

and she crossed the line at 12h. 17m. 30s. on Sunday, Ngatira following two minutes later. Aorere was 8m. 40s. behind the second boat, Heartsease 1m. 40s. later, while Kotiro took 26 minutes more to complete the course. Wairere won without her handicap, Aorere being second, and Ngatira third. Moana gave up. Mr. C. P. Murdoch took the times on board the Rehutai, and had a very long wait for the yachts to turn up.

The long-distance motor launch race over the same course was a failure, Winsome going the course by herself, the other boats entered (Matareka and Kotiro) not coming to the post. A whisper reaches me that the handicap was a bit too stiff, but whether this is so is another matter. Matareka had to give Kotiro 45m. and Winsome 135m. The latter boat, without being pressed, ran the course in 9h. 33m. It is obvious that to beat her Matareka would have required to do it in something under 7h. 18m., which, for a 7 1/4-knot course, works out at a little more than 9 3/4 knots per hour, a speed I do not think the scratch boat could have maintained. It is, however, easy to be wise after the event, and the handicapper had not these figures available before the race, or he might have reduced the limit.

**FAST TRAVELLING.**

Recent European experiments with hydroplane motor-boats have given some remarkable speeds. In one instance an Italian hydroplane attained a speed of over 50 miles an hour, whilst M. Santos Dumont has built a fine boat for the purpose of winning a £2,000 wager that he will attain a speed of 60 miles an hour on the water. At the rate experiments are progressing, Dumont has a good chance of winning his wager. The ideal hydroplane craft, according to the inventors of these boats, is that in which the hull, when under propelling power, is raised by the planes clear out of the water. This happy realisation would seem to have been reached in recent experiments, for at a speed of 20 miles an hour the hull of the craft was right out of the water, whilst at forty an hour there was quite 18in. clearance between hull and water. When travelling at a fair speed the hull is virtually suspended upon two stilts. Naturally, a hull carried in this fashion has to be made extremely rigid. In the case of small boats this rigidity is easily obtainable, but whether one could build a large ship on this principle, capable of carrying a number of passengers and heavy cargo, is another question. At present the Continental marine engineers are of opinion that the theory is only practicable for small boats and smooth water. The propelling power is supplied by one or more immense aluminium aerial propellers, driven by high-powered petrol motors, ranging from about 50 to 100 h.p.

The North Shore Yacht Club postponed the race to Waitera on Saturday, as, with the wind in, the roadstead at the "hot water" resort is an open one.

Seventeen boats took part in the Manukau Y.C. race on Saturday, the winner turning up in Mana (60m.), with Heather (scratch) second, and Clematis (35m.) third.

**FOOTBALL.**

**THE NEW ZEALANDERS' RECORD IN ENGLAND.**

The following is the full list of matches played by the New Zealand team in England:—

Bramley	Won	25-6
Huddersfield	Won	18-8
Widnes	Won	26-11
Broughton Rangers	Won	20-14
Wakefield Trinity	Drawn	5-5
Leeds	Won	8-2
St. Helens	Won	24-5
Merthyr	Won	27-0
Keighley	Won	9-7
Wigan	Lost	8-12
Barrow	Lost	3-6
Hull	Won	18-13
Leigh	Lost	9-15
Oldham	Lost	7-8
Runcorn	Lost	0-9
Dewsbury	Won	18-8
Swinton	Won	11-2
Rochdale Hornets	Won	19-0
Bradford	Lost	2-7
Halifax	Lost	4-9
Yorkshire	Won	23-4
Warrington	Lost	7-8
Hunslet	Drawn	11-11
Salford	Won	9-2
Wales	Lost	8-9
Hull K.R.	Won	6-3
Cumberland	Lost	9-21
England	Lost	16-18
Lancashire	Lost	4-20
N. Union	Lost	6-14
Yorkshire	Lost	3-5
Ebbw Vale	Won	3-2
N. Union	Won	18-6
N. Union	Won	8-5
St. Helens	Won	21-10

Played, 35 matches; won, 19; lost, 14; drawn, 2. Scored 414 points (72 goals 90 tries) to 294 points (39 goals 70 tries).

The cable brings word of another victory for the New Zealanders in England. St. Helens was met on Saturday and defeated by 3 goals 5 tries (21 points) to 2 goals 2 tries (10 points). From this it would appear that our boys had pulled themselves together, and at the very close of the tour were showing their true form.

A cable states that on Saturday a terrific hailstorm in England stopped hundreds of football matches, three grandstands being unroofed.

The English team for New Zealand sails in the Athenic on April 2, coming out by way of the Cape.

The Rugby football match England v. Ireland was played on February 8, and resulted in the defeat of the Irish team. The scores were: England, 2 goals and a try; Ireland, a penalty goal.

Some little difficulty is being found in allotting the dates of the Sydney University v. New Zealand Universities matches to be played here in July (says the Sydney "Referee.") The S.U.R.F.C. requires two Saturdays, and a ready provision is made for one by giving the club a bye in the competition. No doubt the M.R.U. will meet the club in the matter, as it is in the interests of the game. The New South Wales Union has given its sanction to the matches.

The Welsh Rugby Union has written to the New South Wales Rugby Union offering a hearty welcome to the team to Wales, and asking that the number of matches on the programme in Wales be extended to the number played by New Zealand and South Africa.

**LAWN TENNIS.**

**AUCKLAND BEATS TARANAKI BY 11 TO 8.**

The great event of the week has been the interprovincial games between Auckland and Taranaki. These were played at the Eden and Epsom greens, which were in fine order. Messrs. Holmes, Le Sieur, Stewart, and Patterson were in charge of the arrangements, which were admirably carried out. Mount Eden being as yet off the tram line, precluded any thought of a large attendance, but there was a fair attendance. The results were as follows:—

**Men's Singles.**

- Wallace (T.) beat S. Upton (A.), 6-4, 10-8, after a very fine contest indeed.
- Dickie (T.) beat Grossman (A.), 6-1, 6-2.
- Dr. Keith (A.) beat Nicholson (T.), 6-3, 6-1.
- Billing (A.) beat Smith (T.), 7-5, 6-4.
- W. A. Brown (A.) beat Powdrell (T.), 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.
- J. H. Turner (A.) beat Caplen (T.), 8-6, 6-3.

**Men's Doubles.**

- Dickie and Wallace (T.) beat Dr. Keith and Grossman (A.), 6-3, 6-4.
- Upton and W. Brown (A.) beat Nicholson and Smith (T.), 6-1, 2-6, 6-0.
- Turner and Billing (A.) beat Powdrell and Caplen (T.), 10-12, 6-0, 6-0.

**Ladies' Singles.**

- Miss Powdrell (T.) beat Miss Gray (A.), 6-1, 6-5.
- Miss Payne (T.) beat Miss D. Udy (A.), 3-6, 6-4, 7-5.
- Miss Cooper (A.) beat Miss E. Dickie (T.), 6-2, 6-1.
- Miss A. Dickie (T.) beat Miss Harvey (A.), 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

**Combined Doubles.**

- Dickie and Miss Powdrell (T.) beat Billing and Miss Udy (A.), 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.
- Dr. Keith and Miss Gray (A.) beat Wallace and Miss E. Dickie (T.), 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.
- Nicholson and Miss Payne (T.) beat Turner and Mrs. Cooper (A.), 6-1, 6-3.
- W. A. Brown and Miss Harvey (A.) beat Smith and Miss A. Dickie (T.), 6-3, 2-6, 6-5.

**Ladies' Doubles.**

- Misses Gray and Udy (A.) beat Misses Powdrell and E. Dickie (T.), 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.
- Mrs. Cooper and Miss Harvey (A.) beat Miss A. Dickie and Miss Payne (T.), 6-4, 6-3.

**BILLIARDS.**

**"TOO HOT TO PLAY."**

Locally there is nothing doing in the world of billiards. "Come to have a game," says A. "No, weather too hot, let's have a tonic instead," says B, and that just about expresses it. Still February is the last summer month, and with the advent of the cooler weather, the knights of the cue will be going in for strong practice. The amateur championship should be a great contest later on.

**MEMMOTT GETTING READY.**

Australia's champion, Charles Memmott, is practising hard for the coming season. Each day he puts in several hours at Alcock's Rooms, Elizabeth-street, Melbourne, teaching pupils. Among them is his accomplished niece, Miss Ruby Roberts, who may shortly make her debut before the Australian billiard public. She possesses a fine style, and is a really fine player for one so young.

**A BOY OF THE OLD BRIGADE.**

The great spot player, Billy Mitchell, is in South Africa giving exhibitions, and it is just possible that he may turn his attention towards these States next season (says the "Referee"). The arrival of such a great player as Mitchell (Bradley's Boy) would be hailed with much satisfaction out here, and it is, therefore, to be hoped that our anticipations may be realised. During a game in Cape-town, he put up a fine break of 455, and received £10 for same from the Bonzoline Billiard Ball Company, having made the break with bonzoline balls. Mitchell made a break of 1621 (536 spots) at the Westminster Aquarium in November, 1885.

**IT MUST HAVE BEEN THE LOBSTER.**

A gentleman had just lost a game at billiards, and went into the bar to soothe his soul. He had been soothing that unplaced part of his being pretty well all day, but it could stand a lot of comforting. Presently a young man entered the bar from the billiard saloon, and the loser asked him to have a drink.

After the "Good Healths" had been toasted, the loser said, feelingly: "I have just lost a game in there! Never saw such a bally fluker as the fellow who played me. S—hic!—imply couldn't miss the ball or pocket!" "Hard lines," said the other chap, quietly. "You didn't see the game, did you?" asked the vanquished. "Oh, yes." "Where were you sitting?" "I didn't sit—much. I was the fellow that played you!"

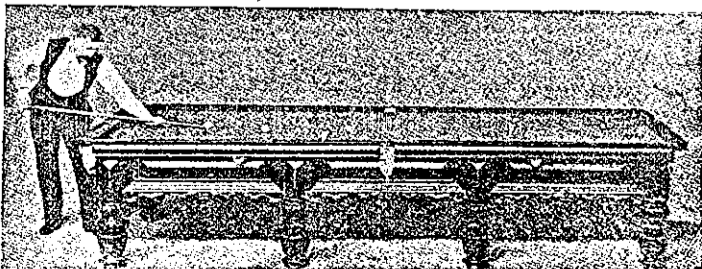
**A NOVEL MATCH.**

A somewhat novel match took place at King's Lynn, England, recently, when F. Lawrence, a clever young Birmingham cueist, met ten of the best players. The amateurs received a start of 500 in 1,000—one dropping out for each 100 compiled by Lawrence. As he topped the century three times, several had no chance of displaying their ability. Lawrence in the end, won by 159 points.

**DAWSON'S SUDDEN LOSS OF FORM.**

In beating Dawson in a recent match by no less than 3,617 points, or 1,117 more than the start received, Aiken undoubtedly accomplished one of the best performances of his career. When "set," there are few more attractive cueists to watch than the genial Scot—his touch and delicate manipulation of the balls at the top end are delightful (says a Home paper). One of the best judges and critics of the game has rightly called him the

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**THE WRONG TICKET.**

An official of a railway one got leave to get married and was given a pass over the road. On his way back he gave to the ticket collector his marriage certificate instead of his pass. The latter studied it carefully for a few comen's, and then said: "My man, you have got a ticket for a long, wear-some journey, but not on this railway."