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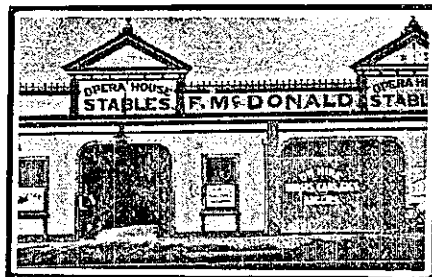
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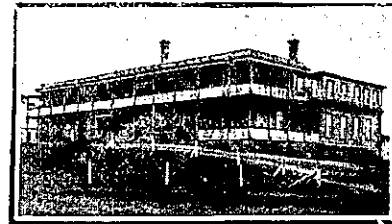
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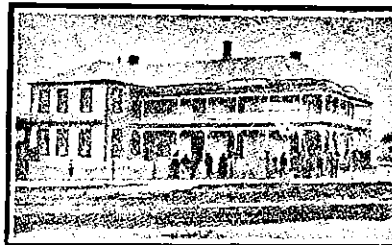
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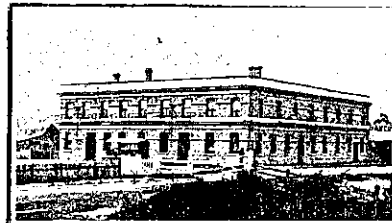
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FIXTURES.

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—Felding 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.
 May 23, 25—Wanganui J.C.

NOMINATIONS.

April 17—Avondale J.C. (general entries)
 April 24—Takapuna J.C.
 April 24—Wanganui J.C.

WEIGHTS ARE DUE

April 20—Avondale J.C.
 May 8—Takapuna J.C.
 May 9—Wanganui J.C.

ACCEPTANCES.

April 13—Patea R.C.
 May 15—Takapuna J.C.
 May 15—Wanganui J.C.

THE A.R.C. EASTER MEETING.

At the present time there are strong indications that the approaching big carnival of the Auckland Racing Club will prove extremely successful. To begin with, if there is anything in the law of average we should have fine weather, for in good sooth we have had more than a full share of rain during the last few weeks. Then, again, in addition to the strong local brigade competing, there will be a considerable number of visiting horses present to add to the interest of the sport, and therefore the racing should prove interesting.

The course and enclosures are looking their very best, and during a ramble round a day or two ago I never remember seeing Ellerslie appear so fresh and green for the time of year. At the spring and summer meetings the flower beds made a brave showing, but at the coming fixture the enclosure will look just as attractive, a brilliant array of begonias being in full bloom. The beds round the fountains, formerly a wealth of pansies, now appear in landscape design, and everywhere there is evidence of the keen desire of the executive to make the place as beautiful as possible.

In addition to this a considerable number of improvements of a different nature in hand, and there will be ready by the meeting. For instance, the now disused telegraph office has been converted into a members' lounge and smoke room. Then, again, the large totalisator machine, which allows for a field of twenty-eight runners, is being erected, and this will show the investments very clearly. Ellerslie is always popular with the fair sex, and they are not being forgotten, as a new sitting-room is being provided for them.

The course is receiving attention, and Mr. Hill and his staff have been effecting numerous improvements. The new five-furlong starting-point is completed, and a nice bed of grass has grown upon the new course at this spot, but it will not be used as yet. The only jarring item in the beautifying of the course is here, the cutting having been tarred instead of sown with some creeper, and this has a most unsightly appearance. Near the mile post a new culvert has been carried under the course, which should completely drain this one-time soft spot. Altogether the executive are getting Ellerslie into very fine order for the big Easter carnival.

Owners should make a note of the fact that acceptances for the Tradesmen's, Eden, Victoria, Nelson, and Tramway Handicaps, to be run on the opening day of the meeting, April 18, must be made to Mr. J. F. Hartland, the secretary, by to-morrow (Friday) evening at nine o'clock. A final payment of 3sovs for the Easter Handicap is due at the same time.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

The first day's programme of the Auckland Trotting Club's autumn meeting was got through on Saturday in ideal weather, when the attendance was good. The sport was fairly interesting, but in most of the events the wins were decisive. Secretary C. E. Mark and the committee had all details well attended to, and everything "up to Dick." The Garrison Band rendered selections during the afternoon.

John Harold came away early in the Maiden Trot, and had got to the premier position when passing the stand, a position he maintained until the finish, beating Mark Scott by four lengths, with Victorine a good way behind third.

The Trotting Handicap was a gift to Day Dawn, who won by about 10 lengths after trotting well throughout. Seacole overtook Stranger in the straight and beat the favourite for second place by two lengths.

Four started in the Autumn Handicap. The top weight, Waihou, took the lead from the start, and easily maintained it to the finish, winning by three lengths from Octoroon, Cyrona third.

All started in the Stewards' Handicap Trot. Maplewood (scratch) and Viscount (5sec.) started out in dead earnest after the field, the first-named improving his position considerably when passing the stand. Little Paul was in the lead at that time, and remained there right through. The favourite, All Night, got to within three lengths of the winner, Craigruskey third, with Maplewood, Agnes, Viscount, Kohine and the rest all in close order.

The Middle-class Handicap saw nine horses up for disposal by Mr. O'Connor, who was handling the nags well. John Harold, in harness, was ahead the first time past the stand, a position which none of the others could divest him of. Nat Gould played up badly, and finished at the tail end, hardly having trotted two furlongs. Bogey, the scratch horse, was a good second, Miss Vola a long way back third.

The Cornwall Handicap Trot provided the only close finish of the day. V.S., the limit horse, had the lead right into the straight, where Specialist and Robex put in a claim. A great race ensued right up to the post, where Robex was in the lead, half a length from V.S., Specialist the same distance away third.

The Flying Handicap was a gift to Imprimus, who won all the way from the back of the course, Waihou getting second place.

Seven started in the last race of the day, the Electric Handicap. Iago led into the straight, and at the stand was a long way ahead of the field. He held this position until the home turn, when Happy put in a claim and beat him by a neck, Black Rose, the favourite, being two lengths away.

DEATH OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST STALLION.

In all the long years that have gone by the world has never known a greater stallion than St. Simon, the news of whose death was cabled from England a few days ago. He was bred by the late Prince Bathyras as far back as 1881, and came of the far-famed Verley Arabian Line, being got by the Vedette stallion Galop from St. Angela, by King Tom from Adelaide, by Ion—Little Fairy, by Hornsea—Lacerta. It was pure accident that he was not hailed as a great classic winner, but the death of the Prince left all his nominations void. It was, of course, partly from this reason that Mat. Dawson was able to secure him for the Duke of Portland for 1660 guineas, the greatest bargain in horseflesh, as it proved, the world has ever seen. St. Simon's first race was in the Holmaker Stakes at Goodwood, and he fairly stomped home in this five-furlong event, doing the same in the Maiden Plate at the same meeting. Next the son of Galopin was sent out to face the music in the Prince of Wales Nursery Handi-

cap at Doncaster. In this mile race he had the big weight of 9st 8lb in the saddle, and he caused immense enthusiasm by putting down a very large field without any apparent effort. Next came the famous match with Bushey, a colt with a great reputation, belonging to the Duke of Westminster. Tom Cannon had the mount on the Kingsclerc colt, but he could never bring St. Simon to the whip. At the distance there was the semblance of a struggle, but the champion sailed away in front with Archer sitting like a graven image, and the race was all over. The Epsom Gold Cup next was carried off. St. Simon, owing to the death of his nominator, could not start in the Derby, otherwise it is certain he would have made hacks of the dead-heaters Harvester and St. Gatien, for he was tried to be nearly two stone better than the former. The Galopin colt lost the field at Ascot in the Gold Cup. As that brilliant horse Tristan, who had won it the previous year under 9st 4lb, was beaten by 20 lengths, it serves to show what a smasher the colt was. This was the only time I ever saw the Duke of Portland's great horse, and to this day can remember what a magnificent-looking specimen of a thoroughbred he appeared. At the Ascot meeting he also carried off the Goodwicke Stakes, and later on at Goodwood won the Cup in a canter. This was St. Simon's last appearance in public, and how good he really was never was proved, for he never met anything fast enough to extend him. Fred Archer rode him in all his races, and in the opinion of "The Tinman" he was perhaps the greatest horse he ever rode.

It has often been debated as to whether Ormonde or St. Simon was the greatest horse of the century. Opinions will always differ on this point, but upon another there is not a vestige of doubt. Ormonde at the stud was a failure, getting only one good horse in Orme, while St. Simon has earned a reputation as the champion stallion for all time, for his sons and grandsons have won over a million pounds in stakes. He has sired two winners of the Two Thousand Guineas (St. Frusquin and Diamond Jubilee), four winners of the One Thousand Guineas (Semolina, La Fleche, Amiable, and Winnifreda), two winners of the Derby (Persimmon and Diamond Jubilee), five winners of the Oaks (Memoir, La Fleche, Mrs. Butterwick, Amiable, La Roche), and four winners of the St. Leger (Memoir, La Fleche, Persimmon, and Diamond Jubilee). In one season alone he earned over £20,000 in stud fees, while his gross earnings during his lengthy career at the stud must have run into an enormous total, for it must be remembered that for some years his services were fixed at 500 guineas, and even at that figure his list was always full.

Sons of St. Simon are now doing stud duty all over the world. So far as New Zealand is concerned, the most successful have been Mr. Walters' stallion Soult, who has sired winners over all distances, both on the flat and across country; San Francisco, the sire of the New Zealand champion Elevation; Cyrenian, the sire of Cambrian; and Phoebus Apollo, the sire of Apologue, winner of the Melbourne Cup. St. Simon was 27 years of age at the time of his death, so has had a long career of usefulness. His countless descendants include many brilliant horses to carry on the fame of "the stallion of the century."

THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB COMMITTEE.

The Hon. E. Mitchelson presided at a meeting of the Metropolitan Committee held on Friday. The question as to whether an appeal was allowable by the jockeys disqualified by the Auckland Trotting Club was considered. After hearing the evidence of the stewards of the Trotting Club and discussing the matter, it was decided that it was a question of fact, and the stewards' decision was conclusive. It was also decided to en-

dorse the disqualifications and extend the period from one to two years, as from March 13 last. Messrs Nelson and Stone attended as delegates from the Whangarei Racing Club with reference to their summer meeting. It was resolved that, after the explanation given by the representatives of the club, no further action be taken.

At a subsequent meeting of the Auckland Racing Club Committee it was decided to adhere to the regulations for the licensing of bookmakers passed at the conference in January last. The inquiry into a matter in connection with the running of the Nursery Handicap at the summer meeting of the A.R.C. was commenced, but adjourned until the next monthly meeting of the committee, to allow of evidence being brought forward.

THE BOOKMAKER IN ENGLAND.

It would seem evident that the time of the pencil have a much better time in England than is the case in the colonies. Not only do they pay no fees, but apparently have matters a good deal their own way, a very different state of affairs to here, when they are restricted to spots which are inconvenient for their clients, and are mulcted in a heavy fee as well. This is what the Licensed Victuallers' Gazette says of the position in the Old Country:—

"That some kind of legislation is necessary to repress the bookmaker will scarcely be denied by sensible folk who go racing. At many meetings which could be named—and this is particularly true of fixtures in the metropolitan area—the "genteel pencilers," their clerks and their "runners," are an intolerable nuisance. Having paid for admission to the Ring for himself and his entourage, the bookmaker proceeds calmly to annex a portion of the enclosure, and so far from studying the comfort of his fellow-visitors, who expect to be allowed to walk to and fro at will, he usually places himself opposite the entrance to a gateway, where of course the flow of humanity is thickest. At their last meeting the Sandown Park executive attempted to deal with this difficulty, marking out border lines over which bookmakers were not expected to trespass, and in a sense this was satisfactory. But apparently nothing was done to repress the "runners." These gentlemen, who are apparently recruited from the lowest depths of humanity, were allowed to dash across the space which intervened between "the rails" and their employers' "joints" without let or hindrance, and, as usual, they treated those who happened to get in their way with scant ceremony. Whatever may be thought of the bookmaker, his "runner" is an unmitigated evil.

"The plain fact of the matter is that the layer has been allowed too much latitude. No one whose duty or business it is to mingle much with bookmakers can fail to have been struck with the fact that they regard themselves as part and parcel of the Turf, instead of being prepared to take a "back seat," as might be expected of racing's parasites. It is a thousand pities that the arrangement suggested some years ago, that the "price-pinchers" should be licensed and required to wear badges like other servants of the public, was not carried into effect, for in some degree this might have had the effect of relegating them to their proper place. Hopes were likewise entertained that the institution of the "Totalisator" or pari-mutuel would have given racegoers an opportunity of seeking relief from the obdurate individuals who shout the odds, but Englishmen are too conservative to adopt ideas of this kind unless they are forced upon them. What the Turf really wants is a new dictator, who would unite Admiral Rous's firmness of purpose with that initiative which is as necessary in connection with the "sport of kings" as in other walks of life."

CONTRADICTORY RUNNING.

On the subject of racecourse demonstrations the Melbourne "Sporting News" has the following perti-

ment remarks on contradictory running:—

It is, of course, unfortunately, only too true that the race-going public is not always treated with the fairness to which it is justly entitled. Those who find the money to keep up the game are undoubtedly at times victimised by the tricksters in the business, and this sort of thing, when it does happen in reality, is calculated to make evil-minded persons scream "Police!" every time they lose their money. These people cannot by any means be brought to see that a "reversal of form" might be due to accident, and not design, and in their habit of "screaming" under all circumstances, they put themselves altogether out of the reckoning. We have no desire to take up a brief on behalf of the schemers of the Turf. Far from it. But a close study of the game has taught us that it is always dangerous to jump at conclusions when it comes to a case of contradictory running. It would probably be difficult to make the man in the crowd, who is always looking for dishonest motives, believe so; yet there are a hundred things beside deliberate "regulating" to cause a horse to show poorly to-day and flash out brilliantly to-morrow. In the first place, as every owner very soon learns to his cost, there are very few gallopers on whom absolute confidence can be placed, and it is a fact that many of them are so tempered that they are liable to do just as they please themselves. Again, a horse may be ever so reliable himself, and yet through some accident or interference in running that is not noticed by the crowd, he is so interfered with that he is prevented from showing his form. But the same horse may come out a day or two later, and, advantaged with a clear run, give his proper form. And then the row begins! There is no thought of what might have caused the change of front. A section of the crowd, as we have said, soon form their own idea, and they are not in the habit of keeping their thoughts to themselves. Thus are born many "racecourse demonstrations" that we hear and read about, and it must be plain to men of reasonable mind that such rows are, in the majority of cases, merely indicative of a bad spirit on the part of the mob who indulge in them.

A BAD STATE OF AFFAIRS.

If the following remarks by "Onlooker" in the "Town and Country Journal" are correct, Sydney suburban racing must be in a bad way. "The fact that most of these races are handicaps (he writes), and that the public pick them out so unerringly, would make it look as if the handicapper was to blame, but the fact is that racing nowadays is largely a matter of 'finding a punter,' and the racecourse maxim might well be rendered in four words, 'No punter, no trier!' Not that there was anything particularly 'dead' in the Rosehill fields, but there seemed to be a tacit agreement that one or two of the well-backed horses would have it all their own way, and they duly did so. The effect of this punting system on racing is all for the bad. The bona-fide owner—the man who pays training fees, entries, sweepstakes, and riding fees—is heavily handicapped when it comes to holding his own with the man who has no such expenses, but who is prepared to put a hundred or a couple of hundred pounds on a horse. When a man is punting on this scale it is easy for him to let the jockeys or the others know that there is a tanner or so coming to each of them if the favourite gets home. So the owners of the others do not always get the best run in the world. A suspicion that this sort of thing has happened is sufficient to drive many men out of owning horses, and the consequence is that the "battling" owner, with his "punter" in tow, is gradually getting exclusive possession of suburban racing. At Randwick, where a tremendous lot of public money pours into the bookmakers' bags, the influence of one punter is not so apparent." The question is, Are we quite blameless in this respect here in Auckland?

THE WATERLOO CUP.

Coursing men out here are always interested in the English Waterloo Cup. The bare result was cabled out at the time of running, but the details are only just to hand. The London correspondent of the "Australasian" gives an interesting account, which I am unable to reproduce exactly owing to our idiotic law which debars newspapers from publishing the odds after the race. This is on the principle of the ostrich, I suppose, which with its head hidden in the sand imagines it is unseen. As the newspapers do not

publish the betting quotations, the public are to imagine there is no betting. We live in hopes that our legislators will one of these days show a glimmering of common sense and repeal this imbecility.

Here is the account with the figures omitted:—"There is nowadays no early betting on the Cup, but on the night of the draw a firm favourite was found in last year's winner, Sir R. Jardine's f d Long Span, with Mr G. F. Fawcett's f d Friendly Foe strongly supported; Mr H. Birkbeck's r f d Bachelor's Acre in great demand; and Mr J. Davies's r d Dendraspie well backed. Of course, every dog was backed at some odds or another, but these four were the staunchest favourites before the curtain rose on the actual proceedings. Of the quartet all but Friendly Foe got through their first two rounds successfully; Mr Fawcett's dog, with immense odds laid on him for his course in the second round, faltering at the slip, and being easily beaten by an utter outsider.

Betting that night showed Long Span again a strong favourite, but Sir R. Jardine's dog had a gruelling course before winning in the third round, and good odds were subsequently offered against him; whilst Bachelor's Acre, who had got off lightly, became favourite. The fourth round, however, saw Long Span, despite his previous exertions, show an astonishing amount of dash, and, winning his course in great style once more became favourite for the Cup, with a short price taken about Bachelor's Acre. The two others left in the last four were both, on the night of the draw, at a forlorn price—the Countess of Sefton's bk b Silhouette and Mr E. Hutton's r d Hallow Eve.

The betting over-night had shown that the two last-named dogs were thought to hold very remote chances, but they actually both won their courses in the semi-final round, Bachelor's Acre, with odds laid on him, going down before Silhouette, and Long Span being beaten by Hallow Eve. Luck was dead against both favourites, however, and Long Span was particularly unfortunate, as he led Hallow Eve four lengths, knocked the hare over but then turned a somersault, thus allowing the other to score heavily and kill.

In the final, fair odds were laid on Silhouette, but once again these were flooded in decisive fashion, Hallow Eve, after being led three lengths to the turn, nicked in, and, running up a fine sequence, killed and won. The result was a great surprise, for the winner was an outsider throughout, and with only four dogs left in figured at a big price. Her owner, Mr Hutton, is a well-known Manchester newspaper proprietor. He is interested in the turf, and his horses are now trained at Wootton. Hallow Eve was only started as a last resource, as Mr Hutton's two first strings both went amiss, one a week before the Cup, and the other the day before. The Cup winner is by Poteley Bridge out of Forest Fairy. She is one of the smallest bitches that ever ran in the Waterloo Cup, only weighing 44lb.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

The following are the acceptances for the

SYDNEY CUP, two miles.

Poseldon 9.11, Tartan 9.9, Peru 8.6, Melodrama 8.6, Welcome Trist 8.2, True Light 8.2, Gaby 7.13, Bright Steel 7.12, Melodeon 7.10, Jack Smith 7.8, Dyed Garments 7.4, Maltine 7.2, Absentee 7.2, Togo 6.12, Lady Diffidence 6.12, Proprietor 6.10, Electron 6.10, Duke of Clarence 6.10, Snowy River 6.7, Maranui 6.7, Lancasterite 6.7, Rouvray 6.7, Longchamps 6.7, King's Cross 6.7, Rocklight 6.7.

The contest for the Quoting Championship of New Zealand was held at Winton last month before a good crowd of enthusiasts (says the Otago "Witness.") P. Mackie, the Oamaru champion, owing to an accident, was unable to compete, and R. Penman, of Kaitangata, was unable to get away. For other reasons, J. Currie and Hannah, two Winton exponents, did not compete. In the championship there were ten competitors, and, as expected, J. Penman won somewhat easily at the finish from J. Saunders by 21 to 7. The prizes were £10 and a gold medal first. The winner was champion of Australia (at 18yds) from 1884 to 1897, and has been defeated only once since 1884, on which occasion his brother downed him by one point. During the time mentioned, he has won 136 games, and is 52 years of age. He throws an 8½lb quoit at 21yds, and after the competition said this was his best prize yet won in New Zealand, and also the best ground he had played upon.

He is getting well up in years and there is no rush for Carbine's services in England this season. Up to the time the latest files left England last month, his list was not full at £98. That of his son Spearmint filled early at 250g.

LATE RACING.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

After three wet days, the Auckland Trotting Club were indeed lucky to get really glorious weather for the continuation of the autumn meeting yesterday. With the sun shining brightly and blue sky overhead, quite a number of sportsmen journeyed out to Alexandra Park, and as a result the attendance was above the average for an off day. The sport, taken altogether, was more interesting than on the opening day, the finishes being closer. The results were as follows:—

NOVEL TROT HANDICAP. One mile. Mr. Geo. Robinson's Castaway, 15s. 1 (Scott) Mr. S. Tanner's Jungie, 10s. (Crotty) 2 Mr. C. R. Leigh's John Harold, sc. 3 (Mabee) Won by a length. Time, 2m, 49s.

HILL TROT HANDICAP. One mile. Mr. W. A. Scott's Pukerimu, 10s. 1 (Scott) Mr. D. May's Day Dawn, 9s. (Owner) 2 Mr. J. Brady's Little Paul, 2s. 3 (Crotty) Won by a length and a-half. Time, 2m, 50 4-5s.

APRIL HANDICAP. Six and a-half furlongs.

Mr. J. Knott's Cyrona, 5yrs, 7.13 (R. E. Browne) 1 Mr. H. R. McKenzie's Hughie, 3 yrs, 8.5 (Whittaker) 2 Mr. Thos. Davies' Waihou, 5 yrs, 10.0 (McIntosh) 3 Won by a neck. Time, 1m, 29 1-5s.

MANUKAU HANDICAP TROT. Two miles.

Mr. S. Tanner's Stranger, 5s., 1 (Crotty) Mr. W. A. Scott's All Night, 2s. 2 (Scott) Mr. J. Molloy's Bogey, 9s. (Hawkins) 3 Won by half a length. Time, 5m, 15 2-5s.

AUTUMN TROT HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.

Messrs. J. and H. Jones' Craigaruskey, 6s. (H. Jones) 1 Mr. A. Watts' Le Rosier, scratch (Scott) 2 Mr. J. Brady's Little Paul, 4s. (J. T. Paul) 3 Won by two lengths. Time, 3m, 58 2-5s.

SHORTS HANDICAP. About four furlongs and a-half.

Mr. H. R. McKenzie's Hughie, 3 yrs, 9.3 (Watkins) 1 Mr. S. Williams' Imprimus, 4 yrs, 2 Mr. Jas. Murphy's Quadroon, 3 yrs (R. E. Brown) 3 Won by a neck.

NOTES.

(By The Judge.)

The St. Crispin mare Miss Crispin won the Te Awamutu Cup last week from Henry Havelock and Leonette, and she also annexed the Flying Handicap.

Thirty-eight horses yet remain in the Doncaster Handicap, and twenty-eight in the Sydney Cup.

Hiro, a son of Cyrenian and Epine, who first saw the light at Cambria Park, won the Richmond Park Stakes at the Nelson meeting, and ran second in the Cup.

The sum of £2440 was put through the totalisator at Alexandra Park on Saturday as against £3817 10s on the corresponding day last year. On Saturday, however, there were fourteen bookmakers operating.

The Nelson Cup was run for last week, and was won by Narcotic, an aged bay gelding by Lethe from Morehu. The Auckland-bred Hiro was second and Wairarapa third.

The Kaihu Hack Racing Club will hold a meeting on Easter Monday.

Bookmakers wishing to ply their calling at the A.R.C. Meeting must send in their applications for licenses to Mr. Hartland not later than noon to-morrow.

The publication of the handicaps for the big event of the Avondale Meeting has been postponed until after the A.R.C. meeting is finished.

Starina and Golden Eagle arrived from the South by the Rarawa on Tuesday, having come North to play their parts at the A.R.C. Meeting.

Forty seconds and two-fifths for three and a-half furlongs seems rather tall, yet a Californian two-year-old named Carmisa is credited with running it at the end of February at Oakland. If true it is a world's record.

Despite bad weather the Taranaki Jockey Club made a small profit over the recent meeting.

The Lealantis—Reproach gelding in Macmanemin's stable at Ellerslie has been given the suitable name of Censure.

Waihou had a very easy thing on in the Autumn Handicap at Alexandra Park on Saturday. The daughter of Soult and Fairytale fairly romped in three lengths ahead of the field. A 7lb penalty found her out in the Flying Handicap, where she could only get second to Imprimus.

The other day in Melbourne Dan Patch trotted a mile in 2min. 10sec.—an Australian record.

Sir George Clifford is generally rather happy in the names he gives his horses. Here is the latest batch:—Merchantman (Birkenhead—Brave Heart), Sharpshooter (Clanranald—Weathereye), Applegarth (Treadmill—Gold Leaf), Full Sail (Pilgrim's Progress—Windwhistle), Broadsword (Clanranald—Safeguard), and Taskmaster (Treadmill—Madowla). Most of these are excellent, although I do not follow the line of reasoning in the name Applegarth, and think Golden Fetters an improvement. With the Birkenhead—Brave Heart yearling there was a great chance when one recalls the story of the loss of the ill-fated troopship, and possibly Duty's Call, Valour, or Undaunted might have been better than Merchantman.

Here are the dates of the big classic events in England this season:—May 1, Two Thousand Guineas; May 2, One Thousand Guineas; June 5, The Derby; June 7, The Oaks.

Mr. C. Hammond's Gipsy King gelding Peruvian fell and broke his neck at Ferding last week.

Paritutu is reported from New Plymouth to be in great buckle, and a sure starter at the A.R.C. meeting.

Nominations for the big events of the Avondale Autumn Meeting are well up to the average. There are 20 in the Avondale Handicap, 24 in the Autumn Handicap, 18 in the Railway Handicap, and 17 in the Steeplechase.

King Billy's younger brother has been named Maori King, a suitable name for a son of Merriwee and Indian Queen.

The Simmer horse Ebullition, a Newmarket Handicap winner, has been sold for 1000 guineas to go to India.

The acceptances for the C.J.C. Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps are so exceptionally poor that the names of the races should be altered to the Little Easter and Autumn Handicaps. There are only eight in the latter race, with at least one doubtful starter included.

Alannah and Sister Anne have been scratched for the Great Northern Oaks.

It is reported that Sir Rupert Clarke has purchased May Park, near Mooroonna, on the Goulburn River (Victoria), for the purpose of establishing a stud farm. The price paid was £14 per acre, and the area 1260 acres.

Lord Ebury's seat, Moor Park, near Rickmansworth, was left to the first Baron, together with an ample fortune, by his father, the first Marquis of Westminster, who died in 1857. In racing history, Moor Park was long celebrated as the home of Touchstone and Pantaloon, the famous stallions of the first Marquis of Westminster, and it was from Moor Park that he replied to an offer of 7000 guineas from Baron Biel, of Hanover, that "a German principality would not buy Touchstone."

The tracks at Ellerslie were very heavy and sodden on Tuesday and owing to the rain, very little work was done. With the improvement in the weather the course will soon be in good order and trainers will be sending their charges along this week.

Cambrian is slipping along very well just now. He finished better than Celtic and Maheno in a gallop over seven furlongs on Monday. Master Delaval does not seem the horse he was twelve months ago. First Gun and Master Soult both showed him the way over six furlongs on Monday.

Evidently that equine failure Pearl Necklet is to be raced again as she is in training.

The death is reported at Amberley of the stallion Linstock, who was bred in 1891 by Mr. W. Percival, being got by Hotchkiss from Satanella, the dam of St. Clements and St. Paul.

The Auckland Trotting Club's autumn meeting will be concluded on Saturday.

Acceptances for the Patea Racing Club's annual meeting must be made to Mr R. W. Hamilton by Monday next.

General entries for the Avondale J.C. Autumn meeting close on the 17th inst.

General entries for the Takapuna J.C. autumn meeting are due on the 24th inst.

Munjeet has been sold to an Indian buyer, so will be given an opportunity of showing her sprinting ability in the land of the rajahs.

Elevation has been pleasing the touts with some attractive gallops at Randwick.

The Soult gelding Grenadier won the Hill Handicap at the V.R.C. meeting last Saturday, running the six furlongs in the fast time of 1min 15½sec.

Orby, who won the English Derby for Mr. Croker, will never race again.

There were 94 entries in the Doncaster Handicap, but only 39 survived the first forfeit. In the Sydney Cup the first forfeit reduced the list from 68 to 25.

Both the A.J.C. and V.R.C. Derbies are worth £2000—rich stakes for what is often but an exercise canter for one horse.

Polar Star and Prospector, high-class two-year-olds in England, who carried all before them, have both failed as three-year-olds.

Waipuna (8.2) figured among the "also started" brigade in the Rosehill Cup, won so easily by another New Zealander in Maranui.

Acceptances for all events on the concluding day of the Auckland Trotting Club's meeting must be made to Mr. C. F. Mark, by 9 p.m. this evening.

One of Australia's most successful and popular jockeys, W. Evans, has sailed for Austria, where he expects to be engaged for about two years. In addition to other events, Evans was up on Apologue when that horse won the last Melbourne Cup.

A man who bets in a large way was asked the other day what amount could be won at a suburban meeting (says a Sydney paper), and whether any of the bookmakers could be relied upon to lay the odds to £100 in one bet if they were asked to do so. His reply was that they might do it rather than offend a man they were constantly betting with, but that a stranger would have "Buckley's chance" of getting £100 on with any one man. He would have to cut his commission into four, and then it would be necessary for the four commissioners to operate exactly at the same moment, as once a wager of even £25 was made the price would shorten all round the ring.

The biggest trotting meeting in the world is held in Russia. Under the auspices of the Imperial Trotting Club, the Moscow meeting of 1907 lasted from April 8 till July 31, with purses and stakes aggregating 375,000 dollars.

For service outside Mr. Bishop's stud in Kentucky, the fee for Adam, the son of Flying Fox, purchased from M. Blanc, is £200. Rock Sand's fee to mares outside Mr. Belmont's nursery stud is £300.

London "Truth" thinks that the Bill foreshadowed by the Bishop of Hereford for the suppression of a number of things in England in connection with racing will have the support of the Government, and will become law, the most drastic of its provisions, such as the publication of the betting odds, being dropped so as to make an appearance of concession, though no idea was or is entertained of them being carried.

After 25 years' service in France Mr. Richard Figes has resigned as starter to the French Jockey Club.

It is notified elsewhere in this issue that the general or main roll of electors will close for printing on April 15th. All electors who are qualified to have their names added to the roll of their electoral district should make application for enrolment to the local Registrar of electors on or before that date. Forms can be obtained at the offices of the Registrar of Electors and at all post offices.



NO. 9—MR. E. J. WATT.

At most of the big meetings at Ellerslie one is fairly certain to run across the Hastings sportsman, Mr. E. J. Watt, whose colours, blue jacket, white waistcoat, collar, cuffs, and blue and white cap, are as well known to Auckland sportsmen as are any of the local brigade. E.J. is a son of the late Mr. James Watt, a thorough-going sportsman in his day, who owned a good string of horses, some of whom were quite in the best class, winning many races. In those days the veteran Mr. George Cutts used to train the horses down Kohimarama way, and very well they were turned out, too. Mr. E. J. Watt some years ago decided to go in for breeding thoroughbred stock himself at Longlands, and with that object picked up a few good mares. He also showed acumen in securing as chief lord of the harem the stallion Merriwee, who, when a three-year-old, won the Melbourne Cup of 1899, carrying a 9lb penalty to victory from twenty-eight starters. Merriwee also won the V.R.C. Derby at the same meeting, putting down a field of ten. In addition to having been a fine race-horse himself, Merriwee is a most beautifully-bred one, being by Bill of Portland from that very smart mare Etra Weenie, a daughter of Trenton, and he thus has the successful St. Simon and Musket cross in his veins. Under the circumstances it was not surprising to find Merriwee immediately scoring a success at the stud, which, indeed, would have been greater with larger opportunities.

In his first season at the stud Merriwee got King Billy and Boomerang, who have won numerous races, both at Ellerslie and elsewhere. Last season King Billy won the Members' Handicap of 500sovs at the C.J.C. Exhibition Meeting, and later on annexed the Burke Memorial Stakes. The season before Boomerang had credited the Hawke's Bay sportsman with the Marangai Handicap at Wanganui, the President's Handicap of 450sovs at Manawatu, the Flying Handicap at Egmont, the Wanganui Cup of 750sovs, and the Great Autumn Handicap of 750sovs at Christchurch—not a bad little list.

To revert back, Mr. Watt may be said to have started racing in the season 1898-9, Tirade and St. Mark being among the first to carry the colours. The latter, a son of St. Leger, won

the Wanganui Guineas with F. Davis in the saddle in 1899, a race which also fell to Mr. Watt six years later with King Billy. In that year the Apremont mare Palaver and the Torpedo mare Shannon were both successfully carrying the blue and white livery, and Mr. Watt finished the season well up in the list of winning owners.

More cups came his way next year, when that good colt Nobility, a son of St. Leger, carried off the Wanganui Cup with 8st 2lb in the saddle, and the Egmont Cup with 7st 5lb. Indian Queen won for him the C.J.C. Welcome Stakes, and at the stud threw King Billy. Palaver won the C.J.C. Autumn Handicap with 7st 5lb, Neale being in the saddle, and, with St. Mark and others also assisting, the season of 1900-1 saw Mr. Watt fourth on the list of winning owners.

The same team, with the addition of that uncertain mare Float, helped to swell the bank account next season, giving Mr. Watt sixth place on the winning owner's list, a position which he occupied curiously enough the following season, when the erratic but occasionally brilliant Starshoot was in commission.

In the 1903-4 season Mr. Watt did even better, for he was then represented by Starshoot, Melodeon, Float, Roseshoot, and Tradewind, all of whom picked up numerous races, Starshoot annexing the Century Stakes, Melodeon the Otaio Plate, the Railway Handicap, and Railway Stakes, and Roseshoot the Century Hurdle Race. The result was to place Mr. Watt third on the winning list. In 1904-5 the Hastings sportsman was fifth, in 1905-6 third with the big total of £4662, while last season he had dropped back to seventh place. In the nine seasons he has been racing Mr. Watt has won £24,538 in stakes, so in that respect he has "nothing whatever to grumble at." Last season Gazeley, a chestnut son of Greyleg and Lygia, won the Napier Cup, while numerous other races fell to the blue and white colours. At the coming autumn meeting of the Auckland Racing Club Mr. Watt will be represented by King Billy and Aborigine (whose trainer, Quinlivan, may be depended upon to turn them out in good condition), so that he is fairly certain to be numbered among the ranks of "Men We Meet" in the saddling paddock.

Mr. J. Wren, of Melbourne, has a great ambition to have a £5000 race at the Ascot course, and thinks that in two years time he will be able to manage it.

The ex-Auckland pony Kilderkin started favourite for the Fourteen-two Handicap at Ascot (Sydney), but could only get second to Boldie.

INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, April 8.

The poor acceptances received for the Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps are being freely talked about in sporting circles. It seems to be the general opinion that although the Canterbury Jockey Club gives larger stakes, the meetings at Auckland and Feilding are more popular with northern owners. Fancy only eight horses accepting in the Great Autumn Handicap with a stake worth 1000 sovs. There were 39 horses nominated, yet only eight are considered good enough to continue their engagement. Out of the number left in, Stratagem is a doubtful starter, as she has been nominated for two big handicaps to be run at Feilding, and may be running in the Feilding Cup, while the Easter meeting at Riccarton is in progress.

Mr G. G. Stead is without a representative in this year's two autumn han-

dicaps. Last year the Yaldhurst sportsman started Munjeet in the Great Easter and won the Autumn with Seal Rock.

Mr Stead's two-year-old Stepniak-Far Away filly Alysium has been sent up north to run in the Manawatu Stake. Husbandman will represent Sir G. Clifford in the same race.

Te Kaihui is the only North Island hurdler entered for the hurdle events at the Canterbury Easter meeting.

Contender's name was found to be missing when the acceptances for the Great Easter Handicap were published on Saturday morning. The Gold Reef gelding was paid up for and also nominated for the Templeton Handicap run on the second day.

The two-year-old races at Riccarton this Easter should furnish some exciting contests. Youngsters like Fleetfoot, Armet, Husbandman, Elysium, Beneform, Miss Mischief, Rock Ferry and Golden Slipper should make the juvenile events particularly interesting. The last named, who has not yet sported silk, is a filly by Multiform—Auris and is reported to be very speedy.

Glenculloch has been left in the Great Easter and Autumn Handicaps; also the Stakes.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond evidently intends to bring a strong team to Riccarton this Easter. He has Zimmerman, Kairoma, Martyrium, Rook Ferry and North Pole freely entered and should be successful in capturing a substantial share of stake money.

Fewer North Island horses will be running at Riccarton this year than has been the case for many years past. This is attributed to the increased stakes offered by the Auckland and Feilding Clubs which hold their Easter meetings on the same day as the Canterbury fixture.

D. J. Price is still in Christchurch and will remain until after the Easter meeting. He will go back to Australia with a strong team this time and is still on the look-out for good investments in thoroughbreds that can gallop.

Grand Stand is showing a fair amount of proficiency in his jumping essays. He is engaged in both hurdle races at the Easter meeting and should give a good account of himself.

Gwendolina, who was taken out of the Great Easter Handicap and left in the 1 mile and a half race, was given a strong gallop over a mile and a quarter last Saturday. Stronghold joined in at the half distance, and the pair came home together, Gwendolina completing the full distance in 2min 10sec.

Bucclough is fast getting into racing fettle. His last gallop over a mile was cut out in 1min 44½sec. As the tracks are now to his liking he should do well in his near engagements.

Ability, Slow Tom and Leaside, three jumpers, are getting into trim. Slow Tom will not be raced until later on, but the other pair will be seen out in the hurdle races at Riccarton this month.

On the day following the Easter meeting at Riccarton, Mr J. F. Buchanan will offer several horses for sale by auction. Bucclough, Amboise, Cohort and two or three yearlings will be among those offered.

A box has been reserved for Full Rate at T. Price's stables and the son of the Officer has come into favour for the Great Easter Handicap.

Mr H. Solomon has leased Skimmer by Stepniak—Gleam and also bought De Witte. The pair will, I hear, be sent down to Southland very shortly.

Mr G. P. Payne has purchased Seafield and will take the Seaton Delaval—Field Rose colt to Melbourne at an early date.

Lapland is getting in some solid work and should be very fit by the Great Autumn Handicap day.

Petrovna is bowling along in her usual free style and is quite ready to play her part in another Great Easter and Templeton Handicap. The fields for these two events would not be considered complete without the presence of this ever-green Stepniak mare.

A batch of half a dozen yearlings from Stonehurst has arrived at Cutts', but they will not be handled till after the Easter meeting. The youngsters are by Treadmill, Clanranald, Birkenhead and Pilgrim's Progress and are a fine looking lot.

OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, April 8.

The Sir Lancelot gelding Sir Percival, broke one of his shoulders whilst doing a gallop at the Forbury racecourse on Saturday, and was subsequently shot. Sir Percival was bred by the Hon. J. D. Ormond and was out of Trentalto, a daughter of Trenton. He won several races in the North Island, and if the Trentalto gelding could have stood up to solid preparation he would have proved more than useful. His most notable win in the South Island took place when he won the Ashburton Cup last season.

The crack mare Myosotis will probably make an attempt to lower the Tahuna

Park track record at the next meeting of the Club.

As a result of their recent successful operations, the South Canterbury Jockey Club will probably make a substantial increase to their prize list. The South Canterbury Jockey Club made a profit of £700 over their recent meeting.

It is pleasing to notice that the River-ton Racing Club's excellent programme has attracted a splendid nomination for their autumn meeting and there is every prospect of a very successful meeting being held.

Mr A. Moss returned from Australia on Saturday after an eight weeks' absence, during which he successfully mapped out an Australian campaign for Pollards' Opera Coy. Mr Moss has laid aside the metalician's pencil "may be for years and may be for ever" and is now wholly and solely theatrical entrepreneur.

The acceptances and nominations for the C.J.C. Meeting are very disappointing. The numerical strength of the fields remaining in the Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps is very weak, although the majority of what has dropped out of those races were principally of very ordinary calibre. The Champagne Stakes and Challenge Stakes will probably become a duel between the Yaldhurst and Chokebore stables and the nominations for the balance of the programme is principally confined to South Island horses—and not too many of them. The North Island is principally conspicuous by its absence and it is clear that Riccarton is not the sportsman's Mecca all the year round.

The thoroughbred stock owned by the late Mr H. Craig, of Lawrence, will be submitted to auction at the Beaumont meeting on Easter Monday. The horses include Jane Eyre (Boz—Governess, Lady Somnus (Somnus—Plover Jane), Armour (Casket—Jane Eyre), and Stormy Petrel (Euroclydon—Hula).

A promising looking three-year old trotting bred colt by Belman from Pansy B. was put under the hammer on Saturday last at Wright, Stephenson's sale-yards, but failed to find a new owner. The youngster has since been sold privately.

The Serapion (imp.)—Jane Eyre colt has been named Rochester. Jane Eyre, out of the grand dam of Scotland, the winner of the V.R.C. Newmarket Handicap, and the colt alluded to above, was sold at the Lawrence meeting for less than half a century. Jane Eyre who was foaled in 1891 is to be sold by auction during the Beaumont meeting.

HAWKE'S BAY.

NAPIER, April 8.

The Hawke's Bay J.C. Metropolitan Committee held their monthly meeting at Hastings yesterday. A letter from R. Smyth, complaining that a gentleman rider had broken an engagement, was referred to the Wairoa Racing Club. The payment of 15s a week for six weeks and medical expenses were recommended to be made to D. Watt. It was decided to approve of the Gisborne Racing Club's programme on condition the stakes are raised in accordance with part III. (3) rules of racing. The secretary was instructed to purchase five hospital tickets for the use of injured jockeys and trainers.

The Hawke's Bay J. C. Committee also met yesterday. The use of the race-course was granted to the Hastings Town Band contest next February, on condi-

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tions to be imposed by a sub-committee. The charge for bookmakers at the May meeting was fined at £20, with 10s for clerk, a ring to be formed giving access to both lawn and outside enclosure. The secretary was instructed to take proceedings against owners of stray cattle found on the racecourse.

Seaton Dale has been registered as the joint property of Messrs G. Fairbrother and J. Cameron

Happy Thought's two-year-old son by The Possible, has had the name Harikoa chosen for him. The application is appropriate for the name means in the Maori language, happy joy.

Munster is being used as a hack by his owner Mr H. Simmer.

The holiday Waiariki is having on Temahanga Station is doing him a power of good. San Fran's son has now lost that lazy and tired-out appearance that was so apparent when he was carrying silk.

Should the weight prove in keeping with his owner's ideas, Pantaloon will be seen out at the autumn gathering of the Feilding Club.

Aher, the younger full brother to Moral is now an inmate of Fred Davis' establishment at Hastings.

After seeing the Manawatu meeting through this week T. Quinlivan, junr., takes Arc Light, Aborigine and King Billy on to Auckland with the object of carrying out the contracts entered into on their behalf at the A.R.C. Easter fixture.

Oasis, who was recently purchased by Mr Stodbolt, of Waipukurau, is being used by that sport for hacking purposes. It is more than probable that the new owner of Jet d'Eau's erratic son will give him a go at the Waipukurau gathering on Easter Monday.

The yearling full brother to Dawn and Idealist are now pupils of A. Woods at Greenmeadows.

Arthur Goodwin, who, in days gone by, used to educate Mr T. H. Lowry's string, is breaking out into a fresh line of business, for he made his debut as a starter at the late Waipawa meeting and his services have been secured by the Waipukurau J.C. for a similar office at their annual meeting on Easter Monday.

Olympus the half brother to Impulse by Phoebus Apollo, is to be given a course of studies over the hurdles in the near future. Olympus last season, in the hunting field, showed a fair amount of talent at the leaping business.

John Quinlivan informs me that he will shortly arrive at Hastings with Ellerton and Barley. During his sojourn on the West Coast of the South Island he has more than held his own at turning out winners, and from all accounts has gained the confidence of his patrons.

Water o' Milk is now being trained by Mr Ni Puna, of Arapawanui.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, April 8.

George Price rode two winners at the Manaia Hack Meeting. He was to have gone to Nelson, where he could have had three or four mounts, but not being too well did not take on the trip.

Mr. W. Blyth, owner of the stallion Motor (by Hotchkiss—Mantilla) intends leaving Wanganui this week en route for Sydney. His brother (Mr. E. Blythe) left Wellington with the horse last week. It is hardly likely that the horse will return to New Zealand, as several inquiries have been made by New South Wales sportsmen as to the price of the son of Hotchkiss, and more than one good offer has been made.

Mr. W. Blythe will probably take a jumper or two over with him, and the brothers anticipate no difficulty in getting rid of same on the "other side," where Mr. E. Blythe is well known. He has been commissioned to purchase some young blood stock whilst in Australia for New Zealand racing men.

There is some talk of Belario being schooled over the hurdles, and it would not surprise the writer to find the son of The Officer turn out a tip-top hurdler if put to that game.

I understand that for the future

Irish Rifle will be trained for sprinting alone, and not asked to race over a distance. The Musketry gelding is a brilliant customer, and perhaps a mistake has been made in the past in not keeping him for short races, though I fancy he would shine over hurdles, a game at which his half-brother (Shrapnel) has proved so successful.

Mr. J. Bull, who owns Belario, Irish Rifle, Mahoe, and Daisy Paul, has engaged the well-known rider Harry Taite to do his riding during the jumping season.

Mr. W. Blythe has just taken in hand a two-year-old colt by Malatua. The youngster is a beauty to look at, and should pay his way handsomely on the track.

Moeraki appears to have been given a very fair chance in the Steeplechase at Auckland at Easter, and as A. McConnon has been engaged to ride him, he is likely to take some beating.

Dear Dolly, the daughter of Brigadier, has been spoken of as a likely candidate for jumping honours, but I understand that her owner has no intention of putting her over sticks. She will not be raced again until the May meeting of the Wanganui J.C., a wise resolve, as she has had a lot of racing this season, and has proved very successful.

Mr. Con. Hammond, the well-known Rangitikei sportsman, recently purchased Royal Blue, and that jumper is to be given to A. Atwood, the Feilding trainer, to prepare for future events.

Mr. Hammond had the bad luck to lose Peruvian last week, the horse falling while being schooled at Feilding and breaking his neck. He was a splendid jumper, too.

W. Higgins, the well-known cross-country rider, had his shoulder put out at Feilding last week through getting a spiller while schooling a hurdler. "Billy" had his left side very badly bruised, in addition. He has been one of the most unlucky riders we have had. It is to be hoped that he will soon be seen in the saddle again, as he is still one of the best and most dashing riders in the Dominion.

Xavier is after all to be given another chance to distinguish himself on the track, and will be got ready for the winter hurdling events.

The Lark and Nightmare were to represent the Fordell stable at the Manawatu meeting.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, April 8.

The Canterbury Jockey Club's Easter meeting promises none too well. The acceptances for the club's principal handicaps constitute a record that no racing club would care to beat. Fifteen horses only have paid first acceptance in the C.J.C. Great Easter out of 62 handicapped, whilst eight are all that are left after first payment out of a total of 39 which were dealt with by the club's weight adjuster. As the added money to the Easter and Autumn Handicaps is in each case £1000, the value of the stake should alone have insured the presence at Riccarton on Easter Monday of all the best horses included in the original nominations.

The Auckland Racing Club's Easter Handicap, although only worth 650 sovs, has drawn an acceptance of twenty-five horses, including representatives from stables distant from Auckland, and presided over by the well-known trainers Messrs. J. Prosser, T. Quinlivan, S. Waddell, M. McGrath, H. McManaway, and H. Eva. Their charges include Gold Crest, Marguerite, King Billy, Moriarty, Dawn, Moloch, and Uliando. The presence at Ellerslie of such a number of high-class racehorses is flattering to the officials of the A.R.C., especially as the majority of the horses named have been withdrawn from the richly-endowed C.J.C. handicaps in favour of the much less valuable A.R.C. events.

With the exception of the Hon. J. D. Ormond's team, only five North Island-owned horses have continued their C.J.C. Easter and Autumn Handicap engagements, viz., Full Rate, Contender, Prism and Mr. Moore's pair, Carlissima and Signor, and, as some of these may not survive the final payments, the erstwhile popular C.J.C. fixture will lack interest so far as North Island sports are concerned. The position seems to be that North Island racing clubs are year by year increasing in favour and importance, and with so many good stakes on offer at Easter time racing men can pick and choose where to go, and obviously they cannot be expected to proceed where their prospects are the least promising. It would seem only a matter of time when each racing club issuing an Easter programme

will be left with no other support than that of the horses that are locally owned and trained.

Mr. Prosser is reported to have sold his pair of hurdlers, Maul and Atahua, to D. Price. The latter takes delivery forthwith, and the pair will, it is said, be taken to Australia. Prosser has the hurdlers Exmoor, Pawa and Playmate in work. The latter pair will be seen out at the W.R.C. autumn meeting.

Marguerite, Gold Crest, Swimming Belt, Kurawaka and Diabolo are under orders for Auckland, and all going well will leave for Ellerslie at the conclusion of the Manawatu Racing Club's autumn fixture.

J. McConnon, who rides Prosser's hurdle horses, anticipated visiting Auckland to ride Atahua. So far he has received no definite information with reference to the sale of Prosser's jumpers, but does not now expect to assist at the A.R.C. Easter meeting.

A few local racing men assisted at the Nelson Jockey Club's annual fixture last week. They report that the attendance was fairly good, no doubt owing to the splendid weather that prevailed. Narcotic and Hiro secured respectively the principal handicap on each day, the opposition being very weak and the fields poor, except in the trotting races. Visitors report having experienced an enjoyable trip, and are well pleased with the courtesy extended them by the club's officials.

The syndicate in whose interest unregistered pony meetings are being conducted in the neighbourhood of Wellington have been the subject of some scathing articles in the columns of a section of the press that refused the syndicate's advertisements. The executive of the Council of Churches, per Rev. J. J. North, has taken a hand in denouncing the syndicate. It is alleged that the majority of the patrons of the pony racecourse consists of boys and youths, with whom it is illegal to make bets. The better class of sports seem of the opinion that unregistered racing is undesirable, and in consequence they refrain from attending the gatherings.

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J. KIRKER,
General Manager.

Auckland, April 7th, 1908.



REGISTRATION OF FACTORIES.

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NOTICE TO SHOPKEEPERS.

The form Return "D" recently sent out to shopkeepers is required to be sent in fully filled in without delay.

Postage on all letters to the Department must be prepaid, otherwise they cannot be accepted.

JAMES SHANAGHAN,
Inspector of Factories.

"THE ELECTORAL ACT, 1905."
CLOSING OF GENERAL ROLL OF ELECTORS.

Notice is hereby given that the General or Main Roll of Electors will close for Printing on the 15th APRIL, 1908, and it is desirable that all Electors who are qualified to have their Names added to the Roll of their Electoral District should make application for enrolment to the local Registrar of Electors on or before that date.

Forms for enrolment are obtainable at the offices of the Registrar of Electors, and at all Post Offices throughout the Electorates.

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From Wednesday, 15th April, to Tuesday, 28th April, an extra express train will leave Thames for Auckland at 9.40 a.m. daily.

On Thursday, 16th April, a train will leave Auckland for Rotorua at 10.0 p.m., returning leave Rotorua for Auckland at 7.15 p.m. on Monday, 20th April.

THURSDAY, 16th APRIL, 1908.
The usual 4.15 p.m. train from Auckland will run through to Cambridge.

A train will leave Auckland for Mercer at 7.12 p.m.
The usual 4.40 p.m. Helensville train will leave Auckland at 6.10 p.m. and will run through to Kaukapakapa.

GOOD FRIDAY, 17th APRIL, 1908.
On this date the following trains will run:—

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- 7.0 a.m. and 4.40 p.m. Auckland to Kaukapakapa.
- 7.30 a.m. and 3.20 p.m. Helensville to Auckland.
- 7.50 a.m. and 4.15 p.m. Auckland to Frankton.
- 10.0 a.m. and 1.40 p.m. and 2.50 p.m. Frankton to Auckland.
- 10.0 a.m. express train Auckland to Rotorua and Cambridge.
- 10.35 a.m. express train Auckland to Thames, Waihi, and Taumarunui.
- The express trains from Rotorua and Thames to Auckland.

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A Special Train will leave Auckland for Te Aroha at 6.50 a.m., returning leaving Te Aroha at 4.30 p.m.

EASTER MONDAY, 20th APRIL, 1908.

The 10.50 a.m. train Auckland to Helensville, 12.30 p.m. train Helensville to Auckland, 3.20 a.m. train Mercer to Auckland, and 12.45 p.m. trains Auckland to Mercer will not run.
A train will leave Auckland for Helensville at 8.0 a.m., arriving Helensville 10.45 a.m. Return train will leave Helensville for Auckland at 5.10 p.m.
A train will leave Hamilton for Ellerslie Racecourse at 7.0 a.m.
The usual 4.40 p.m. Helensville train will leave Auckland at 6.20 p.m., and will run to Kaukapakapa.
A train will leave Auckland for Mercer at 7.12 p.m.

AUCKLAND RACES, 18th, 20th, AND 21st APRIL, 1908.
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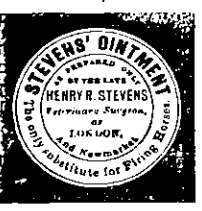
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BOWLING.

THE AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

The single-handed tourney for the bowling championship of Australasia will be played in Sydney at Easter, commencing on Good Friday. Owing to the nominations of the New Zealand bowlers and players from other States, much interest is being centred in the event. Last year a Victorian bowler, Mr. W. Stephens, of Canterbury, carried off the laurels.

Auckland defeated Ponsonby in a twelve-rink match on Saturday by 134 to 105. The match was chiefly remarkable for the number of lopsided games played, this being caused by "all sorts and conditions" of players being utilised, owing to the difficulty in filling so many rinks.

Grey Lynn beat Mount Eden in a two-rink match by 48 to 40.

O'Loughlan has beaten Ralfe by 17-15 and 22-16 in the semi-final of the Devonport championship.

Rocky Nook first-year's players badly worsted Auckland's team on Saturday, winning by 25 to 9.

W. Bain has won the first-year championship of the Rocky Nook Club.

Otahuu defeated Onehunga in a two-rink match on Saturday by 46 to 42.

Three rinks from the Thames visited Te Aroha on Saturday and won by 70 to 54.

J. Williams, the Northern champion, and J. Murdoch, the Southern champion, recently met to decide the single championship of Tasmania. The match was played in a gale, some fierce gusts making the conditions very baffling. Williams won by 25 to 16.

The veteran McIntosh has beaten that rising young player Ernie Clarke for the championship of the Onehunga Club by a single point.

Entries for the Easter Tournament close with Mr. A. M. Bryden at the Sports Club to-night.

Some clubs have been very lax in getting their Easter teams picked, while practice has been almost a dead letter. Last Saturday should have been devoted to practice with a view to greater combination, but some players preferred to go over to Carlton and represent the late N.S.W. touring team. It is about time this team disbanded, for at best it was only a holiday picnic affair, and not in any sense a representative one. To sacrifice club interests for the sake of keeping the late touring team together is not in the best interests of the game.

According to a Southern paper, the United Bowling Club have decided to form a winter bowling club, which will be the first of its kind in New Zealand. The bowling green, it may be remarked, is so well drained that it does not retain the water. But what about the Carlton Club, which has run winter bowling very successfully for several seasons?

The New Zealand bowlers in Victoria will meet South Melbourne tomorrow, and Ballarat on Saturday. They play against South Australia on April 13 and 14, returning to Melbourne; leave for Sydney on Wednesday, April 15. The team comprises 30 players, viz., Messrs. Gibson (Patea), Thompson (Wellington), A. S. Bishop, Manning, A. Bishop, Bunting, Gee, Maynard, Neave, Chegwin, Johnston, and Stubberfield (Christchurch), D. Thomas (Ashburton), Goldstone and Colman (Waimate), Waddell (president of the New Zealand Bowling Association, Oamaru), Allnut, Bently, and Scoullar (Dunedin), Bastings (Port Chalmers), McGibbon and Martin (Gore), Hain, W. Martin, A. E. Smith, Findlay, Wallace, G. Smyth, Proad, Galbraith (Invercargill). Mr. E. Cohen (Dunedin)

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Give me a song, a trusty friend,
Give me the wiles of beauty's smiles,
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is accompanying the team as press representative. It is expected that the following bowlers will join the party at Sydney:—Messrs. Easter, Maddison, Brown (Christchurch), McIlwrick (Dunedin), Ledger (Wellington), the Rev. Heywood (Napier).

HOCKEY.

THE PONSONBY CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The second annual general meeting of the Ponsonby Hockey Club took place last week in the Leys Institute, Ponsonby. Mr. C. H. Poole, M.P. (president of the club) occupied the chair, and there was a good number of members present. The annual report and balance-sheet were read and adopted. The prospects for the coming season were considered very good, many new members being enrolled, and it is anticipated that at least three teams will be entered for championship competitions. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. C. H. Poole, M.P. (re-elected); vice-presidents, Messrs. C. Leys, W. B. Leyland, M. Casey, Bedford, H. Cleal; secretary, Mr. G. W. Corbridge; treasurer, Mr. J. A. Gentles (re-elected); committee, Messrs. Murray, Coleman, Young; selectors, Messrs. Young and Donovan, acting in conjunction with team captains; delegates to Hockey Association, Messrs. Murray and Young; auditor, Mr. J. Furness. Owing to the increased ground fees the annual subscription was raised to 15s for seniors and 12s 6d for juniors.

THE EPSOM CLUB.

The first annual meeting of the Epsom Hockey Club was held last week, and was well attended. The secretary's report on the previous year's performances was well received, considerable credit being due to the club for the manner in which they annexed the second junior championship and caps, with the loss of only one match, and an aggregate score of 54 goals for and seven against. The club also won matches against Hau-raki and Ellerslie first juniors. The usual business was gone through and officers for the coming year elected as follows:—President, the Rev. T. A. Williams (re-elected); vice-presidents, Messrs. W. E. Hutchison (re-elected), W. E. Bush, H. Dearsly, W. A. Harvey, and J. Bolland; hon. secretary, Mr. F. H. Beecroft; treasurer, Mr. G. Roberts (re-elected); Management Committee, Messrs. Beecroft, McCowan, Piper, Easthope, Harvey.

The soccer football match between England and Scotland at Glasgow resulted in a draw, each side getting a goal. No less than 130,000 attended the match.

Melbourne II. put up a record for the first wicket on Saturday against North Melbourne. When stumps were drawn the score read 412 for one wicket (Johnson 184 not out, Jennings 178 not out).

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

APRIL 29 AND MAY 2.
AVONDALE HANDICAP.—Leonator, Lord Seaton, Lira, Montigo, Carl Rosa, Veronica, Delegate, Certainty, Celtic, Scotty, Uranium, Starina, Te Aroha, Advocate, Pohutu, Lucrece, Le Beau, Foremost, First Gun, Cambrian.
AUTUMN HANDICAP.—Leonator, Lord Seaton, Lira, Tui Cakobau, Montigo, Lochbuhie, Carl Rosa, Celerity, Veronica, Delegate, Certainty, Maheno, Uranium, Miss Winnie, Starina, Te Aroha, Advocate, Pohutu, Lady Rohina, Lucrece, Le Beau, Foremost, First Gun, Cambrian.
RAILWAY HANDICAP.—Soulmaid, Leonator, Tui Cakobau, Lochbuhie, Frederick, Wauchope, Foremost, Uranium, Miss Winnie, Marangia, Loongana, Golden Eagle, Haldane, Lady Rohina, Royal Soult, Kirsty, Tui Kitua, Cambrian.
STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP.—Good Faith, Tui, Pierre, Inniskillen, Cavaliero, Ranana, Irish, Cinque, Matakokiri, Dolores, Cachuca, Yvette, Kapakapa, Putaruru, Bullworth, Silica, Loch Fyne.

HANDICAPS. AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

APRIL 18.

TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP of 200 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.—Leonator 9.0, Arclight 8.12, Scotty 8.10, Carl Rosa 8.9, Advocate 8.8, Delegate 8.6,

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Sweet Alice 8.5, Lucrece 8.4, Lady Hune 8.3, Montigo 8.1, Kurawaka 8.1, Uenuku 7.13, Lord Seaton 7.2, Syren 7.1, Woodhey 7.1, Starina 6.13, Port Light 6.13.
EDEN HANDICAP of 150sovs. Seven furlongs.—Mahuta 9.0, Uranium 8.11, Veronica 8.7, Lucrece 8.6, Celtic 8.4, Tui Cakobau 8.1, Miss Winnie 7.12, Loongana 7.12, North Head 7.12, Landlock 7.9, Lochbuhie 7.8, Manapouri 7.7, Waihuka 7.4, Maheno 6.13, Taitoko 6.12.

TRAMWAY HANDICAP of 150sovs. Five furlongs.—King Billy 9.3, Cambrian 9.2, Miss Winnie 8.7, Black and Gold 8.3, Tamainupo 8.2, Gold Thread 8.2, Loongana 8.1, Guidwife 8.0, Finery 8.0, North Head 7.13, Noteorini 7.10, Lochbuhie 7.9, Marangai 7.8, Waihuka 7.4, Foremost 7.4, Wauchope 7.4, Lady Rohina 7.4, Duart 7.3, Kirsty 7.3, Frederick 7.2, Quadron 7.1, Stylish 6.11, Haldane 6.11, Waihoihoi 6.11.

NELSON HANDICAP of 100sovs. Seven furlongs.—Freemount 9.0, Royal Soult 8.12, Dardanus 8.12, Clochette 8.9, Aristocrat 8.7, First Gun 8.7, Dogger Bank 8.6, Cadence 8.6, Explosive 8.5, Tui 8.5, Auldearn 8.4, Waitahi 8.4, Castadrift 8.4, Wharekura 8.4, Baltimore 8.4, Mark Time 8.1, Cyrona 7.11, Lira 7.10, Escamillo 7.7, Tera 7.7, Tui Kitua 7.7, Epsom Lass 7.3, English 7.3, Kotikid 7.3.

VICTORIA HANDICAP of 150sovs. Five furlongs.—Master Soult 9.1, Diamond Star 8.8, Artillerie 8.8, Chanteuse 8.5, Santa Rosa 8.5, Rarata 8.0, Talepitcher 7.12, Waimangu 7.8, Lady Minnie 7.0, Belle Clair filly 7.0, Coromandel 6.13, Rimlock 6.10, Jena 6.10.

ACCEPTANCES.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

EASTER HANDICAP, one mile.—Marguerite 9.4, Gold Crest 9.0, Master Delaval 8.8, Unlindo (including 7lb penalty) 8.7, King Billy 8.6, Mahuta 8.5, Uranium 8.2, Cambrian 8.1, Dawn 8.0, Moloch 7.12, Veronica 7.12, Soultline 7.11, Celtic 7.9, Leonator 7.9, Te Aroha 7.5, Carl Rosa 7.4, Advocate 7.3, Tamainupo 7.2, Rauparaha 7.1, Delegate 7.1, Loongana 7.0, Certainty 6.13, Miss Winnie 6.13, Golden Eagle 6.12, Lady Rohina 6.12.

AUTUMN STEEPLECHASE, about three miles and a-half.—Kiatere 13.3, Inniskillen 10.12, Irish 10.7, Loch Fyne 10.3, Cinque 10.1, Silica 9.13, Pierre 9.13, Moeraki 9.11, Kapakapa 9.9, Good Faith 9.7.

BRIGHTON HURDLE RACE, two miles.—Shrapnel 11.10, Cuiragno 11.9, Paritutu 11.6, Hautapu 11.3, Lady Hune 10.11, Le Beau 10.11, Kiatere 10.4, Dolores 10.4, Atahua 10.4, Omati 10.2, Cachuca 10.0, Claremont 10.0, Ironmouth 9.3, Silica 9.3, Loch Fyne 9.3, Ranana 9.0, Kapakapa 9.0, Good Faith 9.0.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

DONCASTER HANDICAP, one mile.—Scotland 9.7, North Head 9.1, Elevation 9.1, Melodrama 8.13, Welcome Trust 8.7, Lord Fitzroy 8.7, Lord Merv 8.6, Sivorzi 8.4, Bright Steel 8.3, Gaby 8.2, Legation 8.2, The Castaway 8.1, Luciana 7.12, Decollette 7.12, Maitine 7.12, The Climax 7.10, Lady Rylstone 7.9, The Owl 7.9, Tangaroo 7.9, Electron 7.8, Absentee 7.6, Rose Ray 7.6, Dixie 7.6, War Bee 7.4, Togo 7.4, Black Mark 7.4, Camera 7.2, Oboe 7.0, Proprietor 7.0, Argea 7.0, Longchamps 7.0, Duke of Clarence 7.0, Fille Fogi 6.10, Snowy River 6.10, Maranui 6.10, Jolly Kate 6.7, Rouvray 6.7.

A.J.C. LEGER one mile and three-quarters.

Mr W. E. White's b c Welcome Trust, by Sir Tristram (imp.)—Welcome Queenie
Mr. E. Frazer's br c Black Mark, by Grafton (imp.)—Disgrace
Messrs. A. Knox and C. Barlow's br c King's Cross, by Grafton (imp.)—Crossfire
Hon. A. Wynne's br c Sivorzi, by Grafton (imp.)—Silver Coin
Hon. A. Wynne's br c Peru, by Grafton (imp.)—Silver Coin
Mr. J. McDonald's ch c Mountain King, by Wallace—Bonnie Rosette
Mr. W. T. Nowlan's br g Duke of Clarence, by Grafton (imp.)—Queen Agnes
Messrs. A. M. Rouse and R. D. Barry's blk c Receptus, by Regained—Bonnette
Mr. C. N. Kidman's b f Gunshot, by Ligth Artillery—Moama
Mr. F. C. Luttrell's b c Posture, by Positano (imp.)—Bangle (imp.)
Mr. J. H. Davis' br c Sleepy Jack, by Grafton (imp.)—Tarlee.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

APRIL 21.

GREAT EASTER HANDICAP of 1000 sovs, seven furlongs.—Zimmerman 9.1, Glenculloch 8.8, Full Rate 8.6, Petrovna 8.4, Buccleuch 8.4, Gold Beater 8.3, All Red 8.3, Cross Battery 7.12, Kairoma 7.9, Paragon 7.6, Contender 7.4, Clanchattan 6.12, All Guns 6.12, Carissima 6.9, Prim 6.8.

GREAT AUTUMN HANDICAP of 1000sovs, one mile and a-half.—Zimmerman 9.3, Buccleuch 8.2, Glenculloch 8.1, Paragon 7.8, Lipland 7.7, Gwendolina 7.4, Stratagem 7.2, Signor 6.13.

PAYMENTS.

The following remain in after the final payments:—
CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 650sovs. For two-year-olds: Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies, 8st 8lb. Six furlongs.
Mr. A. C. M. Sinclair's Succession
Mr. A. C. M. Sinclair's Possession
Mr. George G. Stead's Golden Slipper
Mr. George G. Stead's Elysium
Mr. George G. Stead's Armlct
Sir George Clifford's Husbandman
Sir George Clifford's Fleetfoot
Mr. J. Ellis' Beneform
Mr. J. Ellis' My Lawyer
Mr. R. J. Paterson's br c by Stepniak—Royal Plumes.

Woods' Great Peppermint Cure for Coughs and Colds never fails. 1s 6d and 2s 6d.

After the second payments the following remain in

THE SIXTEENTH CHALLENGE STAKES of 650sovs. For two-year-olds and upwards. Weight-for-age, with penalties and allowances. Seven furlongs.

Mr. F. Moore's Carissima
Mr. Geo. G. Stead's Boniform
Mr. Geo. G. Stead's Golden Slipper
Mr. Geo. G. Stead's Armet
Manawatu Stud Company's Platinum
Manawatu Stud Company's ch c, by Seaton Delaval—Certificate
Mr. M. Moore's Sir Frisco
Mr. C. Weal's Campaigner
Mr. F. H. Pyne's Nancy Stair
Sir George Clifford's Glenculloch
Sir George Clifford's Husbandman
Sir George Clifford's Fleetfoot
Mr. J. Buckley's All Red
Mr. C. Machell's All Guns
Mr. J. Ellis' Beneform.

TURF RESULTS.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The Auckland Trotting Club's Autumn Meeting commenced on Saturday. There was a good attendance, and the racing was fairly interesting. The sum of £2440 was handled at the totalisator, while fourteen bookmakers were present. The results were as follows:—

MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP of 25sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. One mile and a-half.

Mr. C. R. Leigh's b g John Harold, 4yrs, by Little John—Harold mare, 7s. (Mabee) 1
Mr. Francis Quin's gr g Mark Scott, 5yrs, 9s. (Crotty) 2
Mr. T. Wallace's b m Victorine, aged, 9s. (Hamilton) 3
Also started: Victor Royal 1s., Rita W. 4s., Maungapo 6s., St. Patrick 6s., Norrington 6s., Orakei 7s., Minnie B. 9s., Cora Bell 10s., Dolly G. 10s.; Elba 11s., Maud G. 13s.
Won by 20 yards. Time, 4m. 11s.

TROTTING HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. One mile and a-half.

Mr. D. May's b g Daydawn, aged, by Judge Belden, 20s. (May) 1
Mr. W. Perrin's, jun., b m Seacole, aged, 16s. (Perrin) 2
Mr. S. Tanner's b g Stranger, aged, 3s. (Crotty) 3
Also started: Le Rosier 1s., Craigaruskey 7s., Cleveland's Pride 10s., Miss Vola 15s., Bert 16s., Cavalier 20s., Major Election 22s., Fibre 22s.
Won by 40 yards. Time, 4m. 7 4-5s.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3in and under. Six furlongs and a-half.

Mr. T. Davies' b m Waihou, 5yrs, by Soult—Fairytale, 9 4 (Ackroyd) 1
Mr. J. Murphy's ch h Octoroon, 4yrs, 8.12 (Watkins) 2
Mr. J. Knott's b m Cyrona, 5yrs, 8.11 (R. E. Brown) 3
Also started: Hughie 8.12.
Won by three lengths. Time, 1m. 27s.

STEWARDS' HANDIAP TROT of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Two miles.

Mr. J. Brady's br g Little Paul, aged, by Wilmington, 18s. (Crotty) 1
Mr. W. A. Scott's blk g All Night, aged, 9s. (Scott) 2
Messrs. J. and H. Jones' blk h Craigaruskey, aged, 17s. (J. Jones) 3
Also started: Maplewood scratch, Viscount 5s., Lady Love 7s., Duke C. 9s., Kohine 10s., Huon Leal 13s., Happy 15s., Agnes B. 20s.
Won by 10 yards. Time, 5m. 18 4-5s.

MIDDLE-CLASS HANDICAP TROT of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. One mile and a-half.

Mr. C. R. Leigh's b g John Harold, 4yrs, by Little John—Harold mare, 10s., including 6s. penalty (Mabee) 1
Mr. J. Molloy's br g Bogey, aged, scratch (Hawkins) 2
Mr. R. Nicholls' ch m Miss Vola, aged, 7s. (Hamilton) 3
Also started: Harold Huon 6s., Royal Albert 7s., Nat Gould 10s., Pukerimu 10s., Major Election 14s., Orakei 16s.
Won by 20 yards. Time, 3m. 59 3-5s.

CORNWALL HANDICAP TROT of 40 sovs. second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. One mile.

Mr. H. Gladding's b g Robex, aged, by Rothschild, 11s. (Scott) 1
Mr. T. M. Wells blk g V.S., aged, 13s. 2
Mr. F. H. Ridder's br h Specialist, 6yrs, scratch (Hamilton) 3
Also started: Austrey 1s., Eureka 9s., Susie Hue 9s.
Won by two yards. Time, 2m. 33 3-5s.

FLYING HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3in and under. Five furlongs.

Mr. S. Williams' ch m Imprimus, 4yrs, by Phoebus Apollo—St. Amy, 7.12 (R. E. Brown) 1
Mr. T. Davies' b m Waihou, 5yrs, 9.12, including 7lb penalty (Ackroyd) 2
Mr. J. J. Powell's b g Paul Beaver, 5yrs, 6.9 (Whittaker) 3
Also started: Quadroon 8.12.
Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1m. 6 1-5s.

ELECTRIC TROT HANDIAP of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. One mile.

Mrs. Moore's b g Happy, aged, by Imperious—Woodbine, 9s. (Moore) 1
Mr. G. Herbert's b g Colenso, aged, 11s. (Herbert) 2
Mr. J. Burfoot's b m Black Rose, aged, 14s. (Orange) 3
Also started: Taihoa 7s., Macquarrie 14s., Iago 16s., Bert 16s.
Won by a yard. Time, 2m. 41 3-5s.

THE WAIPA RACING CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual race meeting of the Waipa Racing Club took place on the Te Awamutu course on Wednesday. The attendance and the fields were both on the small side, but the racing throughout was interesting. The following were the results:—

HANDICAP HURDLES.—Hillflower 1, Baritone 2, Anna Lombard 3.
GREEN HILL HANDICAP.—Rosewood 1, King 2, Rosette 3.
TE AWAMUTU CUP.—Miss Crispin 1, Henry Havelock 2, Leonette 3.
MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP.—Frevata 1, Sentry 2, Gunlight 3. A protest entered against the winner for jostling was not upheld, but the riders of the first and second horses were cautioned.
HANDICAP TROT.—Plaintiff 1, Dorothy Dean 2, Verbeen 3.
FLYING HANDICAP.—Miss Crispin 1, Memo 2, Henry Havelock 3.
KIHIKIHI PLATE.—Liberty 1, Hokimai 2, Gunlight 3.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

President: John Bolland, Esq., M.H.R. Vice-president: A. M. Myers, Esq. Judge: John Bolland, Esq., M.H.R. Stewards: Messrs. M. Foley (chairman), John Bolland, M.H.R., Robert Duder, Donald McLeod, Chas. Grey, Jos. May, J. W. Russell, A. Davis, C. S. H. McKinney, Dr. Sharman. Starter: Mr. C. O'Connor Handicapper: Mr. Robt. Wynyard. Treasurer: Mr. A. Davis. Clerk of Course: Mr. A. Selby. Clerk of Scales: Mr. F. W. Marks. Hon. Vets.: Messrs. E. D. Halstead and Chas. Halstead. Secretary: Mr. H. H. Hayr.

AUTUMN MEETING.

(Passed by the Metropolitan Club).

FIRST DAY,
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1908.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 50sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, two miles.

OAKLEY HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

JUVENILE HANDICAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of

stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

AVONDALE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of stake. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

CHEVALIER HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 50sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, four furlongs.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stake. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

SECOND DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 2, 1908.

MAIDEN HANDICAP HURDLES of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race of the value of 80sovs, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

FLYING HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, four furlongs.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 130sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Distance, one mile.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, about three miles.

MOUNT ROSKILL HANDICAP of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 40sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

WAITAKEREI HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stake. Winner of Flying or Autumn Handicaps to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC., AUTUMN MEETING.

With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.J.C.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 1908, by 9 p.m.
NOMINATIONS.
Avondale Handicap 1sov, Autumn Handicap 1sov, Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Railway Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 (General Entry), by 9 p.m.
Maiden Plate Handicap 1sov, Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Oakley Handicap 1sov, Juvenile Handicap 1sov, First Pony Handicap 1sov, Chevalier Handicap 1sov, Flying Handicap 1sov, Second Pony Handicap 1sov, Nursery Handicap 1sov, Mount Roskill Handicap 1sov, Waitakereti Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, by 9 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES.
Maiden Plate Handicap 1sov, Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Oakley Handicap 1 sov, Avondale Handicap 3sovs, First Pony Handicap 1sov, Juvenile Handicap 1sov, Chevalier Handicap 1sov, Railway Handicap 1sov.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, by 9 p.m.
Maiden Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Flying Handicap 1sov, Second Pony Handicap 1sov, Autumn Handicap 2sovs, Nursery Handicap 1sov, Handicap Steeplechase 1sov, Mount Roskill Handicap 1sov, Waitakereti Handicap 1sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

ON OR ABOUT MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1908.
Avondale Handicap, Railway Handicap.

ON OR ABOUT MONDAY, APRIL 20.
Maiden Plate Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, Oakley Handicap, Juvenile Handicap, First Pony Handicap, Chevalier Handicap.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, Morning Paper.
Maiden Handicap Hurdles, Flying Handicap, Second Pony Handicap, Autumn Handicap, Nursery Handicap, Handicap Steeplechase, Mount Roskill Handicap, Waitakereti Handicap.

HARRY H. HAYR, Secretary.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

PROGRAMME FOR WINTER MEETING, SATURDAY AND MONDAY, 23rd and 25th MAY, 1908.

OFFICERS:

President: Dr. Earle. Vice-President: H. N. Harrison. Timekeeper: A. E. T. Nixon. Judge: W. H. Hartgill. Starter: J. Coombe, Handicapper, Geo.sov.,

Morse. Clerk of Scales: H. M. Speed. Clerk of Course: G. T. Lynch. Hon. Surgeon: Dr. Hatherly. Hon. Veterinary Surgeon: Maxwell Edgar. Stewards: President, Vice-President, and Treasurer (ex officio), and Messrs. Jas. Watt, E. A. Campbell, G. Marshall, James Higgle, D. Campion and Allan Cameron. Committee: E. A. Campbell (chairman), President and Hon. Treasurer (ex officio), and Messrs. Allan Cameron, D. Campion, James Higgle, H. W. Hole, G. Marshall, James Watt, J. F. Cutfield, H. M. Speed, R. Russell, and C. G. Russell. Hon. Treasurer, J. H. Nixon. Secretary, W. Hall.

FIRST DAY. SATURDAY, 23rd MAY, 1908.

1. **BOROUGH HANDICAP** of 125 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 2 sovs. To start at 12 noon.

2. **WANGANUI STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP** of 400 sovs.; second horse to receive 40 sovs., and third horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stakes. Over the Wanganui Steeplechase course; distance, about three miles. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 3 sovs. To start at 12.45 p.m.

3. **ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP** of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, five furlongs. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 1.30 p.m.

4. **MAY HURDLE HANDICAP** of 150 sovs., second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, about one mile and three-quarters; over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 2 sovs. To start at 2.10 p.m.

5. **KAITOKE HACK HURDLE HANDICAP** of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. About one mile and three-quarters over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 2.45 p.m.

6. **CONNOLLY HANDICAP** of 250 sovs.; second horse to receive 40 sovs., and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a distance. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 3 sovs. To start at 3.30 p.m.

7. **PURUA HACK FLAT HANDICAP** of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse five sovs. from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 4.15 p.m.

SECOND DAY. MONDAY, 25th MARCH, 1908.

1. **WINTER OATS HANDICAP** of 150 sovs.; second horse to receive 20 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 2 sovs. To start at 12 noon.

2. **GRANDSTAND STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP** of 150 sovs., second horse to receive 20 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. Distance about two and a-half miles; over such course as the Stewards shall direct. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 2 sovs. To start at 12.45 p.m.

3. **BALGOWNIE HACK HANDICAP** of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a distance. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 1.30 p.m.

4. **CENTURY HURDLE HANDICAP** of 300 sovs.; second horse to receive 40 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs. from the stakes. About two miles and a distance; over eight flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 3 sovs. To start at 2.30 p.m.

5. **RATA HACK HURDLE HANDICAP** of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. About one mile and five furlongs; over six flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 3 p.m.

6. **FINAL STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP** of 120 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, about two miles. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 3.30 p.m.

7. **FAREWELL HACK FLAT HANDICAP** of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 4.15 p.m.

PENALTIES.

The winner of any steeplechase after declaration of weights to carry 10lb. penalty in a steeplechase; of any hurdle race, to carry 10lb. penalty in a hurdle race; and of any flat race, to carry 7lb., two or more such races, 10lb. penalty in a flat race. No penalty will be required in an open race for having won a hack race or races.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

And Amounts to be forwarded to Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24th, 1908, at 9 p.m.
NOMINATIONS.—Borough Handicap, 1 sov.; Wanganui Steeplechase, 1 sov.; Electric Hack Handicap, 1 sov.; May Hurdles Handicap, 1 sov.; Kaitoke Hack Hurdles, 1 sov.; Connolly Handicap, 1 sov.; Purua Hack Flat Handicap, 1 sov.; Winter Oats, 1sov; Grandstand Steeplechase, 1 sov.; Balgownie Hack Flat, 1 sov.; Century Hurdles Handicap, 1sov.; Rata Hack Hurdles, 1 sov.; Final Steeplechase Handicap, 1 sov.; Farewell Hack Flat Handicap, 1 sov.

SATURDAY, MAY 9th, 1908 (on or about)
WEIGHTS.—For First Day's Races and Century Hurdles.

FRIDAY, MAY 15th, 1908, at 9 p.m.—ACCEPTANCES.—Borough Handicap, 2 sovs.; Wanganui Steeplechase, 3 sovs.; Electric Hack Handicap, 1 sov.; May Hurdle Handicap, 2 sovs.; Connolly Handicap, 3 sovs.; Kaitoke Hack Hurdles, 1 sov.; Purua Hack Flat Handicap, 1 sov.; Century Hurdle Handicap, 3sovs.

SATURDAY, MAY 16th, 1908, at 9 p.m.—ACCEPTANCES.—Borough Handicap, 2 sovs.; Wanganui Steeplechase, 3 sovs.; Electric Hack Handicap, 1 sov.; May Hurdle Handicap, 2 sovs.; Connolly Handicap, 3 sovs.; Kaitoke Hack Hurdles, 1 sov.; Purua Hack Flat Handicap, 1 sov.; Century Hurdle Handicap, 3sovs.

FRIDAY, MAY 15th, 1908, at 9 p.m.—ACCEPTANCES.—Borough Handicap, 2 sovs.; Wanganui Steeplechase, 3 sovs.; Electric Hack Handicap, 1 sov.; May Hurdle Handicap, 2 sovs.; Connolly Handicap, 3 sovs.; Kaitoke Hack Hurdles, 1 sov.; Purua Hack Flat Handicap, 1 sov.; Century Hurdle Handicap, 3sovs.

FRIDAY, MAY 15th, 1908, at 9 p.m.—ACCEPTANCES.—Borough Handicap, 2 sovs.; Wanganui Steeplechase, 3 sovs.; Electric Hack Handicap, 1 sov.; May Hurdle Handicap, 2 sovs.; Connolly Handicap, 3 sovs.; Kaitoke Hack Hurdles, 1 sov.; Purua Hack Flat Handicap, 1 sov.; Century Hurdle Handicap, 3sovs.

FRIDAY, MAY 15th, 1908, at 9 p.m.—ACCEPTANCES.—Borough Handicap, 2 sovs.; Wanganui Steeplechase, 3 sovs.; Electric Hack Handicap, 1 sov.; May Hurdle Handicap, 2 sovs.; Connolly Handicap, 3 sovs.; Kaitoke Hack Hurdles, 1 sov.; Purua Hack Flat Handicap, 1 sov.; Century Hurdle Handicap, 3sovs.

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SATURDAY, MAY 23rd, 1908 (at or about), 8 p.m.—

WEIGHTS.—For Winter Oats, Grandstand Steeplechase, Balgownie Hack Flat, Rata Hack Hurdles, Final Steeplechase, and Farewell Hack Flat.

STURDAY, MAY 23rd, 1908, at 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Winter Oats, 2 sovs.; Grand Stand Steeplechase, 2 sovs.; Balgownie Hack Flat, 1 sov.; Rata Hack Hurdles, 1 sov.; Final Steeplechase, 1 sov.; Farewell Hack Flat, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24th, 1908, at 9 p.m.—First Forfeit—Jackson Stakes, 1909, 1 sov.

WM. HALL, Secretary.

P.O., Box 15, Wanganui.

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FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, MAY 23rd, 1908.

HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile and a-half and a hundred yards.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 50sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Seven furlongs.

EMPIRE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of stakes. Winner of any race of the value of 50sovs after the declaration of the weights to carry a penalty of 5lb; of 100sovs, 7b. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

ROYAL HANDICAP of 120sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Empire Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.

HAURAKI HANDICAP HURDLES of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of Maiden Hurdles to carry a penalty of 5lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Two miles.

HANDICAP MAIDEN STEEPCHEASE of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a steeplechase exceeding the value of 50sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. About two miles and a-half.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP of 90sovs; second pony to receive 15sovs, and third pony 5sovs out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards, 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

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. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

HAUTURU HANDICAP HURDLES of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile and three-quarters.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second pony to receive 20sovs, and third pony 5sovs out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards, 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.

BRITANNIA HANDICAP of 175sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. One mile.

TAKAPUNA HANDICAP STEEPCHEASE of 250sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of stakes. Winner of Handicap Maiden Steeplechase to carry a penalty of 5lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs. About three miles and a-half.

VICTORIA HANDICAP of 120sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Britannia Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.

WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 5lb. Lowest weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24th, 9 p.m.

First Day—Handicap Maiden Hurdles 1sov, Handicap Maiden Plate 1sov, Empire Handicap 1sov, Royal Handicap 1sov, Hauraki Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Handicap Maiden Steeplechase 1sov, First Pony Handicap 1sov. Second Day—Pupuke Handicap 1sov, Hauturu Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Second Pony Handicap 1sov, Britannia Handicap 1sov, Takapuna Handicap Steeplechase 1sov, Victoria Handicap 1sov, Welter Handicap 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.

First Day—Handicap Maiden Hurdles 1sov, Handicap Maiden Plate 1sov, Empire Handicap 3sovs, Royal Handicap 2sovs, Hauraki Handicap Hurdles 2sovs, Handicap Maiden Steeplechase 1sov, First Pony Handicap 1sov, Takapuna Handicap Steeplechase (Second Day) 3sovs.

SATURDAY, MAY 23rd, 10 p.m. Second Day—Pupuke Handicap 1sov, Hauturu Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Second Pony Handicap 2sovs, Britannia Handicap 2sovs, Victoria Handicap 2sovs, Welter Handicap 1sov.

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, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile and a-quarter.

BRIGHTON HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Two miles.

NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 500sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies, 8st 8lb; geldings, 8st 7lb. By subscription of 5sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1907, 1sov forfeit; if struck out by the first Friday in February, 1908, 2sovs forfeit; if left in after this date liable for the whole 50sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Six furlongs.

EASTER HANDICAP of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, acceptance 3sovs, and a final payment of 3sovs each on Friday, April 10th. Winner of any flat race or flat races after the declaration of weights of the value of 100sovs to carry 3lb; of 150sovs, 7lb; of 300sovs, 10lb penalty. One mile.

EDEN HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Seven furlongs.

VICTORIA HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Winner of Champagne Stakes to carry 10lb penalty. Five furlongs.

NELSON HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250 sovs at time of starting. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Seven furlongs.

TRAMWAY HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Five furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 20th, 1908.

First race to start at 12 noon. THE STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile.

ELLERSLIE HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Six furlongs.

THE GREAT NORTHERN OAKS of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-old fillies, 8st 10lb. By subscription of 5sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in December, 1907, 1sov forfeit; if struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in February, 1908, 2sovs forfeit. If left in after this date, liable for the whole 50sovs. Winner of any race not a handicap since August 1st, 1907, of the value of 300sovs, 5lb; of 500sovs, 7lb; or of the collective value of 1000sovs,

10lb penalty. Maidens allowed 7lb. One mile and a-half.

ST. GEORGE'S HANDICAP of 650 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 6sovs. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. One mile and a-quarter.

HUIA HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Six furlongs.

AUTUMN STEEPCHEASE (HANDICAP) of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each. About three and a-half miles.

MANGERE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250 sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Six furlongs.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Five furlongs.

THIRD DAY.

EASTER TUESDAY, APRIL 21st, 1908.

First race to start at 12 noon. MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 110sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 100sovs, or hurdle races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile and three-quarters.

GORE-BROWN HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards, that have never won a flat race of the value of 100 sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Six furlongs.

ONSLOW STAKES (HANDICAP) of 110sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. FOR TWO-YEAR-OLDS that have never won a race of the value of 50sovs, or races of the collective value of 150sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 6sovs each. One mile and a-half.

ST. HELIER'S HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Two miles.

BUCKLAND HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Seven furlongs.

TOURIST HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250 sovs at time of starting. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

AUCKLAND WELTER HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Minimum weight, 8st. One mile.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1908.

With Amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.R.C.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7th, by 9 p.m.

SECOND FORFEIT.—Champagne Stakes 2sovs, The Oaks 2sovs.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13th, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.—Brighton Hurdles 1sov, Easter Handicap 1sov, St. George's Handicap 1sov, Autumn Steeplechase 1sov, Autumn Handicap 1sov.

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

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

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 10th, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Tradesmen's Handicap 1sov, Eden Handicap 1sov, Victoria Handicap 1sov, Nelson Handicap 1sov, Tramway Handicap 1sov.

FINAL PAYMENT.—Easter Handicap 3sovs.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 18th, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Stewards' Handicap 1sov, Ellerslie Handicap 1sov, St. George's Handicap 6sovs, Hui'a Handicap 1sov, Mangere Handicap 1sov, Electric Handicap 1sov.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 20, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES.—Maiden Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Gore-Brown Handicap

1sov, ONSLOW STAKES Handicap 1sov, Autumn Handicap 6sovs, St. Helier's Hurdles 1sov, Buckland Handicap 1sov, Tourist Handicap 1sov, Auckland Welter Handicap 1sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

MONDAY, MARCH 23, in Morning Paper.

Brighton Hurdles, Easter Handicap, Autumn Steeplechase.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd, in Morning Paper.

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

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

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

J. F. HARTLAND, Secretary.

97, Shortland-street, Auckland.

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, Judge; Mr. A. Pearce, Starter; Mr. Coombes, Handicapper; Mr. R. E. McRae, Clerk of Scales; Mr. J. Paterson, Assistant Clerk of Scales; Mr. T. Jones, Clerk of Course; Mr. P. Eastbury, Timekeeper; Mr. G. Williams, Treasurer; Mr. G. W. Booth, Hon. Surgeon; Dr. W. T. Simmons, Stewards; Messrs. G. W. Booth, L. G. Bremer, T. Campbell, S. Gilligan, W. Jackson, T. Jones, J. A. McKenna, A. Pearce, Jas. Paterson, J. R. Paterson, and G. Williams.

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. The winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 10lb. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 7s. To start at 12 noon.
- 2. 12.40 p.m.—FLYING HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stakes. Distance, 3/4 mile. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 30s.
- 3. 1.10 p.m.—FARMERS' PLATE of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, 1 mile. Entrance, 30s, on general entry night. For all horses that have never started for any other race (Farmers' Plates excepted, and winners of those barred); welter weight for age; open to all horses trained in, and the bona-fide property of residents within the boundaries of the Patea, Hawera, Eltham, and Stratford Counties for the three months prior to the date of entry.
- 4. 2 p.m.—PATEA EASTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and the third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. Distance, 1 1/4 miles. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 40s.
- 5. 3 p.m.—KAKARAMEA STAKES of 55sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. Distance, about 4 1/2 furlongs; weight 8st. Winner of any race to carry 14lb extra. Entrance, 30s on general entry night.
- 6. 3.30 p.m.—BOROUGH STAKES HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10s out of the stakes. Distance, 7 furlongs. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 20s.
- 7. 4.10 p.m.—ALTON HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. Distance, 1 mile. Minimum weight, 8st 7lb. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 30s.
- 8. 4.40 p.m.—FINAL STAKES of 55 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. Distance, about 4 1/2 furlongs. Open to any hack not nominated for any race at this meeting (Kakaramea Stakes and Farmers' Plate excepted), and winners of these to carry 14lb extra; weight, 9st. Entrance, 30s, on general entry night.

Dates of Nominations, Acceptances and General Entries.—Nominations up to 8 p.m. on MONDAY, 30th March, 1908. Weights declared on or about MONDAY, 6th April, 1908. Acceptances and General Entries, up to 8 p.m. on MONDAY, 13th April, 1908.

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.
 - 2. The winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 7lb, and every additional race 5lb extra, in all handicap flat events.
 - 3. Entries by telegram must give full particulars of the horse, and must be confirmed in writing at the earliest possible opportunity.
 - 4. Owners, trainers, and others entering and accepting horses for this meeting are notified that no entries or acceptances will be received unless accompanied by the necessary amount in cash.
 - 5. The Stewards reserve the right to alter the time or date of nominations, weights, or acceptances.
 - 6. The name of the trainer must in all cases be supplied at the time of nomination.
- NOTE.—The Post Office closes at 5 p.m.; Telegraph Office at 7.30 p.m.

R. W. HAMERTON, Secretary.

Approved by the Taranaki Jockey Club this 20th day of January, 1908.

MUSSELL FLEETWOOD, Secretary.

AQUATICS.

ANOTHER WIN FOR THE LIGHT BLUES.

The cable informs us that the 65th eight-oar contest between the Oxford and Cambridge Universities took place on Saturday. Cambridge led all the way and won very easily by two and a-half lengths, the time being 19m. 19s., more than a minute faster than last year's time. Oxford has won 34 races and Cambridge 30, while in 1877 there was a dead heat.

THE ROYAL N.Z. YACHT SQUADRON.

The Royals had a cruising race to Awaroa Bay on Saturday, going by way of the Rakino Passage, about 26 knots. There were seven starters, and on paper the race looked a "moral" for Rainbow. She sailed badly, however, and finished well back. In the light breeze Thelma's lofty canvas stood her in good stead, and she reached Awaroa a winner by 2½ minutes from Viking, the big yawl having the fairly liberal time allowance of 18min. Ladye Wilma was third.

A RACE TO WAIWERA.

There were twelve starters in the North Shore Yacht Club's race to Waiwera on Saturday, but the big yawls Heartsease and Ilex were absentees. The westerly wind made it a lead to Whangaparoa, and a close haul to the finish. Wairere (13m.) won by 6m. 28s. from Thistle (15m.), and then came Rosina, Hilda and May Belle at long intervals, the wind dropping very light. Heavy rain was encountered on the trip home on Sunday.

A RACE FOR THE MIDGETS.

The newly-formed Waitemata Dinghy Club had a race on Saturday, there being seven starters. The new boat Rita was on scratch, and she was asked to concede some fairly stiff allowances. Mr. Henderson soon got her to the front, but was quite unable to shake off Motu, which was exceedingly well handled by Mr. Alex. Alison. Rita finished first, 40sec. ahead of Motu. On time allowance Motu won, beating Korea by 40sec., with Naiad third, Flying Dutchman fourth, Rita fifth, and Tamini last.

GREY WITCH'S NEW MOTOR.

Messrs. Adams, of Bedford, have lately made a reversible 16-cylinder petrol motor, which is said to be the first of this type ever produced in England. The engine which develops nearly 120 horse-power, is made up of two eight-cylinder sections, which permit of the front engine running alone if required. This motor has been specially designed for Mr. Cecil Whitney, of the New Zealand Power Boat Association, for the Grey Witch. It can be reversed at will by a simple mechanism, which alters the position of the cam-shaft. The normal speed of the engine is 1400 revolutions per minute, while its weight is only 10cwt. With an engine like this Grey Witch should be able to travel "some," as they say in the States.

THE NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL IS A YACHTSMAN.

All lovers of yachting will be pleased to know that the new Governor-General of Australia (the Earl of Dudley) is an enthusiastic yachtsman. I remember seeing his fine cruiser Marchese when the big auxiliary schooner visited Sydney twenty-one years ago. In 1892 he owned the smart five-rater Dacia, which in her first season won 25 firsts and four seconds in 31 starts. She also beat the Scottish champion Nautica in a match, and the following season won 22 prizes in 27 starts, with Lord Dudley at the helm. Following Dacia came the 20-rater Vignorna, a failure, while the next was the smart Inyoni. When Viceroy of Ireland Lord Dudley raced more than one open boat, and still maintains his love of the sport.

Anahere had bad luck in the Manukau Y.C.'s race on Saturday. She looked a certain winner, when she struck a bank within a few hundred yards of the finishing line, and remained fast for some hours. Heather won the race from Manola and Mahinga.

Yachtsmen had an unpleasant time getting back to moorings. Most of the vessels were at Awaroa or Waiwera, these at the former having a

tedious beat home in a falling wind, while there was heavy rain the whole afternoon. It was very late when some of them reached port.

The big launch Karoro is away on another cruise. She was at Station Bay, Motutapu, and Awaroa Bay, Waiheke, on Sunday, and then left for Coromandel. It was intended to go to Mercury Island.

Many yachtsmen appear quite ignorant of flag etiquette, and it is a hard matter to visit any of the bays during a week-end cruise without noticing this. In some cases it is sheer carelessness on the part of those who do know what should be done, but others err because they have never learned. It would give an owner a bit of a shock to have his boat confiscated and be fined £500 for a breach of the regulations, yet the risk is constantly taken in happy ignorance.

Aboard the battleship Connecticut, flagship of the U.S.A. fleet, which will probably visit Auckland shortly, a 40ft. 19-knot motor boat is carried. This boat, which is intended for the private use of Admiral Evans, is engineered with a 70 h.p. Brownell-Trebert engine. She is built of cedar, and is designed for carrying in davits; her crew consists of two seamen and two engineers, and a "middie" acts as coxswain.

CRICKET.

HAWKE'S BAY AND WELLINGTON PLAY A DRAW.

The belated interprovincial match between Hawke's Bay and Wellington resulted in a fairly even draw. Hawke's Bay opened with the fine score of 304 (Lusk 111, Hawke 51), to which Wellington's reply was 176 (Brice 32, Tilyard 31). In the second innings Hawke's Bay fared badly, being all out for 102 (Cato 40). When time was called Wellington had eight wickets down for 194 (Hickson 87 not out), so required 37 to win with two wickets to fall. It seems a pity that the match could not have been played out, for it looked like a great finish.

Not a great deal of interest attaches to the district competition just now, seeing that Eden have won it. With one more match to be played, Eden have scored 21 points, Grafton 12, City 10, North Shore 9, Parnell 8, and Ponsonby 5.

On Saturday, although the afternoon was fine, the wicket favoured the bowlers. Grafton had hard luck in not getting a three-point win. They scored 197 to Parnell's 83 and 61 for eight wickets. Mason bowled finely, taking 12 wickets for 61.

The finish between Ponsonby and North Shore was a close one. Ponsonby had made 95, and Parnell, despite a sound 28 by Woodward, could not get nearer than 83, and were thus beaten by 12 runs. White took six wickets for 34. In the second innings Ponsonby hit up 112.

Eden scored a three-point win against City with scores of 124 (G. Mills 38, Taylor 25) and 37 for five wickets, to 87 and 70. In Eden's second innings Harvie took four wickets for 9 runs.

Grafton II. beat Parnell A by ten wickets, scoring 147 and 4 for none to 63 and 87.

Parnell B beat North Shore II. by 69 runs, the figures being: Parnell, 105 and 112; North Shore, 91 and 57.

Waihi defeated Thames on Saturday on the latter's ground by 89 to 34.

Mr. J. Astley Cooper, in a letter to the "Sportsman" (London), just after Australia had won the fourth test match, said that the proposed triangular cricket contest between England, Australia, and South Africa is impossible, and bound to break down. He suggests: "As Australia, by winning the fourth test match, holds at present the cricket championship of the British Empire, she has the right to say in what part of the Empire the next Imperial series of cricket matches for the 'ashes' shall take place. With England beaten for the time being, why should not the South Africans try their luck on Australian soil? and then, if South Africa is so fortunate as to win the coveted cricket honour, let it be wrested from the South Africans on their native soil, and so on. In short, I should like to

see the Imperial cricket principle laid down that the 'ashes' must be fetched from that part of the Empire where they have been captured."

Mesdames R. B. Lusk, R. Neill, E. C. Beale and Miss Barry won the gold bracelets offered by the clubs to the dispensers of afternoon tea for a guessing competition as to the best bowler, batsman, wicketkeeper, and fielder. Fourteen guessed correctly, and a ballot became necessary. All four ladies have worked hard through the season.

FOOTBALL.

THE BLACK AND WHITES.

The Grafton District Club held their annual meeting on Friday. In the annual report regret was expressed at the non-success of the club teams in the competitions last season. The financial position was highly satisfactory. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. A. M. Myers; hon. secretary, Mr. S. C. Heighway; assistant-secretary, Mr. S. Yates; hon. treasurer, Mr. T. McNab; Management Committee, Messrs. D. Bell, C. Brady, and J. Maguire; delegates to A.R.U., Messrs. F. J. Ohlson, G. Sanders, and E. MacCormick; auditor, Mr. G. Sanders. Twenty-six new members of the club were elected. Messrs. H. Kiernan, R. McGregor, G. Martin, W. E. H. McKenzie, and E. Wooller were elected life members. A motion was carried that the delegates to the A.R.U. be instructed to support any motion in favour of the deletion or modification of rule 4, which affects the district scheme. The delegates were also asked to urge that the meetings of the Management Committee of the A.R.U. be opened to the press. It was resolved that in regard to the suggestion from the Referees' Association in reference to the appointment of referees, the matter be left in the hands of the club's delegates.

THE MAROONS.

President P. Fraser was in the chair at the annual meeting of the Parnell District Football Club, held in the club's training hall on Friday. The annual report and balance-sheet were read and adopted. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. P. R. Fraser; hon. secretary, Mr. H. G. Chevis; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Twinn; Management Committee, Messrs. F. Hampton, J. Kinder, J. Armstrong, J. Hardwick, F. Stuckey, K. Forgie, G. Page; delegates to A.R.U., P. R. Fraser, S. W. Somerville, and H. G. Chevis; auditors, Messrs. P. R. Fraser and A. G. Buchanan; hall custodian, Mr. F. Hampton. The General Committee were appointed selectors for the practice matches. Five new members were elected. The matter of the appointment of referees for the various matches was brought up, Mr. A. Campbell, chairman of the Referees' Association, addressing the meeting. The secretary of the club (Mr. H. G. Chevis) undertook to bring the matter up at the annual meeting of the Auckland Rugby Union.

The statement of expenditure and receipts showed the club to have a credit balance of £17 17s 9d on the year's working. Assets were represented as being worth £625 17s 9d, and the liabilities were set down at £200.

THE MAROON AND WHITE.

The annual meeting of the Newton District Club was held on Friday, and was well attended, Mr. H. Conquer presiding.

The secretary presented the annual report and balance-sheet, which showed the club to be in a very satisfactory financial position. Assets totalled £400, and liabilities £60 18s. The club made an addition to their training shed during the year, the cost (£40) having been paid, with the exception of £2.

The following officers were elected:—Patron, Mr. J. McKean; president, Mr. H. Conquer; vice-presidents, same as last year; hon. secretary, Mr. S. Hinton (re-elected); assistant-secretary, Mr. A. Clark (re-elected); hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Conquer; Management Committee, Messrs. C. Freeman, J. Heath, J. Lewis, and W. Heath; delegates to the A.R.U., Messrs. T. Roberts, W. Heath, and C. Freeman; Selection Committee, Messrs. W. Heath, T. Roberts, and Hooper.

The club delegates were instructed to vote at the annual meeting of the A.R.U. against juniors being allowed to play for whom they liked.

THE CITY DISTRICT CLUB.

Mr. Alfred Kidd, M.P., was in the chair at the 16th annual meeting of the City District Football Club on Friday.

The balance-sheet showed the club to be in a healthy financial position. Receipts for the year exceeded expenditure to the extent of £16 13s 1d.

The report stated that the club's first fifteen again won the championship, the second fifteen were runners-up in their grade, the third fifteen were also runners-up, and the fourth fifteen finished close up. The club are again winners, for the second year in succession, of the Moss Davis silver football, for obtaining the most wins in all grades during the season 1907. The club was represented in the interprovincial matches by Messrs. R. Magee, W. Tyler, Ladner, G. Tyler, J. McGuire, C. Seeling, F. Herring, and P. Williams, and in the New Zealand team that toured Australia by Mr. C. Seeling. The captain, G. Tyler, was also selected, but was unable to obtain the necessary leave. The club's junior representatives were Messrs. E. Donovan, D. Stewart, N. Moir, McLean, and Magee. Thanks were due to Mr. E. Coleman for presenting the club with a framed shield of the four teams of 1906. The club's assets now amounted to £436, and liabilities to £145, leaving a credit balance of £291.

The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. A. M. Myers; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Woodward, A. Moros, and J. Morrison were elected, in addition to the existing vice-presidents, who were all re-elected; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Donaldson; hon. treasurer, Mr. V. Goldwater; Management Committee, Messrs. A. McIlhorne, J. H. Pagni, R. Magee, A. J. Stevenson, C. Seeling, A. Bonella, and P. Walsh; delegates to the A.R.U., Messrs. M. J. Sheahan, J. H. Pagni, and G. Donaldson; auditors, Messrs. Price and F. Gladding.

THE BRITISH TEAM.

The British team of footballers sailed from Plymouth on Saturday bound for New Zealand. The players coming are:—

Backs: Dyke (Glamorgan), Jackett (Cornwall).

Three-quarters: R. Gibbs, J. L. Williams (Glamorgan), Griffiths, Jones (Monmouthshire), McEvedy (vice-captain), Jones (Kent), Chapman (Durham), Vassall (Somersetshire).

Halves: Davey (Cornwall), Labon (Midlands), W. Morgan (Kent), G. Williams (Lancashire).

Forwards: Archer, Dibble, Down, Kyke (Somersetshire), R. Green, E. Morgan, L. Thomas (Glamorgan), W. Oldham (Midlands), Ritson (Northumberland), Jackson (Cornwall), J. F. Williams (captain), Harding (Middlesex), G. R. Hind (Kent).

TABERNACLE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB.

The eighth annual meeting of the above club was held at the Tabernacle last week, Mr. A. W. Turley presiding over a large gathering. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, the Rev. H. Knowles Kempton; vice-presidents, the Revs. J. Clark and A. North, Dr. R. Aickin, Messrs. F. N. Andrews, H. M. Smeeton, W. E. Bush, J. C. Spedding, and R. Ellingham; secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. Atkinson; delegate to Auckland Football Association, Mr. H. Catterall; Selection Committee, Messrs. R. S. Baker, J. Clark, and L. V. Moses; Management Committee, Messrs. R. S. Baker, J. Clark, L. V. Moses, A. W. Turley, the captains, and secretary. It was decided that the club be represented by second and third grade clubs.

The Newton Australian F.C. is the latest accession to the number playing under Australian rules. The officers are:—President, Mr. Albert Eagleton; secretary, Mr. Marshall; treasurer, Mr. J. Wilson; delegates to the league, Messrs. Eagleton, Wilson, Thompson, and King. Twenty-five playing members have joined so far. The following were elected as a general management committee:—Messrs. Eagleton, Marshall, Wilson, Prior, Thompson, and King.

The annual meeting of the Auckland Rugby Union will take place tomorrow evening.

The Grafton Club will commence practice on the 23rd inst.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

TYRE WORRIES.

Summarising the chief points of a very readable article on "Tyre Worries and How to Avoid Them," in which the author treats the subject in very simple language, the following is quoted:—"The causes of tyre deterioration are insufficient inflation, neglect to put enough French chalk between the tube and the outer cover, or dusting in too much, with consequent lumps that cause friction, contact of tyre with grease or rusty rims, imperfect alignment of wheels, neglect to stop holes or cuts in the outer cover, and thus admission of damp with consequent rotting of the canvas lining." Excessive lateral tension from the flabbiness of tyres results in a rolling action, which may tear the sides of a cover from the deaded edge. If sufficient French chalk, or black-lead, is not dusted inside the covers, the inner tubes will adhere, and may be torn in detaching the tyre.

SPEED KINGS.

The American Florida Beach Motor Speed Carnival (Ormond-Daytona) was responsible for a very fine performance by a competitor named Bernin, who won the International 100 miles' championship, and the valuable Minneapolis trophy in wonderful time. Bernin's time for the hundred miles was 72min. 56sec., or nearly 2 3/4 minutes faster than W. Clifford Earp's record established on the same course in 1906. It is doubtful if Bernin's fine performance—put up in competition on a 16 miles straight-away hard sand beach, with a 32 feet wooden-banked loop at each end, making a circuit of 32 miles—touches record. It will be remembered that a few weeks back it was cabled from England that one of the Napier drivers had succeeded in maintaining an average speed of 85 miles an hour on the Brooklands automobile racing track, which means that 100 miles would be covered in 70min. 40sec., or three minutes faster than Bernin's drive a 60-h.p. Renault (French) car. Of the two tracks, the hard sand at Florida Beach is undoubtedly the faster, besides affording a flat running surface for 16 miles each way; whereas, on Brooklands the driver is practically always on a banked curve—a totally different matter from driving on a straightaway track. It is evident that the wonderful times of F. Marriott (Stanley steam car) and Demegot (Darracq), the former covering a mile in 28 1/5sec., and the latter covering 2 miles in 58 4/5sec., have not been reduced, otherwise mention would have been made of same. These two remarkable performances were accomplished on the Florida Beach during the 1906 speed carnival.

ANOTHER RECORD GONE.

Still another motor record, and this time a legitimate record—not one made on a prepared surface under artificial conditions. A 60 h.p. (probably 100 h.p. effective) car has made the wonderful time of 72min 56sec for 100 miles on the far-famed Florida Beach. This cuts no less than 4 1/2 min. off the previous best time for this distance. Remembering that the record for the 100 miles of 75min 36 sec. made on this beach stood for a long time, but was disallowed by the R.A.C. on the ground that the time-keeping was unsatisfactory, one must accept the new figures with reserve, and await official confirmation. However, this great performance by a four-cylinder car will set the battle raging afresh between the advocates of the four and six-cylinder engine for high powers. The boast made by the high priest of the six-cylinder faith that this principle produced faster cars than the four-cylinder type of engine will require to be made good, and fresh attempts at track records will, no doubt, be in preparation at time of writing. But these track records convey nothing of practical value to the student of motor results, not even in regard to tyres, since detachable rims and wheels came into use. It may be accepted as a guiding principle that four-cylinder engines are preferable in every way for powers up to 40-horse, but for higher powers six-cylinder engines, with smaller-sized cylinders, are desirable—and for no other reason.

For Children's Hacking Cough at night Woods' Great Peppermint Cure, 1s 6d and 2s 6d.

GOLF.

Mr. C. Pullen won the medal handicap on Saturday on the Cornwall Park links. The cards handed in read as follows:—C. Pullen, 99 (14), 85; L. D. Mair, 97 (11), 86; D. MacCormick, 93 (6), 87; Dr. Bamford, 92 (5), 87; W. Heather, 91 (3), 88; G. Elliott, 106 (18), 88; W. W. Bruce, 106 (16), 90; Rutherford, 113 (22), 91; J. W. Hall, 103 (10), 93; B. Dawson, 110 (16), 94; W. Carrick, 100 (6), 94; W. B. Colbeck, 91 (add 3), 94; H. P. R. Foster, 115 (12), 103; P. T. Upton, 113 (8), 105.

The season at Rotorua commenced last week, when Hood, the Auckland professional, went round in 41 and 40, a fine performance, considering the state of the putting greens.

The annual meeting of the Hamilton Golf Club was held last week, when Mr. G. McLeod occupied the chair. The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year:—President, Dr. Douglas; vice-presidents, Messrs. John Gordon, W. H. Herries, M.P., N. C. Matthew, and H. T. Gillies; committee, Messrs. J. A. Sellar, W. L. Ward, G. McLeod, and C. F. Bond; Ground Committee, Messrs. J. A. Sellar and C. F. Bond; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. J. Smith.

The club at North Shore intend pushing ahead this season, and a number of new members have joined.

The latest club is the Devonport Hockey Club. The following officers have been elected:—President, Dr. Guinness; secretary, Mr. W. Skipworth; treasurer, Captain Pilkington. The club will hold another meeting in the Council Chambers to-night at eight o'clock, when intending members are requested to be present. The more the merrier!

The Auckland Hockey Association meeting will be held to-morrow evening.

It is rumoured that teams from Wellington, Manawatu, Canterbury, and Nelson are likely to come North this season.

Boxing is to be included in the Olympic Games.

The hitherto invincible Hackenschmidt was beaten in a wrestling match on Monday by Gotch, an American wrestler. After getting a fall, which was not allowed by the referee, he refused to continue, and therefore Gotch took the championship.

BILLIARDS.

THE AMATEUR CHAMPION.

Those players who intend competing in the Amateur Championship this season should lose no time getting into steady practice. Mr. B. Ford tells me that the competition will take place at the Waitemata Rooms at a fairly early date, and therefore it behoves players to be up and doing. Last year's tournament was a great success, Mr. Sweet winning. This year rumour says that he will have to be at his very best to retain the title.

A LEGAL CONUNDRUM.

The question as to whether Pool and Snooker are games of chance is the one absorbing question at the present moment, and the matter is to be threshed out in Court this week. The decision is being eagerly awaited by proprietors of saloons and players alike, but, as at the time of writing the matter is still sub judice, no comment can be made upon it.

MUIR V. BELFIELD.

"Snooker," of the "Referee," who has had excellent opportunities of seeing them play, thus compares the New Zealand and New South Wales champions:—Tom Muir, the veteran New Zealand amateur champion cueist, is as great an enthusiast as ever in billiards. Each night he knocks the crystalates about at either the Travellers' or Otago Club, and is so far ahead of the other players here that he usually plays 250 to an opponent's 100. Muir will be 50 this year, and is undoubtedly a marvel for his age, and also from the fact that he is almost self-taught, for the opportunities of seeing good players at the time when he was at his best were few.

As Muir is without doubt Belfield's greatest rival this side of the Line, I have watched his play closely, and must admit that I am not quite so enamoured with it as two years back, when I first saw him strike a ball. It may be that advancing years may have somewhat dimmed his sight, but he certainly does not possess the touch or accuracy that then characterised his billiards. Until this visit I thought Muir superior to even Belfield, but am now somewhat weakening in that opinion, although should they meet, it would be a great contest, with a shade of odds on the Sydneysider, who is some fifteen years the New Zealander's junior.

MITCHELL IN SOUTH AFRICA.

At the King's Hotel, Germiston, South Africa, the English professional, W. Mitchell, played an exhibition match of 1000 up recently against the Transvaal champion, Bob Burt, who received a start of 300 points. Mitchell was in first-class form, and he frequently caused enthusiasm by the comparatively easy manner in which he manoeuvred the balls at the top of the table. The saloon was packed to excess, in fact, many were turned away. Mitchell won after a grand exhibition, comprising many well-compiled breaks, chiefly 158, 147, 104, 98, 81, 57, and 54 unfinished. Burt was by no means idle when opportunity occurred, and he proved himself a player of no mean ability in his contributions of 96, 66, 49, 49, and 45. Mitchell's record all-in break is 1621 (536 spot strokes), against W. J. Peall in November, 1885, at the Westminster Aquarium. Under the existing rules he made 435 in London, and a few weeks back at Capetown (S.A.) he supplanted this with a capital run of 455.

A somewhat curious game was played lately between W. Cook and B. Elphick, which illustrates the old say-

ing that a game is never won till it's lost. Cook was conceding Elphick 500 start in a game of 7000 up, and after three days' play was 1000 points ahead. Elphick was not dismayed, and playing a plucky game gradually caught and passed the scratch man, ultimately winning by only 41 less than he received.

The Australian cracks are getting into good shape for the season. Walter Parker, who is matched to play E. Campbell in a recent game, strung together runs of 237, 15, 9, and 114. Frank Smith, the N.S.W. champion, made a break of 230 in a recent game.

Mr. J. Burke ("Snooker" of the Sydney "Referee") is now in New Zealand, and is due from the South at an early date.

Master George Gray, the boy phenomenon, recently gave Miss Eddy, the N.S.W. crack cueist, 200 in 500 and won by 84. Next he conceded Miss Roberts 150 in 300 and ran home an easy winner with a break of 165.

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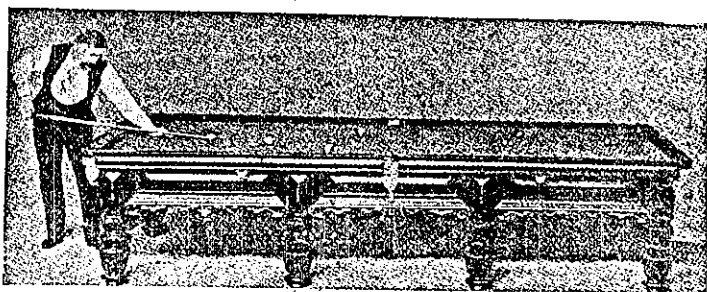
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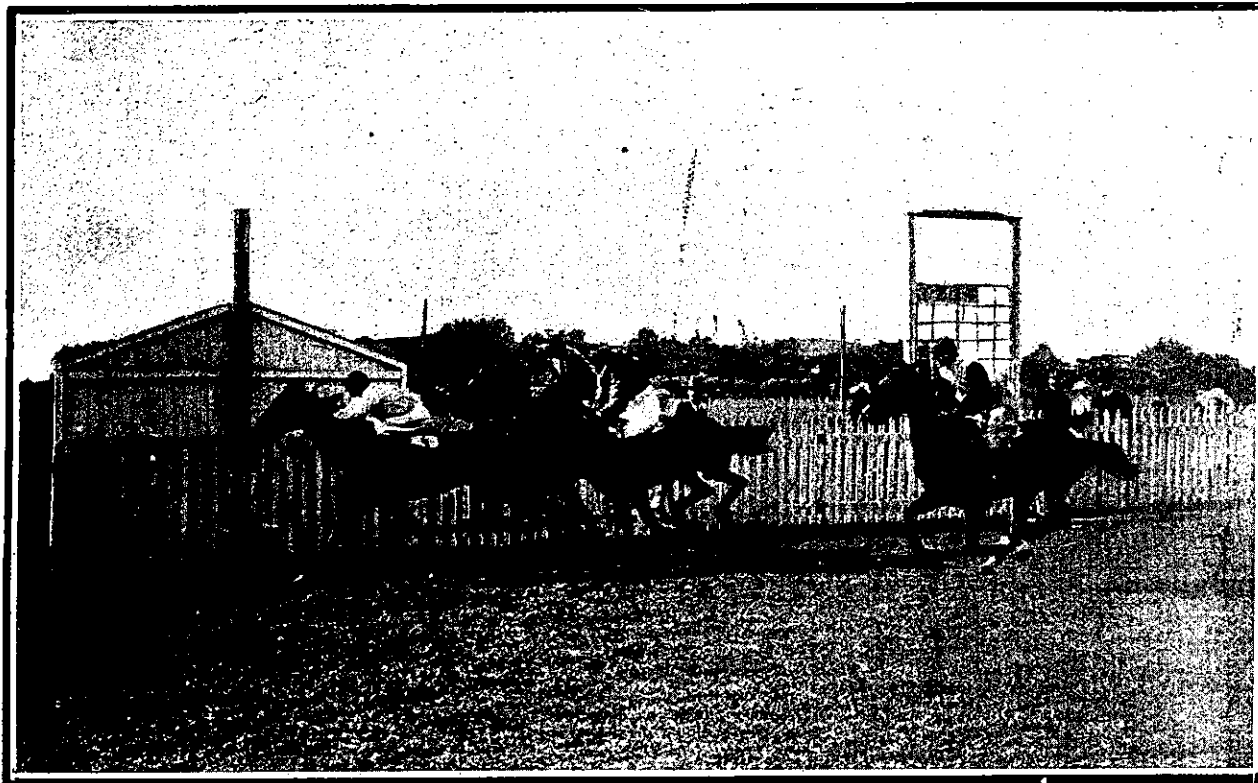
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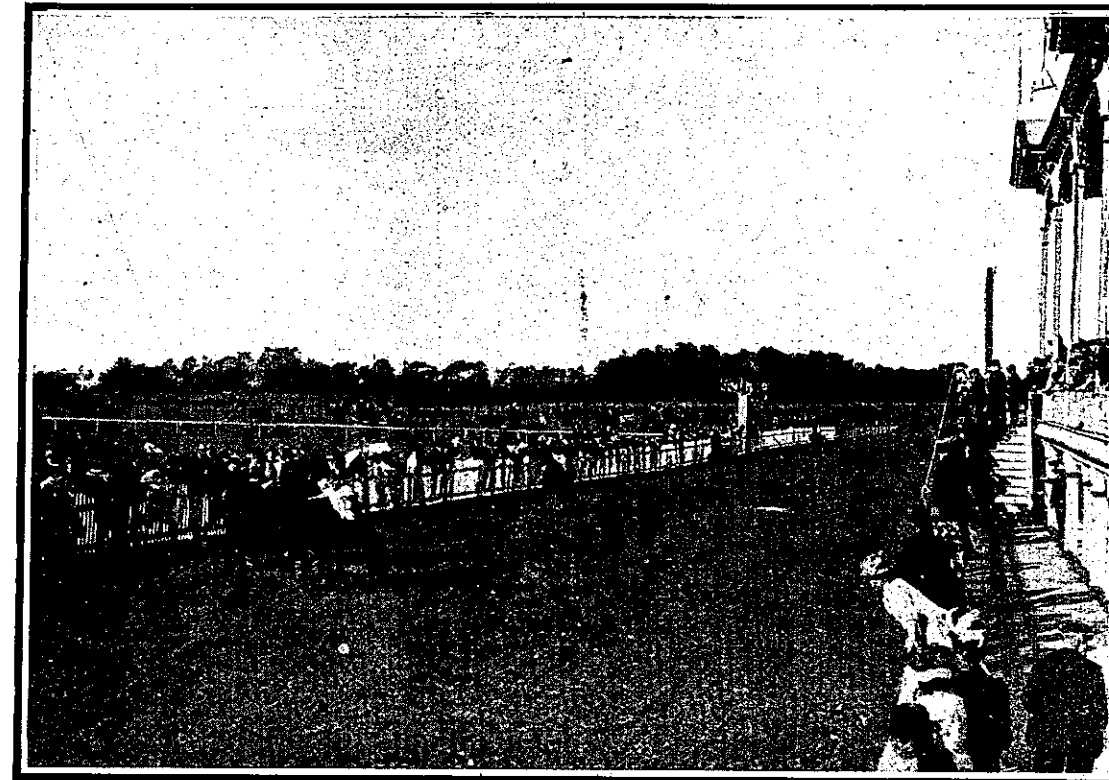
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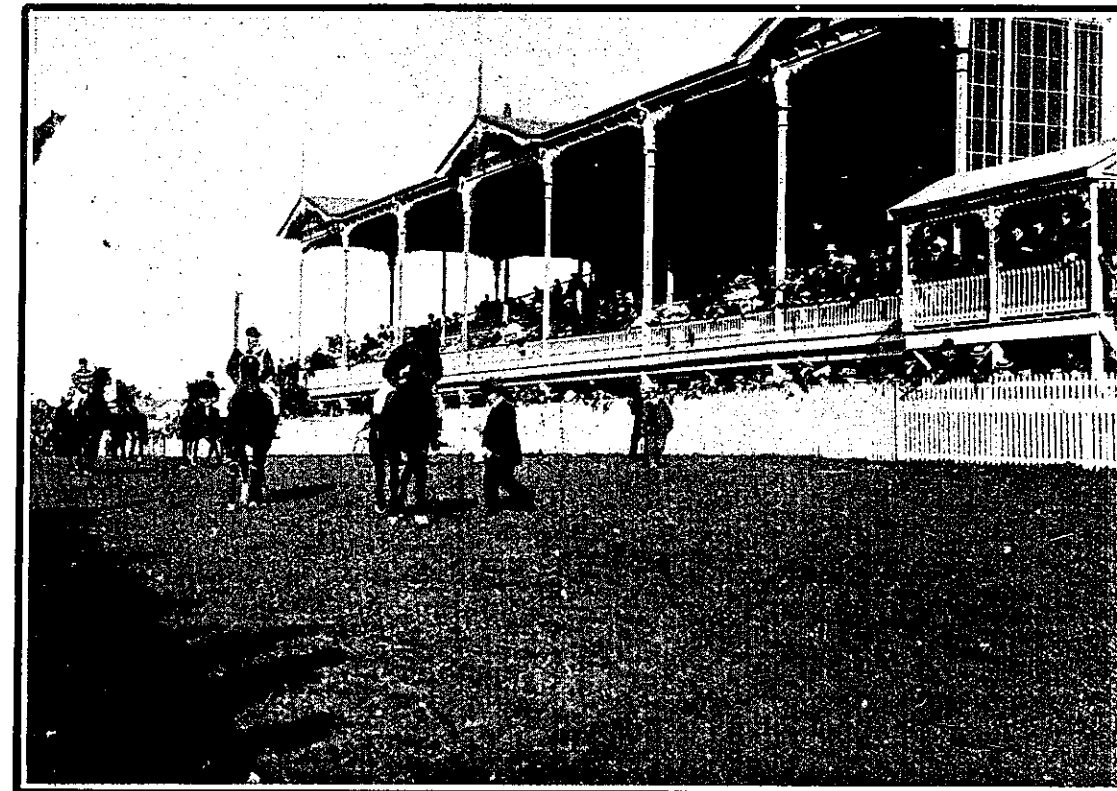
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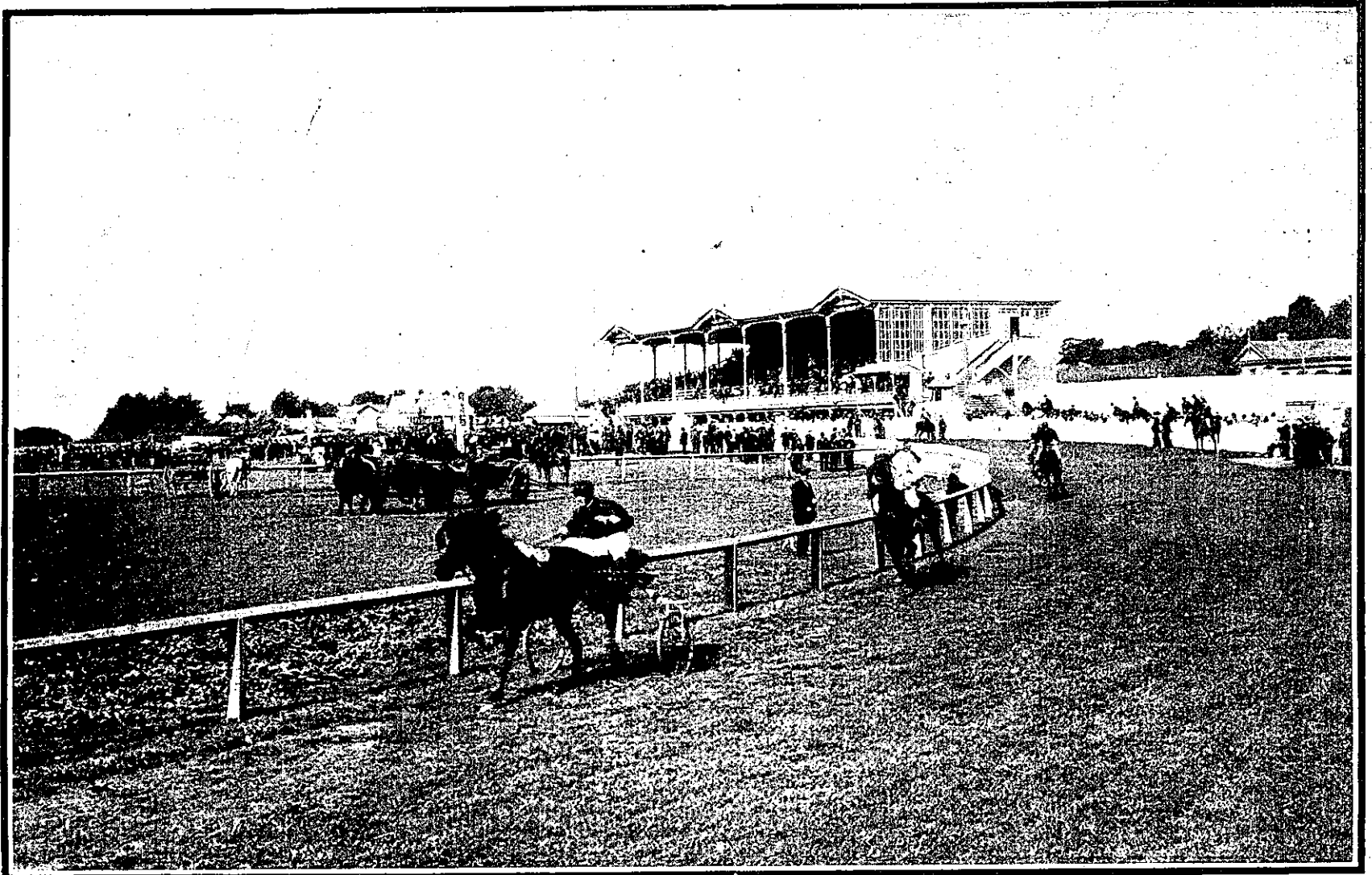


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THE STAGE

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE

MACMAHON'S PICTURES.

Encouraged by the success which attended "the picture season" at His Majesty's Theatre, the Messrs MacMahon determined upon an extension for another week, and there was therefore a change of programme on Saturday, when, in addition to some of the most popular of those previously seen, a number of new and very fine films were shown. The first was "The Incendiary Robbers," a cleverly concocted story. Then came "A French Tommy Atkins," an amusing story of a man and a baby. "Our Band Competition" was another laughable picture as was "The Maniac Juggler," an eccentric individual who juggles with anything he can lay his hands on. "Pierrot's Jealousy" showing the results of an acute attack by the green-eyed monster, was repeated. "His Daughter's Voice" was a pathetic story of a dying girl and a phonograph. "Japanese Women" gave a glimpse of life in the land of the rising sun. "Will he Overtake Them" was an amusing "chase" picture. "The Fountain of Youth" proved to be an allegorical idea showing the effort of the old to recapture their lost youth. "Lost in the Alps," a story of the dogs of the monastery of St. Bernard, found as great favour as ever. "The Electric Bell" was a diverting story of a man whose wife had sewn an energy accumulator in his coat. "The Policeman's Run" proved to be a chase picture with a bulldog as the leading figure. "Easter Eggs" was an exceedingly clever film of the illusionist order. "Her First Ride" went with a scream from start

The Sydney Press are unanimous in their appreciation of Mr Knight's conception of Sir Percy Blakeney. Miss Ola Humphrey will also be making a reappearance. Her previous appearance here was with Mr Chas Waldron in the "The Squaw Man" Company, when she created a most favourite impression and will receive a warm welcome from theatregoers. The company includes Messrs Harry Plimmer Dudley Clinton, Reynolds Denniston Herbert Bentley Edgar Harris, Leslie Victor, A. S. McKay, Geo. Chalmers, Walter Hunt, Rege Rede, Rupert Julian, Alf Andrew, S. Walpole, C. Collman, Monte Luke, Charles Callon, Fred Thorne, Misses Ada Stirling, Elwyn Harvey, Mary Marlowe, Katie Lowers, K. Chalmers, and Jean Martin. The company will stage "The Scarlet Pimpernel," "Claudian," "The Prisoner of Zenda" and "A Royal Divorce."

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FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS.

Packed houses are to be seen nightly at Messrs Fuller's where the programme presented is of a highly entertaining character. Les Reggiardos (Antonio and Kitty), are experiencing a most successful run with their juggling and sword swallowing act. Swords and bayonets are swallowed with as much unconcern as if they were some dainty morsel while the clever pair of artists display their skill to no mean advantage in a number of decidedly difficult juggling feats with various objects. The crack girl rifle shot Bonita, assisted by Cleo and Carlos, is making her reappearance, and her clever



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AN APPRECIATION OF TITHERADGE.

The many friends and admirers that Mr. George S. Titheradge has in the colonies will be pleased to learn that he has received praise all round from the London press for his performance of the conspicuous part of Colonel Bonzo in the "Woman of Kronstadt," at the Garrick Theatre. The piece is a dramatisation of Mr. Max Pemberton's novel, "Kronstadt." Putting the colonel first, "The Times," in its notice says that it likes him, "not only for his own sake as an officer who can also be a gentleman, but because he is played by Mr. Titheradge, an excellent actor, conscientious, quietly incisive, always distinguished." Since he was out here with the Brough and Boucicault company, Mr. Titheradge has appeared in many important parts in the English provinces and in the United States, with English companies, but has not often got the opportunity to display his powers in London. It is gratifying to find that when he does get a big opening there, his merits are so highly appreciated. His return to the colonies in the course of two or three months is an event to look forward to with pleasure.

ADA CROSSLEY'S COMPANY.

Arrangements have already been completed by Mr. J. A. E. Malone on behalf of J. C. Williamson in connection with the engagement of Madame Ada Crossley's Australian concert party for the Australian tour commencing in October next. The famous Australian contralto, who according to all Press notices and private letters, was never in better voice nor higher in the estimation of the British public, is to be supported by an exceptionally strong combination. Everybody, for example, will be glad to see and hear Mr Percy Grainger again. The young Australian pianist has risen rapidly to the very front rank of artists in Europe since his last visit here with Madame Crossley some years ago, and is an accepted attraction, not only in Great Britain but also in Europe, his powers as an executant being fully recognised by all the eminent critics of to-day while he has also come into prominence as a composer. The violinist with the party is Mr Leon Sametini, a pupil of Sevcik, the famous Prague master, who finished Marie Hall. Like her he was one of his teacher's "wonder pupils." Mr John Harrison, the tenor, has attained the highest distinction in England as a cultured singer with a deep dramatic perception while the baritone—Mr Hamilton Earle, possesses the same qualities in an equal degree in addition to a vigorous style. In short, Madame Ada Crossley's party may be said to be an exceptionally strong one with all the qualifications to ensure a distinguished success.

AN OLD FRIEND.

"It I remember aright, Emelie Melville's first Australian appearance was made late in 1874 or early in 1875 at Melbourne's Opera House (writes Val Day in the "Sporting News"). She made her debut, I think, in 'Giroffe-Giroffa'—in company with Armes Beaumont, Edward Farley, George Leopold, Harry Daniels, Mrs Fox, Jeannie Winston, Bessie Royal, and Henry Bracy. She was quite as successful in revivals of 'La Perichole' and 'Madame Angot,' but less successful in the 'Grand Duchess.' Other hits were made in 'La Belle Helene,' 'Nemesis,' and 'La Jolie Parfumeneuse.' She toured Australia in 1876 in 'Fanchon the Cricket,' and then showed that she was an actress as again from California, with some new op-well as a singer. In 1883 she arrived

eras, which included 'Fatinitza,' 'Boccaccio,' 'Les Manteaux Noir,' and the 'Royal Middy.' She also revived 'La Perichole' and other former successes. Then she returned to America and settled down on a Californian cattle ranche with her husband, Signor Verdi (Bill Green), but returned again, quite without beat of drum, in 1896, with Nat Goodwin, to play comparatively minor parts during his unfortunate Australian season. And now she comes to us for the fourth time to play in 'Mrs Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch!' Australia has never seen anyone in comic opera so charming and vivacious, with a voice at the same time of such fine quality and good training as Emelie Melville."

Messrs Meynell and Gunn have secured from Mr Edward Ferris, the author, "A Beggar on Horsback" a strong romantic and picturesque play, with much thrilling incident, both in subject and treatment. The leading part suits Mr Harcourt Beatty's style and method exactly.

Alec Verne, the well-known business manager, has joined the Meynell and Gunn firm. He starts his duties as treasurer at the Criterion Theatre, Sydney on Easter Saturday, where the Maud McIntosh-Harcourt Beatty organisation opens.

Mr George Musgrove arrived in London during the first week in February, and is busy getting together a Comic Opera Company, which will leave for Australia in May.

Coquelin, the younger, is seriously ill in Paris. The famous French actor sustained serious financial losses, and has had other troubles which have affected his mind. Two months ago he was placed in a private hospital, and disquieting reports are now current about the state of his health.

Of Albert Whelan's first appearance at the Colonial Music Hall, New York, the New York "Clipper" says—"Albert Whelan, a comedian and mimic from Australia, whose appearance reminds one forcibly of the late Dan Daly, made his first metropolitan bow at the Colonial last week in vocal and whistling imitations, and his neatly-presented act and all-round cleverness made him one of the biggest favourites on a bill of unusual excellence. "Mr Whelan is the son of a wealthy family, and found his way to the stage after being disinherited because of a marriage made outside of his own religion. For about nine years he played in Australia in 'The Belle of New York.' For the past five years he has appeared in vaudeville in England."

The Ioleens, who have been on the Fuller circuit for some months, left for Sydney by the Victoria on Monday.

The MacCallum Family are said to have lost £100 by the destruction of some films when showing at Cambridge. This coming on top of their mishap with the pictures in Auckland is a bit of bad luck.

While on the subject of cinematograph accidents it would be a good idea if every operator was compelled to pass a rigid examination on the subject and be then licensed. There is always a risk of accident if the operator is not a thoroughly qualified man and when an accident happens and a panic occurs, one knows what is likely to happen. The suggestion is worth noting.

The Auckland Orchestral Society's first concert of the season will take place at the Choral Hall this evening when Beethoven's "Pastoral Symphony" will be performed for the first time in Auckland. "The Preludes" (Liszt) also figure in the programme.



"THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL."—Miss Ola Humphrey (Lady Blakeney) and Mr. Leslie Victor (Chauvelin).
"Ah, my little Chauvelin, I did not know you in the soutane of the priest."

Mr Walter Monk, in advance of Mr J. C. Williamson's Dramatic Company, is now in Auckland arranging for the coming season at His Majesty's.

William Sells, who brought out the largest circus ever seen in Australia, died recently in New York.

Harry Lauder is to get £600 a week for an eight weeks' tour of American music halls next autumn. It makes one's mouth water.

Franz Lehar, the composer of the "Merry Widow," has finished an operetta named "Peter and Paul in the Castle of Indolence." It is based on a fairy story and has as its special feature a large children's ballet.

When "The Merry-makers" open their Australian tour they will have with them as the principal lady vocalist, an ex-member of the famous Follies, who, giving an entertainment on similar lines to The Merry-makers, have become one of the most popular attractions throughout Great Britain during the past few years.

McKee Rankin and Nance O'Neil have made their first appearance in vaudeville in New York in a condensed version of "Macbeth."

Mr. George Edward's acquisitions in musical comedy have always an interest for Australians, because Mr. J. C. Williamson has generally first call upon the successes. In addition to the "Dream Waltz," already booked for Australia, it is said that Mr. Edwardes has high opinions of "The Dollar Princess," and "The Man With Three Wives."

Before the disbanding of Allan Hamilton's "Home, Sweet Home" company in Sydney, Herbert Leigh, the manager, was presented with a gold match-box by the company and staff. The presentation was made by Bob Inman.

Mr. Richard Stewart is in Auckland once more in connection with the approaching season of the Julius Knight Company at His Majesty's.

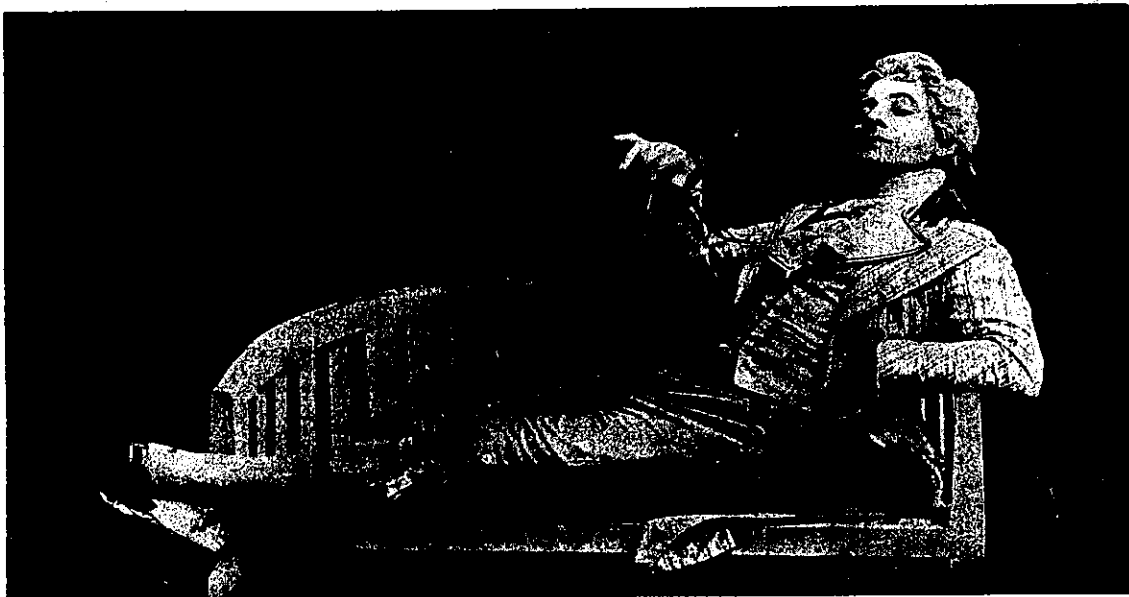
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"THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL."—Mr. Julius Knight as Sir Percy Blakeney.

A SPANISH SINGER.

There is now every prospect of Melbourne hearing the Spanish soprano who came to light so unexpectedly and so romantically in their midst a few days ago. Messrs J. and N. Tait, having had further opportunities of hearing her, are more than convinced of the beauties of her voice and her cultivated style of singing, and are now making arrangements for her debut in about a month's time. Before the date is definitely fixed however, it will be necessary to wait until the return of her husband who is away at present from Melbourne on a business trip. As soon as he is back it is anticipated that a definite announcement will be made.

A NOVEL IDEA.

Madame Clara Butt's final concert in Sydney was a charity one, and Messrs J. and N. Tait utilised an idea in connection with it that should prove very popular. They asked the audience to say by means of voting slips handed to them on entering what charitable institution they would like to see benefited by the proceeds of the concert, and upon the results of the voting the distribution of money will be proportionately made, thus giving each member of the audience a personal interest in the allocation of the funds.

"PETER PAN."

The Omrah brought to Australia this week, Mr. Loring Fernie, the young London actor engaged by J. C. Williamson for the part of Hook, the Pirate Chief in the forthcoming production of "Peter Pan." When Mr. Fernie arrived in Melbourne he found the rest of the company already rehearsing at the Princess Theatre under the experienced eye of Mr. Carlton who has come out here by the special recommendation of Mr. Charles Frohmann, to produce the piece. Mr. Carlton is one of Mr. Frohmann's leading men and indeed "put on" the American version of "Peter Pan" for him. "Peter Pan" on this side of the world indeed is apparently going to be something extra special. Not only will it have the benefit of Mr. Carlton's direction, but also the advantages of having two of its leading roles sustained by people who have had exceptional opportunities for studying it. Miss Tittell Brune, who saw both Maude Adams and Pauline Chase in the part, and also talked the whole thing over with Barrie himself, and Mr. Fernie who has played in London to Barry's complete satisfaction. Then there is Mr. Weston, the "dog man" who is to take the character of Nana, and finally a company chosen from first to last by Mr. J. C. Williamson himself.

NOT SO EASY AFTER ALL.

Frantic efforts were made by some of the aspirants for the guinea prize offered by Monty Brewster to the Melbourne public for schemes whereby he might rid himself of his inconvenient inheritance. Some of them took the whole matter quite seriously and proceeded to formulate elaborate schemes for money spending. As they only had a post-card to do it on, however, the results in some instances were appalling; as for example in the case of a man who tried to explain the inner workings of a flying machine he was inventing, and for which he wanted money to proceed further with his experiments. It is to be feared, however, that selfishness is still a predominating factor in human affairs, for quite a number of competitors merely suggested giving the £250,000 to themselves. Others wanted Monty to buy a hospital site, several hospital sites some urged, or a Commonwealth navy, while a few waxed a little too personal with references to Mr. Bent's surpluses. The winner was "A. Jonah" who pithily wrote:—"Marry my widow. This is not advice but a 'Monty.'"

UNDER WEIGH.

"Brewster's Millions" was recently transferred from the Princess Theatre, Melbourne, to the larger—Her Majesty's. Some moving scenes (literally and metaphorically) were witnessed in the transference particularly with regard to "shifting" the moorings of the steam yacht "Flitter." It is a big thing to handle that steam yacht, and it would have been far easier to have shipped it down bodily. But the management felt that the spectacle of a schooned tacking down Bourke Street behind a team of horses would be too much for the nerves of the citizens, not to mention horses, and so the vessel was taken to its new anchorage in sections. In London "Brewster's Millions" had three moves so that it seems to have caught the habit of flitting. The harassed hero of the play has initiated a competition and offers a guinea cash prize for the best money spending suggestion that reaches him before Friday every week on a postcard. There should be some weird schemes outlined for his delectation.

THE PEOPLE IN THE LADY DANDIES.

The full cast of "The Lady Dandies" at Sydney Her Majesty's is:—Doris, Reginald Roberts; Lagorille, Edmund Sherras; St. Amour C. R. Bantock; Melicorne, W. S. Percy; Des Gouttieres, Arthur Hunter; Tournesol, Fred Leslie; Alexis, J. Testro; Melval, T. O'Toole; Valcourt, D. O'Connor; An Officer, E. Mid-

WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS

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dlin; Bagot, W. Stafford; Illyrine, Miss Fanny Dango, Liane, Miss Evelyn Scott; Egle, Miss Clara Clifton; Dione, Miss Georgie Musgrove; Amaranthe, Miss Gladys Young; Aurelie, Miss Birdie Cross; Cleopatra, Miss Lybus Caffyn; and Ladoiska, Miss Florence Young. The scenes are laid:—Act 1.—Tent of the Cafe du Caveau, in the Palais Royal Gardens. Act 2.—Reception-room at St. Amour's Town Hall. Act 3.—Tricolour Fete at the Palais of the Luxembourg. The work is adapted from the French by Basil Hood, with lyrics by Adrian Ross; the music is by Hugo Felix. The music and mounting are said to be excellent, but the "book" weak.

A NEW JULIET.

An interesting experiment is to be made by Robert Courtneidge at an early date in London. Mr. Courtneidge intends putting on a big production of "Romeo and Juliet" with the young, famous and comparatively untried musical comedy artiste, Miss Phyllis Dare, as Juliet. The result will be interesting, Miss Dare's success to date being principally due to personality and the photographers.

GOING BACKWARDS.

At a conference of English musicians, which was held in London little more than a month ago, Dr. Sawyer spoke about home-made and imported operatic music. Beginning with English grand opera, he summed up the situation briefly thus: "Given a good libretto that will hold the audience, we have English composers who can write such works, but at present the audiences that would be attracted by them would be small." He had, however, another tale to tell in regard to light opera. This is what he said: "Alas! when we compare the trivial rubbish in the so-called 'musical comedies' of to-day with the Gilbert-Sullivan operas of the past, we must confess to a retrograde movement having taken place. Though there are still composers like Edward German who can, and do, write good light opera music, yet the pabulum of the last ten years, 'The Girl from X' and 'The Girl from Y,' and the rest of the poor things have shown a falling-off."

A CLEVER TRIO.

The Cherniavskis, shortly to tour the colonies with Mr. Edward Barnscombe, are mere boys, their ages being respectively, thirteen, fifteen and seventeen, but their mastery over their respective instruments, violin, 'cello and piano, is really wonderful, and their individual and united efforts have won the warmest praise from the leading critics. The Cherniavskis, are Russians, from the Odessa neighbourhood, whither they were driven by political troubles. They played in Austria and Germany, achieving considerable success, and were then persuaded to come to London. There they were "discovered" by a gentleman who quickly perceived that the boys had musical talent far above the ordinary, and disclosed his "find" to Mr. Barnscombe, under whose surveillance they are now about to commence an eighteen months' tour in South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. The Australasian portion of their trip should begin about July next.

What is described as an Anglo-Indian picturesque drama, entitled "The Jewel of Asia," is to be produced at the Criterion Theatre, Sydney, at Easter, by Messrs Meynell and Gunn's company, in which are included Miss Madge McIntosh, Mr. Harcourt Beatty and Mr. Gaston Mervale.

Those who remember the fine musical treatment and beautiful tenor voice of Mr. Charles Saunders who was out here a few years ago will be glad to hear that he is to return to visit Australia in the near future. Mr. Saunders has for the past three years been principal tenor in the great Handel Festival in England, and is in addition a most popular platform performer throughout Great Britain.

America, no less than England, has fallen under the spell of "Peter Pan" and the brilliant exponent of the part in the United States, Miss Maude Adams, has only just finished her tour of the country which lasted for over two years and resulted in a total of 71 performances of the delightful phantasy.

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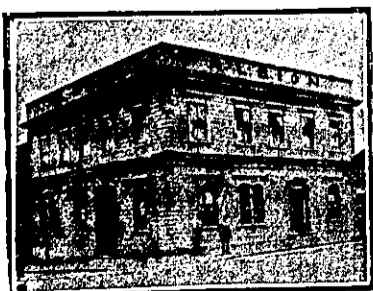
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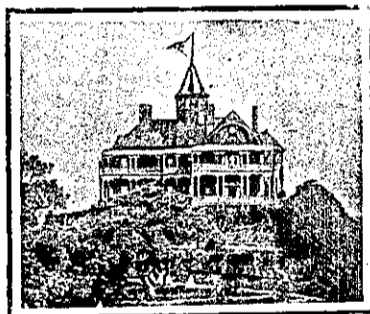
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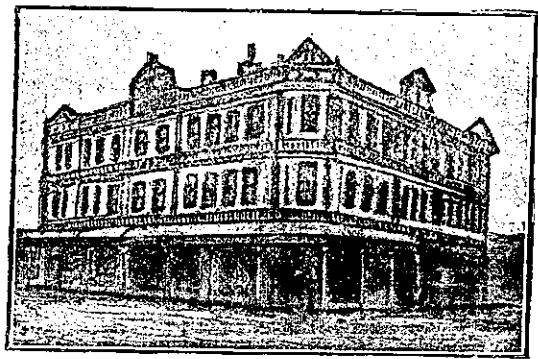


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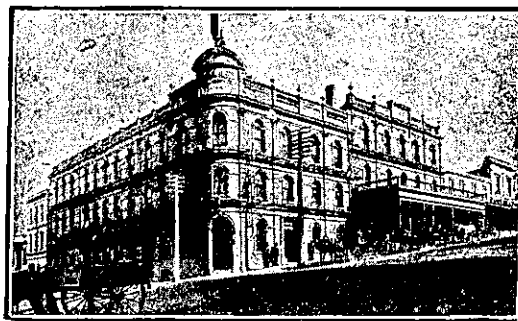
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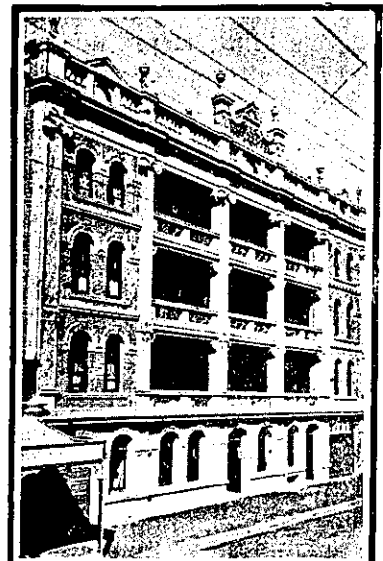
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THE LICENSED HOUSES' GAZETTE

In the Wellington Court last Thursday, John MacCormick was remanded on a charge of breaking and entering the Palace Hotel and stealing therefrom two rings.

The beer duty collected in Auckland last month amounted to £2092 os 5d, as against £2210 10s 2d in March 1907.

The following tenders were received by Mr Arthur G. Daw for the erection of an hotel at Waiorongomai:—Worsnop, £2298 12s; Johns and Sons, £1850; Wylie and Bagnall, £1815; Evans and Sons, £1674; J. Rowe, £1644; Dudley, £1631; Maekie and Son, £1628; Lye and Sons, £1600; C. Frankham, £1593.

It has often been stated, but from what authority is not certain, that a flask of whisky was some years ago left on the top of Ruapehu by some visiting geologist. The statement has found truth by the discovery of the flask, which took place last week, the finder being Mr R. Williamson, relieving teacher of the Makotuku School, Raetihi. The felt enclosing the flask was mostly rotted away, and the whisky though intact, had turned almost black, probably by the corrosion of the inside of the flask, which is a large enamelled bottle-shaped one, similar to those used in the militia. Dr Gibson, Papanui-road subsequently informed a "Press" reporter that he had left the flask on the top of Ruapehu in January, 1892, when he and six other gentlemen made the ascent. The bottle was an old water bottle, belonging to the Christ's College Rifles.

During February last 4567 persons arrived in New Zealand, against 3610 in February, 1907. The number who departed was 2966, against 3176 for the corresponding month of last year.

Mr Farquhar, who recently purchased Mr Chris. Leek's interest in the Royal George Hotel at Newmarket, took possession early this week.

Hotelkeepers are warned to be more than careful in scrutinising bank notes that they may be asked to change, as more of the cancelled bank notes, which were scattered broadcast after the fire on the New Zealand Shipping Company's steamer Turakina last year, and which have been heard of at intervals since, are again in circulation in Wellington. Two cases of the notes having been successfully passed have been brought under the notice of the police. The valueless notes can be detected owing to the word "cancelled" being stamped across the fact, and also through the righthand bottom corner being cut off.

Intimation has been received from a Californian tourist company by the New Zealand Tourist Department that it is bringing under the notice of travellers the attractions of New Zealand, and that it will, in all probability organise a number of conducted tours through the Dominion next session. Judging from present indications (the New Zealand "Times" says) the tourist traffic for the season now waning will constitute a record. Evidently the more extensive advertising of the country's attractions is having effect.

"The tipping system is one of the horrors of travelling in America," says Dr Macklin, who has just returned to Wellington from a world's tour. "You can't have a meal in a decent hotel without having to tip your waiter 20 or 25 cents. If you offered him 10 cents (5d) he would pitch it at you. If you order a glass of ice water to be brought to your bedroom you must tip the man 10 cents, the same to the man who cleans your boots, or who shifts a trunk. If you don't tip voluntarily they ask for it bluntly without any false delicacy. It is iniquitous, but you cannot get on without it. Tips must have cost me not much short of £200."

Over £108,000 was awarded as compensation for the extinction of 38 London public house licenses at the first day's sitting of the Compensation Authority for London in February.

The Von Veltheim case, in which the name of Barnato was brought so prominently to the fore, has served to resuscitate the following anecdote of the late Barney Barnato. He was a Bohemian, and it was against his will that he entered the Cape House as the senior member for Kimberley. One day a proposal was submitted to amend the liquor laws, for no Sunday drinking was allowed unless a meal was consumed. Barney jumped up and said: "Mr Speaker, last Sunday I went into the country and ordered a drink at an hotel. The proprie-or told me I must have lunch as well. I ordered it. Imagine my surprise when he brought me a plate of ham. I told him that to eat ham was against my religious principles. He replied, 'Well, I have nothing else. No ham, no drink.' Was over man so placed? If I took the ham with the beer, I broke the law of Moses; if I took the liquor without the ham, I broke the law of the Chief Justice. I want my drink without ham." The house roared. Sir J. Sivewright asked, "What became of the drink?" Barney said: "That's another story."

Mr H. J. Tyrell, late of Clifton Hotel, Bulls, and who was for many years in the Union S.S. Co. has lately taken over the Commercial Hotel at Wanganui. With such a genial host as Mr Tyrell, patrons may rely on receiving every attention. The house is situated almost on the riverbank, and the terms are moderate.

Mr James Smith, late manager for Messrs Pitaithly and Co. Wellington, has recently acquired that popular house in Waverley, known as the Commercial Hotel, which has been renovated throughout and is now an up-to-date hotel in every respect. Patrons may rely on receiving every attention and home comforts. Mr Smith was for several years on the managing committee of the executive of the Wellington Rugby Union, and was well-known in sporting circles in Wellington.

THE THREE-FIFTHS MAJORITY.

Some few weeks back we pointed out that various speeches made by leading members of the no-license party, indicated that further attempts would shortly be made to interfere with the present Act as relating to local option polls. The indications have now assumed a more concrete form. From a recent issue of the "New Zealand Times" we gather that the no-license party intends making efforts to have an amendment made in the existing licensing laws before next election, so that a bare majority will be sufficient to carry no-license in any electorate, instead of the three-fifths majority at present required. A petition to Parliament which is at present being circulated throughout the Dominion for signature points out that in thirty-six electorates at the last election an absolute majority was in favour of no-license, and that in each of these electorates the will of the majority has been thwarted by a law "purely and harshly arbitrary." The petition concludes:—"The Government's 'absolute majority' policy in relation to Parliamentary elections recognises it to be right that an absolute majority of those who vote in any electorate shall determine who shall be returned to Parliament to enact legislation affecting the most vital interests of the people and in Parliament it is recognised to be right that such legislation shall be determined by the majority of those who vote thereon, and your petitioners cannot see that the question of granting licenses to sell liquor has any claim whatsoever to exceptional treatment as respects the majority to determine it of the electors voting thereon."

It is suggested that the present laws could easily be amended by a Bill of a few lines, which would raise no other issue whatever in connection with licensing legislation. The principal clause would be something on these lines:—"Anything in the Licensing Acts to the contrary notwithstanding, every issue respecting the granting of licenses submitted to the vote of the electors in any licensing district shall be determined by a majority of the voters who record valid votes thereon." That would be followed

by a clause requiring that previous legislation should be brought into harmony with the new provision.

We venture the opinion that any attempt to meddle with the present position, will meet with little favour. We have not, in this Dominion, arrived at the point where one man may dictate to another, in a manner that is nothing less than interfering with personal liberty. Possibly the no-license party, in looking ahead, have decided that as the coming session is the last one before the next general election, that the time is opportune to force politicians whose chief aim is to return to the refuge of the House to fall in with the members whose only hope to return is by means of the prohibition vote.

THE TEETOTAL AGITATION.

Now hear what Edwin A. Pratt has to say in the "Daily Express":—

"Granting freely that there are persons who abuse alcoholic beverages, and that a certain amount of poverty and crime does result therefrom, though in nothing like the proportions represented by the fanatics, it still does not follow that the liberty, freedom, and pleasures of the majority should be curtailed because of the failings of the minority.

"Society and daily life cannot be ruled and governed on the basis of removing all temptation from the path of weakly ones and criminals, regardless of the interests of those who are not themselves likely to make an unfair use of reasonable liberty.

"Because pickpockets are tempted to steal when they see a heavy gold watch-chain on the waistcoat of a stout, elderly gentleman, presumably unable to run, it does not follow that nobody should be allowed to carry a watch. Because drapers' sales are made an occasion for petty thefts, one would not therefore argue that the ladies should be deprived of the joys of bargain-hunting. Yet such a procedure would be no less illogical than to say that, because there are persons who cannot touch liquor without the risk of getting drunk, and doing harm to themselves or others, therefore the greatest difficulties in obtaining stimulating beverages should be placed in the way even of those who can consume a reasonable quantity with what they regard as pleasure and benefit to themselves, and without going to undesirable extremes.

"Check the drunkard by all means; but let his sins or shortcomings fall on his own head, and not on the heads of those who never exceed the bounds of reasonable moderation."

"STRONG" GINGER BEER.

Mrs Threlfall, of Warnnamboul, Victoria, was fined for selling ginger beer and other refreshments which contained a large percentage of proof spirit, evidence being given that children had been found coming out of her premises "reeling." Recent complaints resulted in an inquiry by the Collector of Customs, who reported that ginger beer he had purchased from Mrs Threlfall contained 8½ per cent. of proof spirit and herb beer 3 per cent. As ordinary beer contains from 10 to 11 per cent. of spirit, the ginger beer, and was decidedly bad for children. Mrs Threlfall accounted for the excess of spirit by saying that the hot weather induced undue fermentation, or perhaps the too liberal use of sugar.

The Customs official's report has been sent on to the Minister to be dealt with.

NEW ZEALAND'S LICENSED HOUSES.

THE COMPLETE LIST.

Licensing District.	Hotel Licenses.	Accommodation Licenses.	Total.
Bay of Islands	10	12	22
Marsden	6	7	13
Kaipara	12	2	14
Waitemata	10	1	11
Eden	3	—	3
Auckland	58	—	58
Grey Lynn (no-license)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Parnell	11	—	11
Manukau	14	1	15
Franklin	7	3	10
Waikato	19	2	21
Ohinemuri	20	4	24
Thames	32	—	32
Bay of Plenty	22	11	33
Waiau	26	6	32
Hawke's Bay	18	6	24
Napier	20	—	20
Waipawa	19	—	19
Pahiatua	16	1	17
Masterton	16	—	16
Wairarapa	16	1	17
Taranaki	9	2	11
Egmont	8	—	8
Hawera	17	1	18
Patea	17	3	20
Wanganui	15	—	15
Rangitikei	11	1	12
Oroua	11	1	12
Palmerston	17	—	17
Manawatu	16	—	16
Otaki	12	—	12
Wellington	48	—	48
Newtown	5	—	5
Hutt	15	—	15
City of Nelson	23	3	26
Motueka	20	11	31
Wairau	24	5	29
Buller	59	17	76
Grey	51	13	64
Westland	59	17	76
Hurunui	14	4	18
Kaiapoi	9	—	9
Avon	2	—	2
Christchurch	46	—	46
Lyttelton	15	1	16
Riccarton	8	—	8
Ellesmere	11	1	12
Courtenay	9	1	10
Selwyn	12	1	13
Ashburton (no-license)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Geraldine	12	3	15
Timaru	16	—	16
Waitaki	11	8	19
Oamaru (no-license)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Mount Ida	19	21	40
Waikouaiti	11	—	11
Chalmers	12	—	12
Dunedin	39	—	39
Caversham	12	—	12
Taieri	9	3	12
Bruce	10	1	11
Tuapeka	30	6	36
Clutha (no-license)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Mataura (no-license)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Wakatipu	33	12	45
Wallace	21	8	29
Invercargill (no-license)	Nil	Nil	Nil
Awarua	9	2	11
Totals	1162	203	1365

A GROWING EVIL.

In view of the recent attention drawn locally to the increasing use of methylated spirits, the following remarks by



a Sydney correspondent will be read with interest.—One of the best proofs of the fact that it is impossible to make people sober by Act of Parliament is furnished by the fact reported in one of the newspapers that since the new Liquor Act has made it impossible—or difficult, anyway—to get drink from the hotel bar on Sunday, toppers of a certain class have taken to the consumption of methylated spirit, which, it is obvious, is easier to obtain. If this assertion is true, it is surely the duty of the authorities to enforce restrictions against the sale of this spirit, which may now be bought without trouble, and in any quantity.

QUITE ANOTHER MATTER.

The London correspondent of the New Zealand "Herald" writing recently says that the Liberal Government has played two of its trump cards this week, and with both of them it looks as if it were going to lose—if that indeed be not the intention. The first was the Education Bill, introduced into the House of Commons on Monday. This has given rise to mixed feelings among the followers of the Government, while the Opposition condemns it in unmeasured terms. The crux of the whole matter is religious teaching or none, and the Bill goes as near secularism as the Government dares. But drastic as is the Education Bill, it is nothing in comparison with the Licensing Bill, introduced yesterday by Mr. Asquith, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is already spoken of as the Liberal Premier of the near future. When it is stated that by his legislative proposal over 30,000 licensed houses will, if it be passed, be permanently suppressed, some idea may be gained of its far-reaching effects. The Bill has caused absolute consternation among all interested in the liquor trade, and "legalised robbery," "unjust tyranny," "utter nonsense," "senseless finance" and "absolute ruination" are just a few specimens of the terms being applied to it. But teetotalers hail the Bill with acclamation. Whether it will pass is quite another matter, however.

BRITISH HOTELS CRITICISED.

A somewhat scathing comparison of the manners and methods of British and foreign hotelkeepers has appeared in a popular London paper, and although certain criticisms of the writer are not without justification, the general tenor of the article is unfair to the British hotelman. No doubt the reception accorded to visitors in Continental hotels is, as a rule, more effusive than in English houses, and there is more surface politeness, which sometimes merges into obsequiousness. But it is possible to make too much of all this. Certainly the case is absurdly overstated when we are asked to believe that "in nine cases out of ten the manager of a British hotel sits apart with a splendid isolation typical of the British Empire. It is far easier to interview a Prime Minister than to be admitted to audience with the manager of even a third-rate British hotel. The Arctic zone of his aloofness is sentried by the cold-eyed but comely young ladies in charge of the various 'bureaus.'" We are led to wonder what class of hotel the writer "patronises" in England. Furthermore, very many British hotels, especially in London and our large cities, have foreign managers, so that the charge falls largely to the ground as an indictment of insular aloofness and impoliteness. The writer winds up his diatribe

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THE TIP FIEND.

Tip-Tip the Fiend came forth from hell
And went to a restaurant.
His eyes were fire and a mad desire
Flamed from his features gaunt.
As he tipped the porter at the door
And the boy who took his hat,
And he sang the strain of a tip-refrain
From the table where he sat:

"Tip-Tip the Tipper I be, I be,
And I am the imp who invented the fee
Which started the tipping law;
So it's slip a tip in the tippy grip
Of the tip-ical waiter who takes your tip
With a tip-tip-tip hurrah!"

Tip-Tip the Fiend ate little meat,
But he spent full thousand dimes;
Small was the need, though he blithely feed
The waiter forty times,
And his pocket-book he sent to the cook
With a rollicking Croesus grace,
And a fat green roll to the ruddy and droll
Proprietor of the place.

"Tip-Tip the Terror I be," said he,
"And the world hereafter must follow me
At filling a boundless maw.
As they slip a tip in the tippy grip
Of the tip-ical waiter who takes their tip
With a tip-tip-tip hurrah!"

Tip-Tip the Fiend at last went back
To the place where his kind belong,
But he'd done the deed and had sown the seed
Of madness among the throng,
And the cry, "Tip-Tip!" was a ghastly quip
The length and breadth of the land,
While the rich grew poor through bribing the boor
At the Sign of the Outstretched Hand.

Tip-Tip the Habit doth still remain—
We all object, but we none refrain
In the moment of awful awe,
When we slip a tip in the tippy grip
Of the tip-ical flunkie who takes our tip
With a tip-tip-tip hurrah!

WALLACE IRWIN.

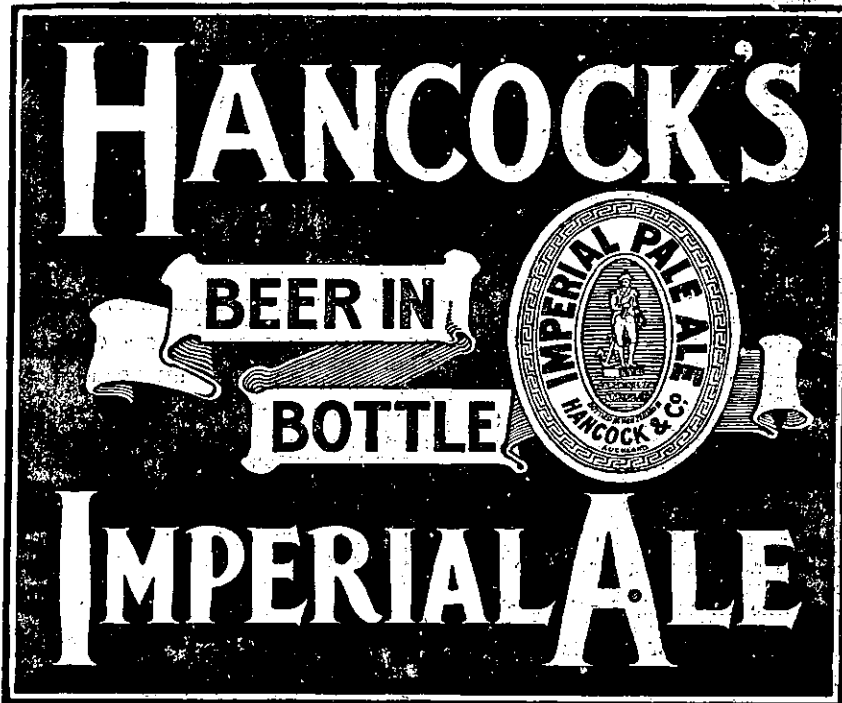
IN THE UNITED STATES.

The following is from an exchange—
Australians are busy over the liquor question, I hear, and from your papers I find that folks are pointing to New Zealand and U.S.A. as examples of the glorious results of prohibition. Let me give you some exact figures. In spite of all the agitation against liquor traffic in the states the receipts from this source to the national revenue are increasing by leaps and bounds. The Collector of Internal Revenue reports the receipt of nearly 13 million dollars more revenue from this source during the past year than the year before. The increase in the consumption of whisky alone was 11.5 million gallons. Another curious point is the labelling of liquors. All whisky sold in the states, if it is labelled "Whisky," must conform to the standard of the U.S.P. Sp. Frumenti U.S.P. is the legal standard of the country, and one reason why some people prefer to buy their drinks from the chemist is that they believe that there is sold only spirit that can be relied upon as being pure and up to strength. Already it has been noticed that several brands of spirit formerly labelled as whisky are now called "Rye." The evasion of the law will soon be dealt with by the food and drugs authorities.

THE LIQUOR TRADE IN INDIA.

The Government of India has recently issued orders dealing with the number, location, and licensing of liquor shops, and the conditions under which liquor is to be sold. A maximum and minimum number of shops for each municipality or rural area is approved. The Government says that, while it is impossible to lay aside its own responsibility for fixing the number and position of shops, it would be glad to see local opinion consulted more systematically than at present. Local committees are to be set up for the purpose of giving effect to this declaration. Arrangements are also made for notifying proposed sites with the object of ascertaining any local objections to them in advance. The Government has also directed that shops shall be closed at 9 o'clock at night, or earlier; that liquor shall not be sold to children or intoxicated persons, or without special sanction to soldiers, police, or railway ser-

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vants on duty; and that no more than a specified quantity of liquor shall be supplied to any one family. A deputation waited on Mr Morley in August last in connection with this question and Mr Herbert Roberts, M.P. has made representations to the Secretary of State in favour of the adoption of further measures of restriction. These proposals are now under the consideration of the Government of India.—"Brewers' Journal" (London).

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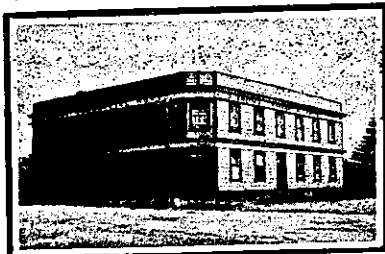
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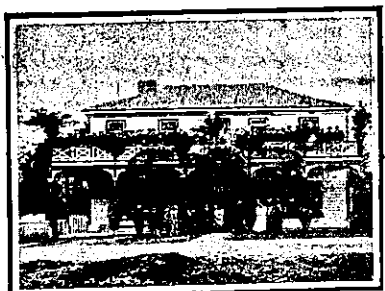
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that he was ready to stay there as long as any of them. The hours dragged on, evening arrived, and the old gentleman obstinately held out. The other jurors wearily arranged themselves to make a night of it. From time to time the old gentleman would contemptuously suck the head of his cane. Finally, he fell fast asleep, and the cane fell heavily to the floor. Then one of the jurymen picked it up and found, to his surprise, that it was hollow and filled with good



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old Irish whisky. The thankful eleven passed the cane round, relieved it of its contents, and then awakened its owner. Slowly he lifted the cane to his mouth, sucked ineffectually for a moment, looked at his watch, and then arose with the announcement, "B'ys, I'm afther changin' me moind!"

THE ENGLISH BARMAID.

HER GREAT NUMBERS—HER LIFE, SINS, VIRTUES, AND USES.

Nearly everybody knows her, the princess of the private bar, the duchess of the buffet, or the lady of the "shades." She's all over England. There are in round figures 165,000 of her in London alone, and as many more in the British Islands. What, one-third of a million sirens offering the intoxicating cup to the Briton and the stranger who visits him? Just that thing is true, and that one-third of a million have to get about very actively to cool the parched palates of those who seek her offices.

Have you ever considered your servant the barmaid, that there is none like her? You must have done so when going to and fro in the earth and walking up and down in it. Satan being asked about Job in those terms did not deny it. We have all considered the barmaid. Some have taken very hasty observations at railway refreshment bars only, and have thought her crisp and oblivious of her importance, a sort of Susan Nipper, you know; others have been more systematic and have chosen the quiet hours of trade when customers are few and the neat-handed Phyllis has leisure to think of other people than those who are thirsty. We all know that fellow, we have seen him in the middle of the afternoon leaning over the end of the counter, hair accurately dressed, a sort of crockery smile for the girl, and a glance of withering scorn at you. You know you have disturbed his tete-a-tete, the girl makes you feel it, and all at once you forego your intention to wait in that public-house till train time, and, gulping down your modest glass, go sadly into the streets.

Then there is the ambitious young masher. He is not as clever as the chap we have just left; he doesn't select a good time, but comes when the object of his adolescent adoration is busy—very likely at the time when the governor is in the bar and watching her. How indifferent she is to his languishing glances. He is forced to be content with a glass of sherry and a biscuit. Their consumption is a matter of an hour or more. Then he takes up his stick, and saunters out saying "Bye-bye-baby," and calls this daily dissipation life.

But it is with the barmaid herself that this screed deals, of the hard-worked, faithful, honest, ill-paid servant—of her long hours, the labour, the insults, and scoffs she has to smilingly meet, the fines she has in some places to pay, and the deductions made in her little wage; or the life as she lives it, not as we strollers see it when she smiles pleasantly and listens patiently to some maudlin bore who hangs over the counter to retail a wearisome story. The careless girl in the railway refreshment bar may not be careless of the general interest, though she appears to be unimpressed by the necessities of an individual, and pays him only equal attention with others on the same footing. The haughtiness of the princess of the private bar may only be a natural manner, and the duchess of the buffet who escapes clumsy and fulsome compliments may be, after all, acting upon that primary law of self-protection.

The genesis of the barmaid is not written. Like Topsy, she just "grows." Her legitimate origin might be traced through no end of classic mists to Hebe, to Proxetha, or even to the daughters of Lot, who made their father drunken in the cave of the mountain beyond Zoar. The existing generation of barmaids has various origins however, and it will cover this inquiry to say that for the most part they come from the small shopkeepers—that is, the most frequent source in the cities. They have received a modest education, have had a little experience in serving, perhaps, and, if pretty and attractive in manner, they easily find a situation. Brief experience does the rest. Although the social status of a barmaid who pours sherry for a titled nobleman

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at the Criterion and that of her sister who fills the tankard for Tommy Atkins down near the Tower is very different, their wages, duties, and restrictions are not unlike. Very few barmaids in England get 250dols. (£50) a year. A head barmaid may rarely be found who gets 260 dols, or a sovereign a week, and she is expected to keep the accounts and post the books. The average wage in London and the south is 165dol (£33) a year; in the mid-country and the north 120dols (£24), and 130 dols (£26) is very good pay. There are not, out of 19,000 or 20,000 barmaids in Manchester, a score who receive the last-named sum. In London most publicans furnish two black dresses a year, and aprons. In the provinces none is furnished. Board and lodging is, of course, included, two girls to one bed, and sometimes the whole staff in one room. The hours vary. Most publicans make it a point never to leave their bars with only one maid on duty. The object is to exercise a check upon dishonesty. The hours of service on week days may be fairly named at fifteen, 8 to 1, 2 to 6, 6.30 to 1, would perhaps cover the average working period, the reliefs simply changing the hours, not their number. One afternoon out weekly, and the close hours of Sunday. The maids do not always go to bed at one. In many public-houses it is after closing that the bottles and decanters are refilled, and supplies are provided. First, however, the cash is made up and inventory made of the stock on hand. The bar is charged with so much soda-water, so many bottles of beer and wine, and so much of liquors in the tap. What remains is counted or gauged. Into every bottle is thrust a measuring-rod marked off in drinks, and for all those gone since the measurement of the night before the barmaid must give quid pro quo.

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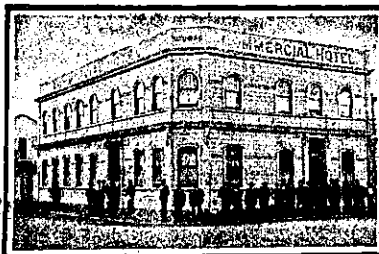
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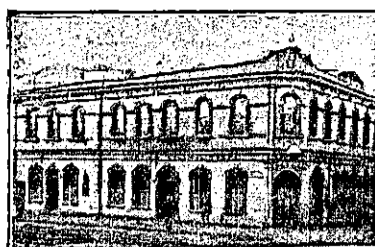
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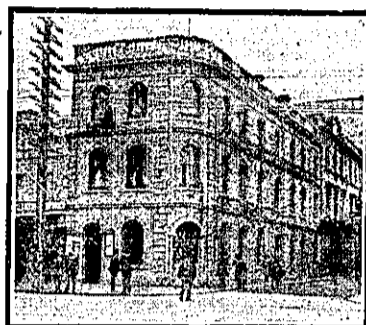
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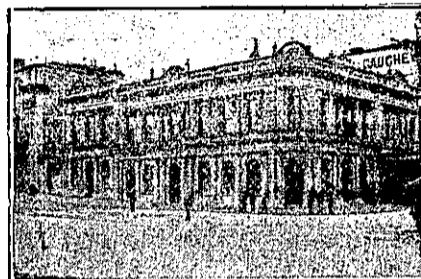
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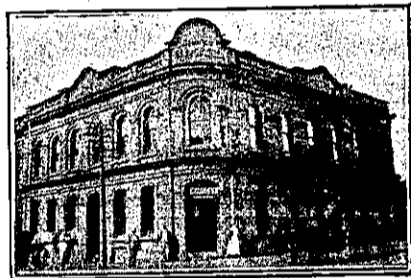
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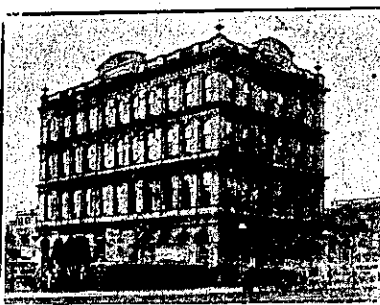
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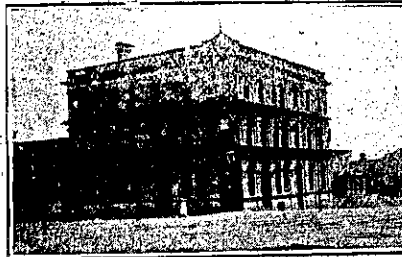
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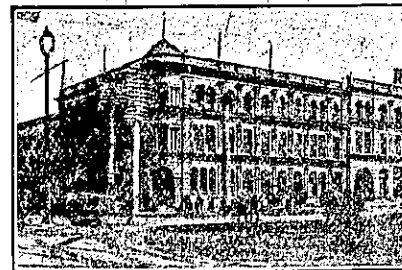
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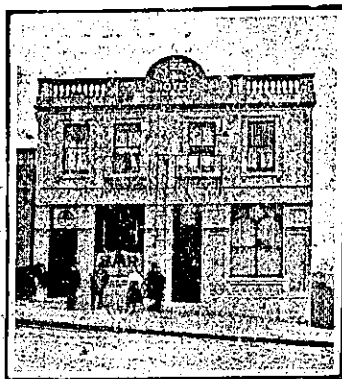


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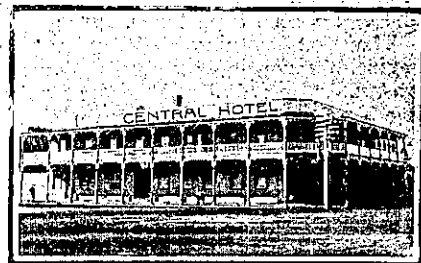
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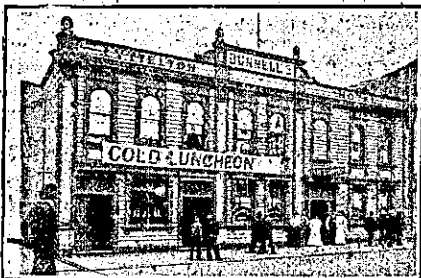
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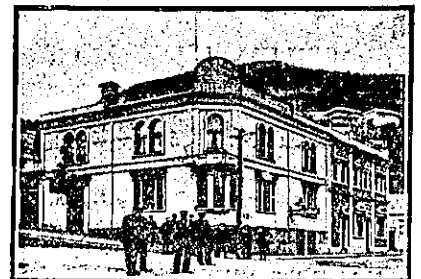
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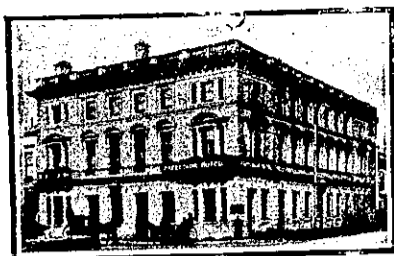
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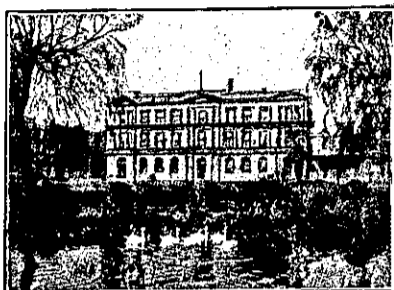


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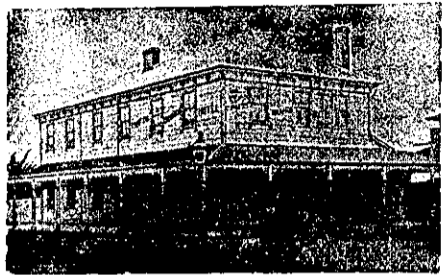
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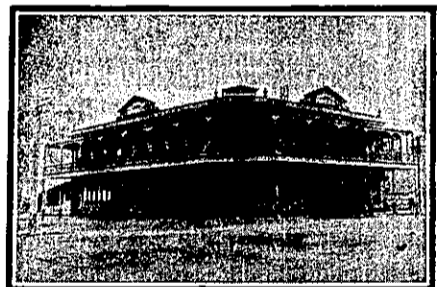
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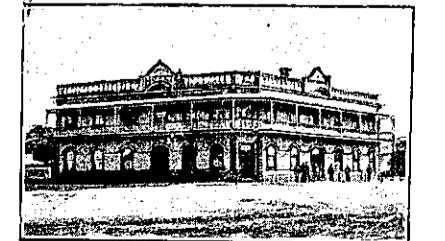
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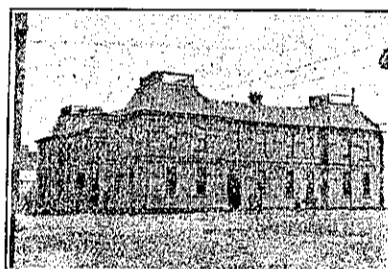
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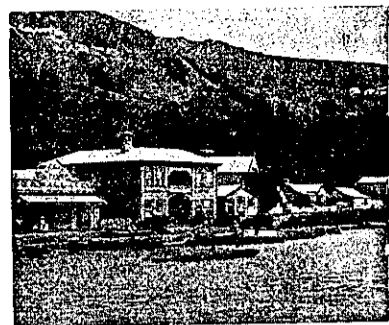
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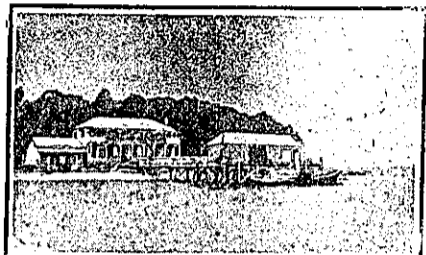


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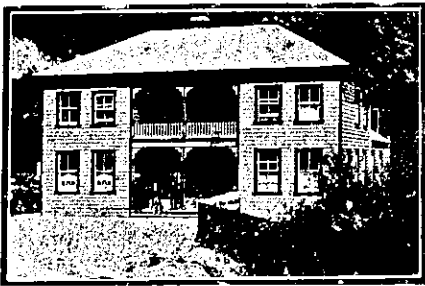
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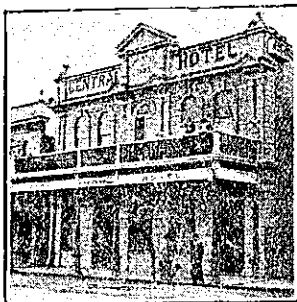
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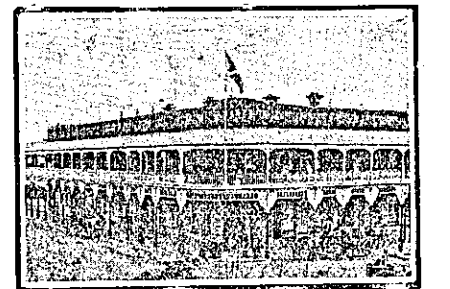
The Hotel has been thoroughly Renovated, and all the Rooms are being Refitted in modern style. No effort will be spared to make all visitors thoroughly comfortable.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

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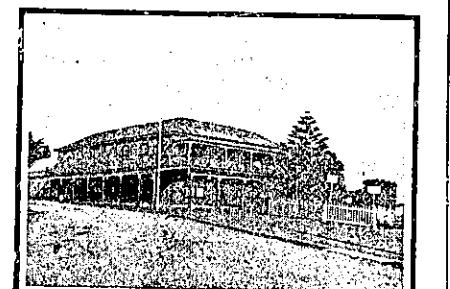
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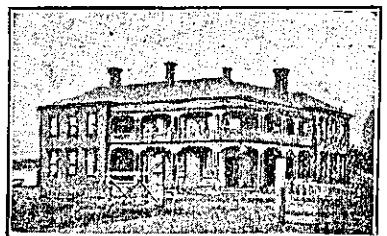
This New Hostelry is now open to the public, and the Proprietor will be pleased to greet old friends and new at the Hotel.

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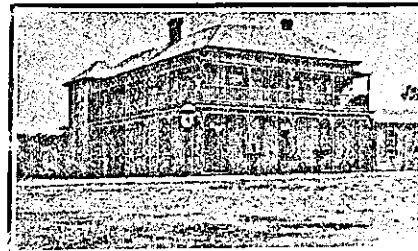
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PALMERSTON NORTH.—Continued.

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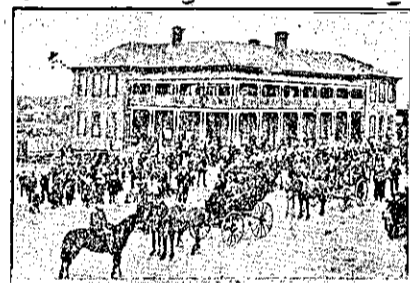
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TAURANGA HOTEL, STRAND, TAURANGA.

Under New Management. T. R. NIXON. (Late of Carpenters' Arm, Auckland). Desires to intimate that he has taken over the above popular House, where he will be pleased to meet old and new Patrons. Extensive Alterations and Improvements have been effected, and Visitors will find every comfort and convenience. Tariff moderate. Wines and Spirits of Best Brands only. Night Porter in attendance.

TE AROHA.



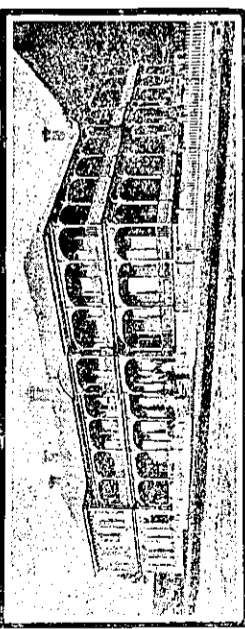
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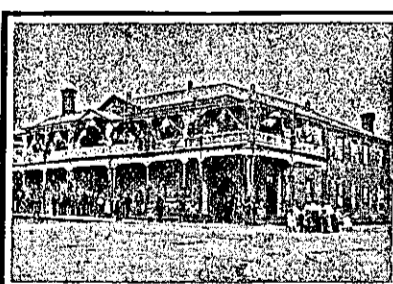
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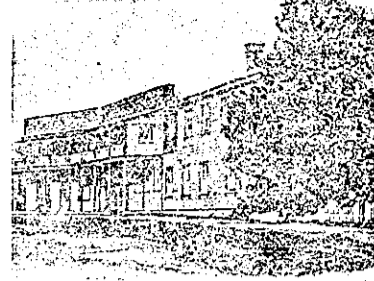


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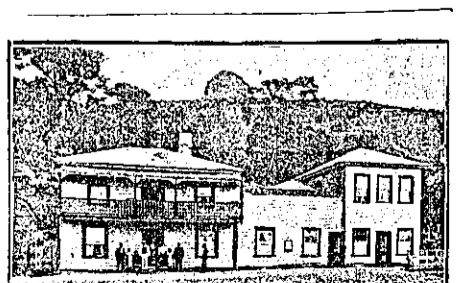
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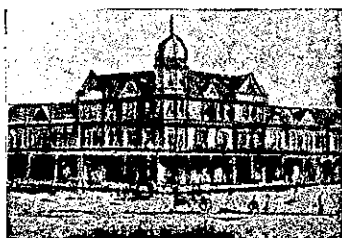
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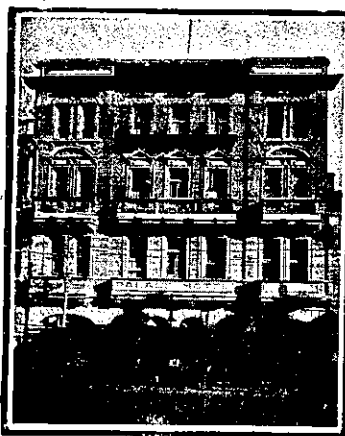
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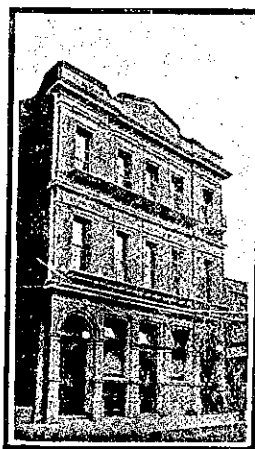
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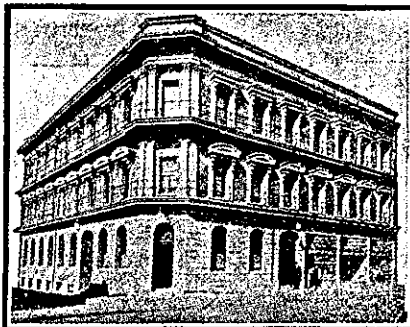
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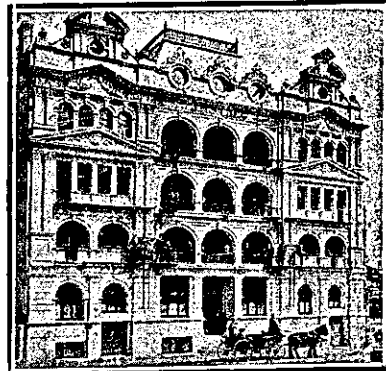
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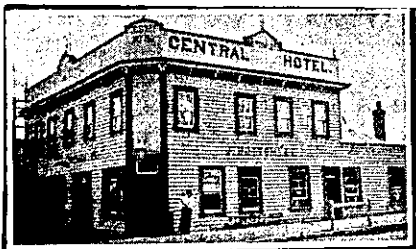
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