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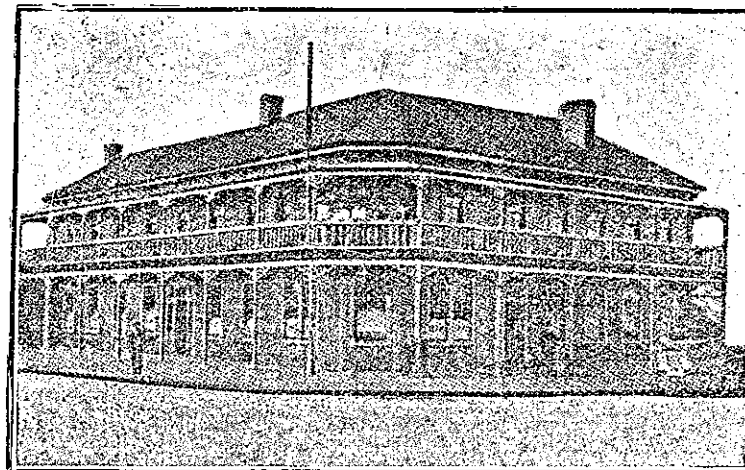
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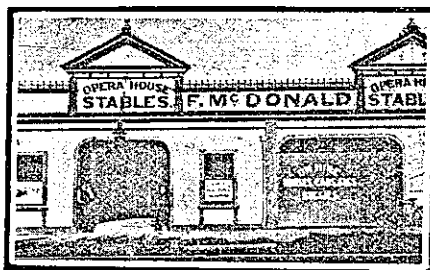
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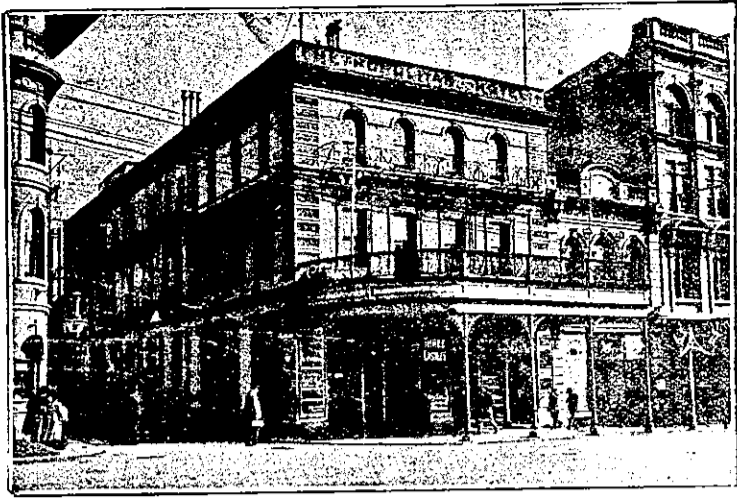
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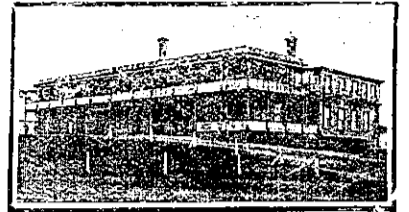
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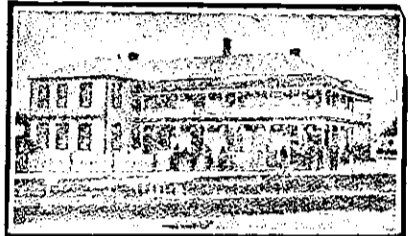
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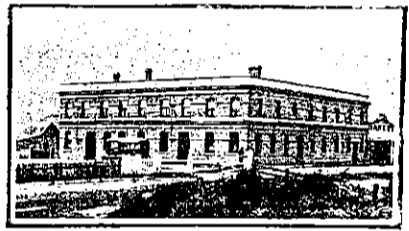
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FIXTURES.

March 25, 26—South Canterbury J.C.
 March 25 and 26—Taranaki J.C. Autumn
 March 26, 27—Masterton R.C.
 March 26—Waipawa County
 March 27, 28—South Auckland R.C.
 April 1, 2—Nelson J.C. Annual
 April 4, 8, 11—Auckland Trotting Club
 April 7, 8—Manawatu R.C.
 April 8, 9—Southland R.C.
 April 10, 11—Reefton J.C.
 April 18, 20—Wairarapa R.C.
 April 18, 20, 21—Auckland Racing Club
 Autumn

April 20—Patea R.C.
 April 20, 21—Riverton R.C.
 April 20, 21—Kumara R.C.
 April 20, 21—Canterbury J.C.
 April 20 and 21—Feilding J.C.
 April 29, May 2—Avondale J.C.
 April 29, May 2—Wellington R.C.
 May 6, 7—Hawke's Bay J.C.
 May 6, 7—Marlborough R.C.
 May 13, 14—Ashburton County R.C.
 May 23, 25—North Otago J.C.
 May 23, 25—Takapuna J.C.

NOMINATIONS.

March 27—Auckland Racing Club
 (general entries)
 March 30—Patea R.C.
 April 3—Avondale J.C. (special events)
 April 17—Avondale J.C. (general entries)
 April 24—Takapuna J.C.

WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

April 3—Auckland Racing Club (first day)
 April 6—Patea R.C.
 April 6—Avondale J.C. (special events)
 April 20—Avondale J.C.
 May 8—Takapuna J.C.

ACCEPTANCES.

March 27—Auckland Trotting Club
 April 13—Patea R.C.
 May 15—Takapuna J.C.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

Having by no means the best of luck in the matter of weather, the autumn meeting of the Thames Jockey Club proved, nevertheless, a successful function. With so much rain falling on Saturday morning, it was hardly to be expected that the attendance would be very large, but a fair number of sportsmen went out to Parawai, and as the weather cleared and the sport proved interesting, they were well rewarded. Mr. W. H. Potts and his committee energetically helped to carry things through, their efforts being quite successful. The feature of the meeting was the fine riding of Ben Deeley, who won five races in five starts.

Proceedings opened with the Maiden Handicap, six furlongs, for which nine turned out. Explosive made most of the running, and Deeley keeping him going won by a length from Field-Marshal, with Walotahi third.

Loch Fyne and English were the only two to come out for the Hurdle Race, one mile and three-quarters, and this proved the softest of snaps for Loch Fyne. English fell, but was remounted and completed the course.

There were five runners in the Autumn Stakes, in which Sweet Alice, as usual, played up at the post. Once off Foremost set out to make the pace willing, with Royal Soult handy. At the home bend the latter looked to have a chance, but when Deeley turned Sweet Alice loose she came with a rush and won easily by two lengths from Royal Soult, with Tui half a length further back.

Half-a-dozen went to the post in the Shorts Handicap, four furlongs. Hikuai was smartest away, and led to the home turn, but at the business end there was nothing in it but Lady French, who won by two lengths from Freebird, with Hikuai third.

A trio faced the starter in the Steeplechase, two and a-half miles. Khama went off with the lead, but came to grief at the fourth jump, where Cinque also fell. This left Pierre to win as he liked from Cinque, who was remounted and completed the course.

Four turned out for the Railway Handicap, six furlongs, and this proved a capital go. Brady got Miss Crispin going very smartly, and she showed the way to the home bend, where Aristocrat passed her. Inside the distance Whittaker brought Syren with a rush and won by a length from

Aristocrat, with Miss Crispin a good third.

The Hack Race, five furlongs, was another good contest. There were eight runners, and Explosive managed to score a second win, with Keep Step half a length off, and Free-mantle a good third.

The curtain was rung down with the Welter Handicap, seven furlongs, which proved rather a good thing for Foremost, who won easily by two lengths from Montigo, with Dardanus third.

MAUKU RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

Nothing could well have been worse than the weather on Saturday, when the Mauku R.C. brought off their annual meeting. It rained in torrents all the morning, and persisted steadily most of the afternoon. Under the circumstances Mr. F. B. Simpson and his committee had hard work to make things run smoothly, but all that it was possible to do under the adverse circumstances was done. Five book-makers were operating during the afternoon.

Four turned out for the Hurdle Race, one mile and a-half, in which Almost went off with a lead, but refusing to jump, let Batchelor up, the Lochinvar gelding never afterwards being headed, and winning by two lengths from Laddie with Taihoa third.

Nellie Soult had an easy thing on in the Maiden Handicap, six furlongs. There were three runners, and after Waitangi had made play for half a mile, Nellie Soult went past and romped home four lengths ahead of Three Kings, with Waitangi that distance off third.

There were three runners for the Mauku Cup, one mile. Sonoma made the running throughout, with Discoverer in close attendance. In the last little bit the pony drew out and won by a length from Discoverer, Nellie Soult being four lengths further off.

The Flying Handicap, four furlongs, fell to Ben Blair, who led from end to end and won by a length from the fast-finishing Hughie, Taihoa being a bad third.

Sir Rupert had no trouble whatever in defeating Three Kings in the Hack Race, six furlongs, winning in a canter by three lengths.

Ben Blair pulled off a double by annexing the Patumahoe Handicap, five furlongs, in which three started. Hughie gave the son of Ben Blair a good go for it, but was beaten by a length, with Discoverer six lengths off third.

In the final event, the Welter Handicap, seven furlongs, Sir Rupert had another easy task set him, as he defeated his solitary rival Laddie without the semblance of an effort.

THE A.R.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

The big Easter campaign of the Auckland Racing Club is rapidly approaching. Owners and trainers should note that general entries close with Mr. Hartland to-morrow (Friday) March 27, at nine p.m., when the following events will have to be dealt with:—Tradesmen's Handicap 1sov, Eden Handicap 1sov, Victoria Handicap 1sov, Nelson Handicap 1sov, Tramway Handicap 1sov, Stewards' Handicap, 1sov, Ellerslie Handicap 1sov, Hula 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.

It should also be noted that acceptances for the Brighton Hurdles (1sov), Easter Handicap (3sovs), and Autumn Steeplechase (2sovs) close on the same date.

THE SOUTH AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

To-morrow (Friday) the South Auckland Racing Club will make a commencement with the annual race meeting, and this will be concluded on Saturday. If the weather proves finer than has been the case of late, the

gathering should be a great success, for there is promise of fine sport, the acceptances being excellent. Mr. Conradi and his committee may be relied upon to have matters in good order, and no doubt a strong metropolitan contingent will make the journey up to the Waikato town.

The acceptances for the first day are as follows:—

TRIAL HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Tera 8.5, Tui 8.4, Nulla Nulla 8.3, King 8.3, Fowher 7.12, Tua Kitua 7.8.

HANDICAP HURDLES, one mile and a-half.—Tui 9.12, Kapakapa 9.5, Hillflower 9.5, Pukekohe 9.0.

SOUTH AUCKLAND CUP, one mile and a-quarter.—Montigo 9.0, Leonator 8.10, Certainty 8.6, Lord Seaton 7.12, Lady Hune 7.9, Syren 7.2, Philosopher 6.12.

FIRST STEEPLECHASE, two miles and a-half.—Cinque 10.9, Loch Fyne 10.9, Pierre 10.6, Kapakapa 9.9, Harkaway 9.7, Hillflower 9.7.

CLAUDELANDS HANDICAP, one mile.—Landlock 7.12, Omata 7.9, Discoverer 7.9, Syren 7.3, Philosopher 7.0, Dardanus 7.0, Foremost 6.12.

FLYING HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Lochbuhle 9.0, Gay Parie 8.8, Discoverer 8.7, Wauchope 8.0, Miss Crispin 7.11, Frederick 7.11, Waihou 7.8, Azoff 7.5, Aristocrat 7.3, Henry Havelock 6.13, Freebird 6.13.

DISTRICT HACK, weight 9st.—Weka, Freehold, Flint Island, Miss Stella, Field Marshal, Maid of the Forest, Master Webb, Pukekohe, Romantic, Liberty, Martell, Fremantle.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

The autumn meeting of the Avondale Jockey Club will eventuate on April 29 and May 2. Owners and trainers who intend to be represented at the gathering should note the fact that nominations for the Avondale, Autumn, Steeplechase and Railway Handicaps close with Mr. H. H. Hayr, the secretary, on Friday, April 3. General entries are not due until April 17.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

On Saturday week, April 4, the Auckland Trotting Club will make a commencement with the autumn fixture, and this will be continued on the following Wednesday and Saturday. The entries leave nothing to be desired, and these, as well as the handicaps for the opening day, will be found in another column. Mr. C. F. Mark, the secretary, reminds owners that acceptances close with him to-morrow (Friday) evening at nine o'clock.

PATEA RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

One of the turf attractions for Easter Monday is the annual hack meeting of the Patea Racing Club, the programme for which will be found in this issue. From this it will be seen that anyone wanting to nominate must do so to Mr. R. W. Hamerton, the secretary, not later than next Monday, the 30th inst., at eight p.m.

ELEVATION GOES TO SYDNEY.

Mr. Bidwell has decided to send Elevation to Sydney, and the champion will journey across the Tasman Sea in the new Huddart-Parker liner Ulmaroa. The mission of the chestnut son of San Francisco and Stepfeldt is, of course, the great Easter carnival of the Australian Jockey Club, the biggest meeting of the year in New South Wales. Elevation is entered in the Doncaster Handicap, one mile, in which he is asked to carry 9st 1lb. In this race the English horse Antonio heads the list with 9st 10lb, Scotland coming next with 9st 7lb. It will thus be seen that Elevation is asked to carry 7lb over weight-for-age, so has been highly assessed. Whether he can give 10lb to Bright Steel remains to be proved. Elevation will be given an opportunity of meeting the cracks in the weight-for-age events, and he will need to be at his best with such smashers as Poseidon, Mountain King, Peru, Antonio and Scotland carrying silk. The New Zealand colt's presence at Randwick will greatly enhance the interest taken in the fixture by Dominion sportsmen, who will one and all hope to see him win.

SOME FRENCH INNOVATIONS IN RACING.

The racing authorities in France have made several new departures in the programme for the current season. In order to obviate the introduction of a riding-out rule, the prizes allocated to the second and third horses have been increased. The third horse will receive proportionately more than has been the custom up to the present. The entries and forfeits will be divided by three, and two-thirds will be reserved for the second, and the balance for the third. Engagements are made for the future in a manner which will, except for the classic and international events, enable an owner to calculate fully two days prior to the race the exact amount of money he will receive for the win and the place. The added money to be divided among winning owners at Paris and Chantilly is £116,430, while the subsidies granted to provincial gatherings, being devoted to the encouragement of racing up to £151,850, thus proving that the public from whom this money is derived has given ample patronage to racing. This year for the first time the added money offered for the Grand Prize of Paris, will, thanks to the totalisator, amount to £12,000. The second horse will be entitled to £1200, and the third to £600. It is now the most valuable turf prize in the world. As far as hurdle-racing and steeplechasing are concerned, £85,862 will be added money at Autueil, and in addition £1086 as premiums for breeders. The conditions of the races contain certain modifications as to allowances made to jockeys not having won twenty races. They have certain events specially reserved for them. A 10lb allowance will be made for those coming within this category, and this allowance will be reduced by one-half for winners of ten races.

ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S CHAMPIONS.

One of Australia's greatest race-horses in Paul Pry met his death through an accident at Sunbury, Victoria, a few days ago. Paul Pry had a long career on the turf, and was certainly one of the best geldings ever raced in Australia. He did battle in four States, and did well in each. T. Payten had him as a youngster, but he did not come on quickly, and, after winning a few small races, he was sold out of the Newmarket stable, and went West. There he won nine races, including the Kalgoorlie Cup twice, and the Coolgardie Cup once. On returning to Victoria he won the Toorak Handicap, and after Sir Rupert Clarke got him he won the Adelaide Cup and several other races in South Australia. Next season he took the Onkaparinga Cup, and then the Birthday Cup, carrying 10st 5lb, beating La Carabine, who was carrying 9st 2lb. At eight years of age Paul Pry did his best performance. He won all the weight-for-age races at the A.J.C. Spring Meeting of 1900. Later he won the Williamstown and Bond Cups. Altogether Paul ran in 102 races. He won 28 times, was placed 28 times, and 46 times unplaced. His winnings were £8205. The gelding, which had retired some years ago and was living a life of ease at his owner, Sir Rupert Clarke's, place, was discovered hanging by one of his hind legs from the railings of a bridge, and before he could be rescued he fell to the ground a distance of 20ft, and broke his neck.

RACECOURSE DEMONSTRATIONS.

The hooting of owners in racing, and umpires in cricket and football, is very unpleasant, and in racing it is calculated to keep any sensitive man from coming into the game. It is all very well (says the "Australasian") to be called upon to explain by the stewards; but to be judged by a few losing backers, who are generally hooting because they have lost a trifle on the race is rather too much of a good thing. We are not arguing that there are not occasions on which the small punters have a legitimate grievance; but, generally speaking, it is

the man with the least at stake that edmakes the most noise.

A great many good horses have had their peculiarities, and as for had ones—well, there is no accounting for what they will do. Commotion, after he had been racing a few years, would not make his own pace, nor would he race to the right. A good horse in Fryngpan was broken down through making a terrific pace over the first two miles of the second Champion Stakes which Commotion won. Malua, again and again, showed that he was very apt to run a bad race at the end of a meeting. The year he won the Melbourne Cup he raced well on three days, but was no use on the last. Much the same thing occurred with Malua one autumn meeting. He won the Australian Cup, with 9st 9lb, and then ran unplaced—hardly able to canter home—in the Champion Stakes. It should be said, however, that Mr. J. O. Inglis has always suspected that Malua did not get fair play over this race. Marvel was a tremendous puller, and in a race at Flemington, in which he had two moderates in Steadfast and Sadim to beat, his jockey tried to hold him behind. He succeeded; but fairly choked the horse in doing so, and Marvel ran last. The crowd hooted; but the stewards were satisfied that there was nothing wrong. Horses that have had falls are often too frightened to stretch out in a crowd afterwards. Horses have memories. Most readers know the story of how Hermit won the Derby of 1867, after breaking a blood-vessel. Henry Custance, the jockey, in his book says Hermit was never the same horse afterwards. Custance rode him in most of his races, and declares that in a hard finish Hermit always seemed frightened to make any great effort. He was afraid of again breaking a blood-vessel.

ENGLISH HORSES IN AUSTRALIA.

During the last season or two there has been quite an influx of horses from England to Australia, and some of them have proved very smart. They promise to play an important part in the Doncaster Handicap at the A.J.C. meeting, as there are no fewer than nine, one of which—Antonio—is judged by the handicapper to be the best of the lot (says a Sydney writer). He made a great impression on one's memory when he won the Rydalmere Handicap, at Rosehill, under 10st 7lb, by five lengths in 1min 43sec, and followed it up by cutting out a mile and a-quarter at Randwick, with 9st 7lb, in 2min 6½sec, in the Squatters' Handicap. Nothing in the Doncaster can show such a brace of performances. The other imported horses are Traquair, Bright Steel, Ritchie, Curtain Lecture, Windiestrae, Argea, Snowy River, and Sagitta.

HOW NOT TO DO IT.

This is the "Sportsman's" description of the recent big English meeting:—"At Doncaster fields were large; in fact, they were far too large for the men in charge of the number boards, who in several cases found themselves in a tangle and did not succeed in completing their work till long after the horses had started. The reason of this was that no adequate assortment of jockeys' names had been painted, so that each one had to be painted before it could be displayed, and also because in the weight-for-age races no weights appeared in the card, and these had also, with much labour, to be printed during the afternoon. There were many instances of horses running in wrong colours, and these were not always advertised in the frame as required by rule. Therefore, what with one thing and another, there was some little confusion, but it may be assumed that next year these things will be worked more satisfactorily. Similarly, doubtless, in the future a system of signalling will be improvised on the part of the police in the case of an accident, so that those in charge of the admirable horsed ambulance which is in attendance may be made acquainted that their services are required, and may hasten to the spot. There were several falls, and the jockeys, though able eventually to walk back, were so much bruised, dazed, and shaken that, had the ambulance gone to their aid, they would have been glad." Our Auckland clubs would get a bad time if they ran a meeting like that.

A GREAT SALE.

Durham Court, the famous N.S.W. stud farm, was sold the other day, "lock, stock, and barrel," and realised the big total of £117,000. Machine Gun was bought by Mr. C. Baldwin for 1500 guineas, and will remain at Durham Court. The well-known stal-

lion Havoc realised 450 guineas, going to Mr. Borthwick, of Walcha. The Westralian sportsman, Mr. P. A. Connolly, gave 550 guineas for Molly Masham, by Curfew—Lady Dorset, with a colt at foot by Machine Gun. Mr. Bettington went to 510 guineas for Sweet Alice, by Gang Forward—Fairy Voice, with bay filly at foot by Machine Gun, so that it appears the stock of the big New Zealander are full of promise. The brood mares sold well all through, the Randwick-trainer Scully giving 400 guineas for a bay sister to Charles Stuart (Wallace—Sweet Alice). Prices throughout were exceptionally good, and altogether it was a wonderful sale.

NOT SUCH AN EASY BILLET AS IT LOOKS.

Mr. F. Morris, one of the stipendiary stewards in West Australia, has handed in his resignation, which has been accepted by the W.A.T.C. committee. In commenting on this, the "Sydney Referee" says:—"The retiring steward has the reputation of having been one of the most capable men obtainable, and some difficulty may be obtained in securing a suitable successor. The emoluments of office in connection with an appointment of this description allure many who are totally unfitted for the position for which they have been induced to apply, as, in addition to a thorough knowledge of the rules of racing, the possession of several other qualifications is imperative. An appointment of this kind is no sinecure, and one which it is almost impossible to hold and give satisfaction to everyone. When paid stewards err on the side of leniency, both the general public and their employers are apt to criticise their weakness; and, when the possibility occurs of their having been over-zealous in the execution of their duty by depriving some struggling owner, trainer, or rider of his means of livelihood, they make enemies for ever of all concerned, together with their sympathetic friends. There are frequently extenuating circumstances connected with many a ramp, which, when being made known to the stewards, has carried sufficient weight to effect their decisions, and the offenders have escaped their desserts through what was for them the fortunate presence of a certain amount of sentiment in the make-up of those before whom they have been arraigned. Under these conditions the man totally devoid of sentiment would appear to have at least one of the qualifications necessary to become a successful racing steward, but before being too long at the game he would be likely to find that this, on anything pertaining to the Turf, is not all that is required to fill the bill. Those holding stewardships of this kind have, if truth were known, found it difficult to have the whole of their official actions approved by their employers, to say nothing of the public, whom they are supposed to be appointed to protect. The responsibilities of a handicapper are great, but a competent official can invariably justify his figures to the satisfaction of his masters, notwithstanding owners' opinions. But the professional steward is open to adverse criticism from many quarters, and, needless to say, he gets it.

THE EASTER HANDICAP.

A good deal of curiosity was evinced as to which horse Mr. Morse would put at the head of the list in the Easter Handicap. The honour has fallen to the Stepniak mare Marguerite, who has been allotted 9st 4lb. The Auckland Cup winner, Zimmerman, has a pound less, and then comes Gold Crest with 9st. Master Delaval is a slow beginner, but is nicely treated with 8st 8lb. His recent form, however, has gone to prove that he is not the horse he was a year ago. King Billy (8st 6lb) runs well at Ellerslie, and can gallop a mile in good style. Sir Tristram (8st 4lb), if sent up may be the hope of the stable for this race, but a good many people would prefer Dawn (8st) at the weights. Uranium at her best can gallop a mile, but with 8st 2lb may be found not quite brilliant enough in a fast finish. Cambrian (8st 1lb) promised at one time to be a champion, and although he has not done what was expected, yet he is an undeniably useful miler. Then there is Uhlando (8st, who won the Wanganui Cup from end to end with 6st 8lb in the saddle. Veronica (7st 12lb) has this season shown most consistent form, and we know Souline can go fast. Lower down there is the Napier Cup winner Arc Light, with the nice racing weight of 7st 7lb, and Downfall with a pound less. Te Aroha, 7st 5lb, can gallop a smart mile, and then there are Ballarat, on the same mark, and Carl Rosa, Landlock and Miss Winnie. This latter pair in their best form would be considered

well in, even though a mile is a trifle too far for them. It is perhaps as well that the Gaming Act precludes any attempt at newspaper tipping, for in very truth the conundrum Mr. Morse has propounded savours of a problem worthy of the Sphinx itself. The acceptances will be awaited with interest.

NOTES.

(By The Judge.)

Yesterday Uhlando proved that his Wanganui Cup win was no fluke by carrying off the Taranaki Cup. The brown son of Uhlán and Revenant cut out the mile and a-quarter race in 2min 10 1-5sec, being followed home by Mahuta and Scotty.

Ben Deeley has now ridden fifty-seven winners this season. He should finish the season very high up in the list of winning jockeys.

All the work of late at Ellerslie has been done on the tan and inside grass track, the sand and grass tracks having been closed for a few days on account of a culvert being put in at the top bend.

The Explosion gelding Explosive won a double at the Thames meeting.

The new five-furlong starting-place at Ellerslie has been completed, but the track will hardly be settled enough to allow of racing for some little time yet.

Mr. O'Connor is being kept busy. He is in charge of the starting barrier at the Taranaki meeting this week, and will get back just in time to catch the train at Penrose to do the starting at the South Auckland meeting, Hamilton.

One or two of the lightweights appear to be very well treated in the Easter Handicap, one especially.

Sonoma won the Mauku Cup from end to end. The daughter of Seaton Delaval has done a lot of racing without much luck, and no one will begrudge Mr. R. Thorpe the win.

The New Zealander, Maranui, appears to be coming into form in Sydney. He won another race on Saturday, fairly running away with the Warwick Farm Pace Welter.

There are fifty-four entries for the Thompson Handicap. Among the Aucklanders engaged are Te Aroha, Souline, Cambrian, Celtic, and Loon-gana.

The Waiuku Racing Club had to contend with wretched weather for their meeting on Friday, this virtually spoiling the meeting.

The Tasman gelding Tui won the Matamata Handicap from end to end, thereby partly making amends for his bad luck at the Thames, where his saddle slipped when making his run in the big race. He also annexed the Flying Handicap at the Matamata Meeting.

The well-known Auckland horseman, Deeley, rode five winners in six starts at the Thames meeting on Saturday.

The Messrs. Duder have claimed the name La Reine for their yearling filly by Soult from Queen Anne. The youngster is a very racy-looking specimen of the thoroughbred.

F. D. Jones rode four successive winners on the second day of the Napier meeting, his mounts being Martyrium, North Pole, Oxtan, and North Head, all of whom claim Birkenhead as their sire.

Sweet Alice continues to pick up races at the country meetings. Her latest victory was in the Autumn Stakes at the Thames, in which the Soult mare beat five others very easily.

The Napier Carnival Cup winner, Arc Light, is a brown mare belonging to Mr. Watts, who, by the way, won the race last year with Gazeley. Arc Light was got by Merriwee from Dazzle, by Hotchkiss from Radiant, by Robinson Crusoe from Radiance, by Fireworks. Arc Light is rather a happy effort at equine nomenclature.

With so much rain during the last weeks, the training tracks at Ellerslie are very soft, and trainers are being hampered a good deal in getting their charges into racing form.

The Waipa Racing Club will hold a meeting on April 1.

Belario, who won the Warrengate Cup, is a five-year-old bay gelding by The Officer from Sprite.

The Wellington Pony and Galloway meeting, fixed for last Saturday, had to be postponed on account of heavy rain. It will take place next Saturday.

W. E. Pine, a Southern light-weight, and the youngest of five brothers, who have all ridden winners, was killed at the Waimate meeting. He was riding Nancy Stair, and when in the lead the filly swerved, causing the rider's head to strike a post, and the injury proved fatal.

Boniform has been left in the North Island Challenge takes and St. Leger, so that it would appear he is training on a'll right.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond's colours were successful in no less than seven events at the Napier Carnival Meeting.

The West Australian Turf Club is going in for a revised list of colours, and at their last meeting decided that 11 colours only will be allowed to be combined for racing, they being white, black, brown, blue, green, tartan, red, pink, orange, purple and lilac. Distinctions allowed will be sleeves, sashes, spots and hoops. The caps must be of the foundation colour, sashes and hoops four inches wide, and spots four inches in diameter. Similar conditions have been in vogue at the Sydney Associated Race Club meetings for 12 months.

The South Australian Full Court, on a reserved point of law, recently decided that betting with a totalisator agent is an illegal contract under section 6 of the Gaming Act of 1897. The case arose out of a claim in the local court for the recovery of £20 7s 6d, winnings on investments by Alfred Henry Sumner, entrusted to Abraham Solomon as totalisator agent, who was to receive commission on any winnings which might result from the transaction.

The New Zealand horse Cuneiform has been sold to Mr. T. A. Briese, of Albury, for stud purposes. Cuneiform was a good performer over here, but proved very disappointing while racing recently in Victoria.

An Indian buyer has made an offer of 3000 guineas for the English horse Wuffy, which was refused.

The Grand National Steeplechase will be run over the Aintree Course, near Liverpool, to-morrow.

Mr. Daly has given Poseidon 9.11 in the Sydney Cup. This is 2lb more than Carbine won with when he was four years old, but then the minimum was 6.0, and Carbine was giving 46lb to the four-year-old Mantilla, who ran second.

Entries for the Winter Meeting of the Takapuna Jockey Club are due on Friday, April 24.

The St. Leger gelding Scotty, who was thought to have a fine chance in the Taranaki Cup with 7st 10lb., was unable to get nearer than third. Uhlando, 8st. 2lb., and Mahuta, 8st 6lb., defeated him. There were nine runners.

The Cyrenian gelding St. Cyren won the Waiuku Cup on Friday, but had virtually no opposition.

Among the pictures now showing at His Majesty's Theatre is one originally entitled "The Ten Miles' Steeplechase." As there is no steeplechase run of that length, one becomes suspicious of a faked picture, and the remarkable number of falls shown helps out the supposition. It is, nevertheless, a splendid film, and should be seen by our racing men, who will also be interested in the picture showing the "training of a trotter."

A very old jockey—he was in his 90th year—is just dead. This was William Dixon, of Newmarket, who rode The Ashstead Pet in the notorious Running Rein's Derby of 1844, and in the same year he won the Colum Produce Stakes and the Palace Filly Stakes on Crinoline. The year previous—1843—he had won the Csa-rewitch Stakes with Mr. Townley's Corranra. He was some time a trainer—for the late Lord Falmouth, among several owners—and of later years was custodian of Newmarket Heath.

The importation of English race-horses to this side of the water, says Mr. Wallace in "The Horse of America," commenced about the year 1750.

The following six animals were brought over within a year or two of that date:—Monkey, Traveller, Dabster, Childers, Badger and James. Of these Traveller was the great horse. James became the progenitor of a tribe of very fast quarter horses, and though he did not found that tribe, which had been in existence for a hundred years on the border line between Virginia and North Carolina, he doubtless improved it. Monkey was twenty-two when he came, and did not live long. The whole number imported into all the American colonies before the War of Revolution (1775) counts up to about fifty, and some of these are practically unknown and a few were wholly fictitious. There were not more than twenty mares of English racehorse blood imported in the twenty-five years preceding the Revolution into all the colonies, and many animals of both sexes were destroyed or stolen during the war.

INTER - PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, March 25.

Meetings at Oxford, Methven, and Waimate occupied the attention of racegoers last week, and were well patronised. The Oxford gathering attracted a goodly number from Christchurch, several Riccarton trained horses being among the starters in the various events.

The Australian-bred filly Mythical by Bundook-Myth, who has been doing good form lately, accounted for a double win at Oxford. She started off by winning the Stewards Handicap, six furlongs, beating Devonian fairly comfortably, Crispinot filling third place. Mythical carried 10.6, and cut out six furlongs in 1.16 2-5secs.

The Flying Handicap, five furlongs, was won just as easily by the Bundook filly, who with the steadier of 10.8, beat Narrangarie by three lengths, Ambriscade being third. Ambriscade, who is a three-year-old filly by Stepniak-Ambush, had previously won the Maiden Stakes, beating Ben Fortune, Good-bye, and several others somewhat easily, by half-a-dozen lengths, Ambuscade being third. Ambuscade are capable of winning in much better company than they met at Oxford.

Crespinot, who has been doing a lot of flat racing this season, should be able to hold his own with the hunting brigade when the jumping season comes round. This horse is a fair jumper, and with careful schooling is capable of much improvement.

Devonian is still pottering about trying to win some of the stake money on offer at country meetings. She is now six years old and must have proved an expensive animal to those who have had her. In the Oxford Cup she ran unplaced to The Brat, Crespinot and Narrangarie, and seems to have lost whatever pace she once possessed.

Ruapehu managed to win one race on the West Coast. On the first day the mare failed to get a place, but on the second won the Farewell Handicap with 8.3. McCluskey, who went over to ride the mare, returned on Saturday.

The Grafton mare Jacker was whispered about town as a fairly sure investment for the Waimate Cup, and as a result, stay-at-home backers got early to work. Jacker was sent out second favourite but failed to gain a place, and also failed to show up in the Stewards Welter, the last race of the day.

Jack Ashore, who has been showing fair form lately, ran a fine race in the Waimate Cup, and beat Lady Linton after a ding-dong finish by a neck. Southern Cross being third. Jack Ashore is one of the best of Cast-ashore's progeny racing.

The highly-bred filly Miss Gal, by Stepniak-Tortulla, managed to win a race at Waimate, the Studholme Stakes falling to her, but when brought out again in the Harvest Handicap she failed to get a place, being behind Lady Orizin, Caro, Reigh, and Mango. Miss Gal gave early promise of going out a good one, but her performances have not shown her up in a very bright light.

The defunct Benzoin continues to have his name brought before racing men. His stock have nearly all turned out winners even when put to moder-



NO. 7.—MESSRS. R. AND R. DUDER.

On any of the Auckland racecourses one is perfectly certain to come across those genial North Shore sportsmen, the Messrs. R. and R. Duder, or Bob and Dick, as they are known to all and sundry. It was away back in the early fifties that their nurse's troubles started, for the twins were as like as two peas, only more so. Nobody knew which was which, and Bob often got spanked for what Dick had done, so they had to tie coloured labels on the boys, who no doubt got a lot of fun changing them. Then they went to the Auckland Grammar School, which was not then the big concern worthy Mr. Tibbs presides over, and as a natural result when Bob played the wag, Dick was ordered to write a thousand lines or so as punishment, and so it went on. At last Bob went farming, and Dick went in for law, and people had a chance of knowing which was which.

Bob was no slouch as a runner, and neither was Dick for that matter, but he didn't get the chances of the jovial Robert. In those days the Auckland Amateur Athletic Club was not the moribund concern it is now, but a highly popular institution whose games were always well attended by everyone who wanted to be considered among the Government House crowd, and by those who did not. At one meeting Bob Duder fairly scooped the pool, as he won four prizes over all distances, as well as another for being the best runner in Auckland. They were not quite so particular as to what constitutes an amateur in the seventies, as Bob had a fly at the world-famous record-beater, Frank Hewitt, in his day the fastest pro. who ever donned a shoe. Who would think to look at him now, that Bob Duder at one time could do 10 1-5sec for the hundred? Even with a good deal of superfluous avoirdupois—he turns the beam at over fifteen stone—it wouldn't surprise me to find Bob doing a fairly sound fifty yards yet. Brother Dick might have turned out just as good, but he went to Fiji and remained some time, but on his return picked up two or three races.

A good many years back the brothers decided to start a general store at Devonport, which in those days was but a one-horse sort of suburb, a very diminutive village to the important place it is to-day. There they have carried on the firm ever since. Bob got married, and I suppose Dick was best man, and the bride must have had to keep her wits about her to remember which was the right man. Ever since then Bob has resided in Church-street in one of the oldest and most picturesque houses to be found at the Shore, while bachelor brother Dick lives a few yards away. Across the road are the stables, for the twins have ever loved a good horse. Furthermore, they have owned not a few, but the luck has not always come their way. Still, during a thirty years' experience, the colours have triumphed on countless occasions, and it would be interesting to know just how many.

A start was made with a gelding called Dick, who was fairly useful over the small sticks. Then a mare called Kate was bought at Tauranga. She proved a stud success, throwing quite a number of winners, among them being Belle, the dam of Le Beau, who won at the Ohinemuri meeting last week. Belle won quite a lot of races round Auckland, the best being the Great Northern Steeplechase of 1886, in which, as a four-year-old, she carried 11st 2lb to victory, Frewin being her pilot. Belle was sent over to Victoria, but met with an accident, and was lost for three months, being found away in the back blocks. Another good mare that crossed the Tasman Sea was Dolosa, a daughter of Leolinus and the Traducer mare Lure, who won a good many races, and at the stud threw the uncertain Cuirassette.

Perhaps the best-known mare the brothers have owned was Anna, a brown mare bred by the New Zealand Stud Company in 1885, got by Musket (imp.) from Florin, by Traducer (imp.) from Rupee (imp.), by Dollar from Minouche, by The Baron. Just

how many foals this mare has had I don't quite know, but somewhere about fifteen. Among them were Annabelle (by Lionel), Anita (by King Quail, who won the Auckland Cup in 1895, Lady Anna (by St. Leger), Miss Anna (by St. Hippo), Akarana (by Seaton Delaval), Devonport (by Soult), and Leira (by Cyrenian). Hune, by the Maribyrnong horse Cap-a-pie from Raupo, was another useful mare who threw Drum Major, and the fine sprinters Black and Gold and Tui Cakobau.

As to the best horses ever owned by the brothers, pride of place must be given to Cuirassier, Brigadier, and Halberdier, which reminds me that the horses to carry the black and gold colours are generally very well named, a fact, I fancy, due in a large measure to Mrs. Duder and her daughters, who have always taken the keenest interest in the young stock. Cuirassier, who was bred in 1885 by the Messrs. Morrin, was got by Musket from the Goldsborough mare Frailty, and thus was a full brother to Trenton, one of the most successful sires Australia has known. Among other victories Cuirassier won the G.N. Derby of 1889 with J. Kean in the saddle. With a little bit of luck the Messrs. Duder might have pulled off a big coup in the Melbourne Cup of 1889. He was nicely handicapped, and the Devonport sportsmen never tired of planking the money on. At that time, with the Thompsons and other big men operating, one could get three times as much money on a big race as is the case to-day, and Cuirassier's owners are said to have stood to win over £40,000. Unfortunately from an unavoidable cause the horse was short of work, and therefore could not stay the two miles out, being in difficulties some way from home. With not the best of chances Cuirassier got some good stock, who could race on the flat or across country.

Brigadier, who was little if at all inferior to Cuirassier, was got in 1883 by Musket from Pungawherewhere, by Golden Grape (imp.) from Atalanta by Towton, and was therefore a full brother to Tetford and Tranter. In private he was reputed a perfect smasher, and on the track he won numerous races. But for a breakdown he might have won the big Canterbury treble for which the Duder brothers backed him for pounds, shillings, and pence.

Halberdier, whose chief claim to fame lies in his race in the N.Z. Cup of 1902, in which with Freddy Davis in the saddle, he carried 8st to victory in the fastest time on record, was one of the best of the North Shore-bred ones.

Nowadays, the Messrs. Duder do not keep a big string, Black and Gold, Akarana, Devonport, Tui Cakobau, Leira, and Tanglefoot representing the fighting line. If looks go for anything there should be a smart filly carrying the colours next season in the aptly-named La Reine, a racy-looking daughter of Soult and Queen Anne, and everyone will wish that she turns out well. Having been connected with "the sport of kings" for so many years, it is not surprising to find that both brothers are to be found among the executive of our chief racing clubs. Bob has been a steward of the Takapuna and Avondale Jockey Clubs since those two institutions were founded, while Dick has sat on the Auckland Racing Club committee for some seventeen years. There are several other brothers, but it is R. and R. who are best known to the sporting world. "White" men, good sports, and straight goers, we could do with a few more like them among the men we meet on a racecourse.

The only French horse to win the Derby is Gladiateur, who won in 1865. Since that unsuccessful effort has been made by Insulaire (second to Sefton, 1878) (Gouverneur (second to Common, 1891), Bucen-taure (third to Sir Hugo, 1892), Vinicius (second to Rock Sand, 1903), and Jardy (second to Cicero, 1905).

ately bred mares. Lady Orizin is the latest member of the Benzoin family to distinguish herself, winning two races at Waimate, giving weight to and beating Mango, Miss Gal, Nancy Stair, Bickwell the oriental star performers.

Zetland, once well up in the handicaps in six furlong races, is now gradually coming down, even when meeting second raters. This horse has done a lot of racing, too much many people think, and a lengthy spell would not do him any harm.

Roscommon, a son of Lord Rosslyn, won two races at Alford Forest Meeting on March 17. Royal Crown, Pathfinder—Petard, were among the "has beens" racing at the meeting, but none of them succeeded in catching the judge's eye.

Pattypan, who has been shaping well in his initial displays over hurdles will be given a run in the Handicap Hurdles at the North Canterbury meeting.

F. Y. McCracken and H. E. Cutts have been elected to fill the vacancies on the committee of the Riccarton Trainers' Association in place of R. J. Mason and M. Hobbs, who have both gone to England for a trip.

Gold Braid, The Libyan, Tremulous and Farley Grove, who have early engagements, had a gallop together over six furlongs the other morning, when The Libyan was seen to most advantage.

Gwendolina and Paragon on the same morning ran a mile together in 1.53, there being very little between the pair as they swept past the post.

Grandstand, who is standing up to his work over hurdles, jumped very cleanly when sent twice round. He is just the sort of horse to make a good hurdler.

Eurus, Canton, and Pattypan were sent for a gallop twice round, when Eurus blundered badly and came down, giving Connell a shake up. Pram and Chameleon have also been given twice over jumps.

Quite a gloom was cast over the Waimate meeting when young Walter Pine came to grief on Nancy Stair in the Harvest Handicap on the three furlongs post. The filly when leading swerved and struck a post, young Pine having the misfortune to strike his head with such force as to break the post. He was picked up unconscious and died shortly afterwards. Pine was a member of the well-known family of that name, and was employed by his brother, William Pine, at Riccarton. He was very promising and was highly respected.

W. J. Taggart has also had his troubles this week, his brother Dave, dying on Monday afternoon after a lingering illness.

The South Canterbury Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting, extending over two days, takes place this week. Fields are much larger than usual—winners ought to be hard to find. This means good racing.

Harry Thompson has been shaping well as starter, and lately scored successes at Little River and Oxford. He has the confidence of all the boys and knows his business from beginning to end.

Strong complaints are being made about cronk running, pulling, and other malpractices that take place at country meetings. I heard of a case the other day at Oxford where all the horses with one exception were "dead," and that other races were cut up to suit certain parties. This sort of thing is becoming pretty strong in Canterbury, and if it is allowed to go on will soon bring about the downfall of some of those participating in the swindles. Clubs cannot punish the bookmaker, but they certainly have the power to put trainers and jockeys in retirement for a time.

HAWKE'S BAY.

NAPIER, March 25.

Although F. D. Jones put up a good performance by steering four successive winners at Napier Park last week, the performance is shaded by the go put up by W. Kirk at Wairoa last year, when he steered seven winners running.

The Napier Park Racing Club opened their autumn carnival meeting on Tuesday, and were favoured with magnificent weather. There was a large attendance, even larger than was expected, and the day's sport was in every way enjoyable. The sum of £7,626 passed through the totalisator as compared with £7,419 on the first day of the club's last autumn meeting, an increase of £207. There were sixteen bookmakers on the ground, nine inside at a fee of £20, and seven outside at £10. The revenue derived from the pencilers was therefore £250, an amount equal to totalisator receipts on £2500, and not subject to the Government's commission of 1½ per cent.

For the principal event, the Napier Carnival Cup, eight horses went to the post, five of the thirteen entrants being scratched. Arc Light started a strong favourite, and although lying third for the greater part of the distance, justified the confidence of her backers in the end, winning rather comfortably.

On the concluding day the sum of £8995 was passed through the totalisator as compared with £6857 for the second day last year an increase of £2138. For the two days the total was £16,621, while for the 1907 autumn meeting it amounted to £14,276, an increase for the meeting of £2345. There were twelve bookmakers on the ground, eight inside at a fee of £20, and four outside at £10, representing a contribution of £200 to the funds of the club, in addition to the £250 derived from the same source on the previous day. The principal event, the Close Memorial Stakes, was won by the Hon. J. D. Ormond's Kairoma, who started a favourite and won rather easily by something under two lengths, Mr. W. J. McLean's game little mare Loiret coming with a great dash into second place close up at the finish.

In the Omaha Hurdles, Lord Bobs blundered at the first hurdles and lost his jockey, who, though stunned by his fall, was soon about again apparently uninjured.

In connection with the Telegraph Handicap some time was occupied by the stewards in considering a protest to the effect that as Ikon and Niwaru belonged to the same owner, the former having been entered in the name of Mr. A. F. Douglas, and the latter in the name of Mr. W. J. Douglas, their names should have been bracketed on the totalisator. The protest was upheld and the backers of Ikon and Niwaru were equally remunerated.

A feature of the meeting was the success of the Hon. J. D. Ormond's representatives, who won seven out of the sixteen races. Out of seven starts on the first day, two wins were credited to the Karamu stable, and yesterday five out of eight starters prevailed. The last four races fell to Birkenhead's stock, and F. D. Jones rode four successive winners.

The success of five red hot favourites on each day proved a sad blow to the bookmakers, and it is safe to say that they did not benefit very much by the meeting.

Successful horsemen at the meeting were headed by F. D. Jones with six victories; T. O'Brien, H. Price, and R. Hatch each piloted a brace of winners, and F. Whitehouse, T. Pritchard, L. Wilson, and A. Rae steered a conqueror a-piece.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond secured the largest amount in stakes, his cheque coming to £595.

Mr. E. J. Watt is shortly sending up the whole of his brood mares, yearlings, and the stallion Merriwee for sale. He has a team of 12 horses in work under the control of T. Quinlivan, junr.

Gazeley, Lamsdorff, Moriarity, and Arc Light, in charge of T. Quinlivan, junr., left Hastings on Saturday morning for New Plymouth.

Bushranger, under the care of Percy Johnston, also left for the same destination.

Bollin (Birkenhead-Goyt), and Miscast (Birkenhead-Miss Never), who have been under the control of A. Wood at Greenmeadows for some time past, have been taken over by Stewart Waddel for finishing off purposes, Wood's work only being to break in and quieten down the Karamu-bred horses.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, March 25.

It is probable that Armistice will not race again. The daughter of Mahaki-Melinite sustained a slight strain just prior to the late Cup meeting here, and this would necessitate her being spelled for some months. As she is now getting on in years the chances are that she will not be trained again, but retired to the stud, at which she ought to be a success.

Mr. G. F. Moore is expected back from Australia within a day or two with Dusky Morn, Catapult, and the two yearlings which he purchased in Melbourne.

Harry Jackson has just taken up Guiding Step again. The son of Stepniak, who looks well after his spell, will not be raced until the next spring. Jackson tells me that Fontenoy never looked better than he does now. The son of Haut Brion appears to have benefited by his long spell, and has apparently got over his leg trouble. He ought to train on all right now that the tracks are soft.

Helen Portland has been on the sick list ever since the Wanganui meeting, and is not likely to be raced again for some time. Jackson intended taking only two to the New Plymouth meeting—Signor and Carissima.

THE WARRENGATE MEETING.

The officials of the Warrengate Jockey Club had laid themselves out to make a big success of their annual meeting on the 19th inst., but unfortunately experienced cruel luck, as the weather was simply atrocious. Notwithstanding that a cold southerly gale with heavy rain was experienced throughout the day, the gathering attracted some 500 spectators, and some fairly good sport was witnessed. The officials are deserving of great credit for the manner in which they worked to get the programme through, Messrs W. Tucker (President), W. R. Tuck (vice-President), and Selby Morton (Secretary), being very conspicuous in their efforts to make the meeting as pleasurable as possible for their patrons. It was a notable gathering, but as there were fourteen bookmakers licensed, including two or three prominent ringmen, those who wanted to speculate had no trouble in getting on all the money they desired.

Racing started with the Handicap Hurdles, for which Speciosa, Cloudy Morn, Snip, Waterworks, and Caloola went to the post, the former being made favourite, jumping in fine style the St. Hippo gelding won easily. T. Lloyd, of Crofton, trains the winner.

Only three went to the post for the Flying Handicap, Sedgemoor, Contour, and Mereshot, and the former got home easily. Contour seemed quite unable to act in the heavy going, though she led for the best part of the journey. The daughter of Phoebus Apollo is evidently only a Sunday horse.

Nightmare, a full sister to The Lark, annexed the Maiden Plate after an interesting finish with Akuronga. Noifa was fairly well backed for this event, but reared up and fell on her rider, W. H. McKay, just prior to the start, and as the jockey got hurt, she was unable to start.

Taupo was served up hot for the Fordell Handicap, and the Chasseur gelding, who is trained by E. Oakenfield at Waverley, had the race in hand from the rise of the barrier, Snip, who was second in the Hurdles, again acting as runner-up.

Belario, Arx, and Anemone were each well fancied for the big race—the Warrengate Cup—which fell to the first-named, who carried top weight. Oryx made the running until well in the straight, where the top weight came along, and the ease with which he drew away from the Apremont gelding surprised everyone, especially as Oryx had been going so strongly up to this point. To say the least it was a peculiar ending to the race, though probably the heavy going had something to do with the disappointing finish. A very handsome silver cup went to the winner, and was presented by the Mayoress of Wanganui (Mrs. Mackay) to Mr. J. Bull, Belario's owner, after the race. Mr. Bull had the honour of winning the cup last year, and had a good win over the success of Belario, so 'tis said.

Rawhetu, a four-year-old gelding by Daystar-Della Agnes, owned by Mrs. Charlie Jenkins, was made favourite in the Bracelet, and was in front all the way, being much too good for the opposition.

Sedgemoor carried 10.7 to victory in the St. Patrick's Handicap, four furlongs, the son of Sedgemoor reveling in the soft going. Taupo was the popular pick, but lost a lot of ground at the start, and could never get up, though he showed a fine dash of pace.

W. Raynor and W. Rice, with two wins each, were the most successful riders. It is pleasing to learn that despite the unfavourable climatic conditions, the club anticipate coming out all right over the meeting. Had the weather been favourable the gathering would have been a big success.

The well-known local cross-country rider, Joe Stanley, had the bad luck to have his collarbone broken, as the result of a fall from Waterworks, the other morning.

Mr. Jas. Coombe got some capital starts at the Warrengate meeting, and he was congratulated on his good work at the barrier. He has been appointed to do the starting for the Patea Club, and may be depended to give every satisfaction.

Alick Hall has shifted his quarters from Feilding to Wanganui, and now has Wirral, Kremlin, and Lull in work on the local tracks in view of the coming jumping season. It was reported that Lull had been sold, but the negotiations fell through.

Nominations for the Feilding J.C. Easter meeting close on Monday, the 30th inst.

At the recent Warrengate meeting there were fourteen licensed bookmakers operating, and they met their obligations all right. One individual, however, laid a number of wagers, and then disappeared in the crowd whilst the race was in progress, throwing away his bag so as to prevent recognition. He must have made a few pounds. It serves people right who bet with such Spielers as this, to get taken down, when there are always "bookies" of good standing willing to do business.

Amongst other trainers who contemplate coming to Wanganui with their teams in order to take advantage of the excellent tracks here may be mentioned Percy Coffey, who has Lyrist, Compass, Pearl, and Black Squall in his care, besides a three-year-old colt by Daystar from Prisoner's dam and Regulation. The latter is likely to be given another chance to distinguish herself on the turf.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, March 24.

Local trainers will make a move towards Opaki (Masterton) course early in the week. Frank Higgott's team will include Tupono and Moata. The Medallion mare has undergone a careful preparation, and should do her owner good service ere the season ends. Moata has not been seen with the colours up for some time, and even should he miss catching the judge's eye at Opaki the racing will improve him for events later in the season.

J. Lowe's pair, Aeolus and Blue Bell, after racing at Dannevirke and Napier Park, have returned to Trentham. The former, although most leniently treated for Masterton, will be left in his box. On his recent displays the son of Euroclydon appears to have lost all form. Aeolus established some good records last season, and when his trainer gets him back to his best form he should make amends for this season's failures.

Blue Bell's owner gave her a run at Napier Park with 9st 5lb. The Masterton handicapper allotted her 8st 4lb, but her trainer, however, probably found that the mare would not stand racing three weeks in succession, and wisely determined to give her a spell.

Wharekura, another inmate of Lowe's stable, has recovered from a slight mishap which befell him a couple of weeks ago, and will fulfil his Masterton engagements.

W. Davies' contribution to the meeting consists of Yosami and Ancyce. The latter, a half-brother to Ballarat, has proved somewhat of a frost since coming into Davies' hands. The company he will meet at Masterton is very ordinary, and should he again fail to score, Ancyce's owner may as well abandon all idea of securing a race with him.

C. Pritchard's team includes Naumia and Mon Ami. The former has not been saddled up for some time. Last November his connections thought Naumia good enough to take on the cream of New Zealand sprinters at Riccarton. He then essayed to win the Electric Stakes, a weight-for-age event, which fell to Fleetfoot, with Armet and Lord Soult filling the places. The Conqueror gelding has only to repeat the trials he gave his trainer in the spring to pay his way

during the remainder of the season.

Saga, Axite and Sardonyx are being treated to a respite from work. The former has been in training during the last eighteen months, and will be benefited by a rest. Petticoat, Liberator, Truthful and Talune are being allowed to run in the paddock. Their trainer, F. Higgott, declares that oats are too dear to waste on other than horses that can give promise of winning occasionally.

W. Davies has removed to his new quarters at Trentham. As his boxes are not yet finished, his team, nine in number, including Ballarat, Seaman, Ancyce, Sekraime, Yosami, and Landwern are at present quartered in the W.R.C. boxes on the racecourse.

Advantage, formerly trained at Trentham by C. Birkett, has joined H. Telford's team at Awapuni (Manawatu).

TURF RESULTS.

WAIKUKU RACES.

The Waikuku Racing Club's meeting took place on Friday in very showery weather, which militated against the attendance. The racing resulted as follows:—

HANDICAP HURDLES.—Batchlor 1, Laddie 2.
MAIDEN PLATE.—Sir Rupert 1, Three Kings 2.
WAIKUKU CUP.—St. Cyren 1, Tera 2.
LOCAL RACE.—Sir Rupert 1, Chairelian 2.
PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP.—St. Cyren 1, Discoverer 2.
OTAUVA HANDICAP.—Hughie 1, Waitangi 2.
WELTER HANDICAP.—Baltimore 1, Port Light 2.
WAIPIPI HANDICAP.—Tera 1, Hughie 2.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

The Thames Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting took place on Saturday in showery weather. The following were the results of the various events:—

MAIDEN HANDICAP. Six furlongs.
Explosive, 8.3 (Deeley) 1
Field-Marshal, 7.6 (Buchanan) 2
Waiotahi, 8.12 (Julian) 3
Also started: Cyreniac 8.2, Viking 7.6, Kaitangata 7.4, Lady Aroha 7.2, Moanani 7.0, Tenby 7.0.
Won by a length. Time, 1m. 21 2-5s.
HURDLE RACE. One mile and three-quarters.
Loch Fyne, 10.12 (Nesbit) 1
English, 9.4 (Gray) 2
Won by two furlongs. Time, 4m. 20s.
AUTUMN STAKES. One mile and 30yds.
Sweet Alice, 9.0 (Deeley) 1
Royal Soul, 7.2 (Brown) 2
Tui, 6.7 (McMillan) 3
Also started: Montigo 8.11, Syren 7.7, Foremost 7.2.
Won by about two lengths. Time, 1m. 48 4-5s.

SHORTS HANDICAP. Four furlongs.
Lady French, 7.13 (Deeley) 1
Freebird, 6.10 (Brown) 2
Hiikai, 8.13 (Julian) 3
Also started: Miss Crispin 7.13, Engraver 7.8, Alba Rose 7.2.
Won by two lengths. Time, 51s.
STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP. Two miles and a-half.
Pierre, 10.10 (Deeble) 1
Cinque, 11.0 (Julian) 2
Also started: Khama 10.5.
Won by 100yds. Time, 5m. 23s.

RAILWAY HANDICAP. Six furlongs.
Syren, 7.9 (Whitaker) 1
Aristocrat, 7.4 (Buchanan) 2
Miss Crispin, 8.1 (Brady) 3
Also started: Rotoiti 8.7.
Won by a length. Time, 1m. 19 1-5s.
A protest was entered by the owner of Aristocrat on the grounds of interference, but was not sustained.

HACK RACE. Five furlongs.
Explosive, 8.2 (Deeley) 1
Keep Step, 7.2 (Buchanan) 2
Fremantle, 7.7 (Brown) 3
Also started: Tui 8.4, Hard Rock 7.12, Lady Aroha 7.2, Elizabeth 7.0, Marino 7.0.
Won by half a length. Time, 1m. 5s.
WELTER HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.
Foremost, 8.12 (Deeley) 1
Montigo, 10.3 (Deeble) 2
Dardanus, 9.2 (Whittaker) 3
Also started: Waiotahi 8.11, Viking, 7.0.
Won easily by two lengths. Time, 1m. 34 1-5s.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB'S CARNIVAL MEETING.

The Napier Park Racing Club's Carnival Meeting was concluded on Wednesday. The weather was fine and the attendance large. The totalisator investments amounted to £8995, making a total of £16,621 for the meeting, an increase of £2345 over last year's figures. Eight bookmakers were licensed to do business inside the paddock and four outside. The following were the results of the racing:—

OMAHU HACK HURDLE HANDICAP of 30sovs. One mile and a-half.
Mr. F. Tong's br m Pretty Maid, by The Officer—Norsemaid, 10.6 (F. Whitehouse) 1
Mr. A. F. Douglas' Commander, 8.7 (J. O'Connell) 2
Messrs. Delaney and Cathrall's Te Kainui, 10.7 (T. Pritchard) 3
Also started: Reservoir 11.2, Bushranger 9.10, Ruabon 9.2, Lord Bobs 9.0.
Won comfortably. Time, 2m. 47 3-5s.
TELEGRAPH HACK HANDICAP of 80 sovs. Six furlongs.
Mr. A. F. Douglas' blk m Ikon, by San Fran—Nymph, 8.4 (T. O'Brien) 1
Mr. F. T. Bradley's Wonderbohm, 7.6 (T. Jones) 2

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NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all Events Close on MARCH 20, at 9 p.m. HANDICAPS for the First Day appear on March 23. For the Second Day on April 6. For the Third Day for all races on April 9.

ACCEPTANCES for the First Day Close on March 27 at 9 p.m. For the Second Day on April 6 at 9 o'clock p.m. For the Third Day, April 9, at 9 o'clock p.m.

C. F. MARK, Secretary. TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB. President: E. W. Alison, Esq., M.H.R. Vice-president: J. Bolland, Esq., M.H.R.

FIRST DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 23rd, 1908. HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes.

SECOND DAY, MONDAY, MAY 25th, 1908. PUPUKE 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.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES. FRIDAY, APRIL 24th, 9 p.m. First Day—Handicap Maiden Hurdles 1sov, Handicap Maiden Plate 1sov.

WEIGHTS. FRIDAY, MAY 8th, 4 p.m. First Day's Racing. Takapuna Handicap Steeplechase (Second Day). SATURDAY, MAY 23rd, 9 p.m. Second Day's Racing. ACCEPTANCES. FRIDAY, MAY 15th, 9 p.m.

R. WYNYARD, Secretary. High-street, Auckland.

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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.

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.

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

101b penalty. Maidens allowed 71b. 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.

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.

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.

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.

PATEA RACING CLUB. ANNUAL MEETING. (FOR HACKS ONLY).

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 20th, 1908. Patron: Mr. G. Williams, President: Mr. H. O. Clarke, Vice-Presidents: Messrs. S. Gilligan and G. V. Pearce.

- PROGRAMME: 1. HANDICAP HURDLES of 70sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of the stakes, Distance, 1 1/2 miles, over six flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in high.

RULES AND REGULATIONS. 1. Definition of a Hack.—A Hack is a horse that has not at any time prior to the time of entry, won a race of the value of £100 to the winner, or races of the aggregate value of £250 to the winner.

AQUATICS.

THE ROYAL N.Z. YACHT SQUADRON.

Mr. C. E. Horton, having presented two valuable cups for competition by members of the Royal N.Z.Y.S., must have been very disappointed at the very poor entries for the two events, and at the even worse racing. For this the weather was partly responsible, as there was heavy rain and little wind. In the A class Thelma (scratch) had what virtually amounted to a sail over. True, Rainbow (2min) started, but was sixteen minutes late, and she gave up after a round. She left her moorings at Devonport much too late to have the faintest chance of reaching the starting line in time, the wind being light and the tide against her. Some of the few spectators who braved the rain concluded that the skipper of Thelma would have shown a fine sporting spirit if, after crossing the line, he had thrown the big cutter into the wind and waited for his smaller rival, which was doing her best to get to the starting point. As a matter of fact, Thelma was entirely justified in going alone, as Rainbow should have made an earlier start. We would all have liked to see a race, and that it would have been even was proved by Rainbow sailing the first round (10½ knots) in three seconds less time than that taken by Thelma. Moana, although entered, did not start. Thelma took 3hr. 29min. to complete the course.

Waione (scratch), Kotiri (6min.), Ngatira (6½min), and Wairere (8min) were entered for the Class B race, a not very happy effort on the part of the handicapper. Ngatira did not start. Kotiri led all the way, crossing the finishing line 3min. 37sec. ahead of Wairere, which was 1min. 18sec. in front of Waione, the handicaps not affecting the placings. Messrs. Reynolds, Stewart and Hewson had a wet and weary time on the wharf looking after the race.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA AT NAPIER.

The rowing championships were held at Napier on Monday, crews from all parts taking part. The results were as follows:—

Maiden Sculls, one mile.—Union, Wanganui (N. Christiansen), 1; Star (W. Robertson), 2; Gisborne (D. E. Dustin), 3. Also started: Napier (Snow). Won by a length and a-half. Time, 3m. 20s. Light-weight Maiden Fours, one mile.—Napier, 1; Gisborne, 2; North Shore, 3. Also started: Aramoho. Won by three lengths.

Champion Sculls, one mile and a-half.—Akaroa (G. Welch), 1; Wanganui (McDonald), 2; Union, Napier (Poil), 3. Also started: Green (Wanganui), Stokes (Aramoho), Fell (Star). Won easily by 20 lengths.

Maiden Fours, one mile.—Napier 1, Canterbury 2, Star 3. Also started: Gisborne, Wanganui, Union (Napier), and Union (Poverty Bay). Napier won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 6m. 25s.

Maiden Double Sculls, one mile.—Wellington (Hulbert and Charman), 1; Union (Napier), 2; Napier, 3. Won by four lengths. Time, 7m. 7 2-5s.

Champion Fours, two miles.—Blenheim No. 2 (C. Heggliun, Gilling, E. T. Heggliun, Jackson), 1; Waitemata, 2; Clifton, 3. Also started: Canterbury, Akaroa, Picton, Union (Wanganui), and Blenheim No. 1. Won by three lengths. Time, 11m. 47s.

Youths' Fours, one mile.—Star (W. Doughty, Brewer, Marchant, Turnbull), 1; Union (Wanganui), 2; Napier, 3. Aramoho also started. Won by half a length.

Junior Double Sculls, one mile.—Aramoho, 1; Star, 2; Wellington, 3. Won by a length. Time, 6m. 38s.

Champion Pairs, one mile and a-half.—Picton (Carrick and Couch), 1; Union (Wanganui), 2; Star (Wellington), 3. Also started: Akaroa and Union (Napier). Won by 15 lengths. Time, 9m. 42 2-5s.

Junior Fours, one mile and a-half.—Union (Christchurch), 1; Union (Wanganui), 2; Blenheim, 3. Also started: Napier, Canterbury, and Poverty Bay. Won by a length and a-half. Time, 9m. 21s.

Junior Sculls, one mile.—Stokes (Aramoho), 1; Dustin (Gisborne), 2; Robertson (Star, Wellington), 3. Also started: Greenless (Aramoho), and Snow (Napier). Won by six lengths. Time, 7m. 16s.

Champion Double Sculls, one mile and a-half.—Akaroa (G. Welch and Woodill), 1; Wellington, 2; Wanganui 3. Won by six lengths. Time, 9m. 44s.

Napier Senior Fours, one mile and a-half.—Waitemata, 1; Picton, 2; Union (Christchurch), 3. Also started: Canterbury, Union (Napier), Blenheim, and Union (Wanganui). Won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 9m. 12 4-5s.

THE NEW ZEALAND SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

As part of the programme of the Napier Carnival, the New Zealand swimming championships were contested on Saturday and Monday. Owing to heavy weather conditions outside, the inner harbour on the first day was rather rough. The results were:—

220Yds Breast-stroke Championship.—A. M. Russell (Sydenham), 1; G. L.

Bull (St. Alabns), 2; F. Truscott (Christchurch), 3; F. K. Turnbull (Hawera), 4. Won by 4ft, a tie between second and third. Time, 3m. 17 1-5s.

100Yds Championship.—M. E. Champion (Auckland), 1; E. J. Dawson (Otago), 2; F. E. Dodge (Christchurch), 3. Also started: J. McCarthy (Tomoana), C. D. Campbell (Wanganui), B. C. Freyburg (Wellington). Won by four yards. Freyburg, who finished second, was disqualified on a protest. Time, 1m. 13s.

880Yds Championship.—M. E. Champion (Auckland), 1; B. C. Freyburg (Wellington), 2; H. H. Rich (Canterbury), 3. Also started: F. J. Kernott (Auckland), A. Bridges (Wanganui). Won easily by 20 yards. Time, 15m. 4s.

320Yds Championship.—M. E. Champion (Auckland), 1; B. C. Freyburg, 2; F. E. Dodge, 3. Also started: Lawson and McCarthy. Won by 4yds.

Quarter-mile Championship: M. E. Champion, 1; B. C. Freyburg, 2; F. E. Dodge, 3. Also started: Dally, Kernott, Emerson, Bridges, and McCarthy. Won easily by 25yds. Time, 5m. 58 2-5s.

1 Mile Championship: M. E. Champion, 1; B. C. Freyburg, 2; H. H. Rich, 3. Also started: L. C. Fearon. Champion won by nearly 100yds. Time, 27m. 14 1-5s.

THE NORTH SHORE YACHT CLUB.

The members of the North Shore Yacht Club are nothing if not enthusiastic. As the time came on for starting the cruising race to Howick on Saturday, rain fell in torrents, but this did not prevent twenty-five boats starting in the four classes. The wind was very light from the south-west, and this gave a lead all the way, a few even setting spinnakers over the first part of the course. Although there were four classes, the boats were sent off in two sections, and some good racing was shown. In Class I. Thistle (4½min.) beat May Belle (15min.) by 55sec., with Yum Yum third.

In Class II. Emerald (scratch) beat Kamo (12m.) by 75sec., with Hilda third.

Merlin (8min.) won the Class III. event by 66sec. from Daphne (8min), with Mei third.

In Class IV. Rhona (16min.) won on time by 5m. 38sec. from Bronzewing (17½min.), with Ethel third. A concert was held in the Howick Hall in the evening.

A good fleet turned out for the Manukau Yacht Club's race on Saturday, this being the eighth of the series. Mahinga (36m.) won rather easily from Mana (51m.), with Heather (scratch), Manola (scratch), Wairere (2m.), and Edith (7m.) following in that order.

The North Shore Yacht Club will sail a race on Saturday for Mr. Durnett's cup and other prizes. A very large fleet is expected to start.

The big yawl Viking (Commodore Bloomfield) is away on a cruise to the Great Barrier.

Ngatira has been away on a Northern cruise, when a good deal of bad weather was met with.

It blew very fresh from the south on Sunday morning, but died away as the afternoon drew on when the yachts were making their way home. Owing to the heavy rain on Saturday quite a number of the pleasure fleet did not leave their moorings.

Hellaby and Walker won the final of the Auckland Rowing Club's double-sculling competition on Saturday.

The Manukau Yacht Club will on Saturday sail off a race for Mr. Charles Bagley's Albert medals.

The launch Petrel ran across some dirty weather during her Northern trip, but despite this the cruise proved very enjoyable.

The Olympia sank at her moorings during the blow on Saturday morning. One or two boats were driven ashore at Stanley Bay, the double boat being one of the victims.

I have to thank Mr. C. R. Moses, hon. sec. of the West End Rowing Club, for a card of invitation to the "At Home" and trial fours which take place next Saturday.

The patiki Manoonda, built by the Logan Bros., won two races at the Napier Carnival Regatta.

At a meeting of delegates to the Goldfields Tennis Association, held at Paeroa, it was decided to hold a tournament open to members only of the Goldfields Association on Easter Monday and Tuesday, April 21st and 22nd. The tournament will be held on the Thames Courts, and fully 70 players are expected to take part.

CRICKET.

NO PLAY ON SATURDAY.

The pouring rain on Saturday quite did away with any possibility of commencing the ninth round of the district cricket competition on Saturday, and there was no play on any of the grounds.

DUNEDIN DOINGS.

At Dunedin in the senior grade, Grange met Albion, and on a bowler's wicket were disposed of for 91 (Beal 35). The latter made only 41 in their first effort, Downes taking four wickets for 16 runs, and Davis six for 24, including the hat trick. Dunedin dismissed Carisbrook A for 52 runs (Adams 31), Mackersey securing six wickets for 18 runs. Dunedin lost six wickets for 91. Opoho made 95 against Carisbrook B, and the latter have made 34 for three wickets.

The Waihi Cricket Association's senior championship has been won by the Suburbs Club, who thus take the very handsome shield presented by the Waihi Gold Mining Company.

A. Howden, who has been a tower of strength to the North Shore eleven, has gone to Gisborne, where he will reside in future.

Parnell A (21 points) is just leading Aden A (20 points) in the second grade championship, with Grafton (18 points) a good third.

BOWLING.

THE VICTORIANS ARE NOT LOOKING FOR TROUBLE.

It appears that the Victorian bowling authorities are not going to take any risks with the Dominion team bent on recovering lost laurels (says the "Otago Witness.") A request that the match Victoria v. New Zealand, which stands first on the programme, should come after some of the interclub matches was (according to "Skip" in the Southland "Times") declined, as also was a request that the match should be played on a length limit of 135ft. The Dominion team will not play at Hobart now, but proceed to Melbourne by the Maheno and play two interclub matches to get into trim for the big event. At present the programme runs thus:—April 7, 8, 9, New Zealand v. Victoria; 10th, South Melbourne, at Albert Park; 11th, Ballarat; 13th, Brisbane; 14th, Armadale; 15th, leave for Sydney. In addition to these games it is proposed from here to play interclub matches on April 4 and 6. The programme for N.S.W. will not be known until the team arrives in Sydney.

FOOTBALL.

THE WELLINGTON RUGBY UNION.

At the annual meeting of the Wellington Rugby Union a resolution was adopted recommending the New Zealand Rugby Union to remove the life disqualification passed about three years ago upon J. Price, in consequence of statements made by him in reference to a match between Petone and Addington Workshops. The question of removing other disqualifications was referred to the Management Committee. It was resolved to recommend the New Zealand Rugby Union that in all matches played under the direct control of the New Zealand Rugby Union half the net profits should be paid to the union in whose district the match is played; that in the case of a team beyond New Zealand touring the Dominion one-half the net profit obtained as a result of such tour be divided between the unions in whose districts the matches have been played.

THE OTAGO UNION.

The report for presentation at the annual meeting of the Otago Rugby Union shows that last season's work had very satisfactory results. Of the five representative matches played two were won, two lost, and one was drawn. The country week proved an unqualified success, the Vincent team showing themselves to be a specially good combination. A very important step on the part of the Union was the purchase of the Carisbrook ground from the Dunedin Amateur Ground Company. The season opened with a debit balance of £213 9s 5d, and that

had now increased to £767 3s 6d. To meet the liability the committee arranged a loan of £500 from the New Zealand Union. The assets amounted to £22,610 0s 11d, showing a balance of £1842 17s 5d.

SCOTLAND AND IRELAND STAND OUT.

"The English Union not only owes New Zealand a visit (says the "Morning Post"), but the trip may strengthen the hands of the New Zealand Union, which has made such a splendid fight in the preservation of the amateurism of Rugby. After the financial success of the Northern Union's guests from the Dominion the New Zealand Union will be in some need to help to restrain the professional pioneers from renewing that attempt to capture the Rugby game. It is felt that the very best help that can be given to New Zealand will be by practically showing the splendour of the Mother Country's Rugby. This is the view of England and Wales, so that though Scotland will not countenance the tour—and Scotland is backed by Ireland—the English and Welsh Unions will be able to muster a representative side for the visit. Much could be said for both the English and Scottish views of the situation; but everyone is regretting that the four Home unions could not mutually agree on some general attitude in regard to these tours. Scotland feels that the colonials are much nearer professionalism than is generally known, and this is its main reason for refusing to help England in the organisation of the team."

FAMOUS PLAYERS.

A. F. Harding, though captain, is not the oldest international in the Welsh team this year. H. B. Winfield has represented Wales on ten occasions, W. J. Trew on eleven—he has been chosen frequently more than that—C. M. Pritchard eleven, G. Towers fourteen, while R. T. Gabe has played in twenty international matches. The record of the last-named is far below that of W. J. Bancroft, who represented Wales on thirty-three occasions, and but for the international dispute of 1897-8 would have totalled thirty-six matches. A. J. Gould, who comes next to the record holder, made twenty-six appearances in international games, and but for absence abroad might have even beaten Bancroft's figures.

The annual meeting of the New Zealand Rugby Union will be held on Thursday, May 14th.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

NOTHING VENTURE, NOTHING WIN.

Henry Farman, the English aeronautist, who recently (in France) won the Deutsch-Archdeacon prize of £2000 by accomplishing a circular flight of 1600 yards on an aeroplane, is identical with the Farman who, in 1902, won the big motor car race from Paris to Vienna. This great contest (covered in four stages on four consecutive days) resulted in Farman covering the total distance of 695 miles in 16 hours 25 minutes' driving time. As a total sum of £30,000 is available as prize money for successful aeroplanists, Farman, with his 50 h.p. Antoinette aeroplane, appears to stand a good chance of considerably swelling his bank balance during the current year.

AN UP-TO-DATE SERVICE.

There is in Texas, U.S.A., to-day, a motor-car service of 45 miles between Lubbock and Plainview, and the five cars engaged are handled by "cow-boy" chauffeurs. The automobiles make regular trips on a three-hour schedule, and the line has a private right-of-way, with cattle-guards across the ranch fences as if for a railroad, while a track is kept free of sand. The chauffeurs are attired in blue overalls and felt hats instead of the customary motor dress, and, if they are not mechanical experts, "they can push the lever to the last notch as well as any racing motorist." They are required to make the 45 miles in three hours, as the cars carry the mail and the proprietary is under contract to the Government to keep that schedule. Often the mail arrives an hour early, but in only one or two instances has it been late. One of the cars is used exclusively for handling the mails and express, and, as a brisk trade is driven in the latter, the line

has been most profitable to the promoter. The fare is not considered exorbitant when it is understood that the automobile is the only means of communication between the towns named. The charge for the round trip of 90 miles is 40s, while £10 a day is received for handling the mails.

A TORTOISE RACE.

A novel contest for motor-cars, in the shape of a slow-speed trial, was conducted in England recently, when 11 vehicles entered and competed. Seven of the cars were too fast, and out-distanced themselves, but four performed exceedingly well, the slowest covering the course of one mile and three-quarters in length in 1 hour 34min.

SYDNEY TO MELBOURNE CYCLE RECORD.

E. A. PEARSON'S REMARKABLE RIDE.

The 577 miles separating Sydney from Melbourne were covered in 57 hours 24min. by Mr. E. A. Pearson in his successful attempt upon the record which began on Saturday morning last, Sydney being left at 8 o'clock (says the "Australasian.")

The previous record for the course ridden in this direction was 90 hours, 7 minutes, by J. Ashdown, while from Melbourne to Sydney the best time is 73 hours 31 minutes, made by J. Salvana last September. Mr. Pearson's ambition was to improve upon both times, and he drew out a fine schedule, which provided the distance to be covered in 60 hours. It may be pointed out here that previous to J. Salvana's figures, Pearson held the record for about 9½ hours, hence when it was bettered he commenced training operations almost at once to regain it, which culminated in the present splendid ride.

It will be seen that he got under his schedule time—considered to have too fine a margin when first submitted—by 2 hours 36½ minutes, and reduced the previous best time in either direction by no less than 16 hours 7 minutes! He kept remarkably close to his time-table, and was never more than 20min. outside or inside at any stage until at Seymour, where he cut down by more than half a spell of 1½ hours, which he had allowed himself. And from this point all thoughts of time-schedule were banished, the intent being to reach Melbourne as soon as possible.

He rode a speedwell machine, with a three-speed gear—55-73-96 inches—and he used the middle or normal gear over by far the greater distance.

ATHLETICS.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS SHOW A PROFIT.

At the last Council of the Tasmanian A.A.A. the hon. sec. submitted the following approximate balance-sheet for the Australasian championship meet—Receipts: Donations, £25; entries, £5; profit on programmes, £12; afternoon tea (Saturday), £6; gate receipts, after payment of rent of ground, gate hands, etc., £100; total, £148. Disbursements: Entertainment, £25; band, £5; labour and material, £6; postages, £2; advertising, £10; trophies, £60; total, £108. Net profit, £40.

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY V. NEW ZEALAND TEAM.

The result of this challenge match was a highly interesting competition in which the Sydney men came out on top. The star attraction was to have been the meeting of Barker and Trembath, but for some reason or other the New Zealander did not turn out.

100 YARDS CHALLENGE RACE.
Nigel Barker (Sydney) 1
Henderson (New Zealand) .. 2
Waddell (Sydney) 3
Won from start to finish by three yards. Time, 10 3-5s.

100 YARDS HANDICAP.
Mackay (New Zealand) 1
Stewart (Sydney) 2
Henderson (New Zealand) .. 3
Won easily. Time, 10 3-10s.

300 YARDS CHALLENGE.
Barker (Sydney) 1
Trembath (New Zealand) .. 2
Rowe (Sydney) 3

The other New Zealand starters were Murray, Fisher, and Henderson. Won easily by a dozen yards. Time, 31sec—a New Zealand record.

HIGH JUMP CHALLENGE.
Orbell (N.Z.), 5ft 7in 1
Welsh (Sydney), 5ft 6in ... 2
Luddy (Sydney), 5ft 5in ... 3

120 YARDS HURDLES CHALLENGE.
Stewart (Sydney) 1
Murray (New Zealand) 2
Orbell (New Zealand) 3
Won by six yards. Time, 16sec—a New South Wales record.

BROAD JUMP.
Stewart (Sydney), 21ft 1
Barker (Sydney), 20ft 6½in .. 2
Mackay (N.Z.), 19ft 11in .. 3

HALF-MILE CHALLENGE.
Barker (Sydney) 1
Murray (New Zealand) 2
FitzHardinge (Sydney) 3
Won by five yards. Trembath and Fisher did not start. Time, 2m. 5s.

MILE RACE CHALLENGE.
Trembath (New Zealand) .. 1
Waddy (Sydney) 2
Won easily by 15 yards. Time, 4m. 55s. Fisher and FitzHardinge started, but only the two placed men finished.

MILE WALK.
Kerr (New Zealand) 1
Stubberfield (N.Z.) 1
Two Sydney men started, but gave up at the end of half a mile. Won easily by 60 yards. Time, 7m. 14 1-8s.

A WORLD BEATER.

At Philadelphia on January 24, Alfred Shrubbs, the champion distance runner of the world, defeated four men in a six-mile race there, and although he ran only in tennis shoes, covered the six miles in 30min 6sec. The men who ran against him were "Spotty" Clifford, J. C. Curran, A. Nash, and Tal Feather, the latter two being well-known Indian runners. In spite of the fact that the last two men ran only a mile each, Shrubbs beat the quartet by five laps, or nearly half a mile. He ran the first mile in 4.32, two miles in 9.52, three miles in 14.56, four miles in 20.06, five miles in 25.10, and the six miles in 30.06." About a week before, January 18th to be precise, Shrubbs defeated Jack Williams and Samuel Myers, at Lowell Mass., in a five miles race. The affair was witnessed by about seven hundred persons, and the State armory was the scene of the competition. A report says:—"Shrubbs and Williams started the race, and in 2½ miles Shrubbs gained three laps on Williams. Myers proved a little faster than Williams, as in his share of the running Shrubbs gained only one and a-half laps. Shrubbs' announced time was:—One mile, 4.38; two miles, 9.18; three miles, 14.15; four miles, 19.14; five miles, 24.22."

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The simple delights of the spot.
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Their cricket, and golf, and football;
But my paradise true, is the touch of the Cue,
In the finest old game of them all.
—"The Dud."

THE ARC OVAL IN AUCKLAND.

To-morrow (Friday) evening, an exhibition of billiards will be given on an arc oval table between Mr. W. E. Hackett, the well-known local amateur, and Mr. T. C. Bragge. The match will be played at the Victoria Buildings, Auckland, the game commencing at 8 p.m. I have to thank Messrs. Alcock's representative for a card of invitation.

IS SNOOKER A GAME OF CHANCE?

This is the question which is vexing the minds of Auckland players just now, and the case shortly to be tried will settle the point. As it is still sub judice I cannot make any comment on it, except to trust that, despite the fact of the law being "a huss" on this occasion, common sense will prevail.

A RECORD AGAIN REFUSED.

"That, without impugning the bona fides of Mr. Reece or of any of those who witnessed the break of 499,135, the committee are of opinion that, as many thousands of the points were scored at times when neither the public nor members of the Press could reasonably be expected to be present, they cannot grant a certificate." Thus runs the decision of the Billiard Association committee at the reopened inquiry into the memorable Reece cradle-cannon performance.

A LUDICROUS REASON.

A match recently arranged to take place at the Corporation Arms Hotel, Blackburn, on the Arc-Oval table, between W. Holt and W. Ainsworth, was suddenly abandoned (says the "World of Billiards"), and a rather curious advertisement in the local papers notified all and sundry that "unforeseen circumstances" were the cause. I now hear that the game was prohibited by the chief of police, who, my correspondent informs me, says they do not allow exhibitions. I suppose the next thing we shall hear will be a protest against the nakedness of the table legs and a direction that they shall be suitably draped.

A MATCH FOR BIG MONEY.

The Reece-Williams match, which was played at the St. James' Hall, Manchester, is the sporting match of the year (says a Home paper). There is no question as to the keen rivalry between these young Lancashire cueists. They are playing for the exceptional stake of £250 a-side, and the whole of the gate receipts go to the winner. It is not so much a question of the money at issue as the fact of success meaning practically a higher place on the ladder of fame. Opinion in professional circles runs strongly in favour of Reece. But Williams is not without his supporters. There is every reason to expect a hard, good game, and a finish worthy of the big event.

F. WEISS.

As a result of playing too much on the arc oval table, the Australian champion, F. Weiss, was defeated both by Harrison and Reece just before the mail left. A cable received during the week states that Weiss had conceded Cook 1000 in 7000 and had won by 1124 points, so that it would appear he has played himself into form again.

E. J. Campbell and Walter Parker have been matched to play 4000 up in Sydney during Easter week.

Walter Parker is willing to play Charles Memmott for £25 and the championship, the match to take place in Sydney.

The Grays billiard combination is shortly to tour the Dominion.

Reece certainly appears to have a soft snap on in his big match against

Williams for £250 a-side. It is a game of 16,000 up, and on the first day Reece was 312 ahead, 908 on the second, and 1556 on the third. Williams' showing so far has been very feeble, and he seems to have been a little ambitious in making the match.

Messrs. Alcock and Co. have opened a branch in Auckland, and respectfully invite inspection of their show rooms, in Victoria Buildings, Victoria-street, where they are displaying specimens of high-class billiard tables, including a true Arc-Oval table, to which they especially draw attention. Their tables have won prizes whenever entered into competition, and at the recent New Zealand International Exhibition secured special award and two gold medals. Messrs. Alcock and Co.'s prices are as low as is possible when one considers the quality of their goods. They cordially invite visitors from town and country, to whom every attention will be paid, and also correspondence to which they will promptly apply. They also send expert workmen to all parts of the Dominion, and will be pleased to send descriptive illustrated catalogues on application.

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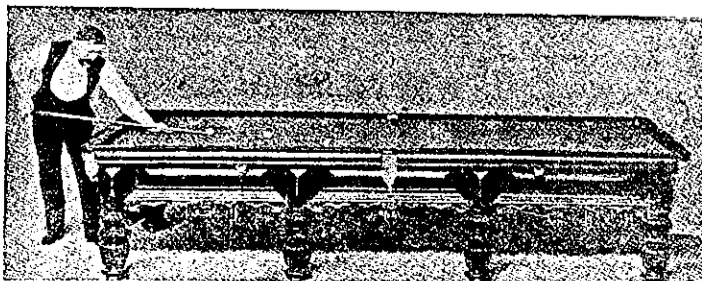
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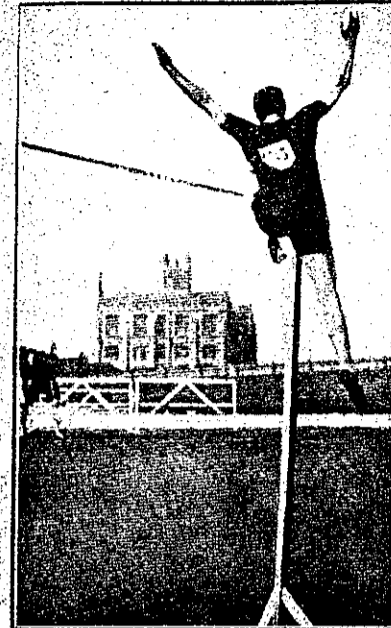
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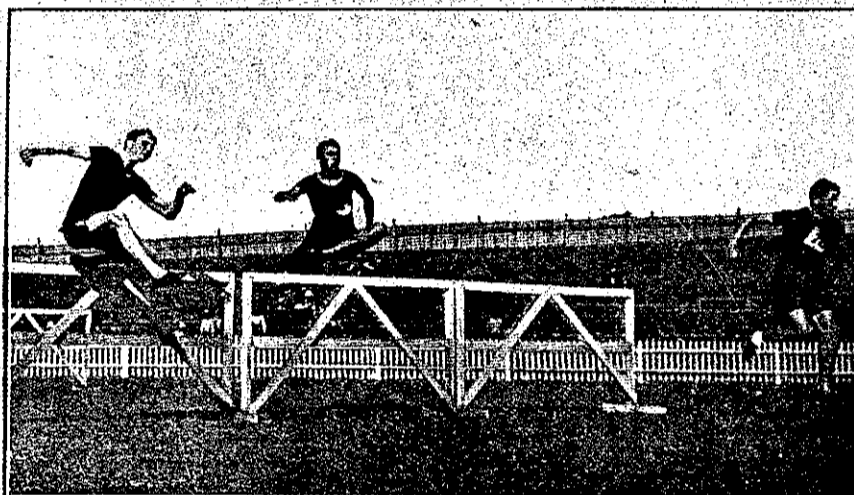
Nigel Barker (Sydney) winning the 100 Yards Challenge.



C. L. Orbell (N.Z.), winner of the High Jump.



One Mile Walk, won by H. E. Kerr (N.Z.), who is shown leading.

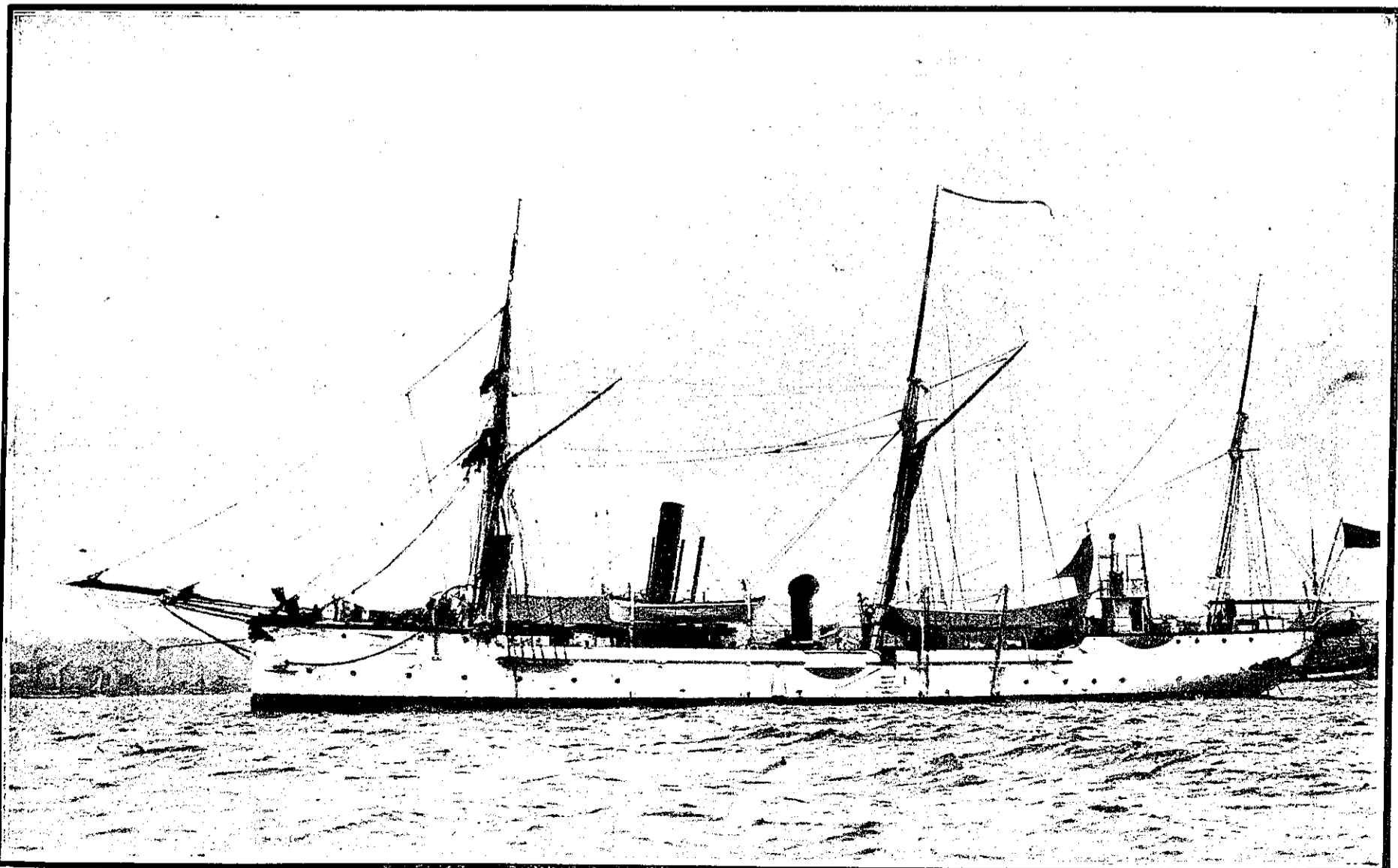


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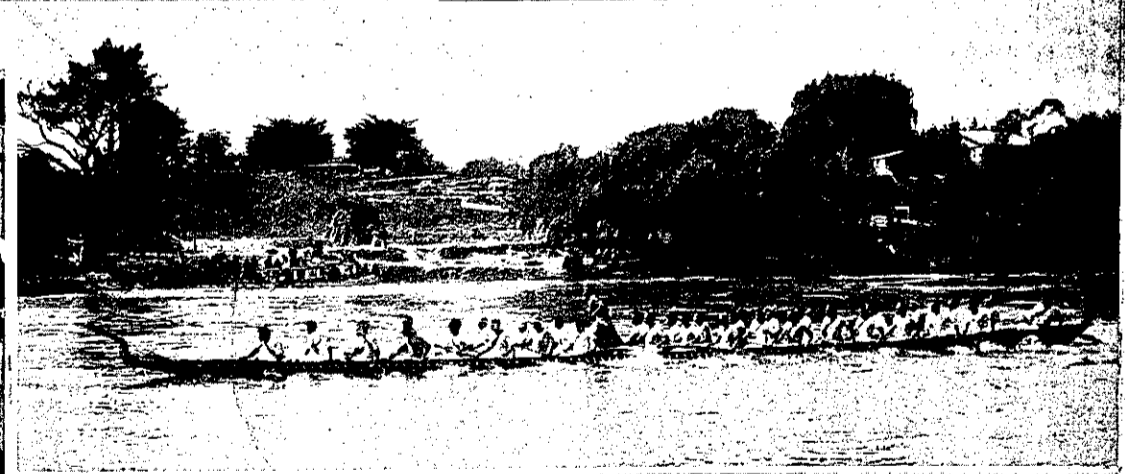
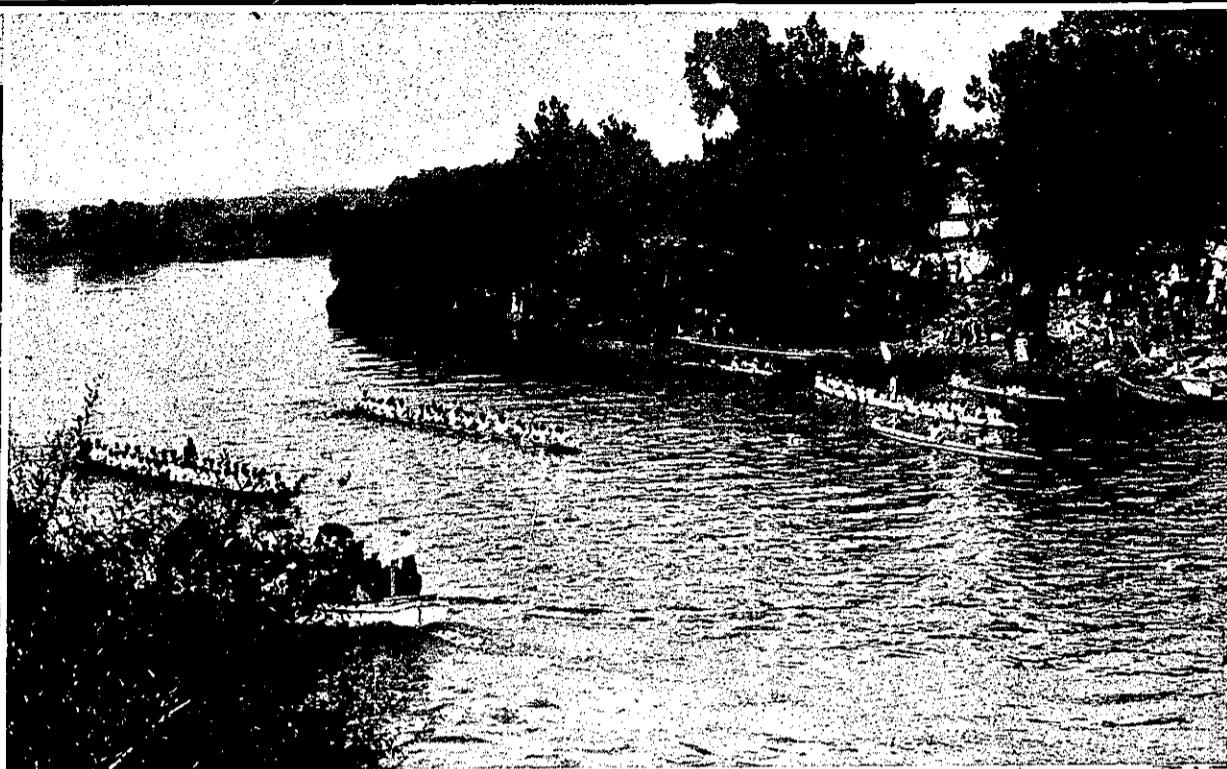
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THE STAGE

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE

MACMAHON'S PICTURES.

Owing to the late arrival of the Sydney steamer, which had on board a consignment of new films, the Messrs. MacMahon were unable to commence their season at His Majesty's Theatre on Monday evening. Bad luck also dogged the opening night on Tuesday, for it proved one of the most inclement experienced for many months. Despite the pouring rain a large number of people braved the elements, the result being a good house. The pictures were well shown, the very latest type of machine being used, the rotary portion being driven by a small motor instead of the old-fashioned hand method. The pictures were practically all of an amusing nature, and, although one regretted the absence of genuine views of life in other lands, yet as the sole idea of the show was to entertain, it must be admitted that, judged by the continuous laughter, it completely achieved the object aimed at. The pictures in the first part commenced with one showing the tribulation of a man who disagreed with his landlady. "The Hero" showed the rescuing of a little girl from a fire. "Pierrot's Jealousy" was a clever set showing what happened when the green-eyed monster became paramount. "The Bewitched Son-in-law" proved to be one of the cleverly-faked vanishing pictures. "Poor, but Honest" showed a tramp unjustly accused of robbery, who, in return, saves the life of his accuser. "The Cabin Boy" was a set illustrating the tribulations of a youngster who, by now, must be well-known to all lovers of living pictures. "The Clown Doctor" depicted a kindly act on the part of a circus fun-maker. "A Quiet Hotel" was a highly amusing film in which two discharged servants manage to clear the hotel of all its boarders. Perhaps the best of the first part was one called "Her First Bike Ride," the escapades of the novice causing roars of laughter.

In the second portion of the programme the pictures were "The Montana Girl," who bravely saves the life of her lover, "The Colonel's Bicycle," "The Miser," "Mother-in-law," "Training a Trotting Horse," a fine film, "The Heavy-weight Race," "The Burglar," "The Stolen Pig," and "The Great Steeplechase," a good picture, the subject being chiefly remarkable for the wretched horsemanship shown by the riders, there being a number of spills at every jump. During the evening Miss Lorraine Tansley rendered four illustrated songs in a very acceptable manner. These were, "When the Lilacs Bloom Again," "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," "The Orphans," and "When the Harvest Moon is Shining," the last-named being a very pretty ballad with the accompanying pictures particularly good. The pictures, which are well worth a visit, will be shown again every evening, and on Saturday there will be a matinee.

OPERA HOUSE.

FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS.

Saturday night is Fuller's night with a large portion of Auckland's population, and they always keep it as such, too. The programme presented this week is full of fun and well got together. Williams and Bonetta put on a very pleasing sketch, and get a very good hearing. The Banvard's change this week is the best they have shown here and causes shrieks of laughter the whole of the time. Professor Davy's Royal Marionettes are very entertaining. The professor is an adept at his business. The Ioleens made their reappearance this week and were well received. The shooting of the girls is excellent, especially that of the younger artiste, who "touches the spot" every time from some most peculiar and awkward positions. The comedy and acrobatic turn of the Franklyns is very clever and well deserves the applause accorded it. Eva Lee and her Picaninies score a success nightly. The youngsters are de-

cidely clever and perform their portion of the act in a thoroughly professional manner. Miss Lee's singing is very pleasant and she is the recipient of encores nightly. Rud Peterson, Miss Connie Solomon, Miss Jennie Johnstone, Denis Carney, and a fine collection of biograph pictures go towards completing an excellent programme.

WIRTH'S CIRCUS.

The annual visit to Auckland of Wirth Bros.' combination of seven shows is announced. The opening night has been fixed for Tuesday, March 31, in Freeman's Bay, and there will be two shows daily, afternoons at 3 p.m., evenings at 8 p.m. New features have been secured for the circus, menagerie, museum, vaudeville entertainment, and hippodrome, and there will also be a large herd of elephants, and a "grand oriental parade." The star item of the entertainment is Hagenbeck's sensational wild animal act, which consists of six full-grown lions performing together with a number of leopards, bears, and a couple of boar hounds. The company includes: Mr. John Webby Cook, jockey act rider; Sampsie Osado, Japanese contortionist; Mons. Marco, lion and tiger trainer; Captain Rose, animal trainer; Senor Don Herbertino, champion table and barrel manipulator; Fraulein Hertzog, equestrienne, "the queen of the circus" (from Rentz's Circus, Berlin); the Ossapardi trio, sensational acrobatic act in a dog-cart; the Flying Herberts, Miss Phillipina, Miss Marizles, Miss Cook,

Next, little Ruby Dudley gave a coon song, "Lindy Lou." Mr. H. Scott MacCallum proved his ability with a clever rendering of "Heju Kati" (Hubay). Miss Flora MacCallum's sweet soprano was heard to good effect in "Annie Laurie," the encore number being the charming "Sweetest Flower that Blooms," most beautifully rendered. The concert portion concluded with Mr. Leslie MacCallum's splendidly played "Blue Bells of Scotland," and after that there were more pictures, but here unfortunately the lights failed, and the pictures could not be properly shown. The MacCallums could not be blamed for this, as they had secured the services of a prominent electrical expert to fix up the affair properly. The result was to mar what would otherwise have been a capital show. The MacCallum Family have abandoned the idea of going on with the popular concerts, but will after a short rest commence a return tour of the Waikato, where they should attract good houses.

CHRISTCHURCH NOTES.

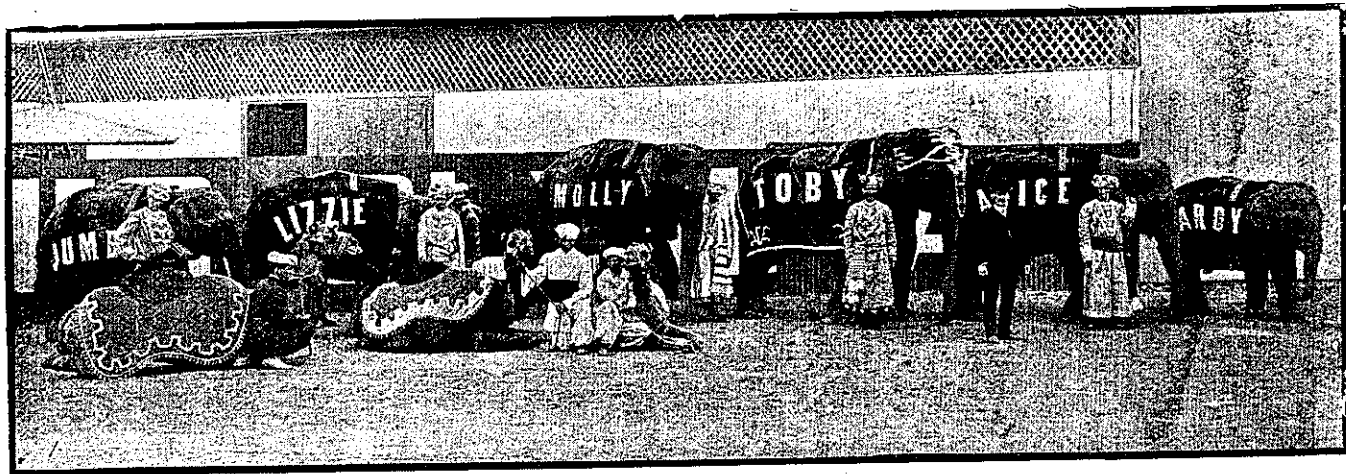
My Christchurch dramatic correspondent writes:—In reference to the (doubtless) universal inquiries which my silence for the last week or so will have caused, permit me to explain that yours truly has been holiday-making by the sad sea waves, far from the madding crowd. Visiting celebrities are wont to go into ecstasies over Christchurch. Clara Butt was enthusiastic in its praises. So was papa Bumbford. "Such a charm-

Watts and Lucas, and a heap of others are also appearing with success nightly.

On April 18 the Pollard Opera Co. makes a welcome re-appearance in this city.

A NEW THEATRICAL FIRM.

According to the "Australasian," it is announced that Sir Rupert Clarke and Mr. John Wren have joined forces with Messrs. Meynell and Gunn with the purpose of supplying Australians with any kind of entertainment they may desire. The ambitions of the new management range from grand opera, with Caruso and Tetrazzini—downward, though the great operatic stars are as yet only a managerial hope. Sir Rupert Clarke has always been interested in the stage. Mr. John Wren, it is said, contemplated taking up theatrical management on his own account. Messrs. Meynell and Gunn have just started a career in theatrical enterprise which gave every promise of success. But Australia would need to be more populous and more prosperous than it is to give them all as separate and competing promoters in public entertainment a reasonable chance of success, so they decided to join forces, and there is sufficient money and enterprise in the new concern to make it formidable in competition. Mr. Meynell leaves immediately for England to arrange for a succession of attractions, and Sir Rupert Clarke will go later to negotiate for grand opera. The new firm will in the meantime carry on with the attractions which Messrs. Mey-



HERD OF ELEPHANTS WITH WIRTH'S CIRCUS.

Eddie and May, the Children's Circus, Captain Burrows and his trained elephants, etc. The vaudeville, a new feature of the entertainment, consists of a pot-pourri of acts, in which will be seen Spanish dancers, musical comedy acts, wire walking, balancing on the trapeze, aerial Roman rings, etc. The principal attraction of the hippodrome will be comical clowns, camel races, high-jumping horses and ponies, high-school horses, and other performing animals. The menagerie includes seven performing elephants, five performing tigers, trained lions and jaguars. The museum contains many freaks of nature.

THE MACCALLUM FAMILY.

The endeavour of the MacCallum Family to introduce Saturday popular concerts at cheap prices certainly deserved to succeed. After witnessing the performance on Saturday night, the writer is of opinion that it is the cheapest entertainment he has yet seen in the course of a somewhat lengthy experience. Indeed, the show was far better than many much more pretentious entertainments. The programme opened with some living pictures, the best perhaps being the trip on a big French liner across the Atlantic to New York, a particularly fine series. Then came the concert, and the audience soon realised that the performers were one and all artists. An instrumental trio, "The Turkish Patrol," was excellently given by Miss Flora (piano), Mr. Leslie (flute), and Mr. H. Scot MacCallum. Then Mr. A. MacCallum sang Petrie's "Roll On."

ing place; so English, you know," etc., etc. But the resident whose liver has "wilted" action, result of too frequent nor-westers, and whose respiratory organs are choked with the dust, is apt to regard the cathedral city less favourably. He will tell you Christchurch is a delightful place—to live out of. Hence his joy when holiday-time comes round, and he can say good-bye, if only for a brief spell, to the romantic spot over which Mrs. Rumford enthused so gushingly. But this is a digression. Please accept it as an explanation.

The only show on at the new Royal since the J. C. Williamson Co. departed has been Perry's Biorama. I am not sure, but if I am not mistaken this entertainment was originally run in connection with the Salvation Army, and possessed a mildly religious tone, being flavoured with hymns, so to speak. But the tone of the present show is decidedly secular rather than sacred, as the enterprising proprietor has added a variety Co., and "coon" songs, feats of agility, and other popular items are sandwiched between the Bioscope views. The effect is excellent, and the entertainment is quite enjoyable.

On Monday next Geach's Dramatic Company opens at the New T.R. with "A Modern Adventuress," said to be as thrilling as a penny novelette. The leading lady is Miss Helene Burdette, who is supported by Mr. H. W. Diver (a Wellington boy) and a lot of clever people.

Brightie Smith contributes a popular turn to the present Opera House bill, and the Reggiardos, T. Bryant,

neil and Gunn had secured ahead, the first of which under the new management will be the production by a London company at the Theatre Royal of the highly successful musical comedy, "Miss Hook, of Holland."

The new firm have well-known theatres in the Royal, Melbourne, and the Criterion, Sydney, and if they require more theatres they will build some. One can hardly hope that any new combination in management, however wealthy and enterprising, is capable of raising the standard of theatrical production in Australia much higher, because Australians have nothing to complain about in that respect. It is possible that a company of capable actors, headed by such artists as George Alexander and Irene Vanbrugh, might with the production of high-class modern comedies afford a desirable antidote to excess of musical comedy, but, admitting certain defects in the class of entertainment supplied to them, Australians have no reason to find fault either with its excellence or its cost. By comparison with other parts of the world they are in this sense a community much favoured. With so many great projects taking shape there seems to be little fear of stagnation. Possibly we are on the eve of "A Great Awakening."

The New Zealand visit of the J. C. Williamson Musical Comedy Company ended at Invercargill last week, and after four nights in Hobart en route, the company return for a long season in Sydney.

MAGGIE MOORE'S IMPRESSIONS OF AMERICA.

"Since the bank panic a few months ago," Miss Moore writes to the "Referee," "things have been dreadful all over America. It has been a very bad season for theatricals—that is, the travelling companies. Hundreds have been called in from the road. In New York there are thousands of people out of employment. They say never has such a season been known. Of course, New York does not suffer. The great 'white way' is always ablaze. Nearly all the theatres are doing well.

"Since my return, three weeks ago, I have been to several places of amusement. First comes Maud Adams in 'The Jesters.' Oh! what a beautiful performance. She is one of the most charming actresses I have ever seen. But she is gifted—not a beauty actress—a voice like music, so clear, distinct, not a word is ever lost on her audience. She is so natural—she creeps into your heart, and you keep her there. Again, she is such a lovely character. Everyone loves her—she does so much good. She helps all—kind words, kind deeds. A beautiful nature is hers. She crowded the Empire Theatre for months with her great performance of 'Peter Pan.' I saw the original in London (Nina Boucicault). Maud Adams stands alone. Soon she goes to London, where I hope she will make a great success. If good wishes count, she has a cart-load from me.

"The Thief,' with Kyrle Bellew in a leading part, is another big success. With his snow-white hair and cameo face, he has New York at his feet. And what an actor! Well, I always did admire him—and he is greater today than ever.

"Saw Ethel Barrymore in 'Her Sister.' She was charming—but the play itself is flimsy. She is also crowding the Hudson Theatre.

"Miss Hook of Holland,' with little Christie McDonald, has made a success.

"All along Broadway the theatres are doing well. One of the greatest musical successes is 'The Merry Widow'—seats booked weeks and weeks ahead.

"I finished a five months' season with Thos. Jefferson, playing Gretchen in 'Rip Van Winkle.' The tour was simply delightful, although very hard work. So much train travelling and one-night stands was not so easy. Then we had so many matinees. Sometimes there was a rush from the train to the theatre for a matinee. When that was over, only time to get a bite to eat, then off to the theatre again. And so it was for a good few weeks."

AN ADVERTISING DODGE ABANDONED.

One of the advertising methods adopted by the J. C. Williamson management in connection with the production of "Brewster's Millions" at the Princess Theatre, Melbourne, had in one or two instances proved the smart business like propensities of the young Australian at the expense of the management. Monty Brewster's invitation to the public generally to apply to him for the £500 cheques of which he wished to rid himself, was accepted by various applicants who in accordance with the millionaire's express desire, refrained from enclosing a penny stamp for reply. One young gentleman, however, went so far as to omit to stamp his letter at all on the plea that by so doing he was doing Mr Brewster a service by giving him a chance to pay the fine as well as the postage. This unstamped epistle brought the cheque distributing venture to an abrupt conclusion. Ano-

ther amusing incident in connection with the same advertisement is related. An old lady was in a tram car when she observed what she supposed was a genuine cheque lying on the floor. She picked it up and gave it into the care of the conductor, impressing upon him the necessity of being careful with it and asking him to deliver it up to the office. The following day she called at the office and made inquiries as to whether the cheque had been handed in only to have her faith in mankind severely shaken. Nor was it an easy matter to convince the old lady after the matter had been investigated, that the cheque was after all but a "sham."

A PANTOMIME RECORD.

With this week, which will see the 120th performance of "Mother Goose" in a little over a year—the pantomime season in Melbourne reaches finally after lasting for exactly three months, or thirteen weeks (writes Mr George Tallis). For eleven of those weeks, "Humpty-Dumpty" kept Her Majesty's Theatre packed with people at every performance, very few of its appearances being greeted by a house which was not crowded in every part. When it was withdrawn in favour of "Mother Goose," that most remarkable record maker had naturally no difficulty in maintaining its fortnight at the same gratifying level. Taken for all in all the 1907-8 pantomime season has been a really unique one. It has seen two successes staged by the same company at the same theatre in the same season. These two successes have had only themselves as rivals—for "Mother Goose" was absolutely the best and "Humpty-Dumpty" was excelled by "Mother Goose" alone. In length of time also—thirteen weeks—the season was a record, beating last year by a week, while during it the biggest week's business in Australia was done. Next week the "Humpty-Dumpty" company commence the first stage of their travels, going first to Bendigo where they are to play "Mother Goose" and then to Adelaide for a short season of "Humpty-Dumpty." From Adelaide they travel right through to Sydney where they are due to open on Easter Saturday for a long session.

CLARA BUTT FAREWELLS.

Madame Clara Butt began her farewell tour of Australia in the Sydney Town Hall on March 14th. From now onwards until she bids farewell to the Commonwealth her days will be one long series of concert after concert. As a matter of fact it is possible that she will not even be able to visit Tasmania as she intended, not only because her time is limited, but also because Messrs J. and N. Tait are faced with a difficulty in securing dates.

DEATH OF A VETERAN.

From London comes word of the death of Mr J. B. Howe, a veteran actor. Mr Howe visited Australia about 30 years ago, and appeared at the Melbourne Theatre in a number of Shakespearean productions, where he was most favourably received. Old playgoers will recall with pleasure Mr Howe's excellent performances.

MR BRANSCOMBE'S INTENTIONS.

Mr Edward Branscombe (who will be remembered as the organiser of the Westminster Abbey Glee and Concert Party) has several important London attractions which are booked to visit the colonies during the present year. The first of these is a musical company, known as the "Searle's Troubadours," a party of society entertainers (ladies and gentlemen), giving refined and novel musical performances.



SAMPU ASADA, JAPANESE JUGGLER AND ACROBAT, WITH WIRTH'S CIRCUS.

in character and costume, the music for the most part being of a light and humorous order. The company numbers 12, and includes an excellent male quartet, and all the artists enjoy English reputations as singers. Amongst the party is an "art-humorist," whose quaint recitals, lectures, etc., are illustrated by him in coloured chalks in record time, and in a most inimitable manner. The next attraction to follow the "Troubadours" will be the "Cherniavskii's," three Russian boys, whose performances in trios and solos on the piano, violin, and cello have recently called forth the highest encomiums from London musical critics.

Carter's season at His Majesty's closed on Saturday.

Miss Marie Lowrey's concert takes place at the Choral Hall this evening.

The Wellington Mountebank Club are staging "Our Boys" this week, any profit to go to the Auckland Veterans' Home. It is a good cause.

I hear the Pollard Juvenile Opera Co. may produce Mr Thomas Humphrey's musical comedy "The Tea Girl" at Christchurch next month.

Harry Rickards' next touring company opens in Dunedin on June 1. Mr J. Moore will be in advance and Mr Allan Hamilton at the helm.

Messrs J. and N. Tait have arranged that the Australian tour of the Hollanders or as they are sometimes called The Merrymakers, shall commence in Melbourne in about four weeks' time.

Mark Hambourg is to visit America again this year, and is so arranging his tour that he may leave Vancouver on June 10th in order to take up his Australian engagements with Messrs J. and N. Tait, which commence in Sydney on July 16th.

A new member for the Musical Comedy Company is on his way back to New Zealand in the person of Mr George Castles (brother of Miss Amy Castles) who has been engaged by Mr Williamson.

The Musical Comedy Company is to have "The Red Bill" and "The Prince of Pilsen" added to its repertoire and it is highly probable that they will enter upon preparation of the former piece on their arrival in Sydney from New Zealand.

Mr J. C. Williamson's arrival in Australia means that preparations for the forthcoming production of "Peter Pan" at the Princess Theatre on Easter Saturday will now be commenced in real earnest. The scenery and properties are even now in an advanced stage and on the arrival of Mr Carlton from America, who is to take up the stage management, the actual rehearsals will begin.

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WIRTH'S CIRCUS TROUPE.

THE POOR GIANT.

Mr John M. East, whose specialty is that of pantomime giant in which he is said to be wonderfully clever, tells some funny "giant" stories.

Some years previously he was playing the Giant in a country town, and finding his enormous wig too tight-fitting he had his hair cropped convict-like.

TOO MANY BUNS.

A female Indian elephant, about twenty-five years of age, which had been in the Zoo-Hippodrome, Glasgow, collection for about four and a half years, died the other day.

THE DRAMATIST OF THE FUTURE.

When I express myself as awaiting the dramatist of the future, says Mr E. A. Baugham in the "Daily News."

and-fast realist; but in whatever field he works he will show a deep and sympathetic understanding of life.

IT SEEMS RISKY.

It is now possible in England for artists and authors to insure their work against failure. The manager of a London insurance company recently said that most of the companies were prepared to accept risks which a short time ago would have been considered ridiculous.

"THE LADY DANDIES."

This evening (says Mr Tallis), Saturday March 21st, the long expected light opera "The Lady Dandies" succeeds "The Dairymaids" at Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, thus making the third production "for the first time here" in that season which has been a very gratifying one for the Royal Comic Opera Company.

WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS

The family stimulant.

tock, Leslie and Percy have charge of the laughter, Mr Edward Sherras who makes his first appearance and Mr Reginald Roberts are both down for several melodies and Miss Clara Clifton, Miss Evelyn Scott and other popular members of the company are all in the cast.

MISS TITTELL BRUNE RETURNS.

The "Oronta" brought back to Australia Miss Tittell Brune. She comes back full of enthusiasm for her work, especially eager to start on "Peter Pan" in which she will make her first appearance at the Princess Theatre, Melbourne, on Easter Saturday.

A CLEVER MIMIC.

Miss Olga Grev whose clever imitations have been such a feature of the pantomime season in Melbourne, is a young Australian whose stage career began but a few years ago—curiously enough with another J. C. Williamson pantomime—"Alice in Wonderland."

gitimate" side of it, a branch she took up in order to conquer her extreme nervousness. It is only comparatively recently that her talent for mimicry has found expression, and how great that talent is freely acknowledged by all who have heard her.

Everybody is not "up" in theatrical matters in Melbourne, judging by an incident which occurred in the house of a well known journalist the other day.

At the Theatre Royal the "Prisoner of Zenda" is being played by the Knight-Humphrey Dramatic Company to the most satisfactory succession of large and appreciative audiences.

Cyril Keightley is now playing at the Haymarket in the play "Her Father," in which Miss Marie Lohr made her second success. Miss Henrietta Watson is also playing in that piece.

During a pantomime performance at the Zoo Hippodrome, Glasgow, an arc light above the stalls fell with a crash. There was a great flare of light, the audience rose from their seats, and many rushed to the door.

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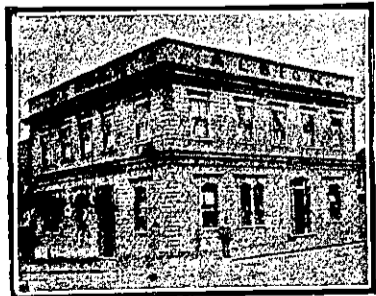
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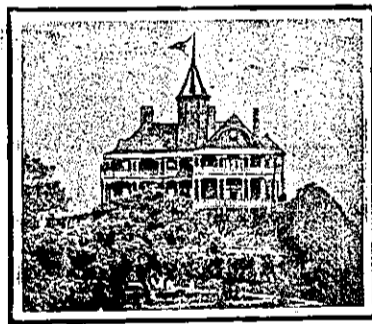
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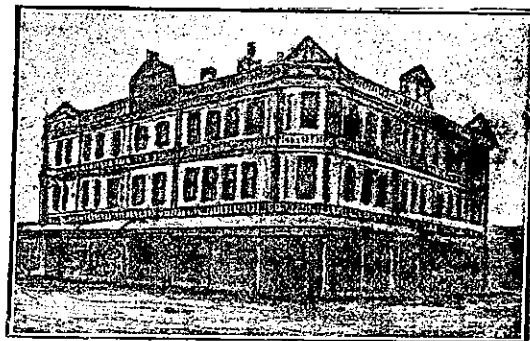
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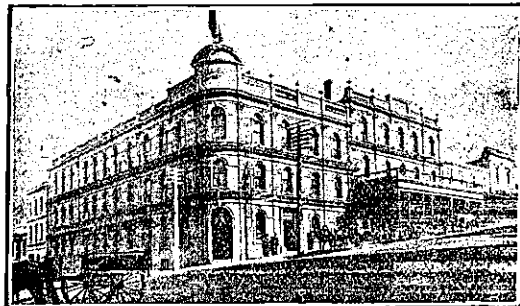


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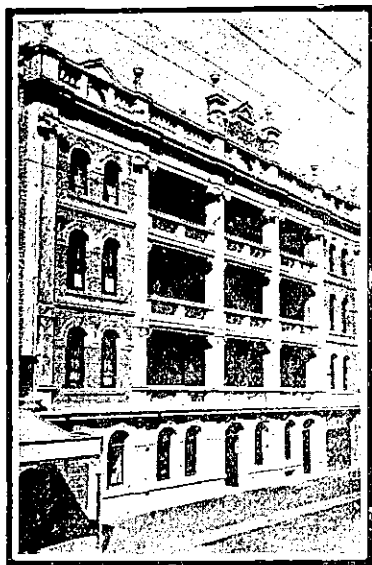
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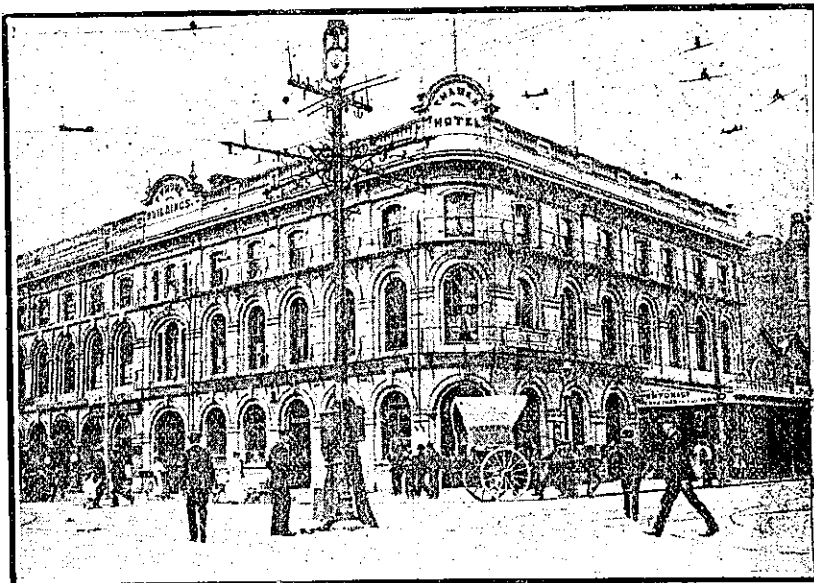
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THE LICENSEE VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE

RAPSCALLIONS AND OTHERS.

The Rev. Leonard Isitt sees no reason why the votes of two rapsallions should be equal to three reputable members of society. This is what he is reported to have said at a meeting last week. Of course it was one of those meetings held for reputable people only, rapsallions and all "sich pussons" not being invited. The plain reading of the reverend gentleman's puzzlement is that he and his followers are all reputable members of society, because they vote no-license, the others who will insist on thinking and voting as they like, and that is for continuance, are low mean wretches. Arrogance, always a prominent feature with the no-license dictators could hardly go further, the self-sufficiency of the remark showing the ludicrous drive by which the leaders seek to lead the flock. True, the reverend gentleman said he could see no reason, etc., and it is equally true, that a great number of people will see no reason why a leader in the no-license party should arrogate to himself the power to proclaim the dividing line between reputable people and low mean wretches. Why a person who votes for continuance should be dubbed a rapsallion is hard to perceive and it is hard to perceive why the casting of a vote for no-license transforms a voter into a reputable member of society. The Rev. Leonard Isitt has been playing the prohibition game long enough to know very different. He knows full well, that numbers of votes are cast for no-license for very divergent reasons, least of all the desire to do away with licensed premises. Paradoxical as this may appear it is nevertheless true; the vindictive vote, for instance, a known quantity, being cast by persons, who could hardly be, even by the Rev. Isitt's lively imagination, transformed into, from the manner of their voting, reputable members of society. On the other hand the voter who votes for continuance, undoubtedly does so from the honest conviction that licensed houses are requisite, and in the interests and freedom of the people, particularly the poorer classes, these houses are the legitimate and proper means for the distribution of articles of daily consumption. By following the dictates of his or her convictions, such a voter is dubbed a rapsallion by the Rev. Leonard Isitt.

A Wellingtonian who recently gave a Auckland reporter his impressions of Auckland, gathered during a month's visit, remarked that to him there appeared to be more drinking and less drunkenness in Auckland than in Wellington.

Tenders have been called for the erection of a new hotel at Waiorongomai to replace the one recently destroyed by fire.

A faint idea of what "consumption" under Mr Balfour's Licensing Act of 1904 means is conveyed in the recent announcement that the compensation authority for the City of London last month awarded £214,749 in respect to seventy-seven hotels ordered to be closed up.

The cables report that last Thursday evening a crowded meeting, representing 100,000 brewery debenture-holders, held in London, and presided over by Lord Rothschild, unanimously condemned the Licensing Bill as not promoting temperance, but the confiscation of properties. Lord Rothschild stated that the Bill would injure millions of shareholders and policy-holders. The extension of the time limit to 21 years was no compromise. He warned the Government that the city would always make its voice heard in the long run. Mr Walter Long (formerly Chief Secretary for Ireland), Lord Halsbury, and Lord Avebury condemned the measure.

James Drake, a storekeeper of Auckland, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. The liabilities are estimated at £510 and the assets at £193. The bankrupt in his statement says that in 1905 he was persuaded to purchase a wine and spirit business, and took in two partners who had no cash. He then had £1516. The venture proved most disastrous, as neither he nor his partners understood the business. After six months' experience he

bought out one of his partners for £150. The remaining partner died in December, 1906. He (the bankrupt) shortly afterwards got rid of the business, and after payment of his debts he had £221 left. Subsequently he set up a business as a gum-buyer and general storekeeper at Snell's Beach, and everything went well until July, 1907, when he fell off his horse and sustained an injury to his arm, which had incapacitated him ever since. Some creditors having threatened him with legal proceedings he was obliged to file. A meeting of creditors will be held at the official assignee's office to-day.

When the Houlder liner Drayton Grange arrived at Melbourne recently it was found that three cases of brandy shipped at Sydney by the Hunter Valley Distilling Company had been stolen from out of the hatch-cases. The brandy, which was of specially fine quality, was intended for display in the New South Wales court at the Franco-British Exhibition in London.

The new Licensing Bill has been condemned by brewery debenture holders in London, as not promoting temperance, but the confiscation of properties.



SOUTHERN HOTEL, DUNEDIN (H. T. ANDREWS, PROPRIETOR).

The Central Council of the Church of England Temperance Society, presided over by the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr Davidson) and attended by many Bishops, endorsed the Licensing Bill and undertook to support an extension of the time limit, if 14 years was found to be insufficient, to prevent an unreasonable strain on the trade. The "Times" says that while the Government is willing to materially extend the statutory period, the opposition appears to be determined to resist the Bill to the utmost.

At Kawakawa last Thursday Arthur Fussell, painter, of Auckland, who was charged before Mr R. Stone Florence, with selling liquor without a license in a booth there on race day (January 29), was fined £5, and costs £4. A peculiarity of the case was that the Racing Club advertised as usual the sole right of the publican's booth, guaranteeing a loan of the permit. Fussell being the successful tenderer, obtained Mrs Marshall's (Junction Hotel) permission, and sold liquor accordingly, pleading guilty to the charge on the grounds that he had accepted the permission in good faith. It has been the practice there for years to dispose of the publican's booth for the benefit of the club, but this is the first prosecution.

It is daily becoming more evident that the no-license party do not intend to allow the coming session to pass without making some attempt to again interfere with the existing licensing laws. From

the tone of various meetings and the resolutions passed the chief aim seems to be to endeavour to have the reduction and no-license votes blended, and then decide by simple majority. For some years there has been no material change in the local option law, most people, and the majority of politicians, agreeing that the prohibitionists have had a good deal of their own way, in fact too much, and that they have all the power that is safe to trust them with. But, as remarked before, indications point that they are still unsatisfied. Of course we know that their summit of satisfaction is the closing of all licensed premises, at any rate that is the avowed aim, but the question has often been asked that supposing such an undesirable end should be attained, what will be the next move that the party will take to further deprive their fellow men of their liberty? One shudders at the contemplation of the number of intolerable interferences that would be turned loose on mankind, were there no liquor question to engage their attention.

The president of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in London states that

positive supporters and the strongest voters for the prohibition cause, are the illicit liquor dealers, and the Sheebener. Not very long ago, one of the leading American magazines published details showing how powerful was the vote of the people who in the mountainous districts were engaged in the manufacture of what is known as moonshine whisky. It was recorded that in some districts these moonshiners (as they are called in America) practically dominate the polling on any important question.

Rumour has it that Mr Pat. Quinlan, of the Thistle Hotel, has sold his lease of that house to Mr R. Noton.

"Your friend Miss Blank seems a very strict teetotaler," said a man, commenting on a girl who had refused to eat plum pudding with brandy sauce.

"Strict doesn't express it," replied the girl's friend. "Why, don't you know, she's so particular she won't heat her curling-tongs over a spirit lamp?"

"John Bull" says:—"An impression having arisen that we are not always actuated by the profoundest sympathy towards the clerical profession, we welcome the opportunity of offering our compliments and congratulations to the Rev. W. Copeland, Vicar of St. Stephen's, Carlisle. He recently attended the annual dinner of the Carlisle Licensed Victuallers' Association, and made a very sensible speech. He pointed out that publicans were among the first to desire temperance reform. If we take temperance reform in the true meaning of the words, this is perfectly true, for, as publicans have often pointed out to us, a drunkard is about the greatest nuisance they have to encounter in their business, and they would be the first to rejoice if he would refrain from darkening their doors. His presence not only annoys their other customers, but exposes publicans to all sorts of pains and penalties. Again, as Mr Copeland points out, a working-man does not go to a public-house in order to get drunk, but for want of a better place to make merry with his friends. And we agree with the reverend gentleman in preferring the man who goes openly into a public-house to the man who slinks into a drinking-den."

Speaking at the Pig Club supper at the "Three Horse Shoes," at Chirton and Marden, Wilts, the vicar (the Rev. T. S. Cunningham) said he would just as soon meet the members in a respectable public-house as anywhere else, because he regarded the public-house as an absolute necessity. He knew there were places improperly conducted, and no one regretted more than he did the miserable results of intemperance, but long experience taught him that the majority of publicans endeavoured to keep respectable houses, and if those persons who had reviled the members of a legitimate trade would help them in their attempt instead of doing their best to make their position an impossible one, they would be well advised. He appealed to the customers of licensed premises to assist the landlords in the preservation of order, to recognise when they had had enough beer, and to stop there, not taking first one pint and then another for the mere sake of drinking.

Tenders are being invited for the erection of the new Town Hall, and they will be returnable in Auckland on May 7. At least 1,500,000 bricks will be required in connection with the work.

even if the time-limit to a license were just, it would be commercially impossible unless accompanied by a reduction of taxation.

Owing to a number of planters at Kentucky acquiescing in the tobacco tax, night raiders in a few months destroyed ten millions sterling worth of property.

Dunedin no-license workers have decided to support the New Zealand Alliance in asking Parliament that a Dominion no-license vote should be given to the people to be taken the same day as local option vote, and decided by simple majority.

It may not be generally known, but it is an actual fact, that in many of the prohibited areas in America the most ac-

A man named Joseph Buchanan was last week sentenced to two months imprisonment for obtaining money by false pretences from Mr. J. C. Griffin of the Alexandra Hotel, Parnell.

The case between William Richardson and Abel, Dykes and Co. came to a conclusion on Monday when Mr. District Judge Kettle gave judgment for Mr. Richardson for £18 15s 9d. The claim was for £164 4s 10d, and the evidence as reported in the dailies was very interesting. The basis of the claim was that the defendant company had agreed to print the "Auckland Free Press" for 13s 6d per thousand, but had, unknown to Mr. Richardson, risen the price to 35s per thousand. When this price was reached Mr. Richardson woke up, but Mr. Kettle held that as accounts had been sent in regularly and accepted for some years, he could only give judgment for the amount which the defendants acknowledged had been overcharged in error.

Taumarunui is asserting that it is the fit and proper place for the Main Trunk line mental hospital (says the Taihape "Daily Times"). Judging by the effects of King Country whisky on those who drink it, the "Times" is inclined to agree with Taumarunui.

Mr and Mrs Leo. M. Myers, returned to Auckland last Monday, after a twelve months' holiday trip to Great Britain and the Continent.

Mr William Baker, one of the old identities in the wholesale wine and spirit trade of Auckland, died at his residence at Rocky Nook last Saturday, having reached the ripe old age of eighty years. Some twenty odd years ago no member of the trade was better known or more highly respected than Mr Baker, who for many years was manager for Messrs Brown, Campbell and Co., which firm he joined as early as 1853, retiring from active business about twenty years ago.

New York will soon have the largest restaurant in the world, seating 8000 people. It is to be built on Broadway, and £200,000 has already been subscribed. The roof garden with real trees and turf, a fountain, and a fifty-foot lake, will be a reproduction in miniature of the famous gardens of the Trianon at Versailles.

Mr M. F. Bourke, a prominent flaxmiller, of Wellington, who returned on Saturday from a visit to the Piako Swamp, states: "The regrettable thing I noted was the quantity of drinking and sly-grog-selling going on there. This is a matter that requires the attention of the Commissioner of Police. It is no use the local force trying to cope with the evil, owing to the number of boats from Auckland and elsewhere that are carrying liquor to the natives and the whites employed on the Piako drainage works."

The Southern Hotel, Princess street, Dunedin is now in the hands of Mr T. H. Andrews. This fine hotel is centrally situated, and Mr Andrews, who is well and favourably known as host at the Wolseley Hotel, Winchester, intends making the Southern Hotel one of the best. Visitors are welcomed from all parts and Mr Andrews personally superintends the upstairs portion. We confidentially recommend the Southern Hotel to our readers. See advertisement appearing in this issue.

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TARADIDDLE!

About a fortnight ago a no-license meeting was held at Lyttelton, at which Mr Laurensen, M.P., was one of the principal speakers. Amongst other statements made by him was the following:—"A gentleman connected with one of the largest shipping firms trading to the port had assured him that the combined shipping companies had been caused so much expense and delay by drunkenness amongst sailors and firemen in the port, that if no-license were carried in Lyttelton they would be willing to hand to the Borough Council a cheque for £500 to cover the loss of revenue which would result from the closing up of the eight hotels in the town." "This statement," says the secretary of the Licensed Victuallers' Association in a letter to the "Times," "appeared so wildly improbable that my committee deemed it advisable to make inquiries into the matter, with the result that the managers of all the principal shipping companies trading to the port have been interviewed. All reply that they are absolutely ignorant of any offer or understanding of any description in this connection, and that none of their agents or officers in Lyttelton or elsewhere have any authority to move in the matter."

WOMEN WHO DRINK.

HOTELKEEPERS' REPLY TO POLICE.

"AN UNDERHAND BOMBHELL."

The secretary of the Auckland Licensed Victuallers' Association last Monday forwarded the following letter to the Minister for Justice, in connection with the recent police report regarding the practice of drinking among women:—

At a general meeting of the Auckland Licensed Victuallers' Association, held on the 12th inst., the following resolution was unanimously carried:—

"That a respectful letter be addressed to the chairman of the Licensing Committee regretting the publication in the press of a vague, unproven, apparently partial and general statement, said to have been made in the police report presented to the last quarterly meeting of the Licensing Bench, and having reference to the drinking by women in certain hotels in Auckland, as being unwarranted, unjust, and unfair alike to licensees and persons using hotels, and asking that a copy of such report be supplied, giving particulars in detail of the hotels referred to, so that this association can look into the matter; pointing out, at the same time, that, so far as is known, licensees generally are striving to observe the provisions of the licensing laws in their entirety, and that being so, to have an underhand bombshell of this character suddenly thrown at them is not only calculated to harass licensees, but may, and actually does, mean embarrassment to the public generally; and, further, that it is an attempt to unduly interfere with people's rights, not intended by the Legislature."

Following on this the chairman of the Licensing Bench was communicated with, and that gentleman was good enough to furnish a copy of the police report referred to. The document was considered at a subsequent meeting when the following resolution was also unanimously carried:—

"That a respectful letter be addressed to the Hon. the Minister for Justice, pointing out that the report in question was unwarranted, unproven, vague, and general in its character, and therefore unjust to us as licensees, and unfair to us as citizens and residents of the Dominion.

"That no notice whatever was given that such report was to be presented, and therefore no opportunity afforded for the statements to be combated and possibly refuted.

"That the publication of the report, with the attendant discussion by the Bench and police, in the press throughout the Dominion (particularly as it was not correctly published) has given rise to public comment, which might have the effect of being prejudicial to our interests hereafter.

"That no irregularity was pointed out and consequently no charge to answer."

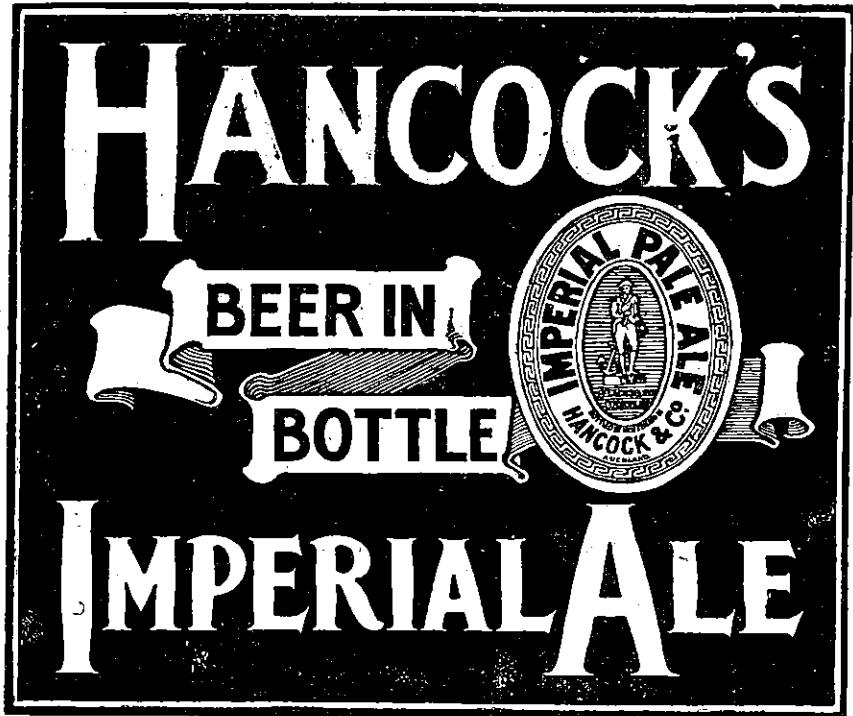
In the circumstances, sir, it is felt that we have a grievance which should be submitted to you, with a request that you will consider the matter, and issue such instructions as will prevent a repetition of what we venture to submit were indiscreet and grossly improper proceedings.

P.S.—A copy of the police report referred to herein is enclosed herewith.

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humour the conduct of the porters in a certain great market must claim (says the "Evening Standard") a foremost place. A man well known among those who load and unload the wares of the market suddenly disappears. His fellows call, during the morning, sad-visaged and doleful, upon the men with money. "Pure old —'s dead, sir," they say, "and we're just collectin' a bit of money to give him a decent funeral." It would be a breach of the immutable laws of

the game closely to inquire into the affair. Next day there may be a slight shortage of porters. On the following day they will all be back in their places, and the most active is certain to be the "corpse." "Hulloa! thought you were dead," say the contributors to his funeral fund. "Yus, I just died to give the boys a bit of a beano." is the answer. There have been more resurrections in this market than all the rest of the world can show.

PROHIBITION THAT DOES NOT PROHIBIT.

WHAT A SYDNEY RESIDENT SAYS HE SAW IN N.Z.

(From the "Sydney Evening News.")

The question of prohibition versus continuance of licenses is beginning to agitate voters in New South Wales, and already one vote has been taken, which has led to reduction in some districts. Whether absolute prohibition would be a blessing or a curse in Australia remains to be seen; but in New Zealand it has been said by many people who are not fanatical teetotallers to be anything but the blessing these extremists would try and make people believe.

Not long ago Mr C. Coles, the well-known furrier in the Victoria Arcade, spent a holiday in the Dominion, and returned about a week ago. He left Sydney a rabid prohibitionist, but the scenes he witnessed in the no-license districts of New Zealand have satisfied him that the last state of the country that goes in for prohibition after license is very much worse than the first.

"From my experience in New Zealand," remarked Mr C. Coles, to an "Evening News" representative, "I have come to the conclusion that prohibition is a farce, and far more injurious to any district it may obtain in than the continuance of licensing.

"I may tell you that until my recent visit to New Zealand I have been a strict teetotaler, and voted always, whenever I got the chance, for no-license. But never again. I did not know what I was voting for. We have had no prohibition districts in Australia and by voting for no-license one was accordingly voting in the dark. Now my eyes have been opened to the demoralising effects of trying to make a people teetotalers by Act of Par-

liament, and henceforth I shall vote, and do all in my power to get others to vote, for continuance.

NO DRINK FOR A FRIEND.

"My experience began at Auckland, where I found myself on Christmas Eve. This was not a prohibition town, certainly, but the hotels close their back bars at 10 o'clock p.m. instead of at 11, as they do in Sydney. A few minutes before 10 o'clock struck the hotels were rushed by a mob of men and women with bottles of every size and shape in their hands, and when the clocks had boomed out their ten strokes the mob poured into the streets again, with as much liquor as they could carry, and most unseemly scenes took place. I was new to the business, and retired to my hotel with a friend. In the smoking-room I asked the waiter to bring him a drink. My order was curtly refused. I persisted, and was informed that I could have a drink myself, but, rather than serve my guest with a drink after 10 o'clock, they would give me in charge. My friend pointed out that there was no need to bother. If I was intent upon buying him alcoholic refreshment, it was to be

had all over the town outside the hotels—if you knew your man and the place.

"From Auckland I left by train, and travelled through the King Country. This is a district where prohibition reigns, and rightly too, for the reason that it is Maori country, and it would be injudicious to allow liquor to be sold to the natives. There are white men, too, of course, in that district, as I very soon found out, and these may carry with them or drink liquor on the train, but may not alight with any.

"At a certain junction just before we reached the prohibition district, the train was besieged with a crowd of men, everyone of whom was liquor laden. As soon as the train got under weigh, wild orgies began. I was in a second-class compartment, which was pretty full of men who carried, in bottles, flasks, and demijohns, whisky, brandy, gin and beer.

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"I'm Jimmy!" announced an old man, pulling out a bottle and placing it to his lips. "Everyone knows me, or should know me. 'Drink!' and he passed the bottle round. Everyone took a pull at it, and, after he had opened the ball, so to speak, every other occupant of the compartment produced his bottle of poison. For 50 miles it was one hideous debauch. I got out at a station, half stupefied with the fumes of the liquor in the carriage, and asked the guard to put me in another compartment, as everyone in the one I had left was more or less drunk. He put me into a first-class car. I asked him if this was the usual thing in a prohibition district. He laughed, shrugged his shoulders, contemptuously remarked 'Prohibition!' and walked away.

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"At Taumarunui I left the train. This was also a prohibition town. I asked a man in a large way of business there, if folks ever got intoxicated in that town? 'If you want to see what a real drunk is, come with me,' he said, and conducted me to a shed, where drunken men were lying all over the place. 'Liquor isn't cheap here,' said my friend, 'but if men want it, no power on earth will stop them getting it, but they are locked up in gaol. There are men in that shed who have saved money for a fortnight till they could afford to pay the usual price—£1—for a bottle of whisky—then they settle down to it, and consume the lot. Sly-grog selling is rampant in every prohibition district over here, and though the police do their best to cope with it, the profit is too great for the sellers to care much about being caught, though they are generally imprisoned without the option of a fine.'

"During a stroll round the town in the evening," said Mr Coles, "I stopped two or three convivial parties whom I met literally rolling homeward, and asked them where I could get a drink, just out of curiosity. The answer invariably was 'Come along. We know a plant.' I met five lots of drunks during my stroll round, and not one of those parties included a member of the great drunk draft that had arrived on the train with me.

THEIR ONLY CURIOS.

"You know I am fond of curios, and I asked a shopkeeper if there were any to be picked up in Taumarunui. 'There are,' he said, pointing to a heap of bottles, 'dead marines! Those are the only curios we deal in here.'

"These things," said Mr Coles, "will show you what happens in small towns where prohibition is supposed to have eliminated the drink curse. Instead of doing so, it has largely increased it. In a centre where hotels keep open, a man, if he wants a drink, will enter a hotel, have his drink, and depart, but in these no-license districts once a man gets into a slygrog shop—and, mind you, nothing is easier—there he stays until he has sufficient liquor on board to last him until the next morning.

PROHIBITION CAUSES DRUNKENNESS.

"Prohibition is a greater cause of drunkenness than all the hotels that were ever built," added Mr Coles. "A man should have liberty to take what he likes then he wouldn't get drunk. It is the supposedly unattainable that we all strive after. Once we have secured that it no longer becomes attractive. The moral is obvious. Open a few good hotels, see that they are properly and well conducted and sly-grog selling dies a natural death and the public will not drink to excess.

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"All my ideas of prohibition have been altered," Mr Coles concluded, "and for the future I am heart and soul for continuance."

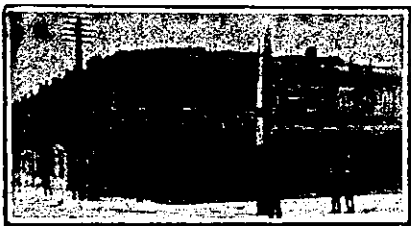
TRUST THE PEOPLE.

Mr A. C. Cripps, K.C., who, as prospective candidate in the Conservative and Unionist interest for South Bucks, has just concluded a tour of the division, referred to the licensing question. He said that everyone wished that we should be a sober, a temperate nation. That was common ground between them, and where they differed was as to how to bring that about. Now, he wanted to lay down this principle in matters of this kind—that, however much they desired to bring about the condition to which he referred, they must not do it apart from the greatest fairness and just dealing. It was the essential rule of every reform—of every proper reform—that we should be fair and just, and deal in a broad and manly spirit with all men and all interests. We ought to have no class feeling in this country. We ought to have no feeling against any particular industries. When some national reform was wanted it should be carried out upon just and fair conditions, and in the long run, under a system of that kind, they could carry out the reform without provoking that feeling of bitterness which was naturally felt by people improperly treated. He wanted temperance, but he objected to his throat being held open under the village pump whether he wanted water or not. They ought really to treat one another as grown-up, sensible people, who, if they did not go in for excess, were entitled to have what they wanted; for the poor man was just as much entitled to his pint of beer, if he kept sober, as the rich man who could go to his cellar at home. He was perfectly frank in the matter, and he recollected a bishop once saying that if it came to a question of his fellow men being sober or free, he would rather have them free. For if they wanted to apply the true principle they must apply it by trusting the people, by appealing to their better instincts, telling them they ought to be temperate as a matter of social duty. He had no doubt that in the long run, along that line and through those principles, they would get a much greater people, a much more progressive and a much happier people than they would get by Act of Parliament—an experiment which was generally a failure. —London L.V. Gazette.

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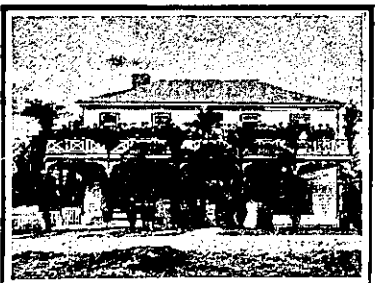
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STAGE ITEMS.

(Omitted from proper page.)

A GOOD LIST.

No comment is needed re the list of attractions which Mr J. C. Williamson has secured for Australia. It speaks for itself; here it is: In the dramatic division:—"His House in Order," "The Three of Us," "The Regeneration of Helena Richie," "Diana Dobson,"—all for Margaret Anglin, Madame Sarah Bernhardt and her twelve best plays, "Samson," "Mrs Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," and of course "Peter Pan." Included in the musical plays are "The Merry Widow," "The Red Mill," "Prince of Pilsen," "Woodlands," "Pater and Paul," "The Dollar Princess," "A Knight for a Day," "The Catch of the Season," "The Waltz Dream" and "Madam Butterfly." A concert tour by Miss Ada Crossley completes the catalogue of attractions.

J. C. Williamson has acquired for Julius Knight a recent Paris success, "Samson," by Bernstein, who wrote "The Thief," in which Margaret Anglin is to open in Australia.

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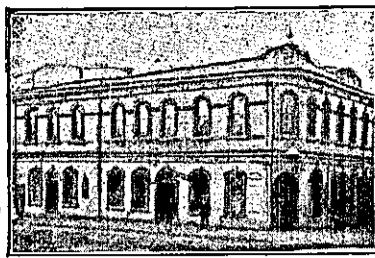
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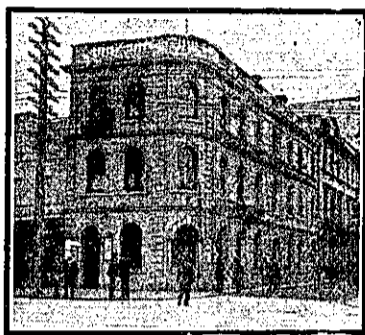
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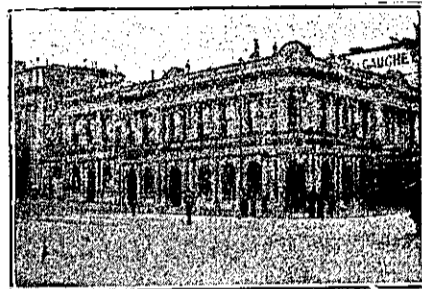
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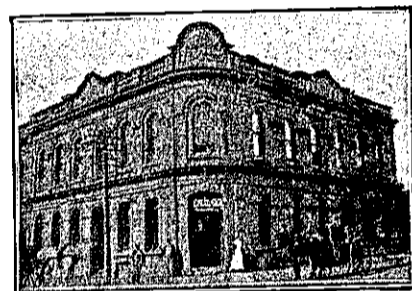
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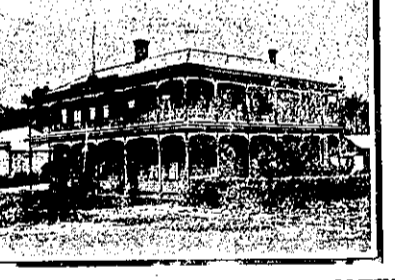
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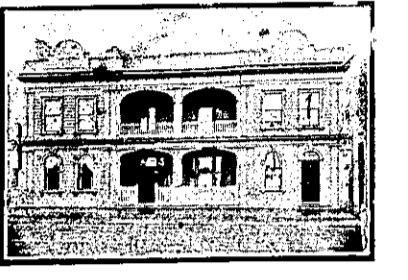


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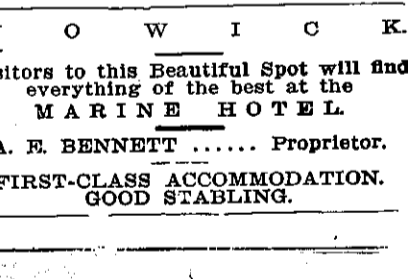
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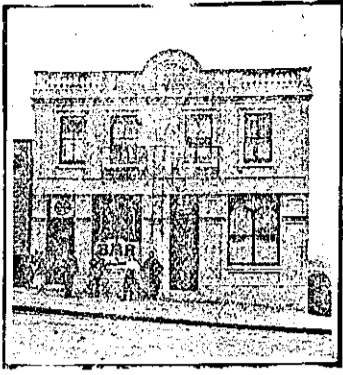
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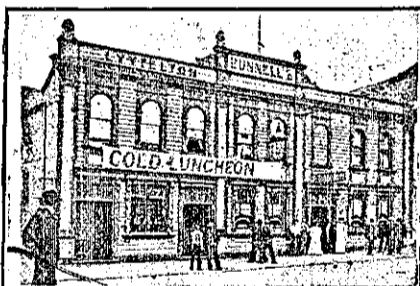
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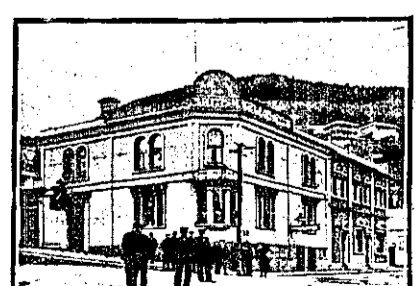
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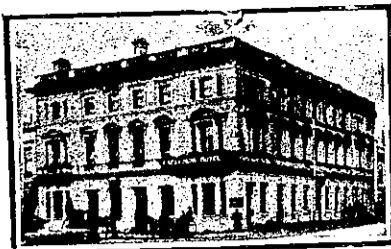
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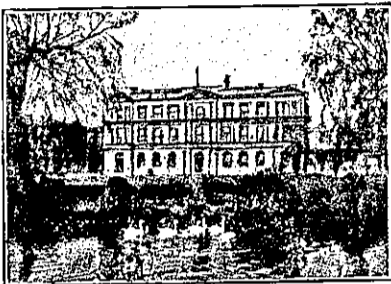


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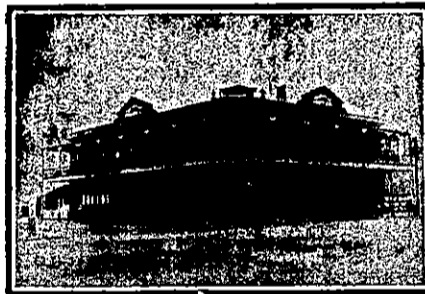
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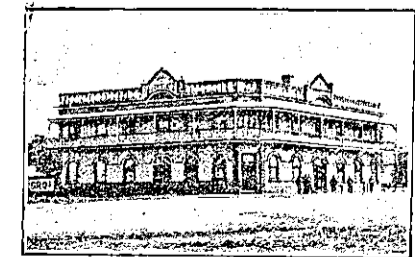
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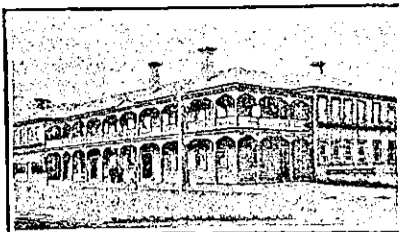
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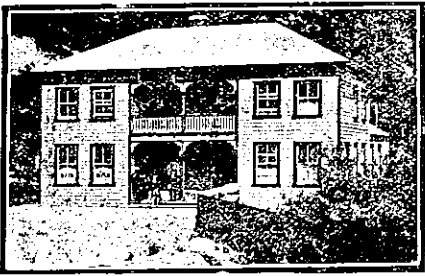
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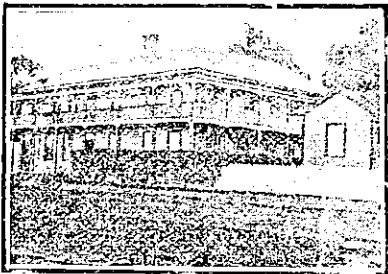
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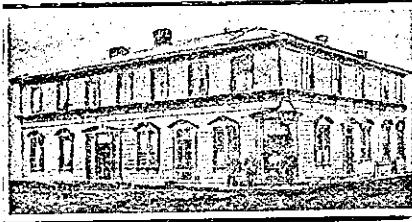
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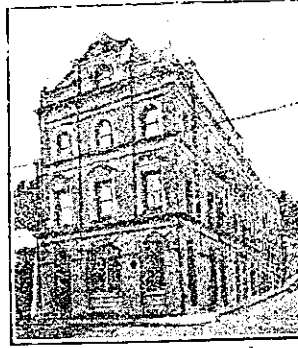
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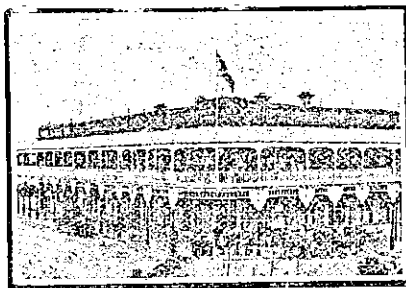
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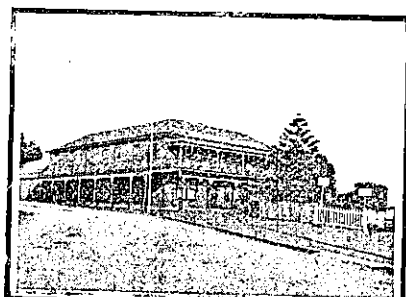
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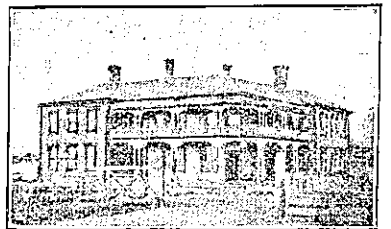
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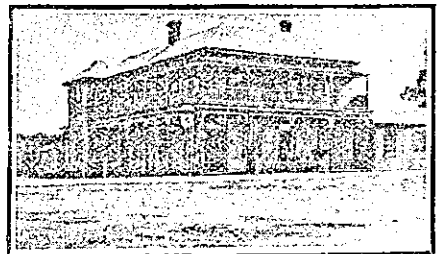


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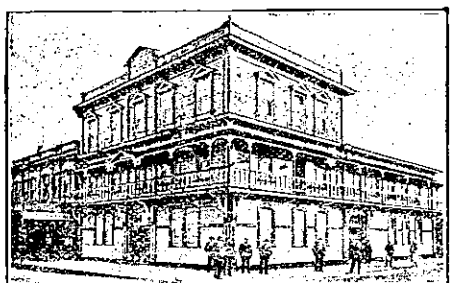
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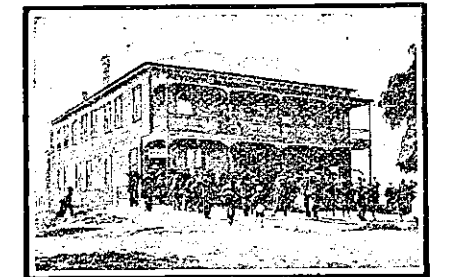


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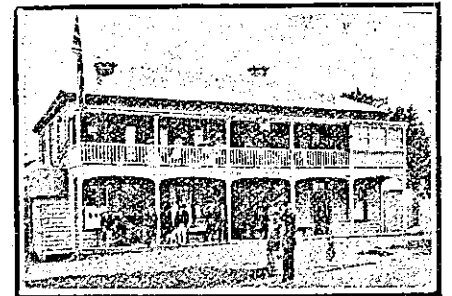


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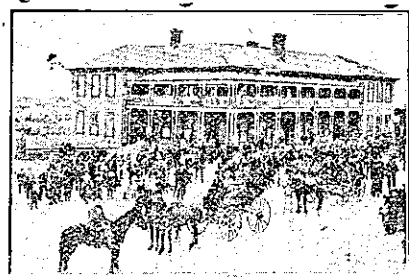
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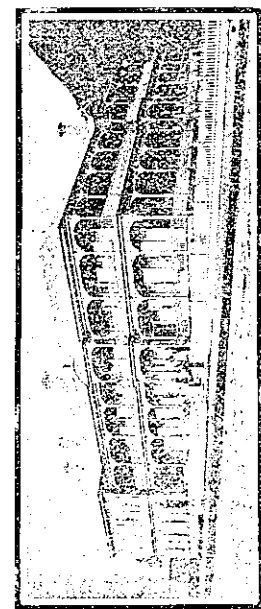
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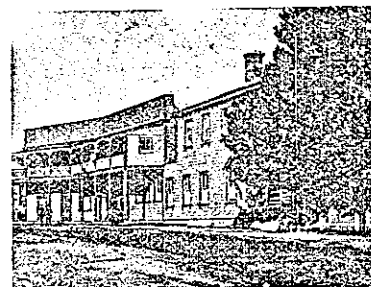


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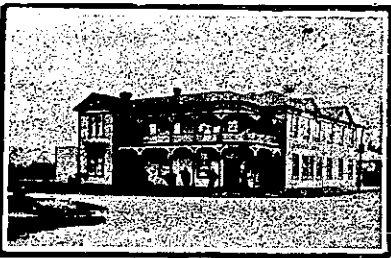


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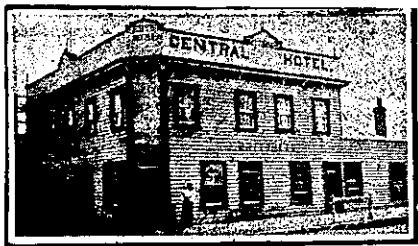
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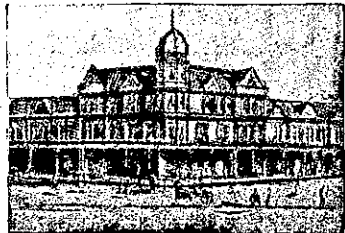
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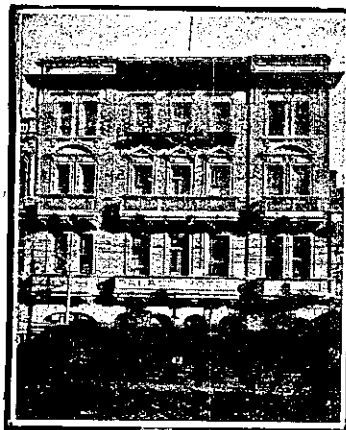
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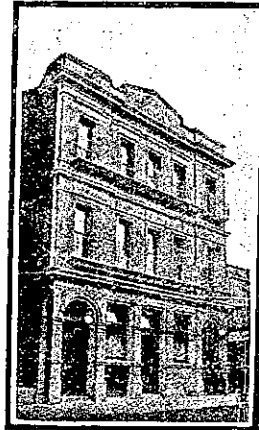
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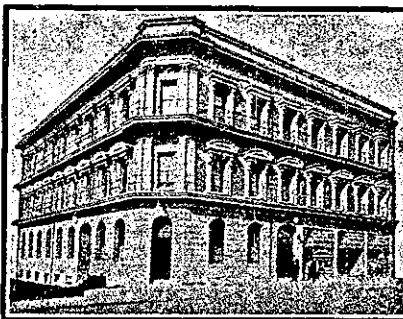


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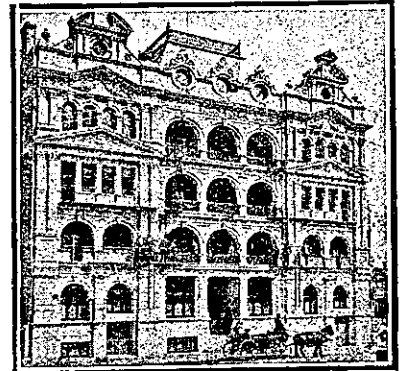


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