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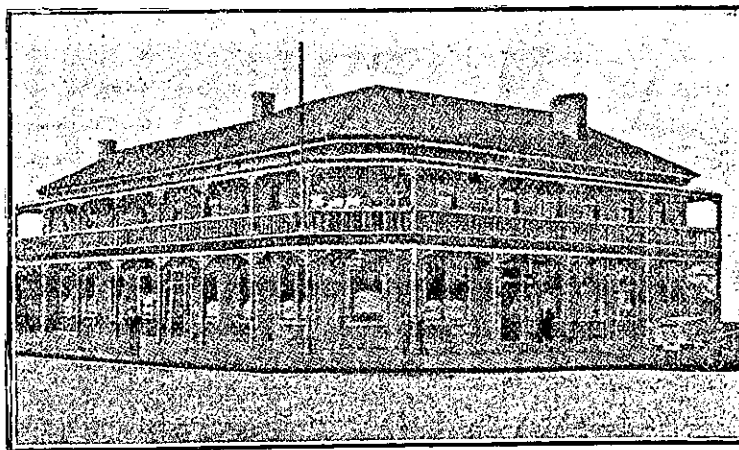
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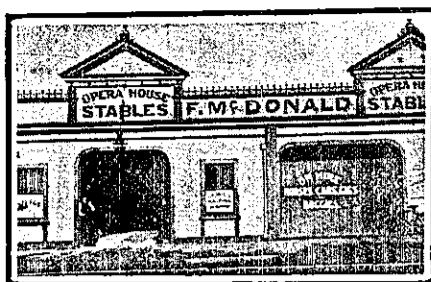
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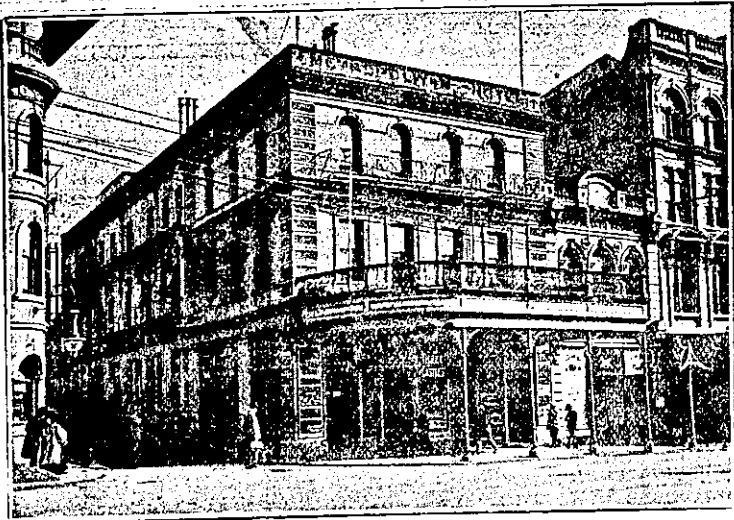
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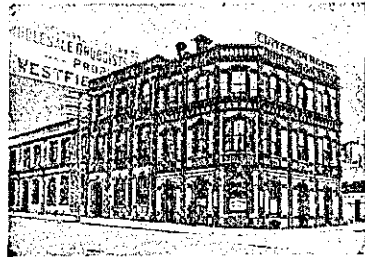
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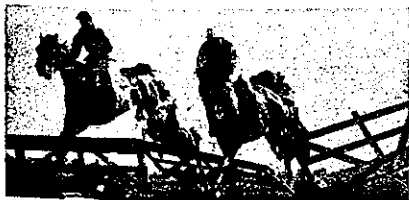
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# RACING.



## RACING CALENDAR.

### SEASON 1907.

#### FIXTURES.

Jan. 25, 29, Feb. 1—Takapuna J.C. Summer  
 Jan. 15 and 16—Tuapeka County J.C. Annual  
 Jan. 18, 22 and 25—Wellington R.C. Summer  
 Jan. 21 and 22—Wairoa County R.C. Annual  
 Jan. 22 and 23—Foxton R.C. Annual  
 Jan. 22 and 23—Gore R.C. Summer  
 Jan. 29 and 30—Pahiatua R.C. Annual  
 Jan. 30 and 31—Tapanui R.C. Annual  
 Feb. 6—Karloi J.C. Hack  
 Feb. 6 and 7—Manitoto J.C. Annual  
 Feb. 6 and 7—Gisborne R.C. Summer  
 Feb. 6 and 8—C.J.C. Summer  
 Feb. 8, 12, 15—Otahuhu Trotting Club  
 Feb. 12 and 13—Egmont R.C. Summer  
 Feb. 13 and 14—Poverty Bay T.C.  
 Feb. 19 and 20—Woodville J.C. Autumn  
 Feb. 19, 20, and 22—Dunedin J.C. Autumn  
 Feb. 22—Wellington Pony Club  
 March 5 and 7—Wanganui J.C.  
 March 6 and 7—Westport J.C. Autumn  
 March 13 and 14—Toioga Bay J.C. Annual  
 March 25 and 26—Taranaki J.C. Autumn  
 April 18, 20, 21—Auckland Racing Club Autumn

#### NOMINATIONS.

January 24—Wanganui J.C.  
 Jan. 24—Otahuhu Trotting Club  
 Feb. 5—Wellington Pony Club  
 Feb. 13—Taranaki J.C. Autumn  
 March 13—Auckland Racing Club (special events)  
 March 14—Taranaki J.C. (hack events)  
 March 27—Auckland Racing Club (general entries)

#### WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

Jan. 18—Gisborne R.C. Summer  
 Feb. 7—Poverty Bay T.C.  
 Feb. 10—Wellington Pony Club  
 February 15—Wanganui J.C. (special events)  
 February 22—Wanganui J.C.  
 March 9—Taranaki J.C. Autumn  
 March 23—Auckland Racing Club (special events)  
 April 3—Auckland Racing Club (first day)

#### ACCEPTANCES.

Jan. 17—Takapuna J.C.  
 Jan. 28—Gisborne R.C. Summer  
 Feb. 8—Poverty Bay T.C.  
 February 28—Wanganui J.C.  
 March 14—Taranaki J.C. Autumn

## ALLEGED CROOKED RUNNING AT ELLERSLIE.

There is an old saying that there is no smoke without fire, and the truth of it may be accepted as an axiom. Whether, however, the many rumours current as to much alleged crooked running at Ellerslie during the recent meeting have any basis of fact remains to be proved. That such rumours are current cannot for a moment be gainsaid, but their origin is difficult to trace. Among those owners, the doings of whose horses have been questioned by these unknown critics, is Mr. James Roulston, who, however, refuses to sit down under the gratuitous insult put upon him, and in this issue writes offering his detractor £20 to come forward and prove the truth, if it exists, of the accusation. He is also courting an enquiry at the hands of the A.R.C. committee. The particular race in question is said to be the Glasgow Handicap, which was won by King Billy, in which some critics appear to consider the way was paved for Mr. Watt's horse. Now, we fully believe that Mr. Roulston is far too straightforward a sportsman to do other than try to win, and the only pity is that the popular black jacket and maroon sash is not more often in the van. Still, if Mr. Roulston desires an inquiry, it should be granted him, because there may be happenings of which he is totally ignorant, and, as he puts it, if such a state of affairs really exists, it would be money well spent in finding it out. Quite apart from the case of the Pukekohe sportsman, there are rumours of other happenings at the meeting, which, even at this late hour, might form the subject of enquiry, though we fear it is too late to really discover the exact state of affairs.

The stewards have been accused of blindness, weakness, and all sorts of objectionable things, but we think the leaven of truth in this respect is very small indeed. Where the stewards are tremendously handicapped is in the position of their stand, from which it is impossible to see what is happening in the straight. This is

the reason keen punters often notice queer tactics on the part of horse-men, the same being unseen by the ruling powers. One of these days, when the committee take our advice and erect a skeleton steel structure near the bandstand from which the stewards can really see a race, we shall not have so much said about unchecked crooked running. But at the present there is no disguising the fact that these nasty rumours are being freely bruited about, and we think the A.R.C. might do worse than look into the matter and thus allay public uneasiness.

## THE RECENT A.R.C. MEETING.

Ever since the recent A.R.C. meeting was held the air has been thick with rumours of alleged crooked running at Ellerslie. Among those who one would have thought were quite exempt from suspicion is that good sportsman, Mr. James Roulston, of Pukekohe. Evidently this has not

Now, "Mr. Keen Observer," to show you that I am in earnest, I shall place a cheque for twenty pounds in any respectable trainer's hands at Ellerslie, and if the opinion of the stewards of the A.R.C. you prove a case of corrupt practice against either of the boys riding for me, or myself, the money will be yours.

Surely this twenty pounds will compensate you for the few hours you spent at the investigation, as well as pay you back the few shillings you lost on my horses, which you assert were running stiff.

If you succeed in proving your case I consider the twenty pounds I am paying you has been the best investment I have made for many years inasmuch as it will be an eye-opener to myself and every horse-owner throughout New Zealand. In conclusion, "Keen Observer," it will be for you to intimate your willingness through the press to accept this challenge, otherwise we cannot go on. Prove yourself a man for once and

consideration of owners, all classes of horses being catered for, while the prize money is liberal. On the opening day the chief items are the Otahuhu Trotting Cup of 100sovs, two miles, and the Otahuhu Pony Cup of 50sovs, 6½ furlongs. On the second day the Summer Trot of 50sovs, 2 miles, and the High-class Trot of 40 sovs, are the best-endowed events. On the concluding day the Criterion Trot of 50sovs, 2 miles, the February Trot of 40sovs, one mile, and the Dash Trot of 40sovs, one mile, carry most money. The programme in full will be found in our advertising columns. Mr. Fred. Yonge, the secretary, notifies those interested that nominations for all events close at the office, Durham-street, on Friday, January 24, at 9 p.m.

## THE WELLINGTON PONY AND GALLOWAY RACING CLUB.

This newly-formed club will hold its inaugural meeting at Miramar on Saturday, February 22. The programme will consist of six events, these being the Initial Scurry of 20 sovs, 4 furlongs; Maiden Pony Race of 18sovs, 5 furlongs; Miramar Cup of 40sovs, 6 furlongs; Kilbirnie Handicap of 20sovs, 6 furlongs; Tradesmen's Handicap of 15sovs, 5 furlongs; and Farewell Handicap of 25sovs, 4 furlongs. The doings of the club will be watched with considerable interest in all the centres, because, if a success is made, it is fairly certain that others will follow suit. Just at first there may be a shortage of ponies, but the demand will soon bring about the supply. Owners who intend giving the new club a good send-off should bear in mind that Mr. P. P. Bigwood, the secretary, will take nominations up till 9 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5.

## MR. N. A. NATHAN.

In this issue we publish a recent portrait of Mr. N. A. Nathan, one time part owner of the famous Sylvia Park Stud. Some years ago the pale blue colours of Messrs. L. D. and N. A. Nathan were well known at all the meetings round Auckland, their horses being trained by the late George Wright. Possibly the best to carry the colours were Rosella, an exceptionally good mare when really well, and that great horse St. Hippo. With the latter the Messrs. Nathan won the Northern Champagne Stakes, Hawke's Bay Guineas, N.Z. Cup, G.N. Derby, A.R.C. Handicap, and other races. Explosion, whose memorable duel with Major George's Seahorse will long be remembered by all who saw it, was another good one to carry the light blue banner, while others to distinguish themselves were Three Star, Beddington, Miss Emmy, Miss Rose, Northumberland, Laetitia, Hastings, and others of lesser note. Although not taking quite such a prominent part in racing as his brother, the late Mr. L. D. Nathan, Mr. Alfred Nathan was always present at the meetings when the stable had horses running, and it was a great loss to the Auckland turf when the racing establishment was given up. As breeders of high-class stock the Messrs. Nathan were highly successful. They owned the Whitford Park Stud and afterwards the more famous Sylvia Park Stud. With such grand sires as Seaton Delaval and San Francisco and many beautifully bred mares it is not to be wondered at that many winners first saw the light at this well known breeding establishment. The stud was broken up in 1903, a greatly to be regretted fact. Horses bred there have had a great innings lately. A few names which readily occur are those of Apologue, winner of the Melbourne Cup, Master Delaval, winner of the Auckland Cup, Frisco, winner of the N.Z. Cup, and Elevation, a winner over all distances, and which some writers consider to be the best colt bred in New Zealand since Carbine's day. If only Mr. N. A. Nathan could be induced to race a few horses again his return to the arena would be heartily welcomed by all.



MR. N. A. NATHAN, A WELL-KNOWN AUCKLAND SPORTSMAN.

been the case, as the following letter from Mr. Roulston will show:—

To the Editor.

Sir,—As some very unfavourable comments have been made on the running of my horses at the recent summer meeting, I think it is only fair to myself and the public that it should be inquired into.

One of the croakers has written me an anonymous and scurrilous letter to the effect that both my horses were deliberately pulled in some of their races at Ellerslie, and if I was a party to it I should be disqualified for life. In the latter instance I am with him, but as we live in an English colony we do not hang people before being tried. In the present instance I court an inquiry, and further, I am prepared to pay one hundred pounds to any charitable institution in Auckland if any boy who has ridden for me can prove that his instructions were any other than "Win if you can." Surely this man who signs himself as "Keen Observer" will be manly enough to come forward and substantiate the vile assertions he has made against the boys and myself,

give me a chance to vindicate my character to the public. At your instigation I shall ask for a meeting of stewards of the A.R.C. to hear the case, when I hope every opportunity will be given you to prove it.

I should really ignore any writer who has not the backbone to sign his name, but the foregoing reply is an exception to the rule.

Anticipating an early reply from "Keen Observer" through the medium of your columns, thanking you for the insertion in your paper.—I am, etc., JAMES ROULSTON.

Belmont, Pukekohe, January 11, 1908.

P.S.—Should "Keen Observer" not be man enough to come forward, the offer I make him will hold good to any other person who can prove the charge.

## THE OTAHUHU TROTting CLUB.

The summer meeting of the Otahuhu Trotting Club will take place on Saturday, Wednesday, and Saturday, February 8, 12, and 15. A very good programme is put forward for the

### THE MANGATARATA SALE OF YEARLINGS.

The sale of the Mangatarata yearlings took place at Hastings on Friday, but the bidding was slack, and many of the lots were quitted very cheaply. The principal sales went as follows:—

	Gs.
Ch g. by The Possible—Maid Marion, Mr. J. Small (Kaikora North)	21
Br f. by Waiuku—Miss Stent, Mr. J. Hannah (Hastings)	33
Br f. by Waiuku—Bonnie Idee, Mr. G. D. Beatson (Meeanee)	41
Ch f. by Sylvia Park—Misfortune, Mr. Allen (Taradale)	33
B f. by Waiuku—Julia, Mr. H. H. Pharayn (Newstead)	38
Br f. by Waiuku—Motuotaraia, Mr. Hunter (Porangahau)	25
Br f. by The Possible—Primula, Mr. R. Gooseman (Hastings)	100
Ch c. by Waiuku—Namo, Mr. J. S. McLeod (Hastings)	27
Ch c. by The Possible—Hine Nui-tepo, Mr. Egan (Hastings)	41
Ch c. by The Possible—Seraph, Mr. J. Cameron (Hastings)	32
Br c. by The Possible—Scotia, Mr. E. J. Watt (Hastings)	60
Br g. 2yrs. by The Possible—Primula, Mr. H. H. Pharayn (Newstead)	75
B f. by The Possible—Violet, Mr. R. Gooseman (Hastings)	45
Total for 13 lots	570

### RACING IN THE NORTH ISLAND.

Southern writers have been hitting out from the shoulder concerning the easy-going methods adopted by many honorary stewards at some North Island race meetings. The "Weekly Press," after discussing the Rangitikei meeting, about the leniency shown in a very bad case says:—"The Rangitikei stewards have before now been charged with being very tolerant of things that ought not to be allowed to go unchallenged. In the present case they held an inquiry and administered punishment which in many quarters is not considered sufficient. A good deal happened during the racing which called for some enquiry, so I am informed, and really it is this failure to act on the part of honorary stewards which makes the demand for stipendiary stewards more persistent day by day. At Ashurst, too, the stewards could have done no harm by asking some necessary questions, while two correspondents write me of an affair at the Wairarapa meeting which, if as stated, should certainly have received attention at the hands of the stewards. I am told that the rider of one horse struck another horse with his whip while at the post, and when remonstrated with, threatened with foul language, to deal similarly with the jockey. I hear that this occurred with the full knowledge of the starter and a steward who was present to witness the start. I mention this so as to give the Wairarapa officials the opportunity of making any explanation. If the facts as stated by my correspondents are correct, then there is no doubt at all that the starter and the steward failed in their duty. I have said that day by day the demand for stipendiary stewards is becoming more persistent. This demand particularly comes from those who regularly attend the race meetings of country clubs, and certain occurrences this season have given the paid steward movement a big lift onwards.

### DEVELOPMENT OF COLTS' TEETH.

The horse has two sets of teeth, the milk teeth are temporary, and are the ones which the colt sheds, while those that come in or remain without being shed, are called the permanent teeth. The cutting of the teeth in the foal varies some, but at or within nine days after birth the foal has four front teeth, two in the centre above the two below, and in the back part of the mouth he is found to have twelve molars, three on each side of jaw; at from seven to nine weeks he gets four more incisors in each jaw; at nine months old he gets the last of his milk or temporary teeth, these being the four corner teeth, two in the upper and two in the lower jaw.

Now he has his full set of milk or temporary teeth, consisting of twelve molars or grinders and twelve incisors or front teeth, six above and six below, making twenty-four teeth in all. As the colt advances in age he must shed all these. After this age the colt commences getting his permanent teeth. At one year old he gets four permanent molars, two in each jaw, one on each side behind the three temporary ones. At two years old he gets four more permanent molars, one on each side of each jaw. When the age of two years and nine months has been reached he sheds the four front nippers or center teeth, two above and two below, which are replaced by two permanent incisors in each jaw and at the age of three years these four permanent incisors are up in wear. At this age the first eight temporary molars are shed, two on each side of each jaw,

and are replaced by eight permanent molars, which are also up, and at three years and nine months old he sheds four more front teeth next to the ones shed at three years old, two above and two below. These are replaced by four more permanent incisors, or front teeth, which are known as the lateral incisors, which are up in wear at four years old. Also at this age he sheds the four remaining temporary molars which are replaced by four more permanent molars at the back of the mouth. Thus at the age of four years the colt has a full set of permanent molars, consisting of six on each side of each jaw, making twenty-four in all. This is the hardest year on the colt.

At four years and nine months old he sheds the four remaining temporary incisors or front teeth, which are replaced by four permanent incisors. These are known as the corner teeth, and should be up and in wear at five years old. It is well to become familiar with the time the colt sheds his different teeth, for sometimes the caps or shells of the teeth do not fall off when they should. These should be watched for if they do not fall off when they should, they greatly interfere with the animal's feeding, and should have the attention of some good veterinary dentist. At five years of age the canine or bridle teeth, four in number, make their appearance, so at the age of five years the colt has all his teeth, or what is known as a full mouth of teeth, numbering forty in all.—Frank L. Steele, D.V.S.

### TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

The Autumn Meeting of the Taranaki Jockey Club will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, March 25 and 26. It will be seen from our advertising columns, the programme is a good one and well deserving of attention. On the opening day the events are the Kawarua Hack Hurdles, 1½ miles; the Swards' Handicap, of 100 sovs, 5 furlongs; the Pukaka Hack Handicap, of 65 sovs, 6 furlongs; the Taranaki Cup, of 300 sovs, 1½ miles; the First Welter Handicap, of 100 sovs, one mile; the Kaitaki Hack Handicap, of 65 sovs, one mile; the Flying Handicap, of 110 sovs, 6 furlongs; and the Hack Scurry, of 50 sovs; 5 furlongs.

On the second day the items to be considered are the Pukoturi Hack Hurdles, of 60 sovs, 1½ miles; the Grandstand Handicap, of 100 sovs, 5 furlongs; the Warepapa Hack Handicap, of 65 sovs, 6 furlongs; the Paul Memorial Handicap, of 200 sovs, one mile and a distance; the second Welter Handicap, of 100 sovs, 7 furlongs; the Kawau Hack Handicap, of 65 sovs; the Farewell Handicap, of 80 sovs, 6 furlongs; and the final Hack Flutter, of 50 sovs, 5 furlongs. Owners intending to assist at the meeting should make a note of the date when entries are due with Mr. Russell Flutwood, the secretary. This is 9 p.m. on Friday, February 13. The fixture should receive liberal patronage from Auckland.

### ENGLISH RACING STATISTICS.

Just before the last mail left England the flat-racing season closed, and the statistics published show that St. Frusquin failed to catch Gallinule in the race for the position at the head of the winning sires' list. Still, there was very little between the pair at the finish, the difference being only £42. The chief contributors to Gallinule's amount, £23,383, were Slieve Gallion and White Eagle. The former won Craven Stakes and Two Thousand Guineas, and White Eagle won four rich two-year-old races. Gallinule represents the line of Birdcatcher through Sterling and Isonomy, whilst St. Frusquin is of Galopin descent through St. Simon. St. Frusquin's chief contributor to his £23,341 was Lesbia, which credited him with £8066 10s, but Dusty Miller, Frugality, Rhodora, Elxir, St. Cyril, and St. Ollala all won good races for him. Desmond, mainly owing to the The White Knight and Land League, is third with £19,738, and but for Lally, Amphion would have had a very poor year, as Lally accounted for £11,555 of his £17,655. Orme had a good year, as Orby won the Derby for him, and Witch Elm the One Thousand Guineas, whilst Vamose earned £4084 10s. The St. Leger winner, Woolwinder, was mainly instrumental in placing Martagon sixth on the list with £14,587, as he won £10,417 of that sum. The expatriated Diamond Jubilee, who is now in South America, claimed nine winners of 15 races worth £13,647. Sancy was his best winner for £204, and Jubilee was responsible for £3083. Persimmon dropped from top place last season with £21,737, to eight with £12,301. Isinglass claimed two good winners in Witch Elm and Balinglass, and followed Persimmon with £11,907; then coming Cylena with £10,539, Marco with £10,025, and Matchmaker with £9782. Lally was the biggest winner during the season with £11,555, then following Woolwinder (£10,417), Sancy (£9204), Lesbia (£8066),

Slieve Gallion (£7905), White Eagle (£7571), Orby (£6717), The White Knight (£6495), and Beppo (£5008).

Bill of Portland did well in England last season, as his stock accounted for 24 races, worth £8164. Carbine had a bad year, his stock only winning 21 races, valued at £4066. Other Australian sires represented by winners were:—Merman (£665), Patron (£105), Seneschal (£1052), and Trenton (£3310).

### NOTES.

(By The Judge.)

The Tahuna Park Trotting Club, Dunedin, have purchased a new race-course near Tahuna Park.

The Otamatea R.C. meeting takes place to-morrow.

Miss Winnie has been asked to give Black and Gold 14lb over five and a-half furlongs at the Shore meeting. If only the big fellow was at his best!

The Onewhero meeting takes place to-day.

The hurdler Crucesot, is now an inmate of H. Howe's stable.

The Ohaupo R.C. Meeting will take place on February 26.

The race for premier position on the list of winning sires in the Old Country was very close. Galimule (by Isonomy) just beat St. Frusquin (by St. Simon) by £23,383 to £23,341.

Mrs. Coombe's Soult—Dreamland yearling colt, and her Soult—Miss Annie filly have gone into Dennis Morrighan's stable to receive their education.

Sweet Alice was in a kinder mood than usual at Whangarei, and pulled off a double, the Cup and Tradesmen's Plate.

Elevation has been entered for the Newmarket and Doncaster Handicaps.

Mr. J. F. Hartland, the secretary to the A.R.C., has gone to Wellington to assist at the meeting and to attend the conference.

Among the entries for the Sydney Cup appear the names of the New Zealanders Seddon, Cross Battery, Apologue, Putty, and Maranui. The list is longer still in the Newmarket Handicap, as it includes Munjet, Captain Shannon, Elevation, Pink 'Un, Equiform, Dusky Morn, Mararui, Grenadier and Seddon. Master Delaval's name appears in the list for the Australian Cup and Champion Stakes.

Entries for all races to be run at the Wanganui Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting close with Mr. W. Hall on Friday week, January 24th.

L. Hewitt had 165 rides for 15 wins in England last year. The Victorian, F. Bullock, won 30 of the 215 races in which he rode, and F. Wootton 39 out of the 282 in which he figured. The last-mentioned lad finished thirteenth in the winning list.

In England during the season recently closed, R. Wootton won thirteen races of a total value of £2741.

Although the Sydney owner, Mr. Crick, was offered 2500 guineas for Collarit, some few months ago, nothing near that figure was forthcoming on January 21 when he was offered by Messrs. W. Inglis and Son, and he retired from the ring when bidding had ceased at 1350 guineas, which was offered by the well-known Victorian bookmaker, Mr. Sol. Green, but it was afterwards given out that it would take 1700 guineas to secure the brilliant son of Haut Brion and Collaretta. Another of Mr. Crick's horses, the 2-year-old, Borodino, elicited a bid of 1300 guineas, which was refused.

Two jockeys were killed in the hurdle race at the W.A.T.C. (Perth) meeting, and strangely enough, the mishap which brought about their respective deaths occurred at the same hurdle on different days. The jockeys were W. Skelton and J. Kent.

During the eight months in which he rode in England last year, W. Higgs had 732 mounts, winning 146 races, but in the matter of percentage, he was badly beaten by D. Maher, with 114 wins for 424 rides.

The New Zealand horse Volume was among the final entries for the Viceroy's Cup, which closed on the 2nd of last month. If he started he failed to run anywhere.

Early backers got a shock by the withdrawal of Boniform from the Wellington Cup. Evidently the handsome little son of Multiform is not to be overworked.

Elevation's handsome half brother, Gravitation, figures among the entries for the Wellington Stakes.

The Calcutta Turf Club has decided to have the totalisator installed at all future meetings.

Artillerie, who raced at Ellerslie at the Christmas meeting, has gone into J. Lowe's stable at Trentham.

It is reported that Elevation is to be sent to Australia to measure strides with Mountain King. A meeting between the pair should be worth going a long way to see.

The success of the Whangarei meeting was somewhat marred by the paucity of the fields, otherwise the fixture proved enjoyable, the weather being beautifully fine and the attendance large.

Fourteen horses are left in the Wellington Cup, Zimmerman heading the list with 9st 3lb, a weight he won under at Ellerslie.

Mr. C. F. Mark, secretary to the Auckland Trotting Club, is now making one of his periodical pilgrimages to Christchurch.

Sir George Clifford, president of the Racing Conference, came up to Auckland on Tuesday.

The Mexican Government, in order to encourage the importation and development of thoroughbred stock, has devoted a sum of £40,000 for a number of annual races for two and three-year-olds, among them a Mexican Derby, to be run for ten years, beginning in 1910. English stallions are greatly improving the quality of speedy horses in Mexico.

King Edward's horses only won £2944 in stakes last season in England.

Three of Canteen's stock were recently sold under the hammer at the dispersal sale of Sir Rupert Clarke's stud. Two by the grey record-holder were chestnuts, and the colour of the other was not stated.

Australian horses continue to more than hold their own in India, despite the importations from England. Realm failed to win the Viceroy's Cup, but Fitz-Grafton emulated the performance of Great Scot by winning his second Viceroy's Cup. He was bred in Queensland by Mr. James McGill, and is by Grafton from Olive Branch, and is by Grafton from Olive Branch, from Oliveria, by Laureate from Olive, by Orest. Mallard, who finished second to Fitz-Grafton, a position he filled the previous year, was bred by Mr. James Wilson, jun., at Bonnyvale, and is by Malvolto from Britomarte, by Neckersgat from Ada, by Lucifer; and Steinhager, who is an English horse, is by Count Schomberg, from Benedictine, by The Abbot from Black Corrie, by Sterling.

Blacklock, to whom the great excellence of the Galopin tribe is generally and probably erroneously ascribed, was an immense bay horse with a fiddle head of enormous size, which earned for him the sobriquet of the "Bishop Burton Monstrosity." He was foaled in 1814. His breeder purchased Blacklock's dam in 1810 for £3. He was a great racehorse, and a successful sire, but though he left Brutandorf, Buzzard, Laurel, Malek, Tranby, Warlaby, Velocipede, Young Blacklock, and Voltaine behind, all with the exception of Voltaine are dead in the direct line.

It is chronicled that in the reign of Edward the Great, A.D. 631, "The English first began to saddle horses." The earliest mention of "running horses" refers to those sent to England in the ninth century by Hugh, the founder of the Royal House of Capet in France, as a present to King Athelstan, whose sister, Ethelswitha, he was desirous of marrying. In the reign of William the Conqueror, Roger de Bellesme, Earl of Shrewsbury, imported several stallions from Spain, and Fitz-Stephen a monk of Canterbury, and secretary to the celebrated Archbishop A'Beckett, in the reign of Henry II., refers to some rough-and-ready races at Smoothfield (Smithfield), in which "the jockies, inspired with thoughts of applause, and in the hope of victory, clap spurs into willing horses, brandish their whips, and cheer them with their cries."

The Takapuna Jockey Club's Summer Meeting opens on Saturday week.

Entries for the Te Aroha Meeting are due with Mr A. S. Mackay on the 24th inst.

Matters are very quiet in racing circles in Auckland, but the Takapuna meeting should liven things up.

There is money, good substantial money (says an authority) not that in small quantity, in breeding horses well, with a fixed end in view. Breed good mares to good horses and you need have no fear of the result. It is bloody that tells in horse breeding. The very nature of the conditions and surroundings requisite to the production of first-class carriage horses will long stand in the way of an over supply. Is there any way in which you can grow £50 worth of farm products with less labour, less capital and better profit than by raising a good horse? From the age of two and one-half years a well-bred colt, properly fed and handled, should be able to do enough work about the farm to pay for his keep.

An interesting breeding experiment has been entered upon by the Iowa State College and the United States Government, with a view to establishing a new breed of grey draught-horses. The object of the experiment is to combine and improve the qualities of the highest excellence of the Shire and Clydesdale, as far as possible, and to eliminate some of the characteristics that are objectionable from the American standpoint. It is the intention to combine the feet, quality, pasterns, and action of the Clydesdale with the more massive proportions of the Shire, and, while doing so, to establish the grey colour and other essential characteristics, which will eventually lead to the development of an American breed of draught horses, better adapted to American conditions than any of the foreign breeds. It is the opinion of the best informed horsemen that the crossing of these breeds will be attended with the usual uncertain results of cross-breeding experiments, as they have practically the same origin, and have been bred along quite similar lines for many generations. In America, grey is the popular draught horse colour, and, other things being equal, a grey gelding commands more money on the market than one of any other colour. Although the Shire and Clydesdale will form the foundation of the experiment, it is possible that some Percheron blood may be introduced later on.

## INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

### CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, January 15.  
Lapland, who ran third in the last New Zealand Cup, has not raced since. He will be a starter in the Wellington Cup. He has been doing good work at Riccarton during the past week or two, and should strip in his best form at Trentham.

Helianthes was also taken up to Wellington, the pair being in charge of Dan Roberts.

Petrovna, who has scored at previous Wellington meetings, Clanchattan, who won a race at the Auckland summer meeting, Sea King Sant Rosaleer, and Sir Artegal, a promising juvenile, are also going up, and between them should account for some of the spare Wellington bullion.

Boniform was not, as was generally expected by those people who profess to know everything that goes on in certain racing stables, left in the Wellington Cup. The Northern Derby winner looked to have an excellent chance in this race, and he was favourite in all the doubles. When will backers leave the Yaldhurst horses alone in handicap races until the day of the race?

Bonny Glen, who has been in active training for some weeks and taken part in some severe contests is having a spell.

Suttee a filly by the Government sire Tyranny, is the first of his sire's get to race in New Zealand. That the filly is smart is shown by the fact that she has lately won six races.

That speedy mare Cross Battery will be given a chance to regain some of her lost laurels at the Wellington meeting. No mare of recent years has put up such fast gallops in private as Cross Battery, but when it comes to racing in public she seems to go all to pieces. At the Cup meeting also at Dunedin she let her connections down badly, and it is quite time she made amends for some of her recent failures when carrying good gold. Medallist is once again bowling

along in his best style. I cannot understand, after his good form early in December, how this horse failed to show up more prominently than he did during his Northern trip. He is certainly worth ticking off for a good race in the near future.

The Grafton mare Mary of Argyle, who ran unsuccessfully at the Cup meeting, is again in active work, as also are Don Orsino Volodia, Hilarity, The Libyan, Gypsobel, Tremulous, Aimee Soult, Sea King, and Pas Seul.

Perhaps the two most disappointing mares racing down this way this season are Cross Battery and Pas Seul. They have both failed to win when their owners thought highly of their chances, and unless they come to light shortly will prove somewhat costly to keep going.

Mr. W. J. Clay, the owner of St. Joe, has gone over to Tasmania to see his horse run in the Hobart Cup.

Sir Geo. Clifford will be represented by a strong team at the Wellington meeting. Clanchattan, Red Rain, Fleetfoot, Stratagem, Sister Anne, De Witte and Cockleshell will comprise the team. Between them they should capture some of the stake money. Fleetfoot will probably prove the most successful member of the team, but Stratagem should go near winning a good handicap event.

Entries for the principal events to be decided at the C.J.C. summer meeting close on Friday next.

The two big autumn handicaps—the Easter and Great Autumn—are each worth 1000sovs this year. Entries close on January 31.

A fair amount of business has been done on the Wellington Cup double—Cup and Telegraph Handicap. Prior to the acceptances, Boniform was a strong favourite for the Cup.

Since the formation of a Pony and Galloway Club at Wellington, inquiries have been made for ponies in the Ashburton district. Some years back this part of Canterbury produced a number of smart ponies, and there is no reason why some cannot be found in the district to-day.

A number of prominent racing men have accepted the invitation to be present at the Wellington summer meeting. This club, through its president, Mr. J. B. Harcourt, has been noted for his liberality in the past in extending invitations to outsiders.

Fleetfoot and Armet are likely to meet in the Wellington Stakes, to be run on Wednesday next. The former has beaten the Menschikoff filly three times in succession over five furlongs and upwards, and is, I think, the better filly.

### WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, January 14.  
Trentham is at present the location of a very large number of trainers and their charges. Although a number of extra loose boxes have recently been erected, the accommodation has not proved up to requirements, and in numerous instances, private quarters have been utilised. The number of horses at present housed at Trentham greatly exceeds those of any previous race meeting, and under such circumstances a most successful race gathering seems assured.

E. Cutts and Son, who had the care of Sir Geo. Clifford's respective strings at Manawatu and Ellerslie, have now settled down at Trentham and further reinforcements from the same stable are due to arrive from Riccarton, making in all eight horses that will assist at the W.R.C. Summer Meeting in Sir Geo. Clifford's colours.

R. J. Mason, on his arrival from Auckland, disembarked the filly Armet, and in charge of W. Holmes, sent her to Trentham to await his return from Yaldhurst with Mr Stead's Cup candidate. Boniform was taken south, his mentor explaining that he preferred to exercise him on the Yaldhurst ploughed gallop, pending a decision being arrived at as to his starting for the Wellington Cup, but has since been scratched. Gold Braid, the other Yaldhurst representative has, according to Mason, been kept up to the collar in view of the Wellington meeting.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond's trainer, S. Waddell, has engaged ten boxes, and evidently purposes bringing a fairly numerous team. Rumour has it that Sir Tristram will represent Mr Ormond in the Cup, this notwithstanding that Zimmerman has been sorted out as one of the pick of the Cup Handicap, by those who saw him race at Ellerslie. A local turf scribe, however, points out that many horses, have, in the past, prevailed with heavy impost on the Ellerslie course, and have later ignominiously failed with more lenient imposts on other racecourses. This he attributes to the fact that the concluding portion of the Ellerslie course is slightly down hill. Heavily weighted horses are thus enabled to ease their tightened muscles whilst descending the incline, and are ready to respond to final challenges when tackled in the last stages of the contest.

F. Tilly has elected to be represented in the Wellington Cup by Apa. This horse ran second to Achilles last year, carrying 7st 12lb, and although he failed to distinguish himself in the Auckland Cup, he may prove more serviceable to his party over the Wellington Cup distance. His second to Master Delay for the C.J.C. Metropolitan Handicap is worth bearing in mind. Sir Frisco, runner-up to Elevation for the Palmerston Stakes, will accompany Apa, and may take a hand in the Telegraph Handicap, in which he has a handy impost. Motukawa, a maiden 4-year-old son of Waiuku, and Paone, a two-year-old filly by Stepniak-Armigera, complete the Forde's team.

J. Prosser (who is about again after being laid aside through indisposition), will arrive at Trentham on Monday with a somewhat numerous team. All Red, William, Swimming Bell, Gauge, Atuahua, Playmate, and a couple of Stepniak two-year-olds, constitute the list of Prosser's charges; one of the latter a colt by Stepniak. Tortulla is mentioned as one that will stand any amount of scrutiny. The stable will miss the services of C. Jenkins during the meeting. The latter, however, has been located at Porirua for some time, and the schooling he has given some of the younger animals will have asserted them in the art of galloping.

R. Gooseman, E. J. Rae, F. Davis, and T. Quinliven, are expected on Tuesday with the Hawke's Bay representatives, and when the balance of the Canterbury horses put in an appearance, Trentham should bear a lively appearance.

The local trainers have their horses engaged to their full strength, but unfortunately local owners are poorly represented in the matter of class. Some of the local racing stables badly want replenishing. There are too many "has-beens" devouring valuable fodder, that would be better expended on younger animals. Balarat lasts well and may pay her way during the season.

J. Lowe has realised that Aeolus has not yet recovered from the exertions of undergoing a New Zealand Cup preparation, and it is reported that the son of Euroclydon will not be saddled up during the meeting—(quite a number of horses are yearly ruined by the N.Z. Cup preparations). Some of Lowe's lesser lights may be given a run, but the travelling and knocking about they have recently received may not have improved them. A fairly large contingent of horses are expected from Wairarapa, including Riflemaid, Gawain, Full Rate, Mo'lock, Sunbonnet, San Julie, Lochilla, Russell, Mauid and Gratiation. The latter claims an engagement in the Wellington Stakes for which race his relative Elevation was unlucky enough to be defeated by Guidwife last year.

The terms offered the bookmakers by the Wellington Racing Club have been well received by the Metalliceans, and if rumour speaks correctly, there will be somewhere between thirty and forty bookmakers laying the odds at Trentham. The club are, I understand, prepared to issue licenses to as many as make applications accompanied by the stipulated fees, leaving the backers to choose for themselves for the meeting.

### TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB.

#### AUTUMN MEETING.

President: Captain Mace, N.Z.C. Vice-President: Mr. A. Standish. Stewards: The President, Chairman of Committee (Mr. F. Watson), Judge and Treasurer (ex officio), and Messrs. Thos. Elliot, B. Elliott, A. Hill, N. King, C. M. Lepper, S. McGuinness, W. L. Newman, Hon. O. Samuel, M.L.C., A. Standish, C. H. Weston, D. S. Wylie. Judge: Mr. A. W. Budge. Starter: Mr. C. O'Connor. Handicapper: Mr. G. Morse. Clerk of the Scales: Mr. Ab. Goldwater. Assistant: Mr. W. C. Weston. Clerk of the course: Mr. G. W. Heslop. Hon. Surgeon: Dr. Fookes. Timekeeper: Mr. F. Stohr.

#### FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, 25th MARCH, 1908.

- 12 noon.—KAWAROA HANDICAP HURDLES of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles about 3ft 6in high. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile and a-half.
- 12.45 p.m.—STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs.
- 1.30 p.m.—PUKAKA HACK HANDICAP of 65sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Six furlongs.
- 2.15 p.m.—TARANAKI CUP HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. In the event of any horse winning a handicap of the value of 100sovs or over, after the declaration of weights, the handicapper may, if he thinks fit, re-handicap each winner. If the weight of any horse is altered, the revised handicap will be published on or about Friday, the 20th March, 1908. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 4sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

- 5.3 p.m.—FIRST WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile.
- 3.45 p.m.—KAITAKE HACK HANDICAP of 65sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile.
- 4.30 p.m.—FLYING HANDICAP of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Six furlongs.
- 5.15 p.m.—HACK SCURRY of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stakes. Weight, 8st. For horses that have never won a race of the value of 25sovs at the time of entrance. Entrance, 1sov. Five furlongs.

#### SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, 26th MARCH, 1908.

- 12 noon.—PUKETORI HANDICAP HACK HURDLES of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Over six flights of hurdles about 3ft 6in high. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile and a-half.
- 12.45 p.m.—GRANDSTAND HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs.
- 1.30 p.m.—WHAREPAPA HACK HANDICAP of 65sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Six furlongs.
- 2.15 p.m.—PAUL MEMORIAL HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs. One mile and a distance.
- 3 p.m.—SECOND WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Seven furlongs.
- 3.45 p.m.—KAWAU HACK HANDICAP of 65sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.
- 4.30 p.m.—FAREWELL HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Entrance, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Six furlongs.
- 5.15 p.m.—FINAL HACK FLUTTER of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stakes. Open to horses that have never won a race of any description at time of starting. Weight, 8st 7lb. Entrance, 1sov. Five furlongs.

Winners of any Handicap (other than Cup) after declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra.  
Winners of any Handicap Hurdles after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra.

#### DATES OF ENTRANCE, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

Nominations for the following Handicaps will close on FRIDAY, 13th February, 1908 at 9 p.m., 1sov each:—Kawaroa Hack Hurdles, Stewards' Handicap, Pukaka Hack Handicap, Taranaki Cup Handicap, First Welter Handicap, Kaitake Hack Handicap, Flying Handicap, Puketori Hack Handicap Hurdles, Grandstand Handicap, Wharepapa Hack Handicap, Paul Memorial Handicap, Second Welter Handicap, Kawau Hack Handicap, Farewell Handicap.  
WEIGHTS for the First Day's Handicaps will be published on or about MONDAY, March 9th, 1908.  
ACCEPTANCES for the Kawaroa Hack Hurdles, 1sov; Stewards' Handicap, 1sov; Pukaka Hack Handicap, 1sov; Taranaki Cup Handicap, 4sovs; Welter Handicap, 1sov; Kaitake Hack Handicap, 1sov; Flying Handicap, 2sovs; and

ENTRIES for the Hack Scurry and Final Hack Flutter, 1sov each, will close on SATURDAY, 14th March, 1908, at 9 p.m.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS.

All Entries will close at the Secretary's Office, New Plymouth, at 9 p.m., except when otherwise specified.  
All Entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, Taranaki Jockey Club, New Plymouth, entrance money enclosed, with the name of horse, age at time of entry, pedigree, name of owner, colours of the rider, and name of trainer.  
Every Gentleman Rider or Jockey must produce his license to the Clerk of the Scales.  
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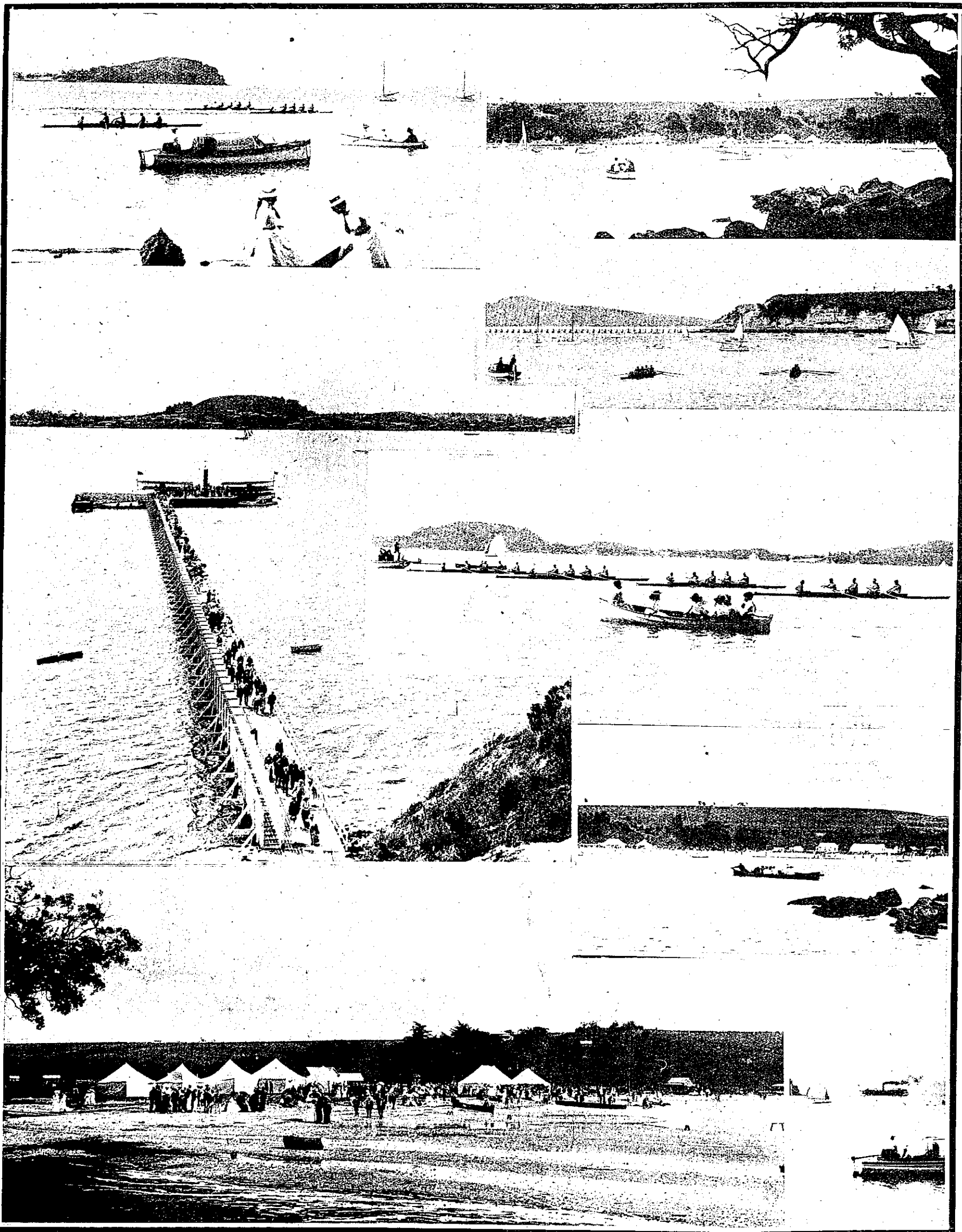
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# AUCKLAND ROWING ASSOCIATION'S PICNIC AND REGATTA AT ORAKEI.



## AUCKLAND ROWING ASSOCIATION'S REGATTA AND PICNIC.

A particularly pleasant outing was the third annual picnic and trial fours organised by the Auckland Rowing Association. It took place on Saturday at Orakei and was attended by quite 2000 spectators. Considering that no less than twenty-five events had to be decided it was wonderful that everything was got off to the minute and his spoke well for

the organising powers of Mr W. Benjamin, the secretary, and his committee. Mr N. Wade was starter and umpire, and Mr B. S. Finn, judge. Each of the rowing clubs held a series of Trial Fours and then the winners of the finals were matched against each other, the West End R.C. crew proving the champion.

The results were as follows:—  
Auckland Rowing Club: Final Heat—Murray's crew, 1. Won by a

length. The crew consisted of C. Murray, C. R. Watson, R. Wilson, and J. A. Stannaway.

West End Club: Final Heat—Mark's crew, 1. Won by a length. The winners were L. Marks, E. Hennely, A. Bennet, and M. Murphy.

Waitemata Boating Club: Final heat—Andrew's crew (A. Andrews, W. Anderson, H. Menzies, and J. McLeod), 1.

St. George's Club: Final heat—R. Donkin's crew (Donkin, A. H. Gyllies, H. F. Twigden, and W. Woodroffe), 1.

North Shore Club: Final heat—Logan's crew (Logan, F. B. Burgess, C. Dunsford, and E. Clark), 1. Three crews competed.

Association Fours: West End (Marks, stroke), 1; Waitemata (Andrews, stroke), 2; North Shore, 3. Five competed.



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INTERPROVINCIAL.

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HAWKE'S BAY.

NAPIER, January 15.

At the monthly meeting of the Hawke's Bay Metropolitan Committee, the Petane Racing Club reported the riding of E. Willis in the Eskdale Handicap. Willis appeared before the committee and it was decided to defer the matter till the next meeting...

The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club Committee met yesterday. The resignation of Mr J. Lopdell, as clerk of the course, was received with regret and a bonus of 25 guineas was voted Mr Lopdell for his services. Mr A. P. O'Dowd was appointed to fill the vacancy...

After many years riding, it is hard for a jockey to relinquish the saddle and view the races from the grandstand. Apparently this is so with that capable horseman Percy Johnson who, a couple of years back resigned his position in the saddle to the younger fry...

TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB

SUMMER MEETING, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19 AND 20, 1908.

FIRST DAY.

- 1. MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 20 sovs. Distance, 5 1/2 furlongs. Nomination, 7s 6d.
2. HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 30 sovs. Distance, 1 1/2 miles. Nomination, 10s.
3. TE AROHA JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 50sovs. Distance, 1 mile. Nomination, 15s.
4. HANDICAP HACK RACE of 12 1/2 sovs. Distance, 5 1/2 furlongs. Nomination, 5s.
5. DOMAIN HANDICAP of 20sovs. Distance, 6 furlongs. Nomination, 7s 6d.
6. FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 20 sovs. Distance, 4 1/2 furlongs. Nomination, 5s.

SECOND DAY.

- 1. TOURIST PLATE HANDICAP of 20 sovs. Distance, 6 furlongs. Nomination, 7s 6d.
2. SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES of 30sovs. Distance, 1 1/4 miles. Nomination, 10s.
3. TE AROHA CUP HANDICAP of 60 sovs. Distance, 1 mile 3 furlongs. Nomination, 20s.
4. SECOND HANDICAP HACK RACE of 12 1/2sovs. Distance, 7 furlongs. Nomination, 5s.
5. PUBLICANS' PURSE HANDICAP of 15sovs. Distance, 5 1/2 furlongs. Nomination, 5s.
6. ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 20sovs. Distance, 4 furlongs. Nomination, 5s.

Nominations close with the Secretary, at Te Aroha, not later than 8 p.m. on FRIDAY, January 24, 1908.

A. S. MACKAY, Secretary.

OTAHUHU TROTting CLUB

SUMMER MEETING.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12th, And SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1908.

PROGRAMME.

- FIRST DAY: SATURDAY, FEB. 8th. MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP of 25sovs. 1 Mile. SPECIAL HANDICAP of 30sovs. 1 1/2 Miles. OTAHUHU PONY CUP of 50sovs. 6 1/2 Furlongs. OTAHUHU TROTting CUP HANDICAP of 100sovs. 2 Miles. SYLVIA PARK TROT HANDICAP of 30sovs. 1 1/2 Miles. CLASS TROT HANDICAP of 40sovs. 1 Mile. FLYING STAKES of 30sovs. About 4 Furlongs. ELECTRIC TROT HANDICAP of 35 sovs. 1 Mile.

SECOND DAY: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12th.

- TRIAL TROT HANDICAP of 25sovs. 1 1/2 Miles. SUMMER TROT HANDICAP of 50sovs. 2 Miles. SUBURBAN PONY HANDICAP of 35 sovs. 5 Furlongs. TRAMWAY TROT HANDICAP of 30 sovs. 1 1/2 Miles. MANGERE TROTting HANDICAP of 30sovs. 1 1/2 Miles. ALEXANDRA HANDICAP of 30sovs. About 4 Furlongs. HIGH-CLASS TROT HANDICAP of 40 sovs. 1 1/2 Miles. TELEGRAPH TROT HANDICAP of 35 sovs. 1 Mile.

THIRD DAY: SATURDAY, FEB. 15th.

- PRESIDENT'S TROT HANDICAP of 25sovs. 1 Mile. ONEHUNGA TROTting HANDICAP of 30sovs. 1 1/2 Miles. WELCOME STAKES of 35sovs. 6 1/2 Furlongs. CRITERION TROT HANDICAP of 50 sovs. 2 Miles. PAPATOIPOI TROT HANDICAP of 25 sovs. 1 1/2 Miles. MANUKAU HANDICAP of 35sovs. About 4 Furlongs. FEBRUARY TROT HANDICAP of 40 sovs. 1 Mile. DASH TROT HANDICAP of 40sovs. 1 Mile.

Nominations for all Events Close with the Secretary, at his Office, Durham-street E., on FRIDAY, January 24th, 1908, at 9 p.m.

F. D. YONGE, Secretary.

WELLINGTON PONY

GALLOWAY RACING CLUB.

PROGRAMME FOR INITIAL MEETING

ON THE CLUB'S COURSE

MIRAMAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd, 1908.

Committee: R. Chase-Morris, Captain J. L. Freeman, H. Lamberg, J. Brodie, and E. Young. Treasurer: T. Blackwood. Managing Steward: P. P. Bigwood. Judge: D. Weir. Handicapper: P. P. Bigwood (pro tem).

PROGRAMME:

- 1. 2.0 p.m.—INITIAL SCURRY of 20 sovs; second pony to receive 2sovs from stake. For ponies 14 1/2 hands and under. Entrance, 20s. Four furlongs.
2. 2.40 p.m.—MAIDEN PONY RACE of 18sovs; second pony to receive 3 sovs from stake. For ponies 14 1/2 hands and under that have never won a race. Entrance, 1sov. Five furlongs.
3. 3.20 p.m.—MIRAMAR CUP of 40 sovs; second pony to receive 5sovs from stake. For ponies 14 1/2 hands and under. Entrance, 30s. Six furlongs.
4. 4.0 p.m.—KILBIRNIE HANDICAP of 20sovs; second pony to receive 4 sovs from stake. For ponies 14 1/2 hands and under. Entrance, 20s. Six furlongs.
5. 4.35 p.m.—TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP of 15sovs; second pony to receive 2sovs from stake. For ponies 14 1/2 hands and under which are the bona-fide property of, and have been driven by, a tradesman; catch weights. Minimum, 9st 7lb. Entrance, 10s. Five furlongs.
6. 5.15 p.m.—FAREWELL HANDICAP of 25sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from stake. For ponies 14 1/2 hands and under. Entrance 20s. Four furlongs.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Entries will be received by the Managing Steward up till 9 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, February 5th, 1908. All Ponies must attend for measurement at 12.30 p.m. on the course on the day of the races, when a six months' certificate will be granted, for which 5s will be charged. All handicaps, with the exception of the Miramar Cup, will be started on a minimum of 8st 7lb. The Miramar Cup will be started on a minimum of 8st. Any winner during the day to incur a penalty of 7lb.

So far as is possible, the rules of the New Zealand Racing Conference will be observed at this meeting, but a book of rules is in course of preparation, and will shortly be issued.

Weights will be declared on MONDAY, February 10th.

The Managing Steward will be pleased to give any information to country visitors as to accommodation to be obtained for themselves and ponies.

No pony allowed to start whose nomination fee is unpaid.

In the case of there being less than five starters for the Miramar Cup, the right is reserved to reduce the value of the stake.

Any further particulars to be obtained from

P. P. BIGWOOD, Managing Steward, And Secretary.

N.B.—The Racecourse is situated within 1/2 mile of Wellington by road.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.

HANDICAPS.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

Takapuna CUP of 400sovs. One mile and three furlongs and a-half.—Wai-puna 9.0, Uranium 8.5, Uhlander 8.4, Carl Rosa 7.10, Noteorini 7.10, Leonora 7.8, Paritutu 7.8, Pohutu 7.7, Uhlando 7.5, Loch Erne 7.4, Certainty 7.2, Tui Cakobau 7.2, Scotty 7.0, Le Beau 6.10, Lord Seaton 6.9, Fashionable 6.9, Advocate 6.8, Soultmaid 6.8, Syren 6.8, Bully 6.7, Cyrettus 6.7.

RANGITOTO STEEPLECHASE of 130sovs. About three miles.—Inniskillen 11.4, Cachuca 10.10, Capital 10.9, Pipi 10.4, Silica 10.4, Tarakihī 9.9, Geologist 9.8, Kapakapa 9.7, Reporter 9.7, Tarralutt 9.7, Tanglefoot 9.7. Cachuca has been struck out of the Rangitoto Steeplechase.

MAIDEN HANDICAP, one mile.—Dardanus 9.0, St. Cyren 8.13, Napanette 8.13, Tui 8.12, Port Light 8.11, Neonette 8.5, Catastrophe 7.13, Toheroa 7.12, Pamperia 7.10, Tui Kitua 7.10, Mark Time 7.7, English 7.7.

OREWA HURDLE RACE, one mile and three-quarters.—Hautapu 12.0, Lady Hune 11.2, Swagsman 11.0, Omati 10.12, Claremont 10.7, Lady Clements 9.7, Kola Nip 9.4, Ranana 9.4, Pukenui 9.0.

ZEALANDIA HANDICAP, five furlongs and a-half.—Miss Winnie 9.0, Certainty 8.11, Tui Cakobau 8.8, Longrana 8.5, Cyrene 8.0, Black and Gold 8.0, Celerity 7.12, Guidwife 7.12, Frederick 7.10, Lochbuhie 7.5, Duart 7.4, Ben Blair 7.4, Miss Crispin 6.13, Cadence 6.12, Lucio 6.12, Engraver 6.11, Clochette 6.11, Carmania 6.10, Cyrettus 6.10.

CALLIOPE HANDICAP, five furlongs and a-half.—Santa Rosa 8.8, Rarata 7.11, Master Sout 7.8, John 7.7, Rimlock 7.0.

FERRY HANDICAP, five furlongs and a-half.—Confide 9.0, Rosavere 8.10, Escamillo 8.10, Lady Dot 8.8, Lira 8.8, Castadri 8.7, Wairua 8.6, Nulla Uulla 8.6, Strathmoira 8.5, Ngapuka 8.5, Adeline 8.5, Cyreniac 8.5, Waihoihoi 8.5, Kapakapa 8.5, Aratea 8.5, Epsom Lass 8.5, Mark Time 8.5, Lady Francis 8.5, Okaihau 8.5, Armagh 8.5.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Miss Winnie 9.0, Certainty 8.11, Tui Cakobau 8.8, Lucrece 8.0, Guidwife 7.12, Duart 7.3, Syren 7.3, Soultmaid 6.13, Maheno 6.13, Cadence 6.12, Henry Havelock 6.12, Clochette 6.11.

PONY HANDICAP, five furlongs and a-half.—Mighty Atom 9.7, Octoroon 9.7, Waihou 9.7, Hopscoth 9.1, Necktie 8.8, Carmania 8.6, Ngakapa 8.6, Hughie 8.2, Imprinus 7.10, Norma 7.4, Cyrona 7.4, Lira 7.0, Achord 7.0.

ACCEPTANCES.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

JANUARY 18.

TRENTHAM HACK WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs, seven furlongs.—Martyrium 9.12, Wakaraka 9.2, Red Rain 9.0, Gold Thread 9.0, Moscow 8.10, Truthful 8.7, Sen-Sim 8.5, Nukutubi 8.4, Playmate 8.2, Motukawa 7.7, Orisis 7.7, Ancylus 7.7, Te Otane 7.7.

ANNIERSARY HANDICAP of 150 sovs, one mile.—Firebird 7.12, Kairomo 7.11, Chatterer 7.11, William 7.9, Selwood 7.8, San Julie 7.5, Uenuku 7.4, Sir Frisco 7.4, Vardo 7.2, Moata 7.2, Clanchattan 6.13, Prism 6.7.

RUAPEHU HACK HANDICAP of 120 sovs, six furlongs.—Sea King 8.9, King Post 8.5, Penates 8.4, Rangipapa 8.3, Suttie 8.3, North Head 8.0, Truganini 7.11, Nukutubi 7.8, Mon Amie 7.5, Russell Maid 7.5, Lucretius 7.3, Bluebell 7.2, Yosami 7.2, St. Ludlam 7.0, Miss Vera 7.0, Diplomatic 7.0, Helianthus 7.0, Tal-toki 7.0, Mince 6.7, Advantage 6.7.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 200sovs, four furlongs.—Armet 9.6, Gravitation 8.13, Aborigine 8.7, Sir Artega 8.0, Kau-tuku 8.0, Chantress 7.8, Berengaria 7.5, Stepiak—Thorntulla colt 7.3, Faione 6.10, Voetgang 6.10.

WELLINGTON CUP of 750sovs, one mile and a-half.—Zimmerman 9.3, Maniapoto 8.12, Gold Crest 8.0, Apa 7.11, Mystification 7.7, Downfall 7.7, The Rand 7.3, Lapland 7.1, Tangimoana 6.13, Chatterer 6.13, Loch 6.10, Splendid Idea 6.7, Clanchattan 6.7, Saga 6.7.

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP of 400 sovs, six furlongs.—Munjeet 9.5, Full Rate 8.12, Dawn 8.9, King Billy 8.8, Buedleuch 8.4, Moriarty 8.4, Kitchenmaid 8.3, Petrovna 8.3, Cross Battery 7.13, Ballarat 7.13, Loftus 7.5, All Red 7.4, Sister Anne 6.12.

TONGARIRO HACK HANDICAP of 120sovs, one mile.—Culmination 7.0, Sutte 8.2, Naphtha 8.2, Lochiela 7.8, Santee Rosaleer 7.2.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 150sovs, five furlongs.—Gawan 8.2, Oxtou 7.13, Landwren 7.3, Finery 7.2, Swimming Belt 7.2, Pettitcoat 6.7, Cockleshit 6.7, Chamols 6.7.

FINAL PAYMENTS. WELLINGTON STAKES of 400sovs, Five furlongs. Mr. W. Bidwell's b c Gravitation, 2yrs, by Birkenhead—Stepfeldt Sir George Clifford's c f Fleetfoot,



THURSDAY, MARCH 5th, 1908 (on or about) 8 p.m.—
WEIGHTS for Second Day's Handicaps Friday, March 6, 1908, at Noon.
ACCEPTANCES—Autumn Handicap 2sovs, Matarawa Hack Flat 1sov, Fordell Hurdle Race 2sovs, Okola Hack Hurdles 1sov, Wanganui Stakes 3sovs, Harrison Hack Handicap 1sov, Farewell Handicap 2sovs.
WM. HALL, Secretary.
P.O. Box 15, Wanganui.

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SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25th, 1908.
HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 50sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile.
CALLIOPE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. For TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.
ZEALANDIA HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.
TAKAPUNA CUP (HANDICAP) of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of stakes. Winner of any race of the value of 50sovs after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 3lb; of 100sovs 5lb; exceeding 100sovs, 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 5sovs. One mile and three furlongs and a-half.
FERRY HANDICAP of 75sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.
OREWA HANDICAP HURDLES of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile and three-quarters.
FIRST PONY HANDICAP of 75sovs; second pony to receive 10sovs, and third pony 5sovs out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards, 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.
STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Zealandia Handicap to carry a penalty of 5lb; of the Takapuna Cup 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1908.
MOANA HANDICAP of 75sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Seven furlongs.
HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile and a-half and a hundred yards.
SUBURBAN HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.
TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
SECOND PONY HANDICAP of 80sovs; second pony to receive 10sovs, and third pony 5sovs out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards, 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Four furlongs.
HOBSON HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. For TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.
RANGITOTO HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 130sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2sovs. About three miles.
ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Suburban or T.J.C. Handicaps to carry a penalty of 5lb; or both, 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Seven furlongs.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 1908.
WAIWERA HANDICAP HURDLES of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile and three-quarters.
BOROUGH HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Four furlongs.
SUMMER HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. One mile.

THIRD PONY HANDICAP of 75sovs; second pony to receive 10sovs, and third pony 5sovs out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards, 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.
PONUI HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.
MARINE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. For MAIDEN TWO-YEAR-OLDS, that have not won a race at time of entry. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Four furlongs.
DEVONPORT HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Borough or Summer Handicaps to carry a penalty of 5lb; or both, 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.
WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 5lb. Lowest weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 9 p.m. Takapuna Cup, 1sov; Takapuna Jockey Club Handicap, 1sov; Rangitoto Handicap Steeplechase, 1sov.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 3rd 9 p.m. First Day—Handicap Maiden Plate, 1sov; Calliope Handicap 1sov; Zealandia Handicap, 1sov; Ferry Handicap, 1sov; Orewa Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; First Pony Handicap, 1sov; Stewards' Handicap, 1sov.
Second Day—Moana Handicap, 1sov; Maiden Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; Suburban Handicap, 1sov; Second Pony Handicap, 1sov; Hobson Handicap, 1sov; Anniversary Handicap, 1sov.
Third Day—Waiwera Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; Borough Handicap, 1sov; Summer Handicap, 1sov; Third Pony Handicap, 1sov; Ponui Handicap, 1sov; Marine Handicap, 1sov; Devonport Handicap, 1sov; Welter Handicap, 1sov.

WEIGHTS.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3rd, 4 p.m. Takapuna Cup Handicap, Rangitoto Handicap Steeplechase (second day).
FRIDAY, JANUARY 10th, 4 p.m. First Day's Racing.
MONDAY, JANUARY 27th, noon. Second Day's Racing.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30th, noon. Third Day's Racing.

ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17th, 9 p.m. First Day—Handicap Maiden Plate, 1sov; Calliope Handicap, 1sov; Zealandia Handicap, 1sov; Takapuna Cup Handicap, 5sovs; Ferry Handicap, 1sov; Orewa Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; Stewards' Handicap, 1sov; Rangitoto Handicap Steeplechase (second day), 2sovs.
MONDAY, JANUARY 27th, 9 p.m. Second Day—Moana Handicap, 1sov; Maiden Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; Suburban Handicap, 1sov; Takapuna Jockey Club Handicap, 3sovs; Second Pony Handicap, 1sov; Hobson Handicap, 1sov; Anniversary Handicap, 1sov.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 30th, 9 p.m. Third Day—Waiwera Handicap Hurdles, 1sov; Borough Handicap, 1sov; Summer Handicap, 2sovs; Third Pony Handicap, 1sov; Ponui Handicap, 1sov; Marine Handicap, 1sov; Devonport Handicap, 1sov; Welter Handicap, 1sov.

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AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18th, 1908.
First race to start at 12 noon.
TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile and a-quarter.
BRIGHTON HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Two miles.
NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 500sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies, 8st 8lb; geldings, 8st 7lb. By subscription of 5sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1907, 1sov forfeit; if struck out by the first Friday in February, 1908, 2sovs forfeit; if left in after this date liable

for the whole 5sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Six furlongs.
EASTER HANDICAP of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 3sovs, and a final payment of 3sovs each on Friday, April 10th. Winner of any flat race or flat races after the declaration of weights of the value of 100sovs to carry 3lb; of 150sovs, 7lb; of 300sovs, 10lb penalty. One mile.
EDEN HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Seven furlongs.
VICTORIA HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Winner of Champagne Stakes to carry 10lb penalty. Five furlongs.
NELSON HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250 sovs at time of starting. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Seven furlongs.
TRAMWAY HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Five furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 20th, 1908.
First race to start at 12 noon.
THE STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile.
ELLERSLIE HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Six furlongs.
THE GREAT NORTHERN OAKS of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-old fillies, 8st 10lb. By subscription of 5sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in December, 1907, 1sov forfeit; if struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in February, 1908, 2sovs forfeit. If left in after this date, liable for the whole 5sovs. Winner of any race not a handicap since August 1st, 1907, of the value of 300sovs, 5lb; of 500sovs, 7lb; or of the collective value of 1000sovs, 10lb penalty. Maidens allowed 7lb. One mile and a-half.
ST. GEORGE'S HANDICAP of 650 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 6sovs. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. One mile and a-quarter.
HUIA HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Six furlongs.
AUTUMN STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each. About three and a-half miles.
MANGERE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250 sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Six furlongs.
ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Five furlongs.

THIRD DAY.

EASTER TUESDAY, APRIL 21st, 1908.
First race to start at 12 noon.
MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 110sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 100sovs, or hurdle races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile and three-quarters.
GORE-BROWN HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards, that have never won a flat race of the value of 100 sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Six furlongs.
ON SLOW STAKES (HANDICAP) of 110sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS that have never won a race of the value of 50sovs, or races of the collective value of 150sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.
AUTUMN HANDICAP of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 6sovs each. One mile and a-half.
ST. HELIER'S HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Two miles.

BUCKLAND HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Seven furlongs.
TOURIST HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250 sovs at time of starting. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.
AUCKLAND WELTER HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Minimum weight, 8st. One mile.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1908, With Amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.R.C.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, by 9 p.m. SECOND FORFEIT.—Champagne Stakes 2sovs, The Oaks 2sovs.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13th, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS.—Brighton Hurdles 1sov, Easter Handicap 1sov, St. George's Handicap 1sov, Autumn Steeplechase 1sov, Autumn Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27th, Genera Entry, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Brighton Hurdles 1sov, Easter Handicap 3sovs, Autumn Steeplechase 2sovs.

NOMINATIONS.—Tradesmen's Handicap 1sov, Eden Handicap 1sov, Victoria Handicap 1sov, Nelson Handicap 1sov, Tramway Handicap 1sov, Stewards' Handicap 1sov, Ellerslie Handicap 1sov, Huiia Handicap 1sov, Electric Handicap 1sov, Maiden Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Gore-Brown Handicap 1sov, Onslow Stakes Handicap 1sov, St. Helier's Hurdles 1sov, Buckland Handicap 1sov, Tourist Handicap 1sov, Auckland Welter Handicap 1sov, Mangere Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10th, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES.—Tradesmen's Handicap 1sov, Eden Handicap 1sov, Victoria Handicap 1sov, Nelson Handicap 1sov, Tramway Handicap 1sov.

FINAL PAYMENT.—Easter Handicap 8sovs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18th, at the Post. Champagne Stakes (sub.) 5sovs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18th, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES.—Stewards' Handicap 1sov, Ellerslie Handicap 1sov, St. George's Handicap 6sovs, Huiia Handicap 1sov, Mangere Handicap 1sov, Electric Handicap 1sov.

MONDAY, APRIL 20th, at the Post. Great Northern Oaks (sub.) 5sovs.

MONDAY, APRIL 20, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Maiden Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Gore-Brown Handicap 1sov, Onslow Stakes Handicap 1sov, Autumn Handicap 5sovs, St. Helier's Hurdles 1sov, Buckland Handicap 1sov, Tourist Handicap 1sov, Auckland Welter Handicap 1sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, in Morning Paper.

Brighton Hurdles, Easter Handicap, Autumn Steeplechase.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd, in Morning Paper.

Tradesmen's Handicap, Eden Handicap, Victoria Handicap, Nelson Handicap, Tramway Handicap.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18th, by 8 p.m. Stewards' Handicap, Ellerslie Handicap, St. George's Handicap, Huiia Handicap, Mangere Handicap, Electric Handicap.

MONDAY, APRIL 20th, by 8 p.m. Maiden Hurdle Handicap, Gore-Brown Handicap, Onslow Stakes Handicap, Autumn Handicap, St. Helier's Hurdles, Buckland Handicap, Tourist Handicap, Auckland Welter Handicap.

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## BOWLING.

### NOTES ON THE RECENT N.I.B.A. TOURNAMENT.

Brilliant weather favoured the bowling tournament throughout, and the greens played particularly well. Every bowler who took part in the tournament professed himself as perfectly satisfied with the greens, and even more so with the hospitality extended the visitors.

Carlton must be warmly congratulated on their win. To go right through a big tournament of the kind, playing twelve games without a loss on either rink, was a performance of which the wearers of the black and gold may well be proud.

Both Wilson and Kilgour's skipping was of a fine order. I understand the former only got in the team at the eleventh hour. It was well for Carlton he was there.

The final between Carlton and Hastings was not very exciting, as the local men soon got away with a big lead and held it all the game.

Bennie played well in the Singles, but went to pieces altogether against Patterson in the final, being beaten by 25 to 11. The latter's toughest opponent was Colthurst, an Auckland Club colt, who gave the veteran a great run in the semi-final, only going under by 3 points.

The Mount Eden team did fine work in the B section, but it was not quite good enough. Ponsonby, with only one loss, went even better, but Gisborne stood in the way of success.

Hastings did best in the A section, with 9 wins and one loss, New Plymouth giving them a good run for it with one win less.

The battle between Gisborne and Carlton on Thursday was a very fine one. The latter club got away with a big lead, but Gisborne stuck to their guns in the pluckiest manner. Martin's four at one time getting in front. The issue was in doubt to the end, but Carlton managed to pull it off, being 3 up on each rink.

The position of the clubs when the sections had been completed was as follows:—

"A" SECTION.		
Club.	Wins.	Losses.
Auckland	5	5
Hastings	9	1
Hawera	4	6
Napier	6	4
New Plymouth	8	2
Pahiatua	4	6
Patea	1	9
Petone	5	5
Rocky Nook	7	3
Stratford	3	7
Thorndon	6	4
"B" SECTION.		
Club.	Wins.	Losses.
Gisborne	10	0
Mount Eden	8	2
Ponsonby	9	1
Palmerston North	6	4
Wellington	6	4
Feilding	6	4
Mania	4	6
Fitzroy	3	7
Bluff Hill	2	8
Greytown	1	9
Kelburne	1	9
"C" SECTION.		
Club.	Wins.	Losses.
Carlton	10	0
Dannevirke	5	5
Greenmeadows	6	4
Karori	1	9
Masterton	2	8
Remuera	8	2
Newtown	2	8
Turanganui	4	6
Victoria	8	2
Wanganui	6	4
Waverley	5	5

The final of the Pairs Championship was fought out between Smith and Parsons, of Ponsonby, and Simpson and Tutt of Mount Eden, the former winning comfortably by 29 to 15.

Although there was much good play during the tournament, it was surprising what a quantity of rubbish was sent up. The very keen greens seemed to be too difficult for some players, and as a result they could not get near the jack. I saw one head where the nearest bowl was three yards from kitty, and some must have been ten. Also, several had the wrong bias, while ditchers were legion.

The next tournament will probably take place at Napier.

When playing in a tournament one of the first essentials is that the team should work harmoniously together. In the case of one local club the new wine and the old bottles by no means went well together, the result being defeats which should not have occurred.

Ronayne, Holmes, Wrathall, Wilson (skip), and Curtis, Laurie, Eagleton, and Kilgour (skip) constituted the Carlton team to win the championship.

The battle for second place between Gisborne and Hastings proved the most interesting match of the tournament. On one rink (Land's) Hastings won by 21 to 13, but on the other rink they were 9 down, so lost by a single point.

Mount Eden won the prize for having the least number of points scored against them viz., 318. Gisborne (314) was unable to take it owing to being a prize-winner in another direction.

The Citizens' Match attracted sixty entries, and the final was contested by Palmerston North and Greenmeadows. The latter, who had a lot of luck to get into the final, were beaten easily by 36 to 10. The members of the winning team were Mowlem, Scott, Young and Nash (skip).

A particularly interesting game was that between Thorndon and Wellington for the Citizens' third prize. The former just pulled it off by 25 to 24.

## AQUATICS.

(By "The Reefer.")

### THE NORTH SHORE YACHT CLUB.

The North Shore Yacht Club sailed a series of races on Saturday under very pleasant weather conditions, the wind, however, being rather light. The course for Class 2 was 13 knots, the entries and handicaps being as follows:—Kotiri, scratch; Ngatira, 7m.; Waione, 7m.; Wairiki, 11½m.; Rosina, 17m.; Eulalie, 20m. All started. The finishing times were as follows:—Waione, 5h. 6m. 5s.; Ngatira, 5h. 10m. 24s.; Kotiri, 5h. 11m. 48s.; Wairiki, 5h. 21m. 41s.; Rosina, 5h. 33m. 43s.; Eulalie, 5h. 45m. 20s. Waione was first, Ngatira second and Kotiri third.

Class 3: Course, same as Class 2. The entries and handicaps were: Emerald, scratch; Hilda, 1m.; Glady, 5½m.; Maru, 5½m.; Tiro, 5½m.; Rane, 6½m.; Mignonette, 8m. All started, with the exception of Hilda. Emerald finished first, Glady second, and Tiro third. On time allowance Glady was first, Emerald second, and Tiro third.

A motor launch race was held, the course being eight knots. Entries and handicaps were: Shadow, scr.; Alleyne, 2m.; Floral 17m.; Gloria, 17m.; Tempest, 19m.; Snowflake, 26m.; Edna, 27m.; Esma, 27m.; Rumarie, 27m. This race resulted in a win for Floral, with Gloria second.

On the return from Gisborne Mr. Horton's cutter Ariki was hauled up at North Shore to see what damage had resulted from her mishap at Tologa Bay. She was found to be as sound as a bottle, the only damage being that the copper had been twisted off on both sides. This, of course, is a small matter, and can soon be rectified. The yacht will be overhauled, sails scrubbed, etc. before she goes afloat again.

By the way, while on the subject of Ariki, I am reminded that one of our weeklies has been writing a lot of rubbish concerning the accident. The writer of this effusion would apparently wish all our yachtsmen to keep inside Rangitoto when going for a sail, and if they desire to venture out as far as Tiri they must obtain a professional sailing master. Has the scribe never heard of a professional sailing master getting his vessel ashore? Why, it is not necessary to go farther than that very spot, viz., Tologa Bay, to find a case. The gratuitous insult to the members of the crew may well be smiled at by Messrs. Horton and Co. because whatever faults our amateur yachtsmen may possess, incompetence and inexperience are not included. This is conclusively proved by the fact that, although Auckland possesses a very large pleasure fleet, and the majority of the yachts are constantly away cruising, sometimes going hundreds of miles, accidents are of so rare occurrence that when one does happen, such as in the case of Ariki, it causes quite a sensation. I doubt whether man for man more competent yachtsmen can be found in any part of the world than those manning the white-winged fleet on the Waitemata today. We have far too much grand-

motherly legislation to-day in the Dominion without our yachtsmen being put into swaddling clothes. This was not the way the Viking breed was developed in days of old. By all means let us encourage our yachtsmen in every possible way, for a healthier or more manly pastime than theirs does not exist. If the writer of the article is afraid to go afloat without a sailing master, let him confine his cruises to a trip round the harbour on a ferry boat or else do what from his own account he does seem to have a knowledge of, and sail a toy boat in a wash-tub. But for goodness sake, don't write any more nonsense about what he does not understand, and please spare us the leading strings advice. We can do without it.

The Manukau Yacht Club's race for the Lomax trophy was sailed on Saturday, and was won by Hilda (17min), steered by Arthur Jeffs. Heather (scratch) was four minutes astern, with Viking, Clematis, Amua Mahinga, Spray, and Adieu in that order.

The wellknown cutter Rainbow has had a fine cruise. She sailed on December 25, and put in at Waiheke, Kawau, Whangarei, Great Barrier (Mercury Bay, Tauranga, Mayor Island and Slipper Island). Beautiful weather was enjoyed, especially on the latter part of the cruise.

Logan Bros. have just finished a power canoe for the Wanganui River. She is 50ft long, and is driven by a 30 h.p. engine. A high speed is anticipated.

The Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron hold cruising races for yachts and power launches on Saturday. I hope the entries will be much larger than last time.

The West End Rowing Club are holding a moonlight excursion to-morrow evening.

The New Zealand swimming championships will take place at Napier on March 19 and 23.

## CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

The annual six days' race at Boston, in which two men constituted a team, one only of each team to be on the track at a time, was won by Hugh McLean (a well-known pace-follower) and Floyd Krebs, who between them, covered 1147 miles in the 60 hours—10 hours per day. A similar contest was to have been decided in New York early in December, for which 12 teams had nominated.

The next great test for the automobile in Europe is one of 2000 miles in length, including timed hill-climbs, aggregating 20 miles, speed test on the Brooklands track, petrol-consumption test, and general reliability. The Royal Automobile Club of Great Britain has the affair in hand, which will take place some time in June next. Loss of points will be the penalty for time lost in the road during the contest, the time occupied in hill-climbs the time in the speed test, and time lost in refilling petrol tanks, one point to be deducted for every gallon of fuel used, and upon the results of these trials the cars will be judged. Delays on both road and track, through tyre troubles, will also carry a penalty in loss of points, as all cars will be awarded a maximum number at the commencement of the contest, and the one retaining the highest will secure the place of honour. One of the conditions is that no spare parts are to be carried by the competing cars, whilst only the driver and his mechanic will be permitted to adjust or otherwise handle the car during the currency of the contest. This trial it is understood, will be the only official reliability competition held in England by the R.A.C. during 1908.

A new use has been discovered for old covers which are not to be trusted any longer under pressure (writes "Auto.") They can be used as "protectors," with results as surprising as they are satisfactory. This is of interest to all motorists, but many have not tried the experiment, as it has been supposed that it was impossible to make a neat job unless old covers of a larger size were obtained, so that the old covers would go over the new ones without having to slit the sides. However, in practice it will be found that an old, and therefore stretched, cover of the same re-

gular size as the cover fitted may be used by cutting off the edges and simply placing it over the latter when that is deflated, and then blowing up hard. The natural extension of the idea is to sew straps to the old covers, and secure these to alternate spokes of the wheels. Any saddler will put on the straps required for a few shillings, and the old covers so secured stay perfectly firm and fast. Even if the old cover gets out, the cuts do not gape. Owing to the break of continuity between the "protector" cover and the ordinary type, puncturing objects which pierce the former are turned at the surface of the latter. Instances have been known of a sharp nail as long as three inches being picked up, which had pierced the outside cover and then simply passed between the two covers for a couple of inches, where it was held firmly. This method of using up old covers hitherto cast to one side as worthless will be more than a boon to every owner who sees that his chauffeur makes use of it. The appearance of the wheels is not spoilt by the old covers.

Some interesting particulars of Messrs. Dutton and Aunger's motor trip across the Australian continent have been telegraphed from Alice Springs, which is situated practically in the centre of Australia. Mr. H. Dutton wires that he is perfectly satisfied that the notorious depot sandhills, which extend for 25 miles between Hoseshoe Bend and Alice Well, and of which overland cyclists have always given such a lurid report, are too much for any car without outside assistance. An idea of the difficulties to be overcome can be gathered from the fact that in one stretch of four miles there were thirteen sandhills to be crossed some of which were 60 feet, with a grade of one in three. The country was practically a billowy sea of soft sand. When the 20 h.p. Talbot was set at the stiff inclines the loose drift sand offered no resistance to the tyres, which simply spun round at terrific speed, and tore great, gaping holes into the ground. Block and tackle were tried without success, and even when the car had the assistance of a team of donkeys to haul it over the stiffest pinches there was considerable difficulty in steering the car, for the front wheels sank so deeply into the soft sand that it banked up in front of the front axle, and had to be shovelled away. With a temperature of 114 in the shade, it can easily be imagined what Messrs. Dutton and Aunger went through out on the barren sandhills. All told, in one stretch of 70 miles only 13 miles were found to afford firm going. One day the car only travelled 15 miles. Anyone who has motored down to Waiwera and knows that bit of soft sand by the Orewa bridge will appreciate the difficulty in the way of the Australians. The attempt to get through was abandoned.

Splendid progress is being made with the wooden "saucer" cycle racing track that is being erected at Prince's Court, Melbourne. The contractor has over 100 workmen engaged rushing the work along, and there is no doubt that it will be finished in good time for the opening meeting on January 11 (says Melbourne "Punch.") A recent inspection of the new track amazed the writer, who had no idea that the "saucer" track, as they are termed in America, was to be such a gigantic affair. A glance at the batten track conveys a good idea of its speed possibilities, and one can easily realise that 60 miles an hour can be attained on a track of this description by fast motor cycles. The surface is constructed of two-inch Oregon battens, running with the track, which is 18 feet wide, banked up to 12 feet on the turns, and tapering off to 4 feet in the two straights. At the turn the banking is so steep that it would be almost impossible to crawl up on one's hands and knees but it is "just the thing" for exciting and speedy racing. Around the inside edge of the wooden track a two-foot strip of flat cement has been laid down, from which contestants start preparatory to sweeping up on to the banked track. Brilliant lighting is to be installed, and every provision made for the comfort of spectators and racing cyclists. The track is to be oblong-shaped, eight laps to the mile, the measurements being about 150 feet wide from outside edges of track, and about 306 feet long. Massive structures are now being erected around the arena, which will provide comfortable seating accommodation for over 5000 spectators, every one of whom will be able to see the racing, which should prove to be a big factor

in popularising the sport. All told, the cost of the track, which will be open for training purposes the first week in January, will be about £2500. It is proposed to hold frequent meetings on the "saucer," and the promoters intend making a big effort to bring back the old-time interest in cycle racing, and, judging from the programmes they intend putting forward, comprising cycle, tandem and motor cycle racing, they have every chance of success.

**CRICKET.**

**THE THIRD TEST MATCH.**

Each side having a close game to their credit, the third Test Match between Australia and England has given rise to much interest. The game is being played at Adelaide on the Oval, which is famous for great scores. It is probably the fastest scoring ground in the world, but on this occasion there has been no meteoric run-getting, the batting for such a wicket being tame throughout. Noble won the toss and the Australians batted first. Hill and Trumper both failed badly, and but for some bright batting by Macartney, Ransford and Hartigan, the total would have been very poor indeed. On going to the wickets England did much better, Gunn, Fane, Hardstaff and Crawford all showing attractive cricket.

Being in a minority of 78, Australia commenced badly in the second innings, losing five wickets for 135, and then, with seven down for 180, matters looked very bad. Then a change came over the game, the Queenslander (Hartigan) and the South Australian (Hill) making a splendid stand. They defied the bowlers all the afternoon, and when stumps were drawn each had passed the century.

The scores were:—

<b>AUSTRALIA.—First Innings.</b>	
Noble, c Hutchings, b Barnes	15
Trumper, b Fielder	4
Macartney, lbw, b Braund	75
Macalister, c Hutchings, b Crawford	28
Armstrong, c Humphries, b Fielder	17
Ransford, b Barnes	44
Hill, c Humphries, b Barnes	5
Hartigan, b Fielder	48
Carter, lbw, b Hutchings	24
O'Connor, not out	10
Saunders, b Fielder	1
Sundries	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>285</b>

Bowling Analysis.—Fielder, four wickets for 85 runs; Barnes, three for 60; Crawford, one for 60; Rhodes, none for 35; Braund, one for 26; Hutchings, one for 5.

<b>ENGLAND.—First Innings.</b>	
Hobbs, c Carter, b Saunders	26
Fane, run out	48
Gunn, b O'Connor	65
Hutchings, c and b Macartney	23
Braund, b Macartney	0
Hardstaff, b O'Connor	61
Rhodes, c Carter, b O'Connor	38
Crawford, b Armstrong	62
Barnes, c and b Armstrong	12
Humphries, thrown out	7
Fielder, not out	0
Sundries	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>363</b>

Bowling Analysis.—O'Connor, three wickets for 110 runs; Saunders, one for 33; Noble, none for 38; Armstrong, two for 55; Macartney, two for 49; Hartigan, none for 7.

<b>AUSTRALIA.—Second Innings.</b>	
Noble, c Gunn, b Fielder	65
Trumper, b Barnes	0
Macartney, b Barnes	9
Macalister, lbw, b Crawford	17
Armstrong, c Hutchings, b Braund	34
O'Connor, c Rhodes, b Braund	25
Hartigan, not out	106
Hill, not out	105
Sundries	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>397</b>

The matches yet to be played by the English team now in Australia are as follows:—

- Tasmania, at Launceston—January 18, 20, and 21.
- Tasmania, at Hobart—January 24, 25, and 27.
- Victoria, at Melbourne—January 31, and February 1, 2, and 4.
- Australia (fourth test), at Melbourne—February 7, 8, 10, and 11.
- New South Wales, at Sydney—February 14, 15, 17, and 18.
- Australia (fifth test), at Sydney—February 21, 22, 24, and 25.
- South Australia, at Adelaide—February 29, and March 2, 3, and 4.
- West Australia, at Perth—March 12, 13, 14, and 16.

Mr. Kennerly Rumford, the well-known singer, now in Auckland, is a cricketer of no mean skill. He is a member of the famous Marylebone Cricket Club.

An interval of three weeks between the first and last day of a match seems absurd, yet this is what has happened with the Auckland championships. This sort of thing is not conducive to the best interests of cricket.

Parnell beat Grafton on Saturday very easily on the first innings by 264 for seven wickets to 68 and 161. For the winners Sale played a dashing innings of 86, while Foster, who hit merrily for 56 not out, Graham (53), and Clayton (52) batted well for Grafton, but the tail was a very long one.

Eden carried too many guns for City, scoring 255 for eight wickets to City's 58 and 102. With the exception of Taylor and Stenson, who failed, all the members of the winning team batted well, Elliott top-scoring with 48.

Grafton II. beat City II. by 21 runs after a keen game. The scores were: Grafton 141 and 64 to City's 124 and Grafton 141 and 64 to City's 124 and 48.

Eden B beat Ponsonby II. by 149 and 103 for six to 59 and 184.

Eden A won on the first innings against Parnell A with scores of 160 and 115 for four to 150.

In Saturday's matches at Christchurch the results were as follows:—West Christchurch, first innings, 161 (E. J. Norman 48) and five for no wickets in their second innings, v. S. Albans, 100 in their first innings. Riccarton, 379 for five wickets (E. R. Caygill 148 not out, A. Anthony 65, F. C. Fryer 62), v. East Christchurch. Sydenham, 245 (J. H. Bennett 62, W. Patrick 50), v. Linwood, 49 for four wickets.

The Wellington matches went as follows:—Newtown, first innings, 209 (Day 58, Tillyard not out 52), v. Midland, 82 for one wicket (Hickson not out 35, Williams not out 37). Wellington, first innings, 129 (Mahoney 40), v. Petone, 115 for nine wickets (Cobcroft not out 52). Phoenix, first innings, 185 (McLellan not out 74, Waters 41), v. Gas Company, 150 for three wickets (Dredge not out 63).

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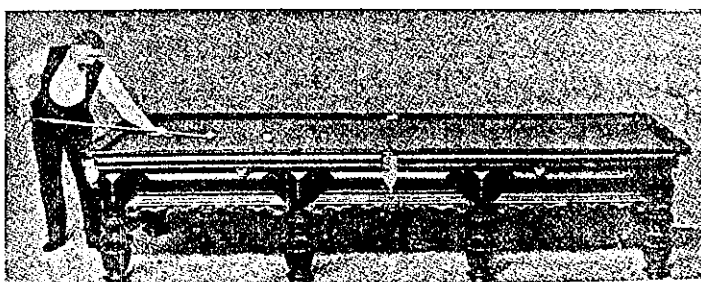
"The game of billiards is passing through a somewhat curious phase at present. Almost every week we read of some fresh 'freak' invention in the way of a table and the 'no-bar,' the 'arc-oval,' and the 'octangular' will, doubtless, be succeeded by others. Well, it is not very long ago that billiard tables were being pulled down to make room for ping-pong, and that terrible game had desolated many previously happy homes, and ruined nearly every comfortable saloon bar. We went to bed one night with the abomination in full blast, and it is scarcely an exaggeration to write that, in the morning, ping-pong had vanished from the face of the land. Just now diabolism is the craze of the moment but it is perfectly certain that, sooner or later, its end will be as sudden as was that of ping-pong. As Shakespeare has it, 'These violent delights have violent endings,' and the ordinary game of billiards—the Association rules of which are now as nearly perfect as possible—will be giving enjoyment to millions when some of the fearful and wonderful experiments in the way of tables which are being made at present have been long forgotten. The arc-oval is the best that I have yet seen (says a writer in the "Illustrated Sporting News"), and it is easy to imagine that plenty of fun could be extracted from one in a country house on a wet day after dinner. It possesses the advantage that it is possible to play upon it in a room twenty feet long by seventeen wide, though, of course, a foot or so more each way is desirable."

**AUSTRALIAN WEISS' SUCCESS.**

Quite the most sought-after professional this season is Fred Weiss, the Australian champion (says the "World of Billiards"). If not the most stylish cueist the world has known, he is without a superior as a judge of cushion angles and a practical exponent of intricate cannons which depend upon one or more cushion contacts. He was chosen to exploit the arc-oval table in conjunction with John Roberts solely on account of his ability in this direction. What is more, he justified his selection, and at the present moment there is little room to doubt that he could be matched to play anyone level, and for big stake money, at any style of billiards except the normal. He had the measure of John Roberts on the arc-oval board. In his latest role as chief figure in demonstrations upon the new octangular table of Messrs. Thurston's manufacture, Weiss has outplayed the great spot-stroke celebrity, W. J. Peall. When the Australian was not included in the select seven chosen to do duty in the star event of the London billiard season, the most sporting tournament promoted by Messrs. Burroughes and Watts, it was thought that his engagements would be few and far between. But it has happily proved otherwise. He has been given the opportunity to devote himself to the new problems of "incidence and reflection" (that vague combination which used to puzzle the billiard amateur so badly in the earlier books of instruction!) to his own credit and the satisfaction of the enterprising spirits which have given billiards a well-deserved fillip. For we shall never be brought to believe other than that the booming of the arc-oval and its much heralded appearance, assisted by the re entry of John Roberts into public billiard life again, was not in the best interests of our great indoor game. Weiss has played no unimportant part, too, in providing a view of many fantastical strokes. He is very much in the billiard picture just now.

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Games of billiards have been interrupted in some strange ways at times, but it is doubtful if any are more peculiar than that which is reported from Johannesburg during a locust visitation. When the swarm passed through the town they settled on everything, they got into the houses, and nothing could keep them out. At this time a game of billiards was in progress in a well-known hotel, when the pests swarmed in, they flocked in in such numbers that they covered the floor a foot deep, they covered the table, and as for the occupants, they made tracks as soon as possible, they were literally covered also. Other rooms were not quite so severely treated, but all the same their experiences will not be soon forgotten. It was three days before the first room was in a condition to receive customers again, and during this time five or six men were kept busy from morning to night cleaning up.

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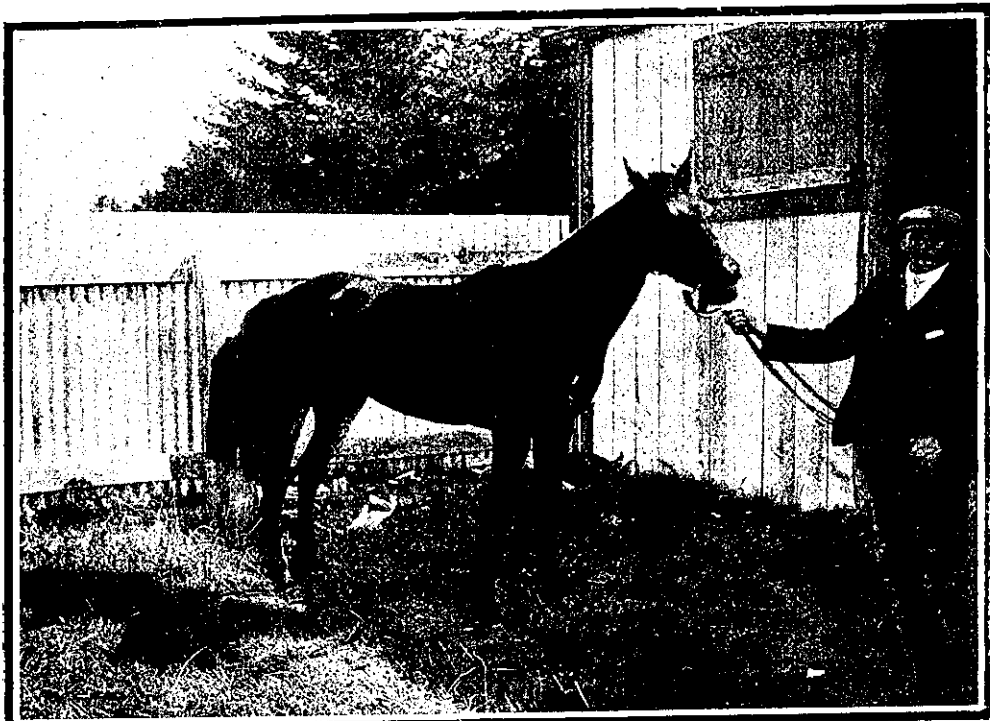
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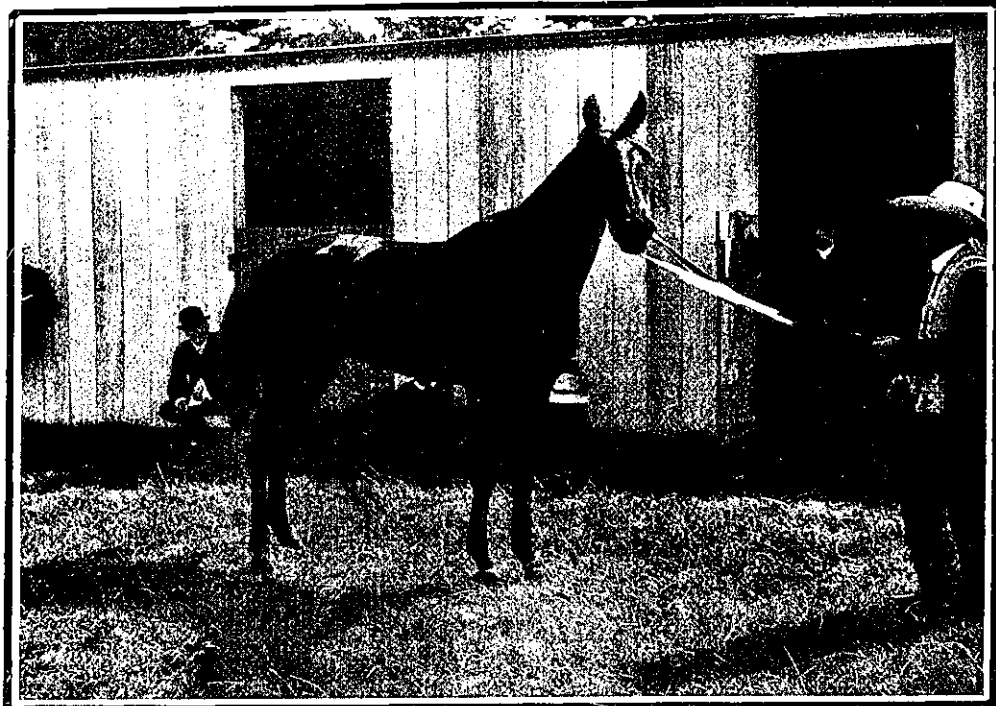
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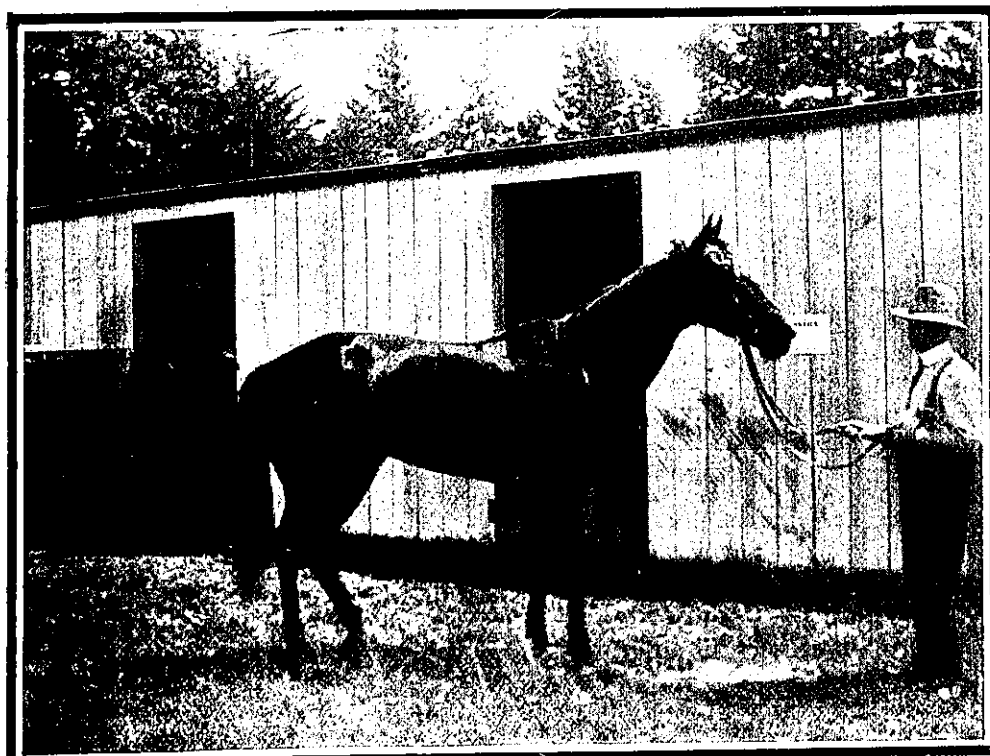
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# THE STAGE

## HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

### CLARA BUTT AND KENNERLEY RUMFORD.

Aucklanders have been worked up to a pitch of expectation with regard to Madame Clara Butt and Mr Kennerley Rumford, and thus, despite the high prices, it was a foregone conclusion there would be a big house at His Majesty's on Monday evening. Big it was too, nearly every seat in the large theatre being occupied, the audience being seemingly imbued with the unanimous wish to give the distinguished artists a warm-hearted reception. On Madame Butt making her first appearance, she was greeted with a storm of applause, and it was some time before she was allowed to proceed with her opening number, which proved to be the aria "O Don Fatale" from Verdi's Don Carlos. This was sung in Italian, a language not understood by her audience. But they speedily realised that although the song might not be quite to their liking, the voice was there, a magnificent organ indeed of tremendous power and range. Yet not in any way lacking in the purity of tone and sweetness. Instantly one realised the secret of Madame Butt's great success, for truly she is a great artiste to her fingers' tips. An encore was of course inevitable, and few there were who did not hope for a dainty ballad, but this time it was Brahms' "Wiegenlied," sung in German. In the second half of the programme, Madame Butt sang Liddé's "Abide with Me." One could have wished that the

more melodious setting had been chosen, but it was a grand effort, the beautiful words telling out with magnificent effect. The organ accompaniment, however, was weak, and indeed could hardly be heard, and one could have wished that Mr Midgeley had been provided with an instrument more worth of the singer and himself. There was much applause, during which one member of the audience voiced the wish of everybody with the remark "Give us a ballad." Smiling at the interruption Madame Butt sang that charming mother's lullaby "My Treasure" and at its close she can have had no further doubt as to the class of song which finds most favour here. What a colonial audience wants is not classical music in a foreign language, but some of the gems of their own land—something they can understand and follow. Of course one is branded as a veritable heretic in saying so, but to get right down to the bedrock of actual fact, severely classical music, the beauties of which can only be divined by the very, very few, is never a welcome addition to a concert programme; for nineteen out of twenty in every audience infinitely prefer our English composers. Could proof of this be wanting after the storm of applause which broke out after Madame Butt's singing of the tender English ballad, Heron - Maxwell's charming "Smiles"? To it the applause which had gone before was as a zephyr and by that beautifully rendered ballad, Madame Butt will be remembered. One could eagerly have wished that the programme contained more of such songs.

Mr Kennerley Rumford was evidently not quite at his best on the opening night,



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neither were his songs particularly well chosen. He has a pleasing baritone, which, without possessing any great power, is nevertheless of particularly musical quality. He commenced with Rossini's aria "Largo at Facotum," from "Il Barbiere de Seviglia" singing it in the original Italian. As an encore "Da Bist wie eine Blum" was beautifully rendered, one's enjoyment of the soft passages, however, being marred by the irritating sound from the electric air fans. In the second half of the programme, Mr Rumford songs were "All thro' the Night," an old Welsh air, and King Charles. The first solemn and slow, was in great contrast to the stirring rouse "King Charles" and the applause was very hearty. A much appreciated item was the encore number Somerville's "Little Red Fox." Mr Rumford also joined with Madame Butt in Goring Thomas' fine duet "Night Hymn at Sea," which was one of the gems of the concert, and for which there was an emphatic recall. Mr Carl Barre, the violinist, appears to be a master of technique. His rendering of Schubert's Wilhelm's "Ave Maria" was fine and, and even better was the dainty "Hungarian Dance" (Brahms-Joachim). Perhaps his best effort was Mozart's "Menuet," but all the items were well received. We have heard better pianists here than Mr Frank Merrick, the items entrusted to him being treated in a rather lifeless and mechanical manner, this being particularly noticeable in Brahms' "Romanze in F." Nothing but praise can be given to Mr Arthur Godfrey, who, as accompanist, was well nigh perfect. Mr Midgeley also lent valuable assistance at the organ. Last night a second concert was given, but too late for any review in this issue. Madame Butt's items were Gluck's "Divinities du Styx," Sullivan's immortal "Lost Chord," and with Mr Rumford Goring Thomas' duet "Dear Love of Mine." Mr Rumford's numbers were "The Two Grenadiers," "Thy Beaming Eyes," and "Four Jolly Sailormen."

An extra concert will be given this evening, the box plan for which is now open.

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larly pretty item. As showing his complete mastery of the banjo, Mr James favours the audience with an imitation of a church service. First the pealing of the bells is heard, then the choir singing to the strains of the organ, and lastly the parson in monotonous tones addressing the congregation. The instrument is played in a manner that produces a most realistic effect, and the manipulator comes in for prolonged applause. Mr Joseph Smithson renders a couple of whistling selections, both of which were well appreciated. His singing, however, fails to make any great impression, a lack of power being manifest in his baritone voice. "After the French Ball" is the title of the sketch in which the popular favourites Salmon (Harry) and Chester (Ida) appear this week, and that their efforts are successful is only too apparent if the applause lavished on them is to be taken as a criterion. They carry out their respective parts in a most capable way, and without any fear of overdoing it, always scoring heavily where a chance presents itself. Mr Bert Sharp is heard in several comic songs, and manages to keep the audience well amused. The Ioleens present their wire-walking and sharp-shooting act, and give further evidence of their skill and cleverness. These two artistes appear to be perfectly at home on the wire, and a series of rifle-shots are made with excellent results while in a number of difficult positions. Melvin and Frawley are seen in a military sketch, which cannot by any means be said to "take on" with the audience. With the exception of a couple of songs, the turn is devoid of anything calculated to gain much appreciation. Miss Malvena Moore makes a good hit with "I'll keep a Warm Spot in my Heart for You," after which she performs a sand dance. Jarvis and Martyn are responsible for one of the most enjoyable turns ever put on at the Opera House, and not for one moment while they are on the stage, does the interest flag. Tennis racquets, balls, hoops, clubs, burning torches, and other like articles, are juggled with in an accomplished style, and all through the comic element is introduced with no small degree of success. Miss Marion Hall sings a number of taking songs, and is well received. Miss Nellie Maher, the dainty little comedienne, is heard in "You're not the only Rosebud," and follows on with a graceful exhibition of dancing. The Seyffer Twins, child artistes, are seen to advantage in song and dance items and meet with a hearty reception. The biograph pictures include the second series of "Living Ireland," depicting the various types of inhabitants and their occupations in the Emerald Isle. One Saturday night the three Raccoons (two men and a dog) will make their re-appearance.

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**"BREWSTER'S MILLIONS."**

A rare treat will be presented to play-goers on Friday next at His Majesty's Theatre, when one of the greatest comedy successes of recent years will be produced for the first time here by Mr J. C. Williamson's new comedy company. I refer to the piece with the attractive title of "Brewster's Millions," which is now being presented in Christchurch to enormous houses. The record of this mirth-provoking play is worth of note, having been one of continuous success. In New York it ran for over ten months to record business. Its presentation at the Hicks' Theatre, London, was the most important event of the theatrical season,

and the way in which it caught on may be judged from the fact that it has been filling the theatres for the past eight months. Under Mr Williamson's regime "Brewster's Millions" proved a very great draw in Sydney, and judging from the result of the Dunedin and Christchurch seasons, its success is likely to be repeated throughout the Dominion. The fact that local theatre-goers are to witness a new production is in itself something, but to this are the added attractions that the popular actor, Mr Thomas Kingston, is to make his re-appearance, and the charming actress, Mrs Robert Brough to resume her acquaintance with the Auckland stage, so that there should be a record attendance. "Brewster's Millions" is said to have no brain-distracting plot; the whole thing circling around Monty Brewster, a young blood, who kills time in the pleasurable occupation of pelting away money. He finds himself in the unique position of having to dispose of a quarter of a million pounds in twelve months, in order to inherit another two millions. The interest of the play is said to be sustained throughout the four acts, for though condensation and other stage exigencies have necessitated a slight transformation from the incidents in the book, the dramatists have sacrificed nothing of the strenuousness of the plot, which is said to carry the audience with it in the throes of expectation all the time. The spectacular portion of the production is embraced in what is said to be one of the most striking and effective ship scenes that has ever been witnessed on the Australasian stage. The two stars are well supported by such capable artists as Messrs Cyril Mackay, J. B. Atholwood, Gregan McMahon, Vivian Edwards, F. W. Lloyd, Lawrence Hardenge, C. B. Berkeley, Misses Helen Ferguson, Nellie Calvin, Irby Marshall, Edith Lewis, and others. The box plan for the season of seven nights is now on view at Wildman and Arey's.

Madame Cara Butt, the famous contralto and Mr Kennerly Rumford arrived from Sydney by the Victoria on Sunday afternoon.

Mr R. T. Tregaski writes to say that the Steele-Payne entertainers and bell-ringers are leaving Australia immediately by the s.s. Mtiades for a tour of South Africa.

From Mr R. Robertson MacCallum comes a programme of the MacCallums, instrumentalists and vocalists, now in the South. The family consist of Mr H. Scott MacCallum, a violinist, who won 28 prizes in 32 competitions; Mr Archie an operatic basso, who has come in for much praise for his fine singing, Mr L. Stuart, a solo flautist with brilliant execution, and Miss Flora, a charming mezzo-contralto. The MacCallums are supported by Miss Queenie Burrows, a talented monologue entertainer, while there is a big bioscope with the combination. Auckland will be visited later on.

Mark Hambourg, the famous pianist, will make a tour of Australia and New Zealand under the direction of Messrs J. and N. Tai, who have guaranteed him £10,000 for the tour.

The Seyffer Twins, whose portraits appear in this issue, are a clever pair of youngsters now appearing at the Opera House with Fuller's entertainers. Previously they were in a specialty act with McKisson and Kearns, and then toured Australia with the "Fatal Wedding" Company. They have also appeared at the National Theatre, Sydney and with



**THE CLEVER SEYFFER TWINS, NOW APPEARING AT THE OPERA HOUSE.**

Dix and Baker, Newcastle. These little tots have been known on more than one occasion to put a song in study in the morning and produce it at night, a fact which all adult artists will appreciate at its full value. Their turn is a very popular one.

In this issue a portrait is published of Miss Marion Hall, a clever comedienne and character serio now appearing at the Opera House. She arrived in the colony a few weeks ago by the Ionic, coming from the principal London Halls, having appeared at the Oxford, Canterbury, Paragon, Metropolitan, Tivoli, etc. Miss Hall's specialty consists of character studies of the East End work-girls. She was trained by the late George Conquest and among many roles has appeared as 'Arrie' in Shirley and Conquest's drama "The Work Girl," Mrs Boxer, in "A Daughter of Ishmael." Miss Hall received much kudos from the English critics for her comedy sketch "A Guilty Pair." The portrait shows her as Robin Hood, the principal boy in the pantomime of "The Babes in the Wood," in which she scored a conspicuous success. It is Miss Hall's intention to reside permanently in New Zealand.

"Daddy" Lohr's Daughter is to appear in a new part. At the conclusion of the run of "The Education of Elizabeth" at the Haymarket, Miss Lohr will appear in "Son Pere," a four-act play, by Albert Guinon, adapted for the English stage by Michael Morton. The play is a great success at the Odeon, Paris. It deals with a divorced couple, who, after sixteen years of separation, are reunited by the sweet intercession of their daughter, Jeanne. Miss Marie Lohr will play the matchmaker.

The Australian colony in London tells an interesting story about Mr Titheradge and one of the parts he played—Colonel Lukin in Pinero's play "The Magistrate." Titheradge took his own reading of the part on playing it here with Brough and Boucicault, and when he appeared later in a London revival of the comedy, Mr Pinero was amongst the audience. When the author and actor met after the curtain, Titheradge expressed some doubt as to whether Pinero would consider his a correct estimate of the character. Pinero's reply was perhaps the highest praise an actor could desire. "My dear Mr Titheradge," he said "you are showing us how to play the part."

There died at Jersey (Eng.), on 18th November, Mr Henry Kemble, at the age of 59. The late Mr Kemble was a great grandson of the actor, Roger Kemble, born in 1721. He was a grand nephew of Mrs Siddons, and was one of a family of great actors and actresses. He made his reputation as a comedian in unctuous characters of the type of Gabriel in "The Man from Blankley's" and was a leading member of the English stage for forty years. His cousin, Gertrude Kemble, married Mr Charles Santley, the well-known vocalist.

Mr Claude H. White forwards a nicely got up bill of Herbert Fleming's new English Comedy Company, the piece being "The Mummy and the Humming Bird," which proved a big success in Melbourne.

From friend Alex Verne, comes a programme of Carter the magician, who is just commencing a tour of the Dominion at Dunedin. The show is said to be a particularly clever and entertaining one.

The visit of the New Zealand football team, the "All Blacks," as they have been nick-named in England, to the Leeds Musical Festival, caused quite a small sensation. The London "Punch" waxes very merry on the subject, and announces, inter alia, that Sir Edward Elgar is going to commemorate the event by a set of variations entitled "From the Southern Cross Bar," that Mr Bancroft is going to treat symphonically in a triple cantata the life history of a Canterbury Lamb, into which a soprano solo, "Maori Had a Little Lamb," is to be introduced with a bleating phrase for the cornet; and that Mr Josef Holbrook, taking Chopin's Black Note Study as his basis, is interweaving with it "Waltz Me Round, Willie," "The Leather Bottel," and "Thou'r Passing Hence, Mr Brother"; the title being "The Scrimmage; an Orchestral Football-ad."

The King of Spain went to see "Carmen" during his stay in London. He had never before witnessed "Carmen," which is regarded as rather "aboo" in his own kingdom. Bizet's opera has held the stage for a period of thirty years. The original gipsy in the English version was the late Selina Lolaro, who has been dead some years, but Miss Emily Soldene and Mr Durward Lely, the original Lon Jose, are still living.



**SCENE FROM "BREWSTER'S MILLIONS."—MONS. BARGIE (MR. C. BERKELEY), JOSEPH McCLOUD (MR. G. McMAHON) FRANK BRAYDON (MR. V. EDWARDS).**

A new theatre, capable of seating about 2000 people, is to be erected in Melbourne by Mr William Pitt, architect, at a cost of £30,000.

Miss May Beatty appeared as Dick Whittington in the pantomime of that name at Newcastle, Eng.

Mr Edward Lauri has been engaged to appear in "Sinbad the Sailor" at Mr Mulholland's Hammersmith Theatre.

Mendel, a blind pianist, appearing in London, plays a different tune with each hand, and at the same time sings a third.

The members of Messrs Meynell and Gunn's new Musical Comedy Co. will leave England very shortly. The organisation includes Misses Ruth Lincoln, Alice Russon, Emmeline Orford, and five other ladies; Messrs Arthur Appleby, Vincent Davidson, Edwin Brett, Willie Cromwell, Fred Payne, Victor Champion, and Charles Weumann. The manager, Walter Everard, is now in Melbourne.

The eminent actor Mr Forbes Robertson, has had some amusing experiences during his theatrical career, some of which have occurred in "Romeo and Juliet." One one occasion, as he was about to descend through the window of Juliet's bedroom, he was horrified to find that the steps had been taken away. It was a clear drop of 12ft, but the actor had to go. At another time the steps by Juliet's tomb rolled away, and he was compelled to jump as gracefully as he could. But it was more awkward for Juliet, and

to this day Mr Robertson declares he does not know how she got down.

New York's opera season opened brilliantly at the Manhattan Opera House recently, when both Mme. Nordica and Signor Sentello, a new tenor, achieved a triumph in "La Gioconda." A somewhat striking novelty had been introduced into the house by the employment of women ushers, who carried batons tipped with electric light bulbs.

It is rumoured that Mr Frank Thornton's newly imported actress, Miss Brahmah, became engaged on the voyage to the captain of the India, the vessel in which she was voyaging to Australia.

Herr Benno Schereck to an interview, who remarked that Madame Alida Loman, the famous lyric soprano, has come to the Dominion quite unannounced:—"Well, there is a peculiar thing about the people of this country upon which I must remark. They say, with some show of right, because they have been taken down so often, 'We don't like to risk hearing artists of whom we know nothing.' But the question is: Who brings the artists?" "That is just the point," assented the interviewer. "For instance," continued Herr Schereck, "I have not been, and could not be, connected with anything that is not first class. Whether you like the show or not, what I bring must be sufficiently good—but that, as Kipling says, is another story. The point I wish to make is this: When you say 'We have not heard Madame Loman, or whoever the artist may be,' the question is, whom have you heard of?" Herr Schereck then went on to point out that while there were a few artists who were known throughout the whole world, there were others recognised by competent critics to be as great or greater who were practically unknown. "A few of these great (but unknown to us) artists were Mariella Sembrich, Destinn, Selma Kurz, Nordica, Maria Gay, Carreno, D'Albert, Resinauer, Sauer Silotti, Busoni, and others. All these have appeared with enormous success in Europe and England, yet are unknown here. Another difficulty," said Herr Schereck, "is that people think because I am bringing out a very great musical artist the entertainment (I use the word advisedly) will be above their heads. Now, I am an artist, and what I bring is of the highest order artistically. But I am an impressario, and I do not bring an artist here to educate the public, although such is the outcome of the visits of those artists." I am afraid that very few Aucklanders benefited much in an educative way at Schereck's last visit.

Mr George Giddens was in the cast of "Still Waters Run Deep," at the command performance given before the King and the Kaiser at Windsor Castle.

M. Paderewski is now on his seventh tour of America for which 70 concerts have been booked, extending over until May.

Miss Maude Beatty, was at latest playing with Healey's San Francisco Opera Company at Astoria, Oregon. The opera in which she was appearing was De Kovan's "The Highwayman."

It was at a theatre in Manchester. The king, aged and infirm, was blessed with two sons. He was pacing up and down the stage with a wearied troubled look, exclaiming aloud, "On which of these my sons shall I bestow the crown?" Immediately came a voice from the gallery:—"Why not 'arf a crown apiece, guv'nor?"

An actress well known out here, Miss Florence Hamer, at present touring India with the Bandmann Company, recently married Mr M. P. Masson, a Rangoon merchant. Mrs Masson intends to retire from the stage.

In an interview published recently in a Vienna newspaper, Caruso stated that he has signed an engagement for America for four years at the rate of £500 for every performance, with 80 representations in each year guaranteed. The Gramophone Society pays him, in addition, £8000, and he accepts evening engagements in New York at the Vanderbilts', the Goulds', etc., which bring him in fully another £8000, making in all about £50,000 a year. And the Metropolitan Opera House pays all travelling and hotel expenses. Caruso says he is now studying "Il Trovatore" and "Oello."

My Christchurch theatrical correspondent writes:—"Brewster's Millions," produced this week at the Theatre Royal, by the J. C. Williamson touring company, is a refreshing change after a surfeit of melodrama, musical comedy and sex problem plays. It is unconventional in plot and treatment. Its characters are flesh and blood creations; real men and women, not stage prophets; its fun is pure and unalloyed. It keeps people laughing almost all the time, and when they are not laughing they are gazing with wonder at the marvelous stage effects. The plot is decidedly original. The hero is left £250,000 which he must spend—not squander or waste—within a

specified time. At the expiration of which he is to inherit a further sum of two millions. The efforts of the legatee to get rid of his two hundred and twenty-five thousand pounds within the time-limit allowed, supply much of the humorous element of the piece. Brewster invests money in all sorts of unpromising enterprises. He purchases shares in more than doubtful companies, risks cash in all sorts of seemingly foolhardy ways, lends money recklessly, and at last pays a large amount into a bank which he understands is on the point of failure—and all to no purpose! Every speculation turns up trumps, and instead of dropping money he makes it so fast that he despairs of winning the coveted millions. At last his task is accomplished—he had got rid of the two hundred and twenty-five thousand! Just as he is congratulating himself on his result, a man to whom he had lent money (in the hope that it would never be repaid) turns up and insists on a settlement!—and Brewster has only two minutes left in which to get quit of the sum refunded (£10,000). How Fortune befriends him at the critical moment, I will leave you to find out, because of course you will go and see the play. If you don't you will be sorry. The acting throughout is above par. Mr Thos. Kingston as Monty Brewster, is judiciously funny, and an old friend Mrs Brough (also met with a great reception) is as delightful as of yore. Then there is Miss Nelly Ferguson, who fairly brings down the house as a girl of the most modern type, great at athletics, and of decidedly masculine tastes. Mr Gregan McMahon, also, deserves honourable mention. The scenery is unusually fine, and the stage effects remarkable. The famous yacht scene, with its realistic picture of a storm at sea, is enough in itself to make the fortune of any piece. Fuller's Opera House did immense business during the holidays, and is still splendidly patronised every night. Carter, the illusionist, who has made a great hit in Australia, opens his tour of the Dominion at Invercargill January 20, and travels north.

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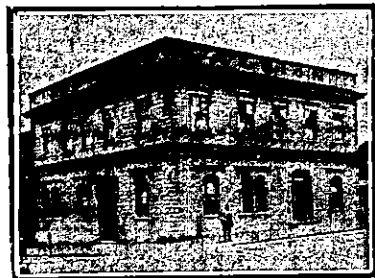
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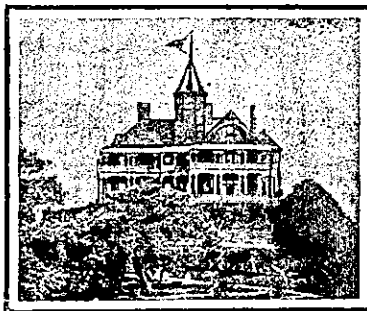
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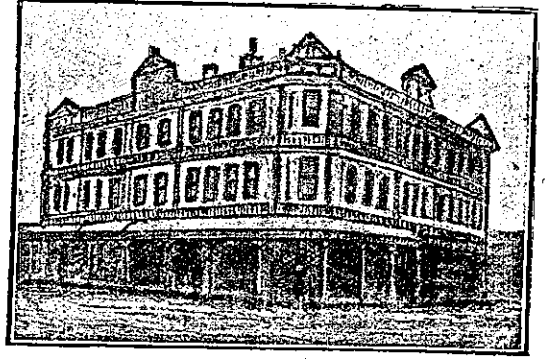
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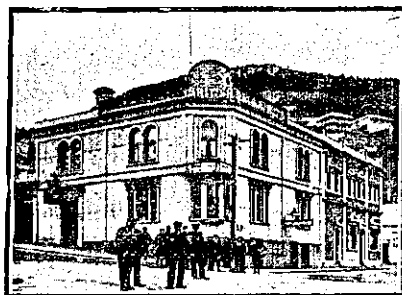
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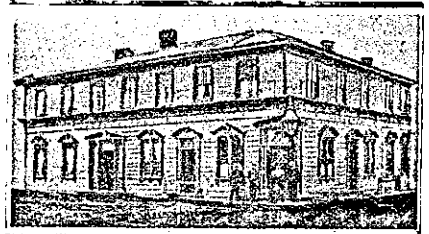
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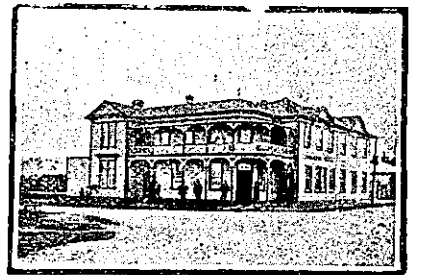
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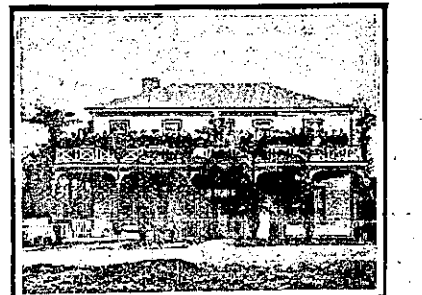
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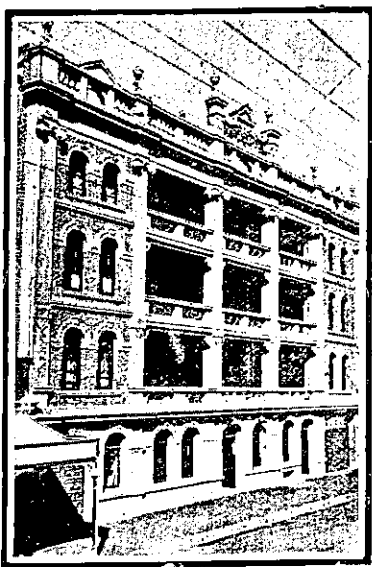
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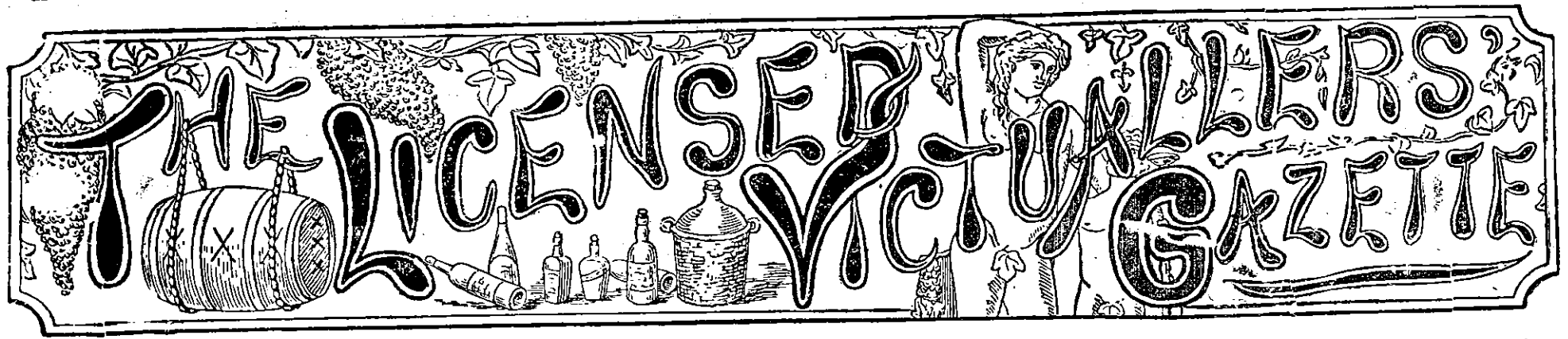
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The sly-grog selling evil, which has been referred to recently, is said to be reaching alarming dimensions in Sydney. Judging from police reports, the curtailment of hotel licenses has been immediately followed by dozens of what are styled "perambulating pubs."

In the local Court, a youth named Frederick Thomas Sparkes a recent arrival from Sydney, was recently sentenced to a month's imprisonment for having stolen some jewellery, the property of two employees at the Star Hotel. Accused was employed as pan-ryman at the time the offence was committed.

During the government investigation of the American Tobacco Co. before U.S. Commissioner Shields recently, Thomas R. Yuille, head of the leaf buying department how the company fixed the price paid tobacco growers in order to regulate the supply. A committee of four chosen from the board of directors, he said, determines the company's purchasing policy. The buying is started at an average price, the witness added, which is raised if the leaf is coming in too great. According to his testimony, the American Tobacco Company has buyers in every market in the U.S. but does not attempt to control its competitors' buyers in any of them. The chief competitor, Mr Yuille swore, were the Imperial Tobacco Company of Great Britain and the R. J. Reynolds Co.

While it is legally permissible for a shopkeeper to sell non-alcoholic beverages on Sundays, such beverages must not be swallowed by a customer in any part of the shop where the customer can be seen from the street (says the "Lyttelton Times"). This regulation, according to Mr W. H. Hagger, in charge of the Labour Department's Christchurch office, has been made in accordance with the spirit of the legislation which decrees that no person shall follow his ordinary trade or avocation within view of the public on Sundays. Some of the shopkeepers, however, appear to consider it absolutely necessary that the customer shall remain seated while drinking. Needless to say, there is no legal authority for this opinion.

Some excitement was caused in Market street, Sydney, the other day by the bursting of a cask of wine in a cellar underneath a barber's shop. The barber and his assistants were attending to several customers at the time, while other customers were awaiting their turn. When the explosion took place there was a general rush for the street. The presence in the street of several men with partially lathered faces and towels around their necks, quickly attracted a crowd, but the amusement did not last long. As soon as the cause of the explosion was ascertained the hairdressers and customers returned to the shop. A boy was in charge of the wine cellar at the time, and, as the cask gave warning before it burst, he got out of the way, and the only loss sustained was the wine, which flowed over the floor.

During the 24 years Mr James Ashcroft has been official assignee at Wellington, the estates of 3000 bankrupts have passed through his hands.

A party in a noisy motor car arrived at Rotorua past midnight on Thursday, and began touring round in search of accommodation. At last, with the aid of the constable on the beat, a bed was found—one only. This did not suit one of the party, who held that he could claim a bed as a right, and a long legal argument ensued, and a reference to the sergeant, who was knocked up at two a.m. to discuss the licensing law in his pyjamas.

An enterprising youth of Seward Island has lately occupied his time in collecting "dead marines" in the vicinity of Half Moon Bay, and on Wednesday last (says the "Southland Times") he

came over to the mainland with 20 cases of empty bottles, the proceeds from the sale of which he expected would see him comfortably through the holidays.

Mr J. S. Whainsbury, whose death took place at Whangamata recently, under somewhat painful circumstances, had been a licensee in that district for many years, and was well known in the Waihi and East Coast districts. Of late years deceased had not enjoyed the best of health, which was accelerated by business worries. Indication pointed to suicide by poisoning, the jury returning a verdict to that effect, adding that deceased, at the time of his death was of unsound mind.

In the local Court on Saturday, a young man answering to the name of Malcolm Turner, while in a semi-intoxicated state, went into a hotel for a drink. A dispute over the payment resulted in the barman taking the drink back, while Turner picked up a Mr Brookfield and glass and marched off. The defendant had no recollection of the occurrence. His Worship agreed that it was more the act of a drunken man than a case of theft, and discharged the accused with a caution.

A man named John Pearce Baker, appeared in the local Court last week to answer charges of having obtained three sums amounting to £15, from Mr Maurice O'Connor, by means of false pretences. He was remanded on bail.

The procuring of liquor for a prohibited person cost a Paeroa man £1 and costs in the Magistrate's Court at that place last week.

Last Friday, at the Magistrate's Court, Ashburton, Andrew Young was charged with keeping five cases of whisky for sale. He was convicted and fined £20 and costs.

The United States Government has reduced the duty on French wines to 20 per cent. in return for similar concessions on cotton-seed oil and certain classes of machinery.

At Oamaru last week a man named Alfred Millar was fined £5 for having procured liquor during the currency of a prohibition order.

The hop crop in Nelson has, it is reported, been materially reduced since last year, and the general opinion is that the district would have been more prosperous if the picking of hops had never taken place. One grower recently sold 30 bales of last season's crop at 3d per lb, and estimates his loss at £120.

It is reported that the Cook Islanders have taken to drinking perfumery, and regulations are now gazetted stipulating the conditions under which perfumery may be imported and purchased, and the quantities that may be sold; also the fines for breaches of the order.

Mr and Mrs Burns, who are leaving the Panmure district, after being in the Star and Garter Hotel for some years, were farewelled last Friday evening by a large number of residents. Mr Burns was presented with a handsome illuminated address and a gold Albert, and Mrs Burns with a bangle set with pearls.

Business is reported as being excellent so far this season at Rotorua, and with the carnival coming on, no doubt a record season will be recorded. Many people who have not booked rooms find a great difficulty in securing accommodation, every hotel and boarding-house having their capacities taxed to the utmost.

Mr Moss Davis, of Messrs Hancock and Co., Ltd., was booked to leave London on his return journey to Auckland on the 12th December last.

Mr T. Meehan, licensee of Gleeson's Hotel, died last Saturday; aged 55 years.

Mr C. C. Kettle, S.M., has decided that original statements of witnesses and others, if taken down by constables in writing, should be carefully preserved and produced as evidence.

A Fred Crossley who appeared in the local Court last Monday to answer charges of having obtained from W. M. Cooke and C. Leek, sums of money by means of valueless cheques, was remanded for a week.

It is reported from Sydney that while serious crime shows a decrease, drunkenness is on the increase in that city. This is no doubt due to the enormous amount of sly-grog selling which is now said to be carried on there.

A cash box containing coin, cheques, and jewelry to the value of £400, was stolen from the bar of the Old England Hotel, Bourke Street, Melbourne, after closing time one night recently. The empty box was found next morning in a right-of-way.

A Horopito correspondent writes to the Ta-hape "Times":—"We have now ten hop-beer shops all doing a roaring trade. The last two opened about a fortnight ago. A few make it rather strong, which have affected the heads of many."

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#### THE LATE MR MEEHAN.

By the death of Mr Tom Meehan, which took place last Saturday morning, one of the oldest identities in the Auckland hotel trade, has been removed. For upwards of twenty years Mr Meehan held an hotel license with an unapproachable record. Of a kindly unassuming nature the deceased gentleman made friends with everybody, and of him it may be truly written that his friends were legion and his enemies few. Much sympathy is felt for Mrs Meehan, in her sad bereavement. The funeral last Monday was attended by a large number of friends and acquaintances, testifying to the unbounded popularity of the deceased.

#### THE ANGELO ESTATE.

A special meeting of creditors in the bankrupt estate of John Angelo, fish dealer, of Whangarei, was held at the office of the official assignee (Mr E. Gerard) last Friday. The meeting was called forth the purpose of examining Mr John Mowbray, in respect to the sale of the Ngunguru Hotel. Mr W. G. Beckett appeared on behalf of the bankrupt, and also as proxy for a number of Whangarei creditors. Mr John Mowbray was represented by Mr Howarth (Messrs Earl and Kent).

Mr Howarth moved for an adjournment of the meeting, say, for three weeks, and, on the assignee asking to be given reasons, he said that he was instructed to ask for the adjournment on the grounds that there was a prospect of a settlement between the creditors and Mr W. W. Bruce, who acted as trustee for Angelo's estate under a deed of assignment prior to the bankruptcy.

Mr Beckett, in seconding the motion for adjournment, stated that probably no further meeting would have to be called, as those who were at present creditors, might have been settled with in the meantime.

The assignee said that he considered this an unusual and not quite correct procedure, and as so much publicity had already been given to the matter he would certainly not help to throw a veil over it now, nor would he allow his office to be used for that purpose. It was quite immaterial to him what settlement the creditors and Mr Bruce would arrive at, but whatever such settlement might be, it should be known to him (the assignee),

and should be made in due course through his office. Of course, he said, any proved creditors might ask permission to withdraw their proofs, but the Act provided that they could not do so without the assignee's permission. Satisfactory reasons must, therefore, be given for any request to withdraw.

Mr Beckett agreed, on behalf of the creditors, that no attempt would be made to arrive at a settlement without the approval of the assignee.

The meeting was then adjourned for a month, or as soon thereafter as it may be convenient for the assignee to arrange.

#### SLY GROG CASES.

In the local Court last Friday, charges were preferred against Bert Duncan, of having, on three occasions, in December 21, and 22 last, sold liquor to Constable Clark, without a license. Mr W. E. Hackett defended.

The case for the prosecution, as stated by Sub-Inspector Gordon, was that at about 11 o'clock on the night of December 21 Constable Clark, together with a man named Gilman, proceeded to a house in Customs-street West. They knocked for admittance, and a voice inquired from within "Who's there?" The constable and Gilman replied that they were some of the "boys," who had come to get a "taste." The accused thereupon let them in, and in response to their request supplied them with a bottle of beer, which they paid for. When the contents of the bottle had been despatched, Clark requested to be supplied with another bottle, but accused said he hadn't any more, as seven of his customers had been there already. He said he was quite willing, however, as they requested it, to supply them with liquor next day, and it was then arranged that they should meet behind a stable in Victoria-street. They met again at the appointed time, and accused produced more liquor, which was paid for. Further liquor was supplied the same evening, and was also paid for.

Constable Clark, in reply to Mr Hackett, admitted that after the liquor was supplied on the first occasion, he represented that he had come down from the King Country, and was "dying for a drink."

Mr Hackett: Which, of course, was a lie?

Witness: Yes. Gilman having received any payment from the police for his services, or that he had been promised any.

The further hearing of the case was adjourned until Thursday next in order to enable the defendant to procure evidence.

A charge of selling liquor without a license on December 28 was also preferred against a man named John Sheehan, who pleaded not guilty. Gilman, the witness in the previous case, stated that on proceeding to a house in Federal-street, in company with Constable Clark, shortly after 10 p.m. on the 28th, they saw accused and requested to be supplied with a bottle of whiskey. This was duly brought in, and was paid for. The further hearing of this case was also adjourned until to-day.

#### A VERY IMPORTANT POINT.

Attention was drawn by Mr C. C. Kettle, S.M., during the hearing of an assault case at the Police Court on Saturday, to the taking of statements by constables. It was, he said, most desirable, in the interests of justice, that the original statements of witnesses and others, if taken down by constables in writing, should be carefully preserved, as it was often necessary to have them produced in Court. It was also desirable that such statements, if in writing, should be carefully read over to, and signed by the person making the same, when practicable. Later in the hearing there was a little passage at arms between the magistrate and Sergeant Hendry, who was conducting the case for the prosecution, over the production of one of these statements. A lady, while giving evidence, stated that

she had made a statement to the constable, which was read over to her, and which, if produced, she could identify. Mr Kettle asked if the statement was in Court, and on receiving a reply in the affirmative, requested Sergeant Hendry to produce it.

Sergeant Hendry: Before doing so will Your Worship say that it will not go into the hands of Mr Landon (defending counsel)?

Mr Kettle: I am saying nothing. I ask you to produce it.

Sergeant Hendry: Well, in that case I must respectfully decline to produce it.

Mr Kettle: Very well then. I shall adjourn the Court.

Sergeant Hendry then said he was quite willing to allow Mr Kettle to peruse the statement, but he objected to the book going into the hands of counsel, as there were other matters in it which were absolutely confidential. A compromise was then effected, the magistrate binding down the leaves of the notebook with elastic bands so as to leave loose only those pages relating to the statement. The statement was then copied by the clerk, and the notebook handed back to the constable. Sergeant Hendry protested that the statement was not evidence, but the magistrate ruled otherwise, and said he would always do so until over-ruled by the Supreme Court. He thought that the matter should be taken to the Supreme Court to have it decided once and for all. Sergeant Hendry's objection was noted in the depositions.

**WHERE TEA IS EXPENSIVE.**

A good story comes to the West from the King Country about the experience of two detectives in that land of the sly grog-seller. They were after a man who sold cold tea at half a sovereign a bottle and the detectives were sent up to do what they could to discourage him. Unfortunately for them the sly grog-seller knew their vocation, and when one pleaded tearfully for some brandy to ease his great pain the liquor was supplied as a gift and every tender of money was refused. The detective's pain passed off, and a chat on dryness followed. One detective remarked that he had heard there was an excellent brand of cold tea to be bought from their host at half a sovereign a bottle. The host admitted he had such a fluid, but its price was now £1 per bottle. The detective gladly paid over his pound and received in return a bottle containing something that looked like brandy. Then he and his companion rode 63 miles to take out a summons. To make sure of their case they had the bottle opened and tested before the magistrate of whom they were seeking the summons. Its contents were exactly what they had been represented to be by the seller—cold tea—and the summons is still unsigned.

**THE LICENSING QUESTION.**

A NIGHT AT THE MILDMAY RADICAL CLUB.

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**THE CASE FOR THE CLUBS.**

Mr B. T. Hall, who received quite an ovation on rising, said that he did not see that he was in the debate at all, as both the previous speakers had refrained from saying much about clubs. That was a triangular duel, as he expected it would be; but as two of the opponents had placed their guns in position against each other, and had not aimed at him, he felt that he could but leave them to fight the matter out between themselves. The title of the debate was, "The Licensing Question—what should Parliament do?" Well, so far as clubs were concerned, his advice to Parliament was to do nothing. The law passed in 1902 had placed in the hands of the authorities ample power to remove any club from the register that was calculated to be an injury to the State, and therefore nothing else was required or demanded. They had heard that since 1904 over 3,000 licenses had been extinguished, and it had often been stated by public speakers and in the Press that for every license that went out of existence a club was started. Such a statement was absolutely incorrect. As a matter of fact, during the past six years, only 309 new clubs had been added to the register, and these included cricket clubs, dining clubs, and canteens. (A voice: "Book clubs.") No, he did not think they needed registering. If there was any further taxation of clubs then of course the clubs would have to get the money out of their members in some way or other. He might also add that it would be extremely unwise to give the magistrates any further power over clubs.

The chairman then invited questions from the audience, and some puzzlers, as well as some of the most ridiculous, were put forward. "Does Mr Newton think that by abolishing public houses he will put down drunkenness" was one of the questions asked. "He does not," was Mr Newton's reply. "No, no; while I am alive," was the retort of the questioner.

**MR ALDERMAN JOHNSON AND THE "LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE."**

Amongst the questions which were fired off in rapid succession was one having reference to this paper. Mr Johnson was asked whether he agreed with the views of the "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette." In reply he said:—I am in no way responsible for what appears in the "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette." Whatever opinions are expressed in that paper are no doubt the honest views of the gentlemen who write them, but we do not claim that it particularly represents the Trade. I occasionally see the paper, and as far as I know there is no difference between us except this—that newspaper considers that in my public actions with regard to the Trade I do not go far enough, that I am not violent enough against our opponents. Well, that may be. We all have our way of setting about our work, but I do not think we shall help the Trade, nor do I think the other side would advance their cause by vituperating each other. That is the only difference. I have never known the Editor take

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exception otherwise. He simply does not think I treat our opponents severely enough. (Mr Edward Johnson is quite right when he says that the objective of the Central Board is identical with that of the "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette"; the raison d'etre of both is to advance the interests of the Trade. But our readers will observe that he somewhat misrepresents, doubtless unintentionally, our attitude towards himself as chairman of the Central

Board. That we do not think that Association goes far enough in its policy of combating the attacks of our enemies, is true enough, but we do not counsel him to be more violent nor to indulge in vituperation. To be violent is one thing, and to be more energetic in defence of the Trade and in educating the public to a proper understanding of the Trade's position, is quite another. We have thought, in the past, that the Central Board's policy of sitting tight until the Government's threat materialised, was a weak one, and one which encouraged our opponents to believe that the Trade had neither the means nor the spirit to protect itself. But since the Central Board has issued its plan of campaign and announced its intention of taking vigorous steps to frustrate the plans of the so-called Licensing Reform Party, the executive have our heartiest good wishes, and may depend upon getting the utmost support we are able to give them in furtherance of their work.—Ed., L.V.G.)

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### PERAMBULATING PUBS.

The Sydney correspondent of the New Zealand Herald, writing recently states that in Sydney since the new Liquor Act came into operation, sly grog-selling has increased to an alarming extent, as shown by the recent numerous prosecutions. Not only have sly grog shops in the suburbs gained in numbers, but dozens of men and women carry on a trade in backyards and untenanted houses, or even in the public streets and parks. The latter class are said to conduct "perambulating pubs."

Their method, as set forth by one of the dailies, is to get in a stock of ale on the Saturday, and store it in a building to which they have easy and private access. On the Sunday morning they issue forth looking for thirsty ones who are willing and able to pay excessive prices for liquor. They usually find plenty of these, and a very lucrative trade is the result.

In this manner the sly grog-sellers thrive, and recently the business has increased enormously. It is not exactly that the Sunday selling of liquor has become more prevalent, but, whereas the lower class hotels used to do the trade, it is now done more in private houses, or, as pointed out, in streets or other public places.

A conversation with some of the constables whose business it is to hunt down these offenders shows that the difficulties in obtaining a prosecution are many. "You see," said one, "they get very cunning, and many will not sell the liquor unless they know who their customer is, and we cannot get them without proving the sale." To prove the sale the police generally employ a man. This man puts on an old suit of clothes and a thirsty appearance, and, sauntering up to the person suspected of selling the liquor, asks him if there is any chance of a drink. Very often the people are suspicious, and pretend never to have heard of such a thing, or that they have not seen one for six months. When this is the case, the police and their h'elings have to look elsewhere. If, however, the illicit dealer is deceived, they buy a bottle, for which they pay with a marked coin. They then seize all the bottled evidence they can, and march the offender to the nearest police station, where he is charged with selling fermented liquor without holding a license or being the servant of a license holder.

Another person whom the law cannot touch at present, but who is a much greater offender against society, is the one who retails methylated spirit in small doses about the parks and other public places on Sundays. Many people do not think that methylated spirit is used as an intoxicant, but, since the new Act has made it difficult for the poorer classes to obtain genuine alcoholic beverages, they

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have unfortunately taken to imbibing large quantities of it. The effect is terrible, often sending those who take it temporarily mad, or making them dangerous to themselves. Few Sundays pass when one or more methylated spirit poisoning cases are not treated at the public hospitals, and many persons are locked up at the police stations on charges of drunkenness through drinking the powerful spirit.

When asked how the latter evil could be combated, one of the leading inspectors in the metropolitan division stated that either something further would have to be introduced into the spirit to make it undrinkable, now that the methylated had failed, or the sale would have to be controlled.

### PROHIBITION IN FINLAND.

The only measure of first-class importance during the first session of the new Finnish Diet (says the "Times" correspondent, writing from Helsingfors) has been a very drastic measure totally prohibiting all traffic in intoxicating liquors. Only for medical and technical purposes may spirits be produced, imported, stored, and distributed as a State monopoly. Exceptions are made for the Russian troops in Finland. The ecclesiastical use of wine is forbidden, and some non-alcoholic beverage must be substituted at the Communion. One member—a male one, it may be added—could not see why churches should be the only taverns left in the country. No one is allowed to keep alcoholic drinks in his house, unless he can prove that he came into possession of them before the law comes into force. The law authorises the police and various other officials to enter any house, on reasonable grounds of suspicion, and search it for spirit, wine, or beer. Carrying alcoholic matter involves the forfeiture of the vehicle, with horse and harness; similarly a vessel, the principal cargo of which consists of alcoholic drinks, will be seized. Penalties for other offences against the law are exceedingly heavy, varying from a fine of £4 to penal servitude for three years. There is no provision in the law for compensation for the loss of licenses and of the capital and goodwill represented by breweries and distilleries, etc., but the committee report on the question contains, though rather reluctantly, vague hints of the possibility

of future legislation on this matter. Some at least of the supporters of the law probably voted for it for merely tactical reasons, thereby satisfying the demands of their constituents, and at the same time running no risk of its ever coming into force. For there is hardly any member, among the more sober temperance party, at least, who really believes that this enactment will receive the sanction of the Sovereign. For one thing, there are commercial treaties, over which Finland has no control, between Russia and foreign countries which will be closely affected by the prohibition law. This fact has not been totally overlooked by the Diet, but the committee report argues that these treaties are not applicable. This, however, will be a matter to be decided by the contracting parties. The alcohol consumption in Finland is not very high; in fact, the alcohol index for the country is lower than for any other country in Europe, but there is a great deal of drunkenness.

### IN THE OLD DAYS.

Before the coming of knives and forks and what we call good manners, books on etiquette existed. There were vulgar ways of conveying food to the mouth, and our ancestors were admonished thus:—"Your meat genteely with your fingers raise, and as in eating there's a certain grace, beware with greasy hands lest you besmear your face." An Emerald Islander would say that "sorra a bit of grace, certain or uncertain, would be about you then." In the forkless days the guest brought his own knife to table, and a whetstone hung near him so that he might sharpen it from time to time. A banquet ball must have sounded like a slaughter-house. When the joints were

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placed on the table each guest tried to tear off the choicest portion, so that a tender joint soon vanished. Another writer on the habits of good society says:—"If you eat with another, turn the nice bit to him, and do not go picking out the best for yourself. See that your nails are clean, and do not set more than two fingers and a thumb on the flesh, fish, or fowl." History tells us how fearfully greedy were the men and women of the 13th century. They did not hide their greed beneath a polish of politeness. There are still people who live to eat.

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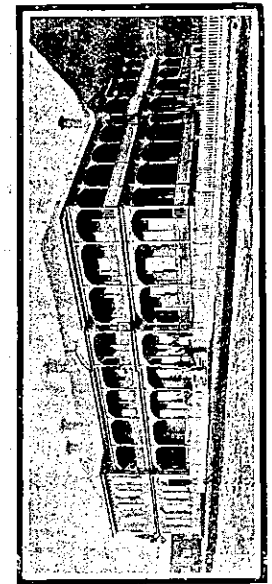
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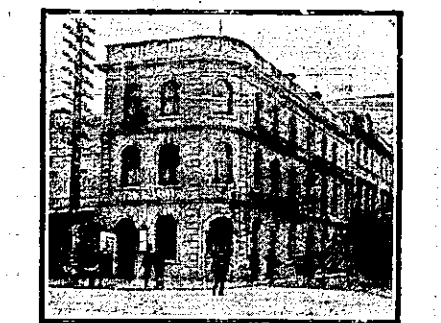
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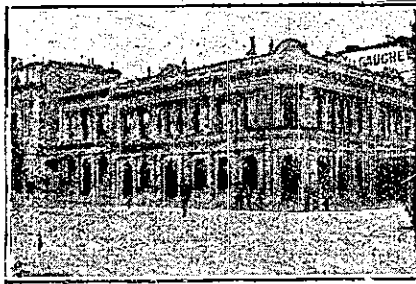
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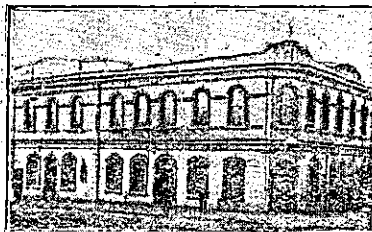
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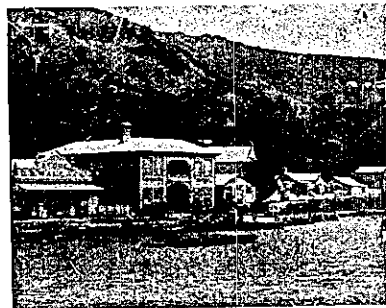
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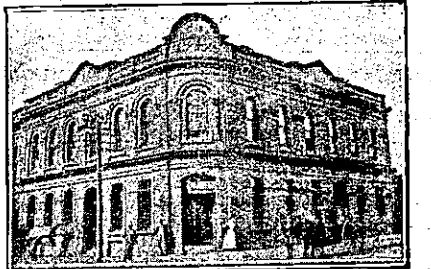
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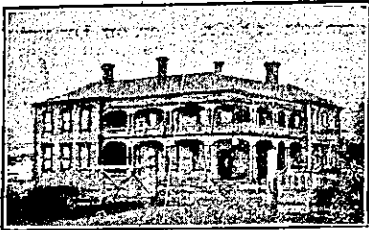
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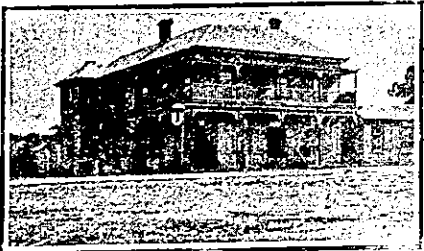
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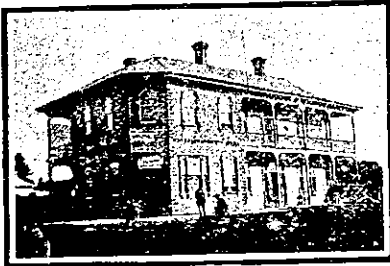


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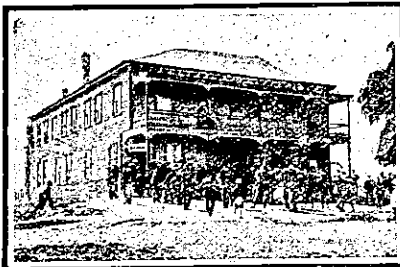
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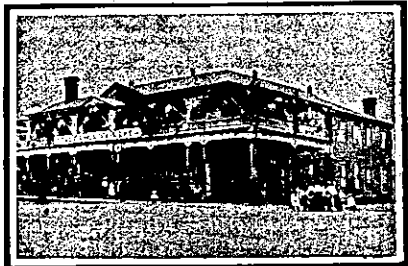
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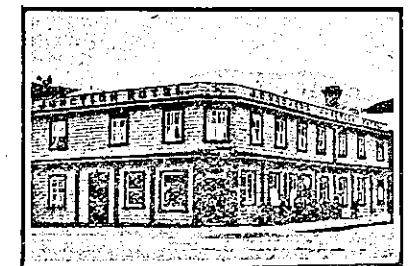
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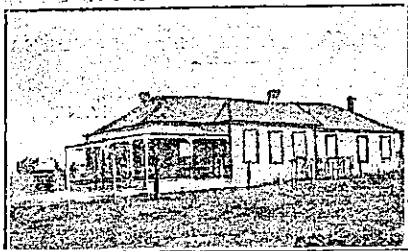
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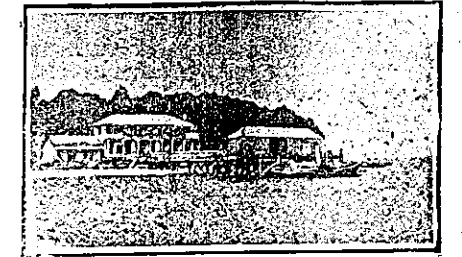
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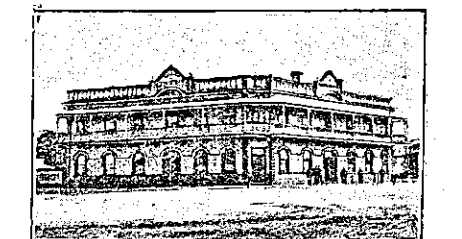
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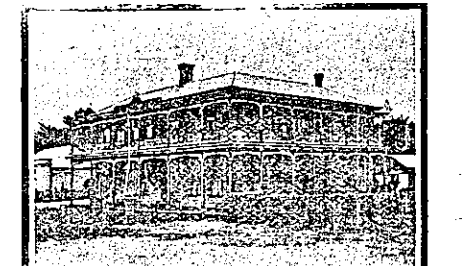
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Wines and Spirits of Best Brands. First-class Billiard Table.



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**MRS. WRIGHT** ..... Proprietress.

The Proprietress begs to intimate that the new house, which has been erected according to the most modern designs, and is replete with all the latest improvements, is now open for the Accommodation of the Public. The stock of Liquors, etc., has been selected with care, and will be found to be of the very best. Excellent Stabling. Loose Boxes, etc.

**PRINCE OF WALES' HOTEL,**  
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**H. S. BOOKER** ..... Proprietor (Late of Lake Hotel, Takapuna).  
Every home comfort for visitors. Billiards, Billiards. Campbell and Ehrenfried's XXXX Prize Ale on draught. The best brands of Wines and Spirits.



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ALF. ADAMS ..... Proprietor.

**M A S O N I C H O T E L**, O P O T I K I.

Wines, Spirits, Ales and Cigars of the Best Brands only. Table a Specialty. Every attention. Speight's XXX always on draught. Commercial Sample Room. The Leading Commercial Hotel Bay of Plenty. Excellent Accommodation for Tourists, Travellers and Visitors. Telegraphic Address: "Mann," Opotiki.

G. H. MANN ..... Proprietor

**O H A E A W A I H O T E L**, O H A E A W A I,  
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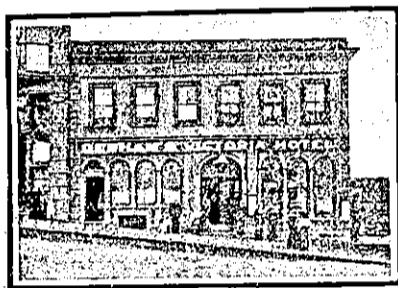
Mrs. Payne begs to state that no effort will be spared to cater for Visitors of all classes, and that Cleanliness, Civility, a Good Table, and Moderate Rates shall be a Strict Rule as heretofore. Best Wines and Spirits only kept. Ehrenfried's XXXX Beer on Draught. The Best of Beers. First-class Stabling, Paddocking and Rillards.

**A U R O R A H O T E L**,  
VICTORIA-STREET, AUCKLAND.

SAM KAHN .... Proprietor.

WINES AND SPIRITS OF BEST BRANDS ONLY KEPT IN STOCK.

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**T A U R A N G A H O T E L**, S T R A N D,  
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Under New Management.

T. R. NIXON,

(Late of Carpenters' Arm, Auckland). Desires to intimate that he has taken over the above popular House, where he will be pleased to meet old and new Patrons. Extensive Alterations and Improvements have been effected, and Visitors will find every comfort and convenience. Tariff moderate. Wines and Spirits of Best Brands only. Night Porter in attendance.

**P A P A K U R A H O T E L**,  
PAPAKURA.

Notice to Cyclists, Footballers, and others.—Your old friend A. C. Warin has taken over the above Hotel, and will be pleased to see all old faces. Splendid Accommodation and Cuisine. Large rooms for use of Clubs.

A. C. WARIN ..... Proprietor.

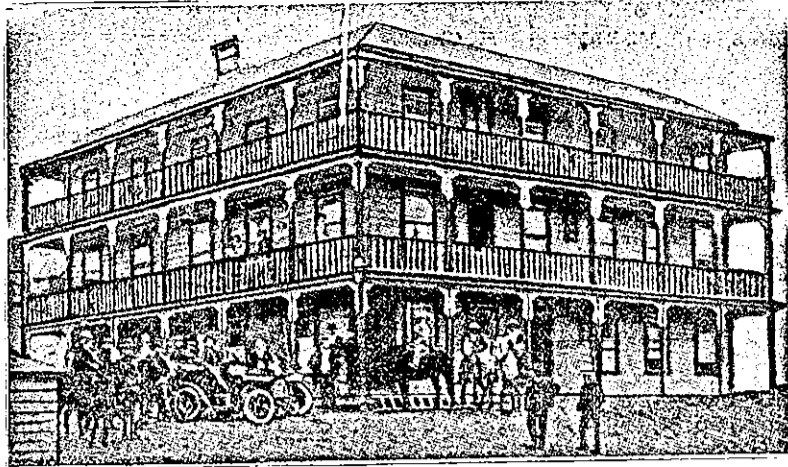


**F I T Z R O Y H O T E L**, W A K E F I E L D -  
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J. A. DOUGLAS ..... Proprietor. Wishes to inform his old friends that he has taken over the above Hotel, and would be glad to renew their acquaintance when visiting town. Good Accommodation. Only Best Wines and Spirits kept.

**R I S I N G S U N H O T E L**,  
KARANGAHAPE ROAD.

J. McKEANE, so long and favourably known at Panmure in connection with hotel-keeping, wishes to announce that he has taken over the Rising Sun Hotel, Karangahape Road, where he hopes to see all his old and new friends who may pass his way. Superior Accommodation for Boarders. Telephone 1717.



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MRS. G. MARSHALL, Proprietress.

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W. J. BRAY

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THE BEST BRANDS OF WINES AND SPIRITS KEPT IN STOCK.

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Visitors to this Beautiful Spot will find everything of the best at the **M A R I N E H O T E L**.

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This Hotel has recently been renovated and many additions made. First-class Accommodation for the Travelling Public. Meals at all hours. Wines and Spirits of Best Brands only.



**W A I H I H O T E L**, W A I H I.

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NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

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(Close to Wharf and Railway Station).

Is now under the Management of  
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And the Travelling Public will find it one of the most Convenient Houses in the District.

A1 ACCOMMODATION.

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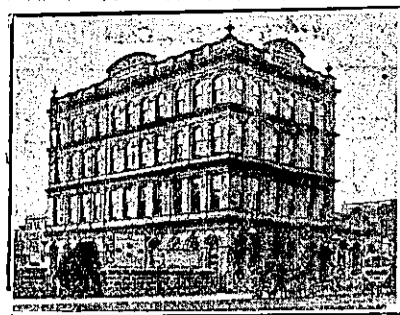
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Every Accommodation at this old and favourite Hostelry may be found for Commercial Travellers, Tourists and Family Parties.

No Trouble Spared. Good Table Kept. All Charges Most Reasonable. WINES, SPIRITS AND BEERS OF THE BEST.

Billiards, Boats, Stables, etc.

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QUEEN-STREET, AUCKLAND.

Near Railway Station, Tram Terminus, the Wharf, and Bus Stands.

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This Hotel has a beautiful view of the Harbour.

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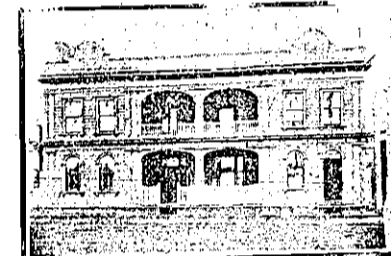


**M A N U K A U H O T E L**, O N E H U N G A .

This Hotel is directly situated opposite the Onehunga Wharf, and is therefore specially adapted for Travellers, either leaving or arriving, from Wellington and the South, via New Plymouth.

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FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION.

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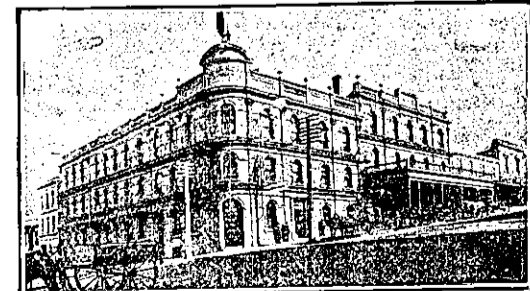
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**W. W O O D W A R D**,  
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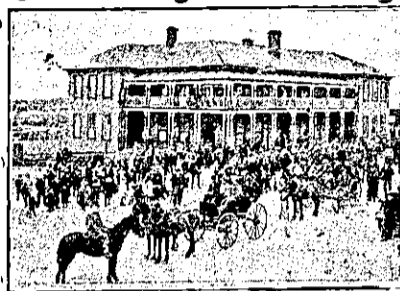
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Buses and trams pass here on their way to and from Eilerslie Racecourse and Alexandra Park Football Ground.

WINES, SPIRITS AND BEERS—BEST ONLY.

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J. COTTERALL ..... Proprietor.



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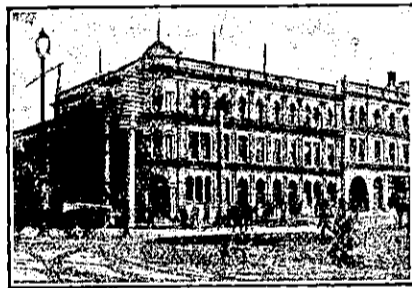
THE PREMIER HOTEL OF THE AROHA.

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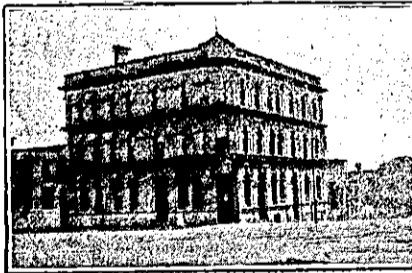
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WAITEMATA HOTEL, Cor. QUEEN & CUSTOM STS., Auckland. Close to the Wharf and Railway Station.

VISITORS WILL FIND EVERY COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE.

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HUNTLY HOTEL, HUNTLY

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This Hotel is now one of the largest in the Waikato. All trains stop at Huntly, and the Hotel is a few yards from the Station. First-class Accommodation and Excellent Table.

NAVAL AND FAMILY HOTEL, CORNER OF PITT-STREET AND KARANGAHAPE RD., AUCKLAND.

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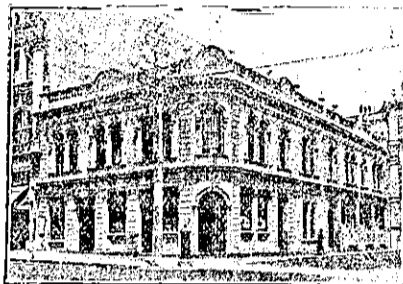
TARIFF: FIVE SHILLINGS PER DAY. TRAMS PASS THE DOOR.



THAMES HOTEL, QUEEN AND CUSTOM STREETS, AUCKLAND.

MR. THOS. BUXTON (late British Hotel) begs to inform the Public that he has taken over the above Hotel. The Hotel has been thoroughly renovated, and now offers Accommodation second to none in Auckland. Handy to Trains, Boats, and Trams. Excellent Table, and only Best Brands of Ales, Wines and Spirits on Stock.

THOS. BUXTON ..... Proprietor.



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MR. PAT QUINLAN has now taken over the Management of the above Hotel, which has been thoroughly Renovated throughout.

A Few Doors above the City Chambers. PAT QUINLAN ..... Proprietor.



KARANGAHAKE HOTEL, MAIN-ST., KARANGAHAKE.

Centrally situated. Coaches stop at the door. Dining-room capable of accommodating 90. Speight's Dunedin Ales, also Campbell-Ehrenfried's. Central Hall for Concerts, etc. is the largest in the town. Hotel and Hall lighted by Acetylene Gas. Spacious and well-lighted rooms.

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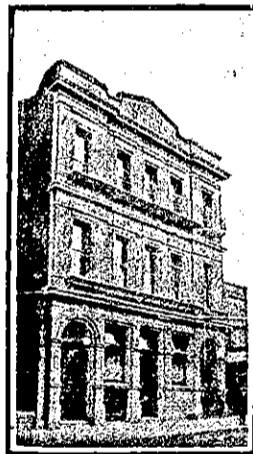
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ONLY THE BEST LIQUORS KEPT IN STOCK.

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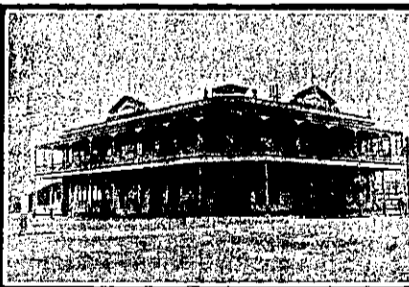
B. O'NEILL ..... PROPRIETOR.



MANCHESTER HOTEL, FEILDING.

This centrally and conveniently-situated Hotel offers the best Accommodation for the Travelling Public. Replete with every modern convenience. Best Brands of Ales, Wines, Spirits, etc., kept on Stock.

D. P. BARRETT .... Proprietor.

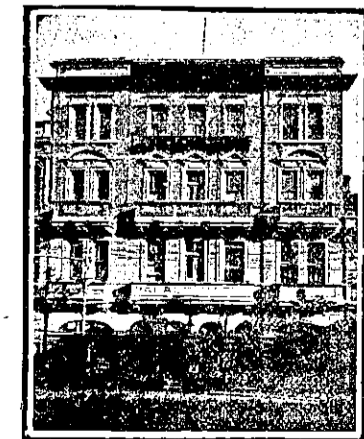


RUTLAND HOTEL, WANGANUI.

F. C. FABER ..... Proprietor.

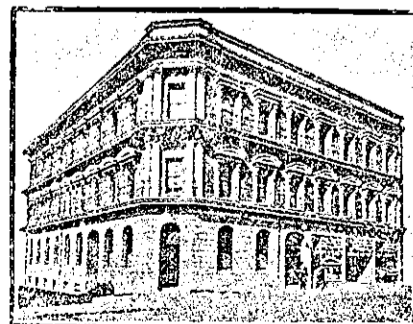
THE HOME OF THE TOURIST.

The above Hotel has just been rebuilt and newly furnished throughout in an up-to-date style. The reading, writing and smoke rooms are replete with every convenience. The greatest care is taken to maintain a reputation for home comfort. Dark room for photographers.



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Wellington's Most Comfortable Hostelry. Magnificently Furnished. Replete with Every Modern Convenience. Electric Light Throughout. Perfect Cuisine. Now under the Management of A. W. HARRISON. Communications promptly replied to. Telephone 863.



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This Hotel has recently been rebuilt, and is now ready to accommodate Commercial Travellers and the Travelling Public. Letters and Telegrams receive prompt attention. Telephone No. 1701. P.O. Box 557.

WELLINGTON.—Cont.

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THE LEADING AND MOST CENTRAL HOTEL IN WELLINGTON.



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Newly Built in Brick. Over 70 Rooms. All Modern Conveniences. Close to Wharf and Post Office. Excellent Table kept. Day and Night Porters in attendance. Tariff 7s per day, weekly by arrangement. Letters and Telegrams receive prompt attention. Phone 1076.

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CENTRAL HOTEL, PALMERSTON NORTH.

The Central Hotel on Main-st. West in Palmerston is surely the best. The tables good, the bedrooms fine. With best of spirits, beer and wine; Fine sitting-rooms, baths hot and cold. And a welcome sure for young and old; So call on me when next you pass, And w'll enjoy a friendly glass.

A. F. ANDERSON .... Proprietor.

CLUB HOTEL, PALMERSTON NORTH.

H. B. TUCKER ..... Proprietor.

This Hotel stands on about two acres of land, and includes a large garden and stables, twelve large, well-lighted and ventilated Sample Rooms. Telephone 29. P.O. Box 46.

UNDER THE IMMEDIATE SUPERVISION OF MR AND MRS. H. B. TUCKER.

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THE LEADING HOTEL OF "FLAXOPOLIS."

Coaches leave hotel for Shannon and Levin.

BEST OF WINES AND SPIRITS. SPEIGHT'S BEER.

GEO. GRAY ..... Proprietor.

CASEY'S FAMILY HOTEL LOWER HUTT.

JOHN YOUNG .. Proprietor.

This hotel offers accommodation second to none in the district. Central position and close to the Post Office.

Billiards, Excellent Table, and Best Brands of Wines and Spirits. Only Speight's Beer drawn. Good Stabling and Commodious Loose Boxes.

DEVINE'S EMPIRE HOTEL, MAIN STREET, PALMERSTON NORTH.

A First-class Family and Commercial Hotel. Convenient to all public offices and places of amusement. Letters and telegrams will receive prompt attention. Telephone 108. P.O. Box 193.

W. DEVINE ..... Proprietor.

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Over 70 Rooms, 6 Bathrooms (hot and cold water), newly furnished throughout. Up-to-date in every respect. First-class Table. Best Liquors only. Terms Moderate.

WELLINGTON.—Continued.



PROVINCIAL HOTEL, WANGANUI.

FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION FOR THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC. ONLY THE BEST OF ALES, WINES, AND SPIRITS KEPT IN STOCK.

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OCCIDENTAL HOTEL, Lambton Quay, Wellington.

I beg to announce that I have taken over this well-known Hotel, and alterations and improvements are now in hand which will again make the Occidental the Leading House of the City. The house is being completely renovated and put in thorough order. Daily Lunch will be a speciality. JOHN H. FAIRBAIRN .. Proprietor. (Late of Johnsonville).

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First-class Accommodation for Visitors and the Travelling Public. Only the Best Brands of Ales, Wines and Spirits kept. First-class Billiard Room.



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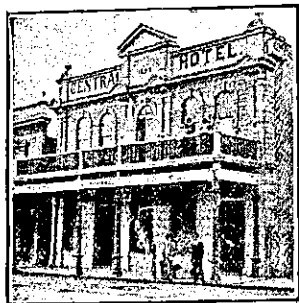
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JOHN PATERSON .. Proprietor (For 20 Years with U.S.S. Co.).

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First-class Accommodation for the Travelling Public. Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only kept in stock.



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MR. F. S. COOPER, late of the Empire Hotel, Hawera, and formerly of Wellington, wishes to inform the Travelling Public that he has taken over the above well-known house. This hotel offers superior accommodation to travellers, and is a First-class Family Residence in every respect. The rooms are well ventilated, lofty, and comfortably furnished.

Good Table, Best of Wines, Ales, etc. Telegrams and Letters will receive prompt attention. F. S. COOPER ..... Proprietor.

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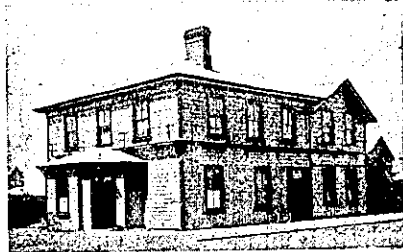
J. A. PAWSON ..... Proprietor. Mr. Pawson begs to intimate that he has taken over the above Hotel, and the travelling public can rely on First-class Accommodation at a moderate tariff. Only the Best of Ales, Wines, and Spirits kept. Tariff: 4s 6d per Day.

COFFEE PALACE, Opposite Railway Station, Wanganui.

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MISS DOBLE .. Proprietress.

WELLINGTON.—Continued.



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WM. ABBOTT, Proprietor. (Late of Star Hotel, Otahuhu). EVERYTHING UP TO DATE.

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

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T. CHILDS ..... Proprietor. The proprietor of this conveniently-situated Hotel having had the premises entirely renovated and remodelled, is prepared to receive travellers and the public generally, and guarantees strict attention, the best of Wines and Spirits, and trusts to obtain by these means a fair share of patronage.

WAITOTARA HOTEL, WAITOTARA.

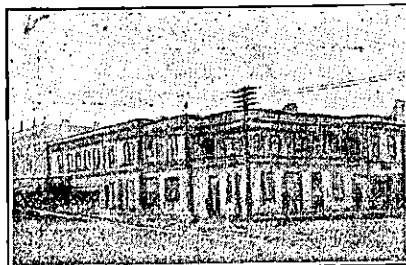
Has been brought thoroughly Up-to-date and offers First-class Accommodation to Travellers.

Best of Wines and Spirits. Speight's XXX Ales always on Tap.

GEO. McARTHUR ..... Proprietor. (Late of Wellington).

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THE GRETNA HOTEL, TAIHAPE. UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT.

Tariff: 8s Per Day. Good Sample Rooms. Best Brands Only. Passengers called for early Coach. F. H. GIBBONS ..... Proprietor.

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JAS. WOODS ..... Proprietor.

This New Hostelry is now open to the public, and the Proprietor will be pleased to greet old friends and new at the Hotel.

The whole of the Furniture, Fittings, etc., are absolutely New and Up-to-Date, and Customers may rely on receiving the best of attention, and most comfortable apartments at the Telegraph.

ALL LIQUORS OF THE BEST BRANDS.

JAMES WOODS.

WELLINGTON.—Continued.

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

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Patronised by His Excellency The Earl of Ranfurly.

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TOM PORTER ..... Proprietor.

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E. D. HAMMOND .... Proprietor.

The Proprietor wishes to intimate that he has just taken over the above premises. This Hotel offers superior Accommodation to Travellers. Good Table. Best of Wines, Ales, etc. Terms: 4s 6d per day.

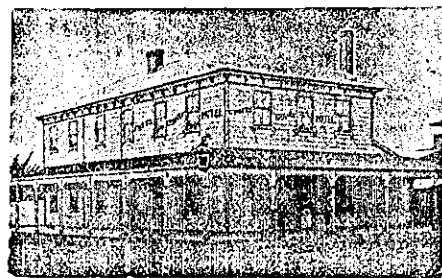
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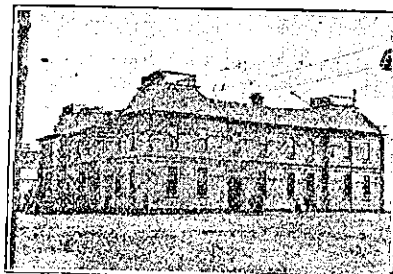
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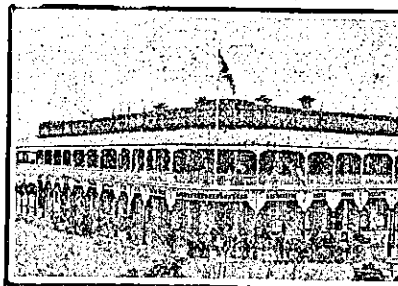
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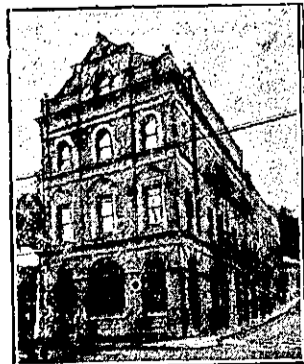
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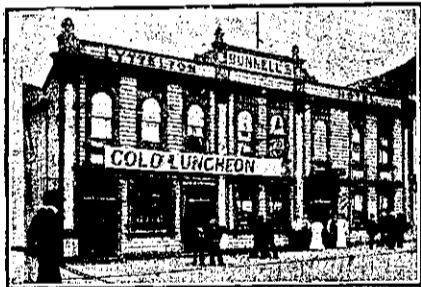
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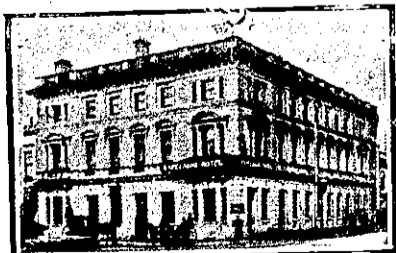
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