

fulness of this driver was such that he engineered and financed his trip across Asia and Europe without any funds. Borghese found the trip a terrible one, even when backed up by the influence of the Russian and Italian diplomatic service and unlimited wealth, but to overcome worse difficulties than Borghese met—on mere bluff and what he could borrow—stamps Godard as a driver who will not easily be frightened by the privations and difficulties of the journey through Alaska and Northern Siberia.

BOWLING.

REMUERA BEAT AUCKLAND.

The inter-club match between Auckland and Remuera resulted in a win for the latter by 158 to 147. This was largely brought about by the good play of Sanderson's team, which beat Hancock's four by no less than 28 to 9. Hancock had a "Sydney four"—viz., Coldicott, Robertson, Carlaw, and himself—and on paper the team looked a strong one, but it was simply outplayed. Lambert made a strong effort to balance matters, finishing 9 up against Masefield, while Easton had a narrow win, but Remuera finished 13 ahead on their own ground. On the Auckland green the result was remarkably close. At the interval Remuera were a long way ahead, owing to bad play by Douglas's four. The veteran afterwards recovered some of the lost ground, and Gilmour's team, also forging ahead, left Auckland 2 up at the close, but down by 11 on the aggregate.

PONSONBY GIVE GREY LYNN A BAD TIME.

Ponsonby played an inter-club match against Grey Lynn, but the latter seemed all at sea on the Ponsonby ground, and did badly. Indeed, the scoring for the teams (including the Star team) was almost a record. Hemus simply piled on the points against Wilkinson, and Veale easily beat Mills. Ponsonby four also played Grey Lynn for the Edwin Stars, and had a picnic. If the figures given are correct, the score for the three games was 104 to 34. On their own ground Grey Lynn did much better, winning both games against Ponsonby, and finishing 19 up—a very good performance indeed. The inter-club figures were: Ponsonby, 93; Grey Lynn, 74.

MT. ALBERT DEFEAT PONSONBY.

A two-rink match was played on Saturday between Mt. Albert and Ponsonby. Each side won a game, but Ashton's team had a big majority against Bushman, much more than was sufficient to balance Garlick's defeat, and the side won by 44 to 29.

PONSONBY BEAT EPSOM.

Ponsonby played a two-rink match against Epsom, the older club winning both games. Newell beat Rice by 21 to 14, and Lee beat Craig by 22 to 15.

CARLTON TOO GOOD FOR ONEHUNGA.

Carlton and Onehunga had an 8-ring go, four playing on each green, and in both out and home games the champions came out on top. At Carlton the score was Carlton 87, Onehunga, 64, while at Onehunga the figures read, Carlton 93, Onehunga 65. The latter club was then beaten on the aggregate by 180 to 129. Laurie had the biggest win, the Carlton Club taking four events to their opponents' three.

The Rotorua tournament is now in full swing, sixteen teams playing. The following clubs are represented: Rotorua, four teams; Mount Eden, three teams; Onehunga, two teams; Rocky Nook, two teams; Tauranga, two teams; Grey Lynn, one team; Ponsonby, one team; Carlton, one team.

FOOTBALL.

The New Zealanders have left on their way back to the Dominion. They are on board the P. and O. liner Mongolia.

Ireland has beaten Scotland at Rugby by 16 points to 13.

Among the English Rugby team to sail for New Zealand next month are Williams, Gibbs, Thomas (Cardiff), Green (Neath), Jackett (Cornwall), Smart and Griffiths (Swansea).

AQUATICS.

THE DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB.

Rainbow, 1½m., won the cruising race of the Devonport Yacht Club on Saturday. The winner gave a 7½m. handicap and a 2½m. beating over the Rocky Bay course to the smart new cutter Waione. Pandora was close up third. Emerald won the "in side" race from Gladys and Maru. There were four starters in the motor launch race, Snowflake (25m.) winning rather easily from Banshee, with Edna third and Shadow fourth.

THE NORTH SHORE YACHT CLUB.

The North Shore Yacht Club sailed off four handicaps on Saturday, the finishing spot being at Drunken Bay. Queenie, which has been sailing well this season, won the Class I. event by 12 seconds from Thistle, with Wairere third. Seagull took the Class II. event, with Olympia and Hilda in the places. The placed boats in the Class III. event were Hilda, Mei, and Phyllis, only 5 seconds separating the leaders. Kaho won the Class IV. race, with Colleen second and Val-dora third. A big fleet was at anchor in Drunken Bay on Saturday night.

THE MANUKAU YACHT CLUB.

There were seven starters for the Manukau Yacht Club's special race on Saturday. Heather crossed the finishing line a long way ahead, but on time paces went to Manola, Malinga and Heather.

MAGGIE WINS THE "SMALL SCOWS" RACE.

On Saturday was sailed off the race for trading vessels under 25 tons, originally on the programme of the Anniversary regatta. The entries were:—Edna, scratch; Pukapuka, 45m.; Maggie, 59m.; Tuahine, 77m. Edna just led Maggie at the Rangitoto mark, and the latter boat was still hanging on at the Chosen mark, being then only 2½m. behind the scratch boat. Edna could get away very little from Maggie in the second round, and never had the faintest chance of giving away the rather absurd handicap. The finishing times were: Edna, 4h. 40m. 30s.; Maggie, 4h. 44m. 5s.; Pukapuka, 5h. 7m. 25s. On time allowance Maggie won very easily by 35 minutes from Pukapuka, which beat Edna by 18 minutes. Tuahine was not timed, being right out of the race.

FOUR-OARED RACING AT ROTORUA.

In connection with the Rotorua Regatta on Saturday, a number of interesting four-oared events were rowed. These resulted as follows:—

Carnival Junior Fours (open weights) one mile and a-half.—West End, 1; North Shore, 2; Ngaruawahia, 3. An exciting and close finish. A protest was lodged through West End fouling Ngaruawahia, and the committee decided to disqualify West End. The race was rowed between North Shore and Ngaruawahia on the following morning. From the start both crews kept together for the half-distance, when North Shore won easily by six lengths. Novice Fours (one mile).—Waitemata 1; Rotorua No. 2, 2; North Shore, 3. These were the only starters. Won by two lengths and a-half.

Maiden Clinker Fours (open weights), for Dewar Shield (one mile).—West End, 1; Waitemata No. 1, 2; Auckland, 3. The only starters. Rotorua No. 1 and North Shore were late at the start, and did not compete. A great race all the way, won by three yards; a length between second and third.

Senior Fours (open weights), two miles (best-and-best boats).—North Shore, 1; West End, 2; Waitemata, 3. The only starters. Won by a length, three lengths being between second and third.

Maiden Fours (10st and under).—North Shore, 1; Waitemata, 2; Hamilton, 3. Also started: Rotorua, North Shore No. 3, and West End. Won by a length; a similar distance between second and third.

Country Club Fours (clinker), one mile.—Hamilton, 1; Ngaruawahia, 2; Rotorua No. 2 also started. Won by two lengths, Rotorua being swamped 200 yards from the start.

A number of local events were also contested, the regatta being a great success.

Miss Beaurepaire, of Melbourne, has broken the 100 yards record for ladies, doing the distance in 70 secs.

Webb and Tressider each received £200 from steamer fares, etc., after the big sculling race.

The Waitemata Dinghy Club intend holding the first race shortly, this being for dinghys not exceeding 15ft in length and 5½ft beam.

A motor yacht, which is easily the finest vessel of her kind ever built south of the line, will shortly be completed in Sydney. Bronzewing V., which is being built to the order of Mr. Samuel Hordern, at a cost, it is

rumoured, of between £10,000 and £12,000, is to be luxuriously fitted up throughout.

Mr. W. E. Alexander, the power boat handicapper to the R.N.Z.Y.S., writes drawing attention to an error in our last issue with reference to the long-distance race. I had taken it for granted that the power boats had gone the same course as the yachts, but for some reason or other this was evidently not the case. The course actually traversed was 54 knots instead of 71½. As Winsome took 9h. 33m. to complete it, her speed was 5.65 knots per hour. This, of course, destroys my argument that Matareka could not possibly have conceded the handicap. It also proves what a leisurely jaunt Winsome had round the course by herself.

BILLIARDS.

NOTABILITIES WHO PLAY.

England's present Premier is a billiard enthusiast. Gladstone did not play billiards, but Lord Rosebery handles a cue with average skill. Mr. Balfour plays occasionally, but the best billiard player in Parliament, probably, is Mr. George Wyndham, who plays a very good game indeed. The Prince of Wales is a very good player, and the duels between him and Prince Arthur of Connaught are usually very keen indeed. In fact, nearly all the members of the Royal Family handle a cue with dexterity, Queen Alexandra playing a very fair game indeed.

THE VALUE OF TRAINING.

The professional players of a past generation used to train as hard for their money matches as competitors do for athletic sports, boxing or other violent forms of exercise (says the "New World of Billiards.") To be fit and well they knew to be the half-way road to success. It is all that with some, and to others even more. Plenty of practice on the table, regular living, pedestrian exercise morning, afternoon and evening in pure country air, and an "early to bed and early to rise" regime, was the programme for weeks before the event was due. The stress of a thousand up with the short interval then in fashion, was very exacting, and it was long odds on the player best fitted to last out the game. Scoring conditions were not so easy as they now are, and a thousand up used to average a good five hours. It would occupy less, perhaps, nowadays, and yet throw the same strain on the contestants. Billiard-playing, in all respects, is not so much to the naturally gifted as to those who prepare themselves by untiring zeal to answer all requirements. The painstaking players of less aptitude than some rivals will inevitably arise superior to them if a similar course is not adopted, in their individual ways, making for steady improvement.

INMAN IN FORM.

In a letter to the Sydney "Referee," Melbourne Inman states that he is having a royal time in Calcutta, where he has been excelling in his billiards. He is doing so well there that he anticipates being in a position, when he returns to Sydney, to offer a good sum for the High Commissionership. His style of play has been greatly admired in his many exhibitions, and as a result presents are so numerous that to get back to Sydney he thinks it will be necessary to charter the Orizaba. In one game he gave 650 in 1000 to an amateur and won by no less than 278 points, making excellent efforts of 316, 107, and 285 unfinished. In another game he conceded a similar start and won by 194 points, making runs of 152, 118, 115, 115, and 104 unfinished. He played a most remarkable game against one H. Ahmed, who was in receipt of a start of 650 in 1000. Inman was in exceptionally

fine form, and topped off 1000 points in just 75 minutes, a really rapid performance when one considers that the greater portion of his breaks resulted from "hazards," and not "nursery cannons."

MEMMOTT READY FOR A MATCH.

The Australian champion, Memmott, is well. He is doing some practice daily, and is quite prepared to give Frank Smith the yearned for opportunity of endeavouring to wrest the title from him. Memmott will play in either Melbourne or Sydney for £50 or £100 a-side, at the Sydney's option.

STEVENSON TO MEET INMAN.

The "Sporting Age" (Bombay) of January 19 reports that Stevenson and Inman were matched to play a game of 9000 up (Inman with 2250 points start) at the Calcutta Concert Hall, commencing on 27th ult. On recent form this seems a warm proposition for Stevenson to take on.

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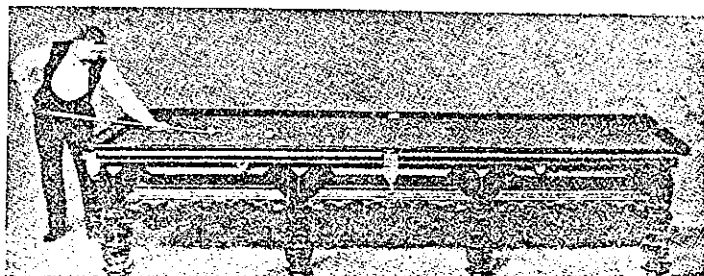
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