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HENNESSY "ONE STAR"	5	6
BOOMERANG	4	3
J.D.K.Z. GIN	3	9
OLD TOM	3	9
DRY GIN	3	6
WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS, Qts.	4	3
WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS, Pts.	2	3
SILVERSTREAM SCHNAPPS, Qts.	4	0
CRAWFORD'S WHISKY	4	9
ROBERTSON'S WHISKY	4	9
USHER'S "SPECIAL"	4	6
USHER'S "O.V.G."	4	3
D.C.L.	4	6
JAMESON'S IRISH	4	6
BUCHANAN'S	4	3
BEGG'S	4	3
GAELIC	4	3
WATSON'S	4	3
DUNVILLE'S IRISH	4	0
PORTS AND SHERRIES OF BEST QUALITY	3	6

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USHER'S "SPECIAL"	4	6
USHER'S "O.V.G."	4	3
BUCHANAN'S	4	3
ROBERTSON'S	4	9
GAELIC	4	3
JAMESON'S IRISH	4	6
BEN-CRUACHAN	4	0
D.C.L.	4	6
WATSON'S	4	3
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WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS, Qts.	4	3
WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS, Pts.	2	3
NOLET'S SCHNAPPS, Qts.	4	0
BEST IMPORTED PORT AND SHERRY	3	6

JACK PAGNI,

CASH MUST ACCOMPANY ORDERS,
WITH EXCHANGE ADDED TO
CHEQUES.

the Gazette notice, announcing the result of the voting, was not sufficient, as it did not declare that reduction had been carried. The second objection was promptly met by a Gazette notice, issued next day under the hand of the Premier, formally announcing that reduction had been carried. The second object was promptly met by a Gazette notice issued next day under the hand of the Premier, formally announcing that reduction had been carried in the 65 electorates in which that issue was successful. Mr. Ralston holds that even this is not sufficient, and that there is no authority given by the Act to anyone to make the calculation by which it is ascertained when the votes for no-license are to be added to those for reduction. However, the Court, comprising Judge Backhouse, and two magistrates, Messrs. Smithers and Macfarlane, decided on this point, that they could not go behind the Gazette notice, and so this objection, as well as the other one, will, it is certain, be carried to a higher Court for its decision. It is quite likely that there will be as plentiful a crop of litigation here as in New Zealand, as a result of the effort to give the people the power to say whether they want to drink or not. Meanwhile, the Reduction Court, as Judge Backhouse says, can only interpret the law, as it is; and, after a brief delay, to give the licensees the notice it is proper they should receive, the Court will probably get to work.

A FATAL CHALLENGE.

A protracted inquiry was held at Blayney, N.S.W., concerning the death of Edward Stumbles, aged 65. The evidence taken by the Coroner showed that deceased was drinking in one of the hotels with John Mackay, who challenged him to drink a whole bottle of rum. Deceased held the glass, and Mackay held the bottle. As deceased emptied the glass Mackay refilled it. In this way the bottle was emptied in a few minutes. Deceased fell down shortly afterwards, and was assisted to his camp, where he was found in a dying condition on Friday morning, and expired about 1 o'clock. The inquiry was adjourned for further evidence, but medical evidence supports the view that death in all probability resulted from the unusual magnitude of the drink.

A LONG SMOKE.

To keep a pipe alight for two hours is a great feat. At least so thought a crowd who collected in the Agricultural Hall, London, to see a pipe-smoking competition for a thirty-guinea grand piano. There were 150 competitors. Fifty dropped out in the first hour. At an hour and three-quarters only two were left. The merest streak of smoke came from the pipes, and the judges had to look closely to see whether they were alight. In five minutes more there was only one competitor left, and when he knew that he had won he puffed out great clouds of smoke. He kept his pipe alight for two hours, and beat last year's winner by eighteen minutes. "Put my success down," he said to a press representative, "to filling my pipe carefully and pressing the tobacco down with a pencil." One of the likeliest winners during the first hour was an old man, who smoked a clay with the greatest nonchalance. His method was to take the pipe out of his mouth and only draw occasionally. Often when

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he had held the pipe for quiet two minutes the suspense of the spectators became almost painful, and when he put it in his mouth and produced the smallest puff of smoke here was a general sigh of relief.

Shortly after the first hour, however, he became careless, and although he drew furiously and pressed the tobacco down no smoke came, and he had to give up thinking about the grand piano.