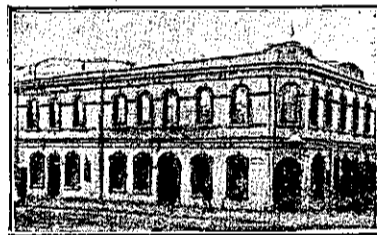
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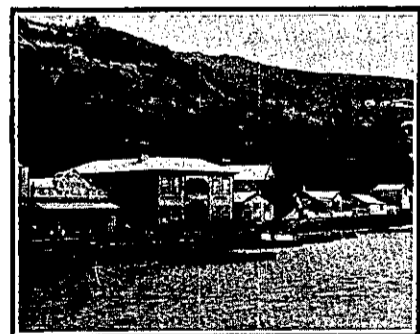
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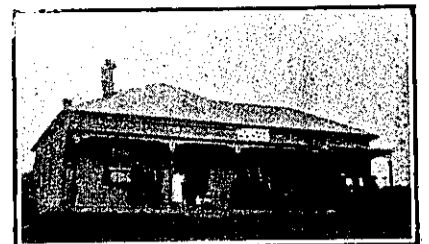
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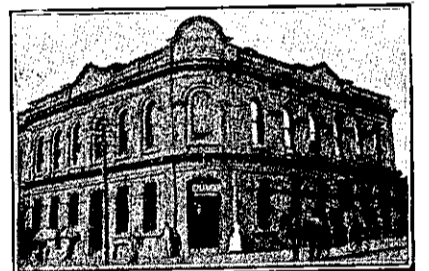
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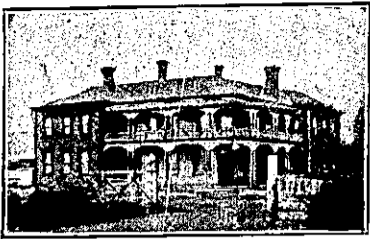
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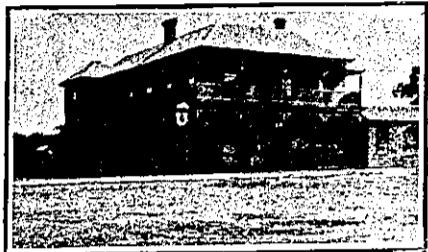
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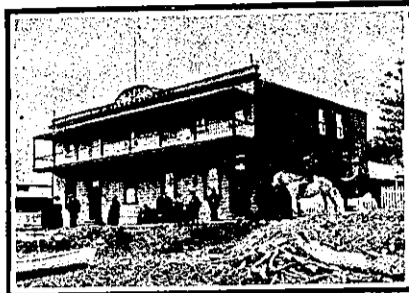
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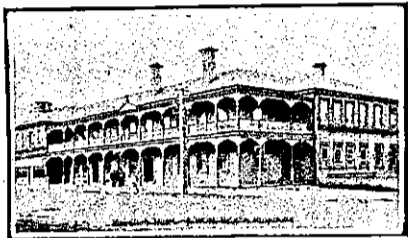
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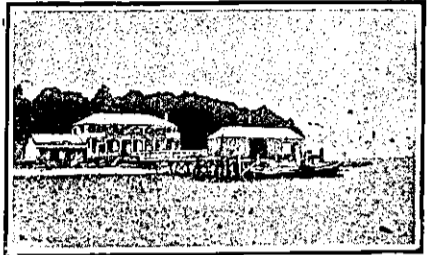
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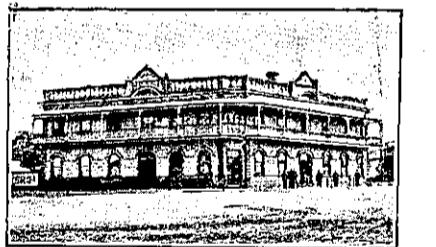
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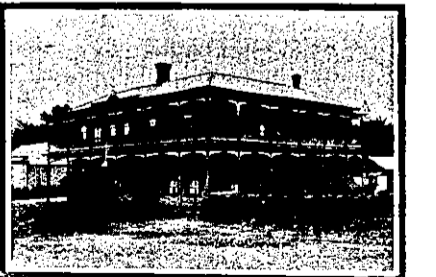
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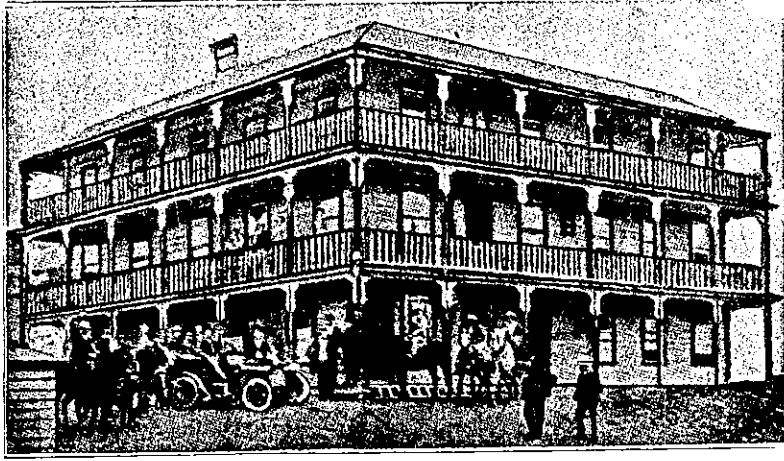
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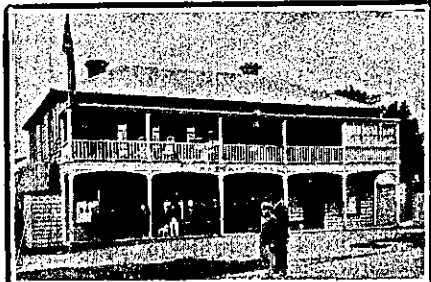


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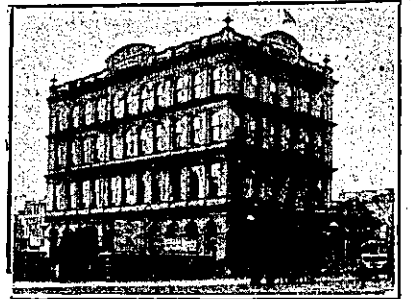
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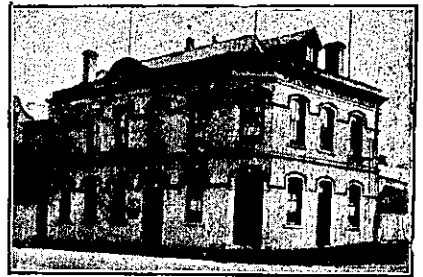
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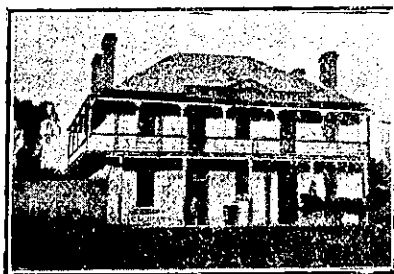
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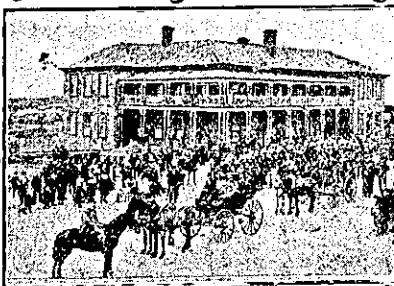
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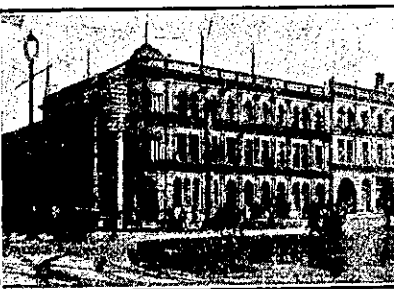


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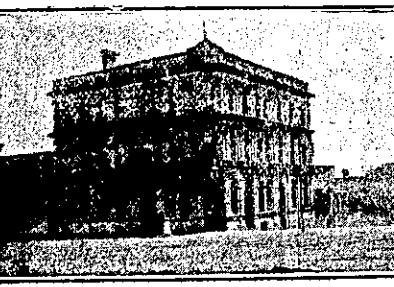


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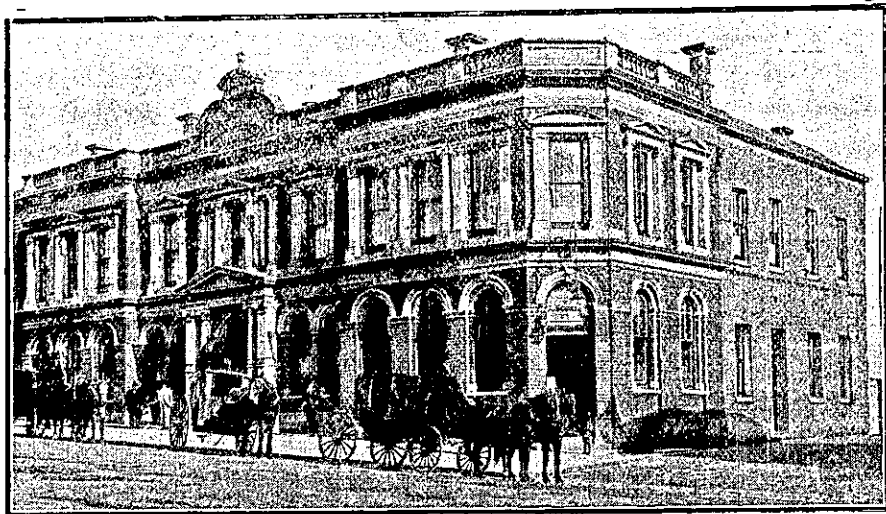
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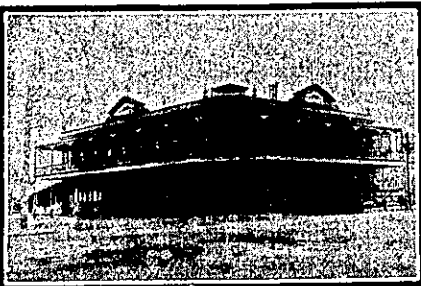
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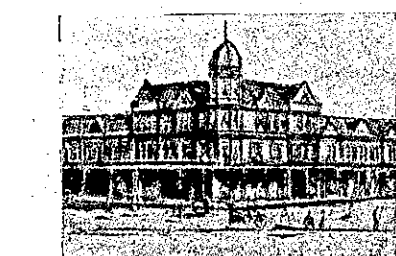
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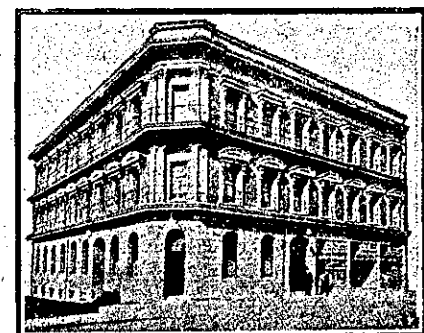
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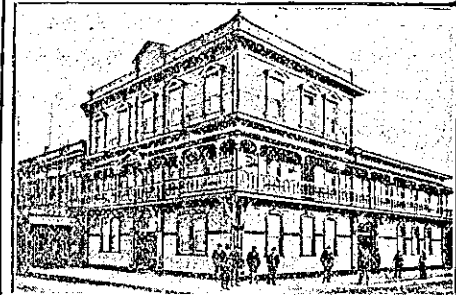
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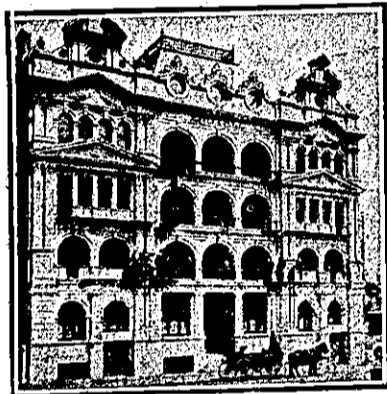
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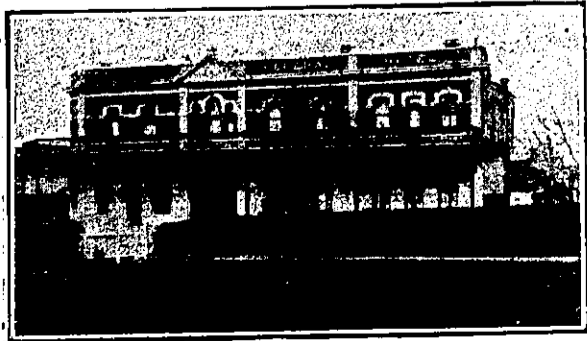


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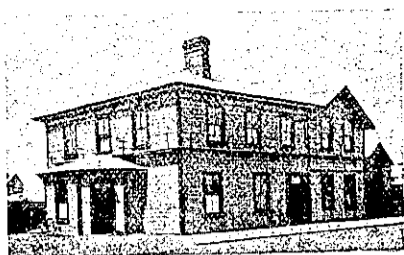


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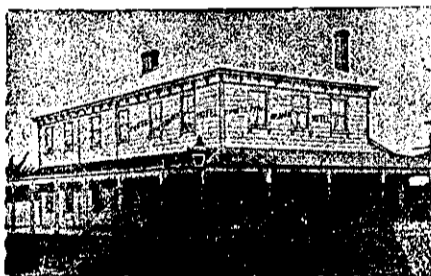
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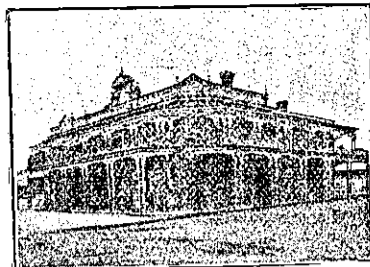
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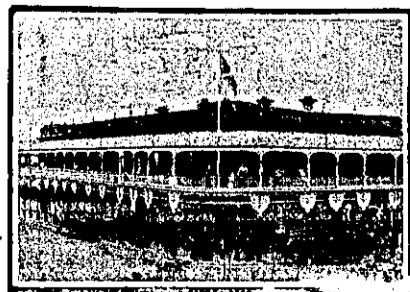
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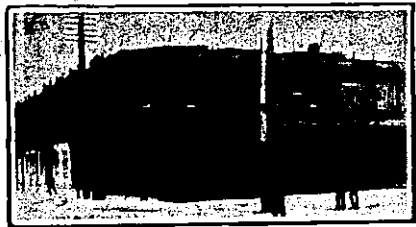
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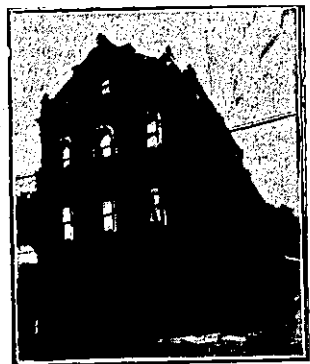
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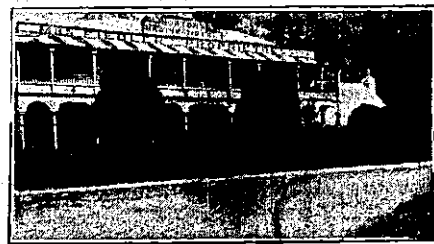


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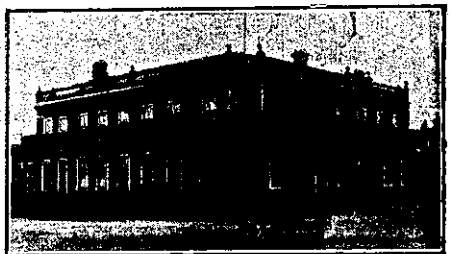
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