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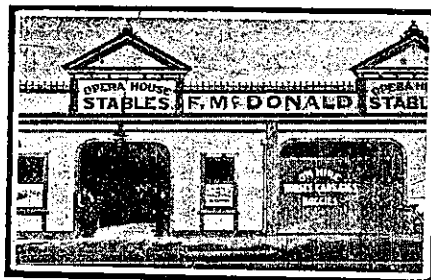
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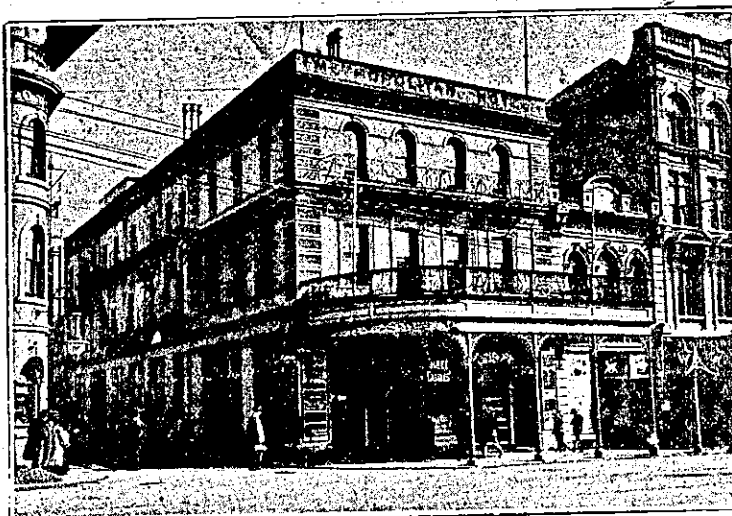
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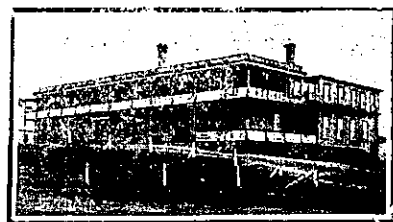
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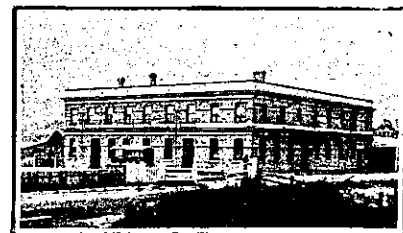
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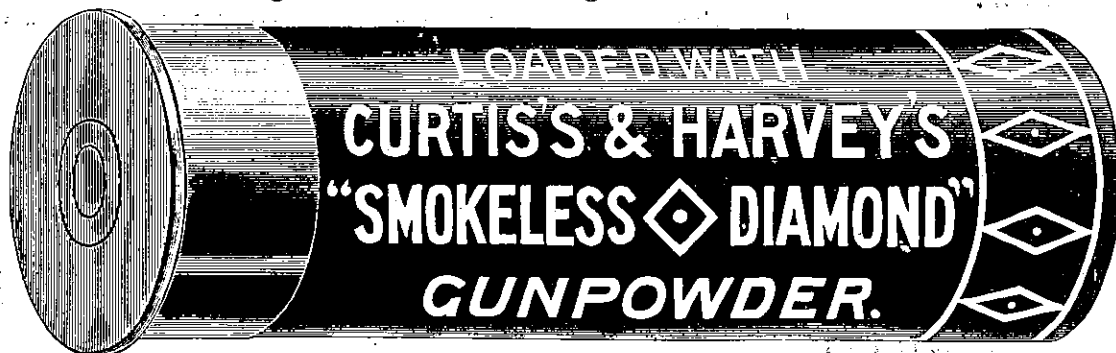
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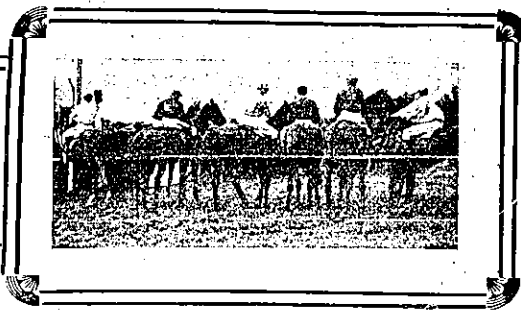


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April 29, May 2—Avondale J.C.
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 May 2—Christchurch R.C.
 May 6, 7—Hawke's Bay J.C.
 May 6, 7—Marlborough R.C.
 May 13, 14—Ashburton County R.C.
 May 13 and 14—Egmont R.C.
 May 23, 25—North Otago J.C.
 May 23, 25—Takapuna J.C.
 May 23, 25—Wanganui J.C.
 May 30, June 3 and 6—Auckland R.C.
 June 3 and 4—Dunedin J.C.

NOMINATIONS.

April 24—Takapuna J.C.
 April 24—Wanganui J.C.
 April 24—A.R.S. special events
 May 8—A.R.C. general entries

WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

May 1—A.R.C. special events
 May 3—Takapuna J.C.
 May 9—Wanganui J.C.
 May 15—A.R.C.

ACCEPTANCES.

May 8—A.R.C. special events
 May 15—Takapuna J.C.
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FIRST DAY.

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The meeting was opened with a very pretty race. This was the Tradesmen's Handicap, one mile and a quarter, and of the nine runners the public sorted out Delegate, Carl Rosa, and Woodhey as the best. After the customary illmannered display by Sweet Alice at the post, Mr O'Connor got them well away, Carl Rosa and Delegate being in front. Delegate soon took charge, and there he remained to the finish. As they came into the straight Woodhey went up to Mr. Roulston's horse and a desperate battle resulted all the way home, Delegate winning by a short neck, with Lord Seaton, who came with a great run from the distance, three-quarters of a length off third. Montigo was fourth and Sweet Alice last.

The scratching pen was very freely used in the Brighton Hurdles, two miles, nine out of the seventeen, including Paritutu, Shrapnel and Kiatere, dropping out. The public went for Omati, a singularly bad selection,

as he finished absolutely last. Omati and Hautapu can always be relied upon to make the pace, and the pair were soon out in front, and leading past the stand, with Dolores next and Le Beau last. Down the back Lady Hune and Ranana closed on the leaders, who soon collapsed. At the home bend Ranana was in front, and from that out Mrs. Hughes' hollow-backed gelding was never troubled, winning easily by three lengths from Dolores, who was two lengths ahead of Lady Hune, Le Beau being fourth, and Good Faith fifth.

There were five malcontents in the Northern Champagne Stakes, 6 furlongs, this leaving half-a-dozen to contest the rich stake. These were all closely scrutinised in the saddling paddock, and the general summing up was that Mr. E. J. Watts' gelding Aborigine would win, while opinions were divided as to the second, but Master Soult appeared the pick of the local talent. Mr. O'Connor soon got them away on even terms, Aborigine and Master Soult at once showing in front. Before the home bend was reached, Aborigine was well ahead, and a long way from home he had the field at his mercy. Bowling along in great style, Mr. Watts' gelding ran home an easy winner by a length from Master Soult, who finished very resolutely under the whip. Diabolo, who did not get too good a run, finished well up third, and then came Osgodby and Chanteuse.

Golden Eagle was the sole absentee in the Easter Handicap, one mile, this leaving a fine field of seventeen runners. Local punters stuck so stoutly to Soultline that the gelding was sent out favourite. The two best looking horses in the race were, however, Gold Crest and Dawn, both of whom carried heaps of bullion. With such a big line of horses the start was only a fair one, and before they had gone a hundred yards the field was strung out. Going at a tremendous pace, Soultline drew right out from the field, the next being Gold Crest and Lady Rohina. At the six furlong post positions were practically unaltered, but as the bend was neared the leader began to rapidly come back, while Dawn, who got a poor start, had worked his way up third, Gold Crest being within a length of the favourite. Once heads were turned for home Gold Crest took charge, and galloping in very genuine style, held off the opposition all the way, winning by half-a-length. Veronica came with a great rattle from the distance, beating Dawn by three-quarters of a length. Marguerite was half-a-length behind Dawn, with Te Aroha almost alongside, Soultline being a neck away, with Leonator close up.

Seven turned out for the Eden Handicap, seven furlongs, the popular choice being the Porirua candidate Taitoko. The race was virtually a duel between Maheno and the favourite, for nothing else ever got near the pair. These two ran together to the distance, when the whips came out on each, and in a well fought finish the Aucklander got home by half-a-length. Lochbuhie, a well fancied candidate, struggled into third place, two lengths behind Taitoko, while Waihuka was a close fourth.

Nothing would go down with punters but Diamond Star for the Victoria Handicap, four furlongs. The Hon. J. D. Ormond's colt got none the best of the start, and Gipsy Belle streaked away with the lead. When they rounded the bend the favourite set out in chase, but he could never reach the leader, who ran home a two-lengths winner. Jena just beating Rarata for third place.

There was another good field in the Nelson Handicap, seven furlongs, fifteen weighing out. Big as it was, punters picked the race in one, going strongly for the lightly-weighted Epsom Lass. They had an anxious time of it, however, for Auldearn hopped off very smartly, and streaking away at a great rate soon placed three lengths between himself and the next horse, Cadence. With home in sight Epsom Lass, who had got away badly, set out in grim earnest to catch the leader. Hard ridden all the way, the Hotchkiss filly got up in the last stride, and the Judge's verdict was a

head in her favour, although many people thought Auldearn had just won. Mark Time was third, two lengths off, and Waiotahi fourth.

The day's proceedings concluded with the Nelson Handicap, seven furlongs, which, fixed for too late in the afternoon, was run in the dusk. The start was a bad one, half the field getting no chance. Miss Winnie and Wauchope jumped out in front, and after a battle royal all the way, Winnie's speedy daughter beat Mr. Ring's colt by half-a-length. Noteorini finished very gamely, and was two lengths away third. North Head was a head in front of Loongana, while the last to finish was Finery.

SECOND DAY.

The weather for the second day was decidedly unpleasant. There was a strong north-easter blowing straight into the stand, and as it brought up a good deal of rain with it matters became fairly moist. The attendance naturally suffered, being considerably below the Easter Monday standard. The racing, however, was good, one or two of the finishes being most exciting. The Governor and party were again present, as were many visiting sportsmen. During the afternoon the sum of £16,440 went through the totalisator. Eighteen bookmakers paid the fee of £20 for the privilege to bet.

Racing was resumed with the Stewards' Handicap, one mile, in which eight carried silk, the popular choice being Delegate. Owing to Landlock playing up the start was considerably delayed, but at last Mr. O'Connor got them away on even terms. Uranium, Landlock, and Scotty were the first to show clear, but before a furlong had been traversed, Landlock assumed command. As the home bend was neared Ryan brought Scotty to the front, and from this out the race was over, the St. Leger gelding fairly romping home two lengths ahead of Carl Rosa, who came with a great run from the rear. Mahuta was two lengths off third, and then followed Uranium and Delegate in close order.

A prettier race than the Ellerslie Handicap, six furlongs, could not have been wished for. There were eight runners, punters sorting out Diabolo and Diamond Star as the best. The despatch was a very happy one, Master Soult showing in front with Diamond Star and Rarata closing on him and Diabolo coming fast. Whips were out on all and a magnificent finish saw Diamond Star win by a short head from Rarata, who was a short head in front of Master Soult, with Diabolo a similar distance further off.

Next came the ladies' race, the Great Northern Oaks, 1½ miles, seven going out to do battle for the classic event. Investors instantly dropped on Woodhey, the Hon. J. D. Ormond's filly being fairly rushed in the betting. A good many punters remembering Maheno's win on the opening day, stuck to her, but nothing else was greatly fancied. From an admirable despatch Waiotahi led out from Woodhey and Maheno, and that was the order passing the stand. At the top bend Woodhey went to the front with Maheno two lengths behind. These two drew right away from the field, and as they turned for home Maheno was alongside the favourite. Whips were out on both, but the Aucklander carried too many guns for Woodhey, beating her home by two lengths, with Cadence six lengths off third. Clochette was fourth and Waiotahi fifth.

Much interest centred in the next race, the St. George's Handicap, 1¼ miles. Gold Crest was the sole withdrawal, this leaving a field of ten to contest the rich stake, and of these Veronica, Marguerite, and Master Delaval were best backed. Without any delay Mr. O'Connor sent them off to an excellent start, Leonator being a neck in front of Advocate, with Te Aroha third as they swept past the stand. At the top bend Advocate was a neck in advance of Leonator, followed by Te Aroha and Marguerite, with Arc Light last. Positions were much the same down the back, and as they turned for home Advocate

was just in front of Leonator and Master Delaval, with Ruaparaha coming fast. The latter had forged to the front at the distance, and coming away won rather easily by two lengths from Te Aroha, with Master Delaval a similar distance off third, Veronica was fourth, Leonator fifth, and Advocate sixth, and Marguerite last.

After his great sprinting display in the Easter Handicap for six furlongs, Soultline was instantly dropped on in the Hula Handicap, six furlongs, as the best of good things, but such by no means proved to be the case. There were five runners, and Mr. O'Connor had no difficulty in sending them off on even terms. Lady Rohina at once set out to make the pace with the favourite next. With heads turned for home, Soultline showed in front, but then Golden Eagle put in his claim, and revelling in the heavy going won by two lengths from Lady Rohina, who was a length and a-half in front of the favourite.

Eight went to the post for the Autumn Steeplechase, 3½ miles. This is always a popular event, and the merits of the horses were keenly discussed. Ultimately most tickets were rung on Kiatere and Inniskillen. Directly the starter gave them the word to go, Kapakapa went to the front, with Inniskillen and Irish next in order, and so they run to the hill. At the jumps opposite the stand the positions were Kapakapa, Inniskillen, Irish and Good Faith, with Kiatere last. Climbing the hill the second time Kapakapa was still sailing along in front, Irish having gone into second place, while Silica was creeping up, and Pierre tailing off. Mr. Turnbull's gelding was still acting as pace-maker passing the stand, but at the top bend Silica supplanted him. By the time the hill was reached the race was between Silica, Loch Fyne, who had gone up second, and Irish. From this out it was a great tussle home. Silica jumped the last hurdle a fraction in front of the other two and just held off Irish up to Mr. Lusk's box, winning by a length and a-half. Loch Fyne was eased up and finished four lengths away, and then at long intervals came Inniskillen, Kapakapa, Kiatere, and Good Faith, with Pierre last.

Yet another fine finish was witnessed in the Mangere Handicap, six furlongs, for which ten weighed out. The race was virtually a duet between Dogger Bank and Auldearn, the two favourites, who were together all the way, and coming up the straight under severe punishment, flashed by the judge's box so close to each other that no one knew which had won until Mr. Lusk hoisted the number three, giving the verdict to Dogger Bank by a short half head. Explosive finished five lengths off third.

The second day's racing terminated with the Electric Handicap, five furlongs. It was not much of a race, however, for the course had got heavy and this seemed to anchor some of the competitors. It had no effect on North Head, the son of Birkenhead having matters all his own way. He was in front nearly all the way, and romped home three lengths ahead of Haldane, who was quite as far as that in front of Lochbuhie, with Marangai next, and Kirsty last.

THIRD DAY.

MAHUTA SCORES IN THE BIG RACE.

Heavy rain fell all night and Tuesday morning broke very dull, so that the attendance suffered greatly, being one of the smallest seen at Ellerslie. There was an absence of wind, and as the rain held off matters were much more pleasant in this respect than on Monday. The track was, however, very heavy and cut up badly, consequently times were slow. His Excellency the Governor and party drove out. The racing was again of an interesting nature, Mr. Morse's handicaps working out very well. The sum of £11,772 went through the totalisator, making a total of £43,211 10s for the meeting, a decrease of £1973 10s on last year's figures. The substantial sum of £1045 10s was received.

ed from bookmakers' licenses, which more than wiped out the deficit.

Once more the ball was set rolling, this time with the Maiden Hurdle Race, 1½ miles, seven going out to try their luck in the mud, and of these Tui and Cinque were in most demand. They left the mark in close order, but Philosopher turned over at the first hurdle. At the stand Cinque was leading from Tui, Matakokiri and Yollette. Running round the top bend Tui and Cinque cleared right away from the others. At the six furlong mark Putaruru bungled a hurdle, treating Pope to a shaking. Tui in the meantime was getting further away from Cinque, and ultimately he won very easily by six lengths from Cinque, with Matakokiri third, while Gipsy Queen and Yolette straggled in at long intervals.

Eight turned out for the Gore-Brown Handicap, six furlongs, and of these Dogger Bank, Lira, Cadence, and Mark Time were very evenly backed. The public failed to pick it, as the actual outsider of the field won rather easily. Dogger Bank was just showing from Mark Time and Royal Sout down the back and into the straight. Below the distance Royal Sout came through and won by two lengths from Mark Time, who beat Cadence by a short head for second place.

A quintette filed out for the Onslow Stakes, five furlongs, Jena being a fractional better favourite than Waimangu, nothing else being fancied. Expletive was left at the post but the others went off in a line and ran bunched to the home turn, where Coromandel was just showing in front. Galloping in the most resolute style Coromandel drew away, and, although Waimangu chased her right home, he could never get within two lengths of Mr. Lynch's colt. Rimlock was three lengths off third, with Jena fourth, and Expletive a bad fifth.

Next came the big event of the day, the Autumn Handicap, 1½ miles. There were ten runners and the result was looked upon as particularly open. Master Delaval and Scotty ultimately carried most money, but nearly everything else was backed. The race was a peculiar one, for after Mr. O'Connor had sent them away to a good start, Mahuta immediately started to break up the field. Passing the stand he was four lengths ahead of Scotty, with Carl Rosa and Delegate at the head of a bunch. Running round the top turn Mahuta had put further daylight between himself, and the field being quite six lengths ahead of Scotty. The latter and Master Delaval began to close up, but at the home bend the black son of Mahaki was still three lengths to the good. Lindsay drove Scotty along all the way up the straight, but he could not reach Mahuta, who won by over a length, with Master Delaval three lengths off third, just ahead of Ruapara.

Six was the main in the St. Heller's Hurdles, two miles, punters sorting out Dolores as the pick of the bunch. Following their usual custom, Omati and Hautapu rushed away with the lead and they were in front down the back stretch. As they ran past the main stand Omati had increased his advantage to four lengths from Hautapu, with Lady Hune and Dolores next, and Swagsman last. After they had turned out of the straight Swagsman rapidly went through the field which was in fairly close order. Before the straight was reached Swagsman forged his way to the front with Dolores in chase. Finishing out in the centre of the course where there was less mud, Swagsman ran home a three-lengths' winner from Dolores. Lady Hune was third, Inaiskillen fourth, Omati fifth, Hautapu being tailed right off.

Next came the Buckland Handicap, seven furlongs, in which form seemed to point to Maheno as a fairly good thing. They all jumped off together and ran in close order to the home bend. Here it looked as though the finish might be a very exciting one, but this did not eventuate, as Loch-buhie shot to the front and galloping home in good style won by over two lengths from Maheno, with Foremost as far off third. Golden Eagle was fourth, and Waihuka last.

The Tourist Handicap, five furlongs, attracted eight runners, the scratching pen having been very busy. Lucio was made favourite, but Auldearn lasted long enough to win by a neck from Lucio, who was half-a-length in front of Hughie, with Lady Frances fourth.

The big fixture was brought to a close with the Auckland Welter Handicap, one mile, nine going for "the recovery stakes." Celtic was made a slightly better favourite than Leonator. Uranium, always a quick beginner, soon showed in front with Tui Cakobau, Noteorini and Celtic in close

order. At the home bend the field were all together, and it seemed anybody's race. Uranium showing better staying ability than she has done for some time held her own all the way to the post, which she passed nearly two lengths ahead of Tui Cakobau and Celtic, who after a desperate battle could not be separated by the judge. Leonator was fourth and Montigo fifth. Thus was another Easter campaign brought to a close, the success of which, although somewhat marred by bad weather, was nevertheless undoubted. The absence of accident, protests and the like was another pleasing feature of the reunion.

THE CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

(From Our Canterbury Correspondent).

It was a cold day with a strong easterly wind blowing for the opening of the C.J.C. Autumn Meeting. Although the attendance was large, there were not so many visitors as usual, and the absence of many high-class horses robbed the racing of a considerable amount of interest. Despite this, however, there were some very keen contests, the races for the Great Easter Handicap being full of interest all through.

Racing commenced with the Kildare Hurdle Handicap, the seven horses figuring on the card facing the starter. Grandstand, on the strength of his excellent track displays and recent form at Dunedin, was at once installed a warm favourite. A surprise was in store, two of the least-fancied horses, Ability and Eurus, filling first and second places. This pair were in front practically all the way, and rose together over the last hurdle, Ability showing more dash on the flat and winning by a length, with Stormont, who came fast in the last furlong, another length away third. Southern Cross was fourth. Grandstand was with the leaders at the start, but then dropped right back.

The Champagne Stakes resolved itself into a contest between the Yaldhurst and Chokebore stables, Golden Slipper being the elect of the former, while Fleetfoot (despite her apparent lameness) and Husbandman were sent out to do battle for the blue and gold chequers. The race is easily described. Fleetfoot drew out from Husbandman at the start, and before a furlong had been covered they were leading Golden Slipper by three lengths. Fleetfoot was first into the straight, but soon commenced to tire, and Golden Slipper making a fine run from the distance, won by four lengths, Husbandman beating Fleetfoot at the post by a head for second place.

A field of six saddled up for the Autumn Plate, North Pole being a strong public fancy. Hellanthes and Cavatina made the early running well clear of North Pole and The Libyan. The first-named pair led into the straight, but at the distance they were joined by North Pole, Oiyoi, and Nancy Stair. A little further on The Libyan came through, and in a slashing finish beat North Pole by a neck, with Nancy Stair three lengths away third, and Oiyoi fourth.

Next came the big handicap of the day—the Great Easter. All those who made the final acceptances faced the starter, the field numbering twelve. All Red and Gold Beater were the best-backed pair, but several of the others received solid support. With three furlongs gone Full Rate and Gold Beater were leading the field, the colours of Carlisma, Prim, Petrovna and All Guns being prominent. Full Rate was first into the straight, his nearest attendants being Gold Beater, Buccleuch and Petrovna. At the distance Buccleuch moved up to the leaders, and after a rattling finish defeated Gold Beater by a length, with Full Rate another length away third. Petrovna, Prim and Cross Battery followed in the order named.

The Russley Plate Handicap resulted in a runaway victory for Flitaway, who, jumping off smartly, led all the way and beat Elysium by three lengths, Whistlecraft being another five lengths away third. None of the others, including Rock Ferry, were prominent.

The next race, the Epsom Welter, proved itself little more than an exercise canter for Lupulite, who, after slipping his field at the start, led all the way and won by six lengths from Lady Disdain, Clanchattan being third another length away.

In the Gimcrack Race Tessera and Cockleshell fought out a great finish, the former lasting long enough to win

by a bare neck, with Cerise and Blue half a length away third.

The day's racing concluded with the Stockburn Handicap. Amboise made the early running, but after entering the straight she died away, and Stratagem, easily getting the measure of the others, won comfortably by a length from Thunderer, who beat Lapland by four lengths.

SECOND DAY.

With heavy showers during the night and a dull morning, the weather conditions did not promise too well for the conclusion of the Canterbury J.C. Autumn Meeting. Before noon, however, the weather cleared, and the afternoon turned out very pleasant. Proceedings opened with the Peerswick Hurdles, one mile and three-quarters, in which the only scratching was Grandstand. His form on the first day showed Eurus to have a very good chance, and so the result proved, for he won with something in hand from Storm, with Ability, the top weight, third. Stormont, when holding a good position, lost his rider near the seven furlongs post, otherwise he would surely have troubled the winner.

Although there were only three starters in the Autumn Nursery Handicap, it had material for an interesting race, with Armlet, Flitaway, and Rock Ferry competing. Flitaway was quickest to begin and, holding her advantage throughout, won by three-parts of a length from Armlet, with Rock Ferry a rather poor third.

The public selected Martyrium, the Hon. J. D. Ormond's representative, as the best thing for the Yaldhurst Welter Handicap of seven furlongs. The distance, however, proved too far for her, and though she was in front at the end of six furlongs, she tired quickly and was overhauled first by Oiyoi and then by Cross Battery, the former winning by a length and a-half. Cross Battery got away badly or she would have been closer up.

This cleared the way for the Great Autumn Handicap, in which there were six starters, Buccleuch and Glen-culoch being withdrawn. Backers pinned their faith to Zimmerman, and in this case they were right, for after a splendid race Birkenhead's son won by a head from Signor, who finished remarkably well. Stewart Waddell had Zimmerman in fine trim, and Jones rode a well-judged race on him. Stratagem was found wanting when the final struggle took place, and finished a length behind Signor. Lapland, who finished fourth, was two and a-half lengths behind Stratagem. In view of the strong team sent down by the Hon. J. D. Ormond, it was rather remarkable to find that this was the only win scored by the all-cerise.

The Addington Plate needs little description, as Millionaire hopped away smartly and never left the issue in doubt, winning easily by a length and a-half from Alexis, with Cockleshell, another of Sir Geo. Clifford's, third. The winner, who was a very hot favourite, was sold for £205 to Mr. J. C. N. Grigg.

The result of the Champagne Stakes looked a good thing for Golden Slipper, and the daughter of Multi-form and Aura was never troubled at any stage of the race. The time was slow, but the winner was never asked for an effort.

After his win on the first day Lupulite was at once pounced on as the winner of the Templeton Handicap, but in this race he found other horses as quick beginners as himself, and he had to strike his colours to that consistent old performer Petrovna, who won by two and a-half lengths, while Contender was a length and a-half in front of the favourite.

It was left to the last race to provide the surprise of the day. The public still stuck to the Hon. Ormond's representatives, and North Pole was made a decided favourite. However, All Guns, one of the least fancied candidates, made all the running and won by three lengths from Highland Reel, with Lady Disdain third and North Pole fourth. It is no breach of the Gaming Act to say that had Highland Reel won he would have paid over £50.

PATEA RACING CLUB.

The committee of the Patea Racing Club are to be congratulated on the success which attended their annual meeting, held on Easter Monday. The attendance was large, and the weather, although threatening in the morning, was all that could be desired, and the programme was got through without a hitch or anything to mar the day's enjoyment. For this much praise is due to Mr. Hammerton (the genial secretary) and the various officers of the club. The course was rather heavy, on account of the previous rains, and consequently the time

registered in the different events was slow.

Proceedings opened with the Hurdles, which was contested by a field of five. Compass (Daystar—Main-time) took charge going round the back, and was never after troubled, winning easily by several lengths.

At the start for the Flying Handicap Noifa reared up and threw her jockey and returned to the paddock. When the tapes were raised Nkotihi immediately rushed to the front, followed by Hydraulic. On entering the straight the latter headed Nkotihi, and, coming on, won easily by about three lengths.

Six horses went to the post for the Farmers' Plate. Ben Cyr at once cleared right away from his field, entering the straight with about six lengths' lead. When about a hundred yards from the post the rider drew his whip, and at the first stroke the horse swerved and ran inside a post, allowing Pierpoint to win by a couple of lengths. Ben Cyr secured second place, but was disqualified, and the place allotted to Contralto, a three-year-old filly by Sylvia Park—Madam Cole.

Cassiopea was the only withdrawal from the Easter Handicap, and Virtus and King's Birthday were the first to show out, the former leading right round the back and into the straight, where Kilmarnock came through very fast and won by about nine lengths.

The Kakaramea Stakes was contested by a large field, and Inaha and Flying Wind were the first to show out, but after a couple of furlongs had been covered Research took the lead, and, coming on, the son of Renown won easily by six lengths.

In the Borough Stakes Kilmarnock scored his second victory at the meeting. After making all the running the St. Paul gelding just lasted long enough to win by three parts of a length from his stablemate, Lantern.

The Dane was the last to move in the start for the Alton High-Weight, Red Star and Recreation heading the field. On entering the straight The Dane had caught Recreation. The pair raced together to the post, where it appeared that Dr. Paget's horse had a slight advantage, but the judge declared a dead heat.

A large field of sprinters faced the barrier for the Final Handicap. Inaha, who ran second in the Kakaramea Stakes, appeared to be winning easily when she fell, allowing Supplement to secure the verdict.

THE TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

The winter meeting of the Takapuna Jockey Club will be held on Saturday and Monday, May 23 and 25. Mr. R. Wynyard, the secretary, desires attention drawn to the fact that nominations for all events close tomorrow, Friday, April 24, at 9 p.m. The events and amounts required are as follows:—First Day—Handicap, Maiden Hurdles, 150v, Handicap, Maiden Plate, 150v, Empire Handicap, 150v, Royal Handicap, 150v, Hauraki Handicap Hurdles, 150v, Handicap, Maiden Steeplechase, 150v, First Pony Handicap, 150v. This is a popular fixture and the entry list should be a lengthy one. The full programme appears in another column.

THE AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

COMMENCES NEXT WEDNESDAY.

The next race meeting to engage the attention of sportsmen is the Autumn fixture of the Avondale Jockey Club which will be commenced next Wednesday, April 29, and brought to a conclusion on the following Saturday. On the opening day the events are:—The Maiden Plate (6 furlongs), the Handicap Hurdles (2 miles), the Oakley Handicap (5 furlongs), the Juvenile Handicap (5 furlongs), the Avondale Handicap (1½ miles), the First Pony Handicap (5 furlongs), Chevalier Handicap (5 furlongs), and the Railway Handicap (6 furlongs). For all of these races good entries have been received, the handicaps appearing in another column. Acceptances are due with Mr. H. H. Hayr, the secretary, by 9 p.m. tomorrow (Friday) evening. Special trains will be run to the course and there will be no lack of brakes, etc. In the event of a fine day, a highly important consideration at Avondale, a successful meeting is assured. The appointments of the course and enclosure are equal to any in the Dominion, and the arrangements are invariably quite up to date and often a little ahead. Some good sport can be confidently looked forward to.

THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

Now that the A.R.C. Easter carnival has been numbered with the past, owners will be turning their attention to the

Great Northern Steeplechase meeting now only some five weeks ahead. This very popular fixture will take place on May 30, June 3 and 6 a programme of seven events being run through on each day. On the first, items are the Maiden Steeplechase, of 150sovs, 2½ miles; the Jervois Handicap, of 100sovs, 5 furlongs; the Maiden Hurdles, of 110sovs, 1½ miles; the Great Northern Hurdles, of 650sovs, 2½ miles; the Cornwall Handicap, of 325sovs, 1½ miles; the Ladies' Bracelet, of 100sovs, 1½ miles; and the Members' Handicap, of 150sovs, 5 furlongs. On the second day (the Prince of Wales' Birthday) there will be the Orakei Hurdles, of 110sovs, 1½ miles; the Ranfurly Welter, of 100sovs, 1 mile; the Great Northern Steeplechase, of 850 sovs, 3½ miles; the Remuera Hurdles, of 200sovs, 2 miles; the Prince of Wales' Handicap, of 325sovs, 7 furlongs; the Tally-ho Steeplechase, of 150sovs, 3 miles; and the Jumpers' Flat Race, of 150sovs, 1½ miles.

The bill of fare for the concluding day embraces the Ladies' Bracelet, of 50sovs (gentlemen riders) - mile; the Tamaki Steeplechase, of 110sovs, 2½ miles; the York Welter, of 325sovs, 1 mile; the Winter Steeplechase, of 300sovs, 3 miles; the Campbell Hurdles, of 200sovs, 2 miles; the Fitzroy Welter, of 100sovs, 6 furlongs; and the Farewell Handicap, of 150sovs, 5 furlongs.

Owners and trainers should note that nominations for the Great Northern Hurdles, Great Northern Steeplechase and Winter Steeplechase must be made to the secretary, J. F. Hartland, by 9 p.m. to-morrow (Friday) evening. Acceptances for those races, as well as general entries, close on May 8.

THE WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

A very important fixture, which owners must not overlook, is the winter gathering of the Wanganui Jockey Club, which is fixed to take place on May 23 and 25. This is one of the most popular gatherings of the year and always keenly interests Auckland sportsmen, coming, as it does, immediately before the Great Northern meeting. Entries for all events close with Mr William Hall, the secretary, to-morrow (Friday) evening at 9 p.m. The events to be dealt with and money required are as follows:—Borough Handicap, 1 sov; Wanganui Steeplechase, 1 sov; Electric Hack Handicap, 1 sov; May Hurdles, 1 sov; Conolly Handicap, 1 sov; Purua Hack Flat Handicap, 1 sov; Winter Oats, 1 sov; Grandstand Steeplechase, 1 sov; Balgownie Hack Flat, 1 sov; Century Hurdles Handicap, 1 sov; Rata Hack Hurdles, 1 sov; Final Steeplechase Handicap, 1 sov; Final Steeplechase Handicap, 1 sov; Farewell Hack Flat Handicap, 1 sov. The full programme will be found in another column.

PONY RACING CONDEMNED.

"Give a dog a bad name and you may as well hang him." Pony racing has been getting it hot all round. Here are some remarks from the Christchurch "Press" on the subject:—A development which the anti-gambling supporters of the Gaming Act must view with alarm is the direct encouragement it has given to a form of "sport" which, it is not too much to say, stinks in the nostrils of all good sportsmen. It is possible, of course, to carry on pony racing by a proprietary club, in honest, cleanly fashion, but the undoubted fact remains that only rarely is it so conducted. The circumstances surrounding it invite suspicion and distrust. The proprietary pony-racing club is a law unto itself, and all connected with it are outlaws in the eyes of the sporting world. Sentence of disqualification is passed upon them by the rulers of racing and trotting; they are debarred from entering any registered racecourse in New Zealand. The profits of a registered racing club go towards increasing the stakes, improving the course and buildings, and catering in various ways for the comfort and convenience of its patrons—the public. The profits of a proprietary club go into the pockets of its members. A registered racing club has a reputation for clean sport to maintain. Jockeys and trainers and owners who might wish to indulge in "crooked" practices know that discovery would be followed by disqualification throughout New Zealand, and that knowledge undoubtedly discourages those who are only to be kept "straight" by fear of the consequences of wrong-doing. There is no such deterrent in the case of a proprietary club. Disqualified jockeys can find mounts at its meetings, and "spielers," who would be warned off the course of any registered club find the gates of the proprietary racecourse wide open to them. There is no central controlling authority in pony-racing as is the case with horse-racing and trotting, and thus, if any

proprietary club did happen to disqualify an offender, such disqualification would only apply as regarded that particular club; he would be free to carry on his roguery at any other pony race meeting he chose to patronise. There can be no arguing that pony racing as generally carried on by proprietary clubs encourages good sport; it exists simply for the encouragement of gambling, and is made possible for this purpose in New Zealand solely by the Gaming Act of last year, which, while permitting bookmakers to ply their calling at meetings to which totalisator permits were granted, placed absolutely no restriction on their frequenting any unlicensed race meeting that was held.

ELEVATION'S HEIGHT.

The New Zealand horse Elevation has been astonishing the track watchers, and though there is no argument as to his speed, there is any amount of discussion as to his height (says the "Town and Country Journal.") When he first appeared, his height was given in the Press as 15 hands, but some of the converted pony trainers, who are now training horses at Randwick, and who through long practice are first-class judges of height, were unanimous in voting him 15.1 at least. Now it seems that the trainer of the colt is willing to bet that he is over that height. This is big enough for anything, as it is 2in higher than Antonious, who was far from being a bad one. In the matter of height thoroughbred horses are very deceptive, as they are also in the rib and arm measurement. Like gamecocks, they are much bigger than they look. Poseidon himself, though apparently a small horse, is well over 15h 2in. Elevation, though not a big one, is very solid, and shows a lot of the well furnished frame and fully developed muscles characteristic of New Zealand stock. Any trainer who is used to it can pick out a New Zealand horse at sight, though they do occasionally send us a ragged one such as Isolt, who never carried any flesh at all.

LUCK IN BREEDING.

Angelica, though sister of St. Simon and dam of Orme, found no favour with the Duke of Westminster, and all her daughters (writes the Special Commissioner of the "Sportsman"), were disposed of. I was in at the buying of three of them myself, and a fourth went to France. So, too, with Ornament (dam of Sceptre), the late Duke would have none of her stock, though she is own sister to Ormonde. This can only have been due to caprice, for not only is Ornament own sister to Ormonde, made "taboo," but all her stock was sold without any exception, coming under the hammer or being privately sold, from Star Ruby down to Sceptre. Would the late Duke of Westminster have retained Sceptre had he lived? I do not think he would have done so, for he cheerfully got rid of such horses as Star Ruby, Labrador, and Collar, all out of the same mare. Indeed, to my mind, there was never a breeder who enjoyed better luck than the late Duke of Westminster. He was lucky in his initial purchase of Doncaster, but he did his best to offend fortune when he sold the sire of Bend Or for the beggarly sum of 6,000 guineas to go to Hungary, just because he did not at once follow on with another Bend Or. Then there was the good luck over the mix up between Bend Or and Tadcaster, and, as regards this, the late Mr. James Lowther, who was one of the stewards called upon to decide that objection, told me some few years before he died that while they had, of course, done their best to arrive at a correct decision, he had come to the conclusion from what he subsequently came to learn, that they were wrong. On that I have always been inclined to the same belief, for there was no more impartial, clear-headed man than Mr. Lowther, and Bend Or, as a horse, bore a very striking resemblance to Sandiway, who was probably his sister. No one need worry about the matter now, for Bend Or was certainly better bred, if he was out of Clemence, than if he was out of Rouge Rose, and the matter can never go beyond academic discussion. Likenesses may be attributed to the common blood of Doncaster in either case, and thus we may argue in a circle for all time without making any advance. Here, then, was another instance of the Duke of Westminster's luck. If Mr. Lowther had known earlier what he came to know later, it is in the highest degree possible that Bend Or would have been disqualified for the Derby, and the Duke would have likely enough cut racing from that time forward. As it was, he won

the Derby and carried on with great results, while if Bend Or was really out of Clemence, that made him all the better as a stallion, and probably contributed to the merits of Ormonde. Perhaps the crowning instance of the Duke of Westminster's luck was the breeding of Flying Fox from Vampire. He bought the mare privately, and on finding that she was of very vicious temper, did all he could to make the seller take her back. Then, when she was mated with Orme, it was no case of judicious selection of a sire, but the mare was so queer in her temper that it was thought unsafe to send her away from home. On one occasion, when she came open-mouthed at his Grace, who had gone into her box to look at her, he was so annoyed that he ordered her to be destroyed, but the stars in their courses were on his side. Needless to say, no one dreamed of executing the sentence on Vampire, and the momentary anger was soon forgotten. Vampire produced Flying Fox, and for that alone ranks among the immortals, but there have been other good ones out of her, and some people still believe in her son, Vamose, for the classics of this year.

NOTES.

(By The Judge.)

Had Woodhey been on the inside, the Birkenhead filly would have beaten Delegate in the Tradesman's Handicap. The latter bored out all the way from the distance, carrying the filly with him. Lord Seaton finishing on the rails would have beaten them both with a little further to go.

Ranana is so hollow-backed a gelding as to necessitate a cushion under the saddle. The Australian's son galloped and jumped well in the Brighton Hurdles, nothing else having a chance with him at the finish, although Dolores chased him home.

For such a good prize as the Champagne Stakes it must have been a little disappointing to the executive to find such a poor field competing. Of the six runners at least three could be safely reckoned on to finish among the "also starteds" and the result took no brain fig to foretell or even to place them.

Veronica finished at a great pace in the Easter Handicap and had she got away better she might have won. The Sout mare was a long way back as they entered the straight, but she fairly smothered everything but Gold Crest for speed in the closing stages.

'Aborigine was a "hot pot" for the Northern Champagne Stakes, and as a matter of fact he won fairly easily. The son of Merriwee and Indian Queen got well away and held his own all the way up the straight, winning without the whip. The best of the local squad was Master Sout. He finished gamely enough, but in Mr Watt's gelding, evidently met his master, from which it may be inferred that, although a very fair colt, he is evidently no champion.

There is no getting away from the fact that Gold Crest's victory in the Easter Handicap was an exceptionally meritorious one. Nine stone was a big impost for a three-year-old, yet the chestnut son of Gold Reef very easily carried it to victory. When one considers that the course was a trifle on the heavy side and that the mile was cut out in 1min 40sec—a record for the race—the value of Gold Crest's gallant deed can be the better appreciated. Rarely has the cheer at the finish been better deserved.

It seems probable that any chance Soutline might have had in the Easter Handicap was thrown away by the rider. On a doubtful stayer, but very fast horse like the bay gelding, it seemed suicidal policy to race the gelding at his very top with the hope of breaking up the field. Naturally he was the first to cry peccavi.

Judged on the betting one might have thought the Oaks was all over before the race commenced, so hotly did punters rush Woodhey. There is no such a thing as a certainty in racing, however, and after Woodhey had attempted to break up the field, Ryan brought up Maheno and the Sout filly won by two lengths. As a race, the Oaks was something of a failure as at the finish competitors were scattered all down the course.

The St. George's Handicap on Monday was robbed of much interest owing to the withdrawal of Gold Crest. His absence was, of course, only to be expected,

as the handicapper had dealt it out to the son of Gold Reef. A weight of 9st 10lb for a three-year-old in heavy going was rather too much to ask any colt to carry and as might have been anticipated, the scratching pen was used on his name.

Scotty had a very easy win in the Steward's Handicap. He was always in a good position and when Ryan gave him his head the old St. Leger gelding fairly romped in. After his poor showing on the opening day, Scotty's easy victory was the cause of some adverse remarks, but as a matter of fact he had been easily treated by the handicapper.

A very hot pot was bowled over in Soutline in the Huia Handicap on Monday. In the Easter Handicap he was reported to have cut out the first six furlongs in 1min 12sec, but the increased weight and the heavy going seemed to anchor him on Monday, and two moderates, in Golden Eagle and Lady Rohina, beat him pointlessly. It was a nasty facer for the public who couldn't see how the son of Sout was to be beaten.

What a splendid finish was provided in the Eilers'ie Handicap. Diamond Star, Rarata, Master Sout, and Diabolo finished almost in a line. Mr Lusk's verdict being "short heads between the four." Master Sout made a very bold bid inside the distance, but the weight stopped him in the last little bit. Had he been better placed in the earlier stages, the Porirua candidate Diabolo, who was favourite, might have just about pulled off the race.

Mahuta fairly broke up the field in the Autumn Handicap. He rushed away with the lead and at one time was over six lengths ahead of his nearest rival. Scotty chased him home, but the gap was too big and the southerner got home over a length to the good.

Frank Burns, who so nearly got Irish home in the Autumn Steeplechase, was on Ingorangi when he won the race in 1891, and also rode Car-buncle to victory in 1896.

Mark Ryan was the most successful horseman at the Easter meeting, as he piloted three winners, Brady, Wilson and Julian riding two each.

Bucclench pulled up lame after winning the C.J.C. Easter Handicap.

The "tote" figures at the C.J.C. meeting showed a tremendous falling off, this amounting to no less than £9543 as compared with last year.

There is evidently plenty of money about Feilding. During the two days of the Easter meeting the sum of £31,533 went through the totalisator, which knocks the Christchurch figures "into a cocked hat."

Elevation's break-down in Sydney is reported to be a bad one, a tendon having been said to have gone.

"Fair Play" writes me a letter which, owing to the writer not having enclosed his name, cannot be published. He strongly condemns the fact of Deeley being disqualified by the A.R.C. without being heard in his own defence.

The longest flat race in the colonies, the A.J.C. Plate, run over three miles, will be decided at Randwick on Saturday. Tartan (9.5), Dyed Garments (9.2), Poseidon (9.0), Mountain King (8.0), Peru (8.0), and Maranui (8.0) are among the entries.

The Sydney Cup, run on Monday, fell to Mr. Connolly's horse Dyed Garments, who fairly ran away with the race, beating Tartan by six lengths, Absentee being two lengths away third. The winner is by Malvolio from Bozra, and readers of the Bible will thus immediately see the reason of the peculiar name. This is one more cup for Mr. Connolly, whose luck in this respect is somewhat remarkable.

White Lie, who won the Easter Handicap at the Wairarapa Meeting, is a black mare by Merriwee from Fib, by Korari from Fable by Slanderer. Her solitary victory last year was when she beat Truthful, Devonia, and five others in the Tawaha Hack Race at the Wairarapa Summer Meeting.

The committee of the Australian Jockey Club have increased the value of the A.J.C. Derby to 3,000 guineas, making it the richest classic race in the Colonies. This is a counter-blast to the V.R.C., whose Derby was recently raised to 2,000 guineas. The A.J.C. have also raised the stakes for the Metropolitan Handicap and Sydney Cup to 2,500 guineas each, and the Spring Stakes to 1,000 guineas.

The New Zealander Maranui ran badly in the Doncaster Handicap, but in the Sydney Cup he was well up fourth in a field of seventeen.

The Patea Easter Monday Meeting was, as usual, a very successful affair. The weather was fine, the attendance large, and the sport good. Kilmarnock was in good form, winning the Easter Handicap and the Borough Stakes.

Flitaway, a chestnut daughter of Clanranald and Elusive, is well named. The manner in which she won the Russley Plate at Riccarton, and then followed it up by beating Armlet and Rock Ferry in the Autumn Nursery stamps her as having the galloping gift, and she may be a second Fleet-foot.

Bourrisque, who won the Feilding Cup on Easter Monday, is an aged gelding by Sou'Wester from Lady Isabel, who last season won the Manawatu Cup. He runs in the green and white colours of Mr. L. Pascal.

Golden Slipper, the C.J.C. Champagne Stakes winner, is evidently a very smart filly, as with 8st. 8lb. in the saddle she ran the six furlongs in 1m. 14 3-5s. She was bred at Yaldhurst, being got by Multiform from that good mare Aura.

It seems a pity that Sir Geo. Clifford should have decided to start Fleetfoot in the Champagne Stakes, as she had been showing signs of lameness, and it was rather courting defeat. As, in addition to Golden Slipper, Husbandman also beat her, the running shows that the crack filly was not in a position to do herself justice. She pulled up lame.

The Oaks winner, Maheno, is a rather smart brown filly, by the St. Simon horse Sout from that grand mare Lottie, by Muskapeer—Ladybird, by Feve—Polish; by Day and Martin—Marchioness, by Herald—Blink Bonny, by Porus. Mr. W. Davies holds the filly under lease from Mr. J. McNicol.

The Northern Champagne Stakes was something of a gift to Aborigine. He is a brown gelding by Merriwee from Indian Queen, by Stepniak from Rane Nuna, by St. George. The opposing contingent was very weak. Master Sout was the only one able to get near Mr. Watts' gelding at the finish.

The name of Suffragette, which Mr. Monk picked out for the Stepniak—Belle Clair filly, was disallowed, and Gipsy Belle was substituted. Under the new name she won at the first time of asking.

Gold Crest, who put up such a brilliant performance by winning the Easter Handicap on a holding course in record time, and with 6lb. overweight-for-age in the saddle, is a son of the Bend 'Or horse Gold Reef from Nymph, a mare bred by the N.Z. Stud Company in 1886, and got by Ingomar from Wood Nymph, by Musket from Sylvia, by Fisherman. There is no better blood in the world to-day than that running in the veins of the gallant chestnut.

Paritutu was brought up from New Plymouth, but the veteran did not fulfil his engagements at the A.R.C. Meeting.

King Billy ran very disappointingly at the A.R.C. Meeting, never once flattering his backers. Arc Light was another who failed to reproduce Southern form.

Black and Gold seems to be beginning to feel his age. His display of sprinting in the Tramway Handicap was quite unworthy of his best days.

Togo, who won the Doncaster Handicap in Sydney on Saturday, claims Antares as his sire. The horse will be remembered as winning the Auckland

Cup of 1899 in the colours of Mr. J. G. Green. He was bred by Mr. T. Morrin in 1893, and is by Castor from Hilda, by Musket—Ouida, by Yattendon. Antares is thus a full brother to the New Zealand Cup winner Fulmen.

The well-known Canterbury sportsman, Mr. J. J. Stead, was taken seriously ill on Monday whilst attending the C.J.C. Meeting. His many friends will wish the squire of Yaldhurst a speedy recovery.

Starina pulled up very lame after the Trademen's Handicap, and will require a long spell.

Most of the Southern contingent at the A.R.C. Meeting returned home on Tuesday.

Uhlando got badly kicked after the Easter Handicap, and was not seen out again at the meeting.

Mr. J. B. McDonald headed the list of winning owners at the A.R.C. Meeting, his cheque amounting to the £520. Mr. H. McManaway won £510, Mr. J. Muir £500, Mr. W. Davies £455, Mr. Watt £400, Hon. J. D. Ormond £380, Mr. J. Roulston £250, Mr. D. Morrighan £225, Mr. D. Stewart £200, the other winners being under £200.

Mountain King carried 8st. 8lb. to victory in the All-Aged Stakes at Randwick, thus increasing his owner's winning account by £700. Truly, it pays to own a champion.



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The usual 5.10 p.m. Henderson train will not leave Auckland till 5.30 p.m., Mount Eden 5.53.

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Usual Racecourse Fares. BY ORDER.



NOTICE TO MAKE RETURNS OF LAND UNDER "THE LAND AND INCOME ASSESSMENT ACT, 1900."

Land and Income Tax Department, Wellington, 30th March, 1908.

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of the above Act, and the Regulations made thereunder, every person and company within the meaning of the said Act, being owner of land in New Zealand, or being the holder or owner of any mortgage or mortgages of land in New Zealand, is hereby required to make and furnish to me, in the prescribed form, returns of such land and mortgages as at 12 o'clock noon on the 31st day of March instant.

And, further, notice is hereby given that such returns shall in all cases be delivered at or forwarded to the office of the Commissioner of Taxes, in the Government Buildings at Wellington, on or before the 1st day of May, 1908.

P. HEYES, Commissioner of Taxes. Note.—Forms of return may be obtained at the Postal Money Order Office.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

MAIDEN HURDLES.—English, Matakokiri, Crispess, Montigo, Freemount, Gipsy Queen, Kapakapa, Putaruru, Lanucock, Miss Crispin, Philosopher, Paritutu, Pukekohe, Huihlower, Te Hanu, Pukenui.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Duart, Ben Blair, Mighty Atom, Engraver Black and Gold, Haldane, Frederick, Kirsty, Stylisa, Celerity, Flint Island, Tui Cakobau, San Paulo, Cadence, Dogger Bank, Memo, Maranga, Guidwife, Foremost, Noteorini, Waihoihoi, Lady French, Lucio.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP.—Octoroon, Ngakapa, Imprimus, Paul Beaver, Hughie Hopsotch, Galvanic, Lady Ferris, Fraulein, Banshee, Elenore.

NURSERY HANDICAP.—Jena, Osgodby, Waimangu, Rarata, Rimlock, Master Sout, Lady Minnie, Aimwell.

MOUNT ROSKILL HANDICAP.—Armagh, Areneum, Dainty, Miss Pauline, Cyreniac, Kotiti, Audearn, Escamillo, Explosive, Stylisa, Waihoihoi, Inniskillen, Fideles, Azoff, Sir Rupert, Tui, Spate, San Paulo, Memo, Tauriki, Royal Sout.

WAITAKEREI HANDICAP.—Epsom Lass, Uranium, Duart, Wauchope, Tui Cakobau, Haldane, Castadrift, Lady Regel, Audearn, Golden Eagle, Lochbuhie, Azoff, Miss Winnie, Waihuka, Lara, Cadence, Maheno, Tauriki, Maranga, Guidwife, Soutmaid, Foremost, Dogger Bank, Noteorini, St. Cyren, Lucreece.

HANDICAPS.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Audearn 9.3, Royal Sout 8.10, St. Cyren 8.5, Rosavere 8.4, Puke-nui 8.4, Spate 8.3, Waiotahi 7.9, Azoff 7.7, Cyreniac 7.4, Escamillo 7.4, Kotiti 7.0, Dainty 7.0, Armagh 7.0, Tauriki 7.0.

HANDICAP HURDLES, two miles.—Cuiragno 11.7, Paritutu 11.6, Swagsman 11.3, Dolores 10.13, Lady Hune 10.10, Hautapu 10.8, Le Beau 10.8, Irish 10.3, Sol 10.3, Ranana 10.2, Silca 10.1, Cachuca 9.13, Omati 9.8, Montigo 9.8, Landlock 9.8, Te Rahui 9.5, Cinque 9.4, Pierre 9.0, Matakokiri 9.0, Kapakapa 9.0, Valinia 9.0.

OAKLEY HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Celerity 9.2, Black and Gold 8.12, Tui Cakobau 8.6, Noteorini 8.2, Audearn 8.2, Lucio 7.10, Dogger Bank 7.10, Guidwife 7.10, Duart 7.10, Kirsty 7.9, Maranga 7.9, Waihuka 7.8, Cadence 7.7, Haldane 7.5, Ben Blair 7.0, Engraver 6.10, San Paulo 6.10, Cyreniac 6.10.

JUVENILE HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Master Sout 9.6, Rarata 8.3, Osgodby 7.7, Waimangu 7.5, Jena 7.2, Aimwell 7.0, Rimlock 6.12, Lady Minnie 6.12, Explosive 6.10.

AVONDALE HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Cambrian 9.2, Veronica 9.0, Scotty 8.10, Uranium 8.10, Delegate 8.4, Celtic 8.4, Te Aroha 8.3, Leonator 8.0, Carl Rosa 7.13, Lucrece 7.10, Advocate 7.10, Certainty 7.8, Montigo 7.8, Le Beau 7.4, Lord Seaton 7.4, First Gun 6.13, St. Arma 6.13, Lira 6.7.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Hughie 9.7, Octoroon 9.5, Imprimus 9.3, Hopsotch 8.7, Ngakapa 7.13, Paul Beaver 6.12, Galvanic 6.12, Fraulein 6.10, Banshee 6.10, Lady Ferris 6.7, Elenore 6.7.

CHEVALIER HANDICAP, four furlongs.—Lady French 9.0, Explosive 8.9, Stylisa 8.5, Flint Island 7.12, Memo 7.8, San Paulo 7.7, Waihoihoi 7.4, Dainty 7.2, Chevalier 7.0, Kotiti 6.12, Tauriki 6.12, Myra 6.12, Fideles 6.10.

RAILWAY HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Cambrian 9.5, Uranium 9.2, Miss Winnie 9.1, Tui Cakobau 8.4, Leonator 8.4, Golden Eagle 8.3, Wauchope 7.13, Lochbuhie 7.13, Loongana 7.12, Maranga 7.6, Soutmaid 7.5, Haldane 7.4, Kirsty 7.3, Lady Rohina 7.3, Frederick 7.2, Royal Sout 7.2, Foremost 7.0, Tui Kitua 6.7.

HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE, three miles.—Irish 11.0, Inniskillen 11.0, Silca 10.12, Loch Fyne 10.10, Cavaliero 10.6, Dolores 10.6, Ranana 10.2, Cachuca 10.0, Bullworth 10.0, Cinque 9.10, Tui 9.8, Pierre 9.8, Matakokiri 9.7, Kapakapa 9.7, Yollette 9.7, Good Faith 9.7.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

THOMPSON HANDICAP, one mile.—Zimmerman 9.7, Gold Crest 9.6, Marguerite 9.0, Maniapoto 8.9, Goldbeater 8.8, All Red 8.8, Full Rate 8.6, Waitapu 8.6, Taangimoana 8.4, Frisco 8.2, Sir Tristram 8.0, Glenculloch 8.0, Dawn 7.13, Cambrian 7.12, Mystification 7.8, Moloch 7.8, Irish Rifle 7.8, San Julie 7.7, Grand Slam 7.7, Cross Battery 7.7, Ballarat 7.6, Swimming Belt 7.6, The Rand 7.5, Kairoa 7.5, Te Aroha 7.5, Soutline 7.3, Helen Portland 7.3, Celtic 7.2, Moriarty 7.2, Gwendolina 7.3, Sunbonnet 7.2, Armamento 7.1, Probable 7.1, Chatterer 7.0, Merrie Zealand 6.13, Sea King 6.11, Clanchattan 6.11, Loongana 6.10, White Lie 6.10, Merrie Rose 6.10, Carissima 6.7, Turganini 6.7, White Cockade 6.7, Toa Tuhi 6.7, Chicane 6.7, Moscow 6.7, Flamen 6.7, Aboriginal 6.7, Wharekura 6.7, Crucinella 6.7, San Fernando 6.7.

RAILWAY HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Full Rate 9.0, Goldbeater 8.13, All Red 8.13, Ballarat 8.7, Cambrian 8.7, Mota 8.5, Kitchenmaid 8.5, Moriarty 8.5, Dawn 8.5, Martyrium 8.0, Cross Battery 8.0, Sun Bonnet 7.13, De Witte 7.12, Kairoa 7.11, Gauze 7.8, Gwain 7.7, Sea King 7.7, Probable 7.7, All Guns 7.4, Merrie Rose 7.4, Sister Anne 7.0, Rose Noble 7.0, Loongana 7.0, Chicane 6.10, Truganini 6.10, White Cockade 6.10, San Fernando 6.7.

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WAIWHETU HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—The Lark 9.0, Kuku 8.10, Sir Tristram 8.9, Waipuku 8.0, Kairoa 7.13, De Witte 7.13, Gazeley 7.13, Gwendolina 7.11, Armamento 7.10, Chatterer 7.10, Merrie Zealand 7.9, Clanchattan 7.8, Hiro 7.8, Aboriginal 7.8, Kurawaka 7.6, Moscow 7.6, All Guns 7.6, Probability 7.6, Carissima 7.3, Moata 7.3, Toa Tuhi 7.2, Hatley 6.7.

PLUNKET NURSERY HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Flitaway 9.2, Diamond Star 8.12, Miss Mischief 8.10, Artillerie 8.10, Splash 8.3, Diabolo 8.3, Gipsy Belle 7.13, Knutsford 7.0, Remission 7.0, Roosevelt 7.0, Passive 7.0.

FIRST HURDLE HANDICAP, one mile and three-quarters.—Sen Sim 11.9, Leeside 11.7, Pawn 11.5, Aeolus 10.12, Mahoe 10.7, Playmate 10.4, Cachuca 10.3, Southern Cross 10.3, Killarney 9.13, Aorangi 9.11, Orxy 9.3, Splendid Idea 9.5, Royal Blue 9.5, Tekanui 9.3, Dulcinea 9.0, Repulse 9.0.

SILVERSTREAM HACK HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Mon Ami 9.0, King Post 8.10, Wallethe 8.10, Taitoko 8.10, Waikaraka 8.8, The Libyan 8.8, North Pole 8.4, Osiris 7.11, Yosami 7.11, First Mate 7.8, Wharekura 7.8, English Rose 7.4, Waiweria 7.4, Grand Circle 6.12.

TINAKORI HACK HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Mon Ami 9.0, Penates 8.11, Vasa 8.11, Taitoko 8.10, Buoyant 8.4, North Pole 8.4, Sir Frisco 8.4, Yosami 7.4, Consolation 7.11, Blue Bell 7.11, First Mate 7.8, Crucinella 7.8, English Rose 7.4, Vinco 7.4, Chief Lochiel 7.4, Blue Ribbon 7.0, Kohotea 7.0, St. Flora 7.0, Sandstone 7.0.

INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, April 21.

It is some years since so many horses were being trained in Wanganui as in the case at present. Trainers up and down the coast recognise that the tracks here are superior to any to be found elsewhere, particularly in winter, and this has led quite a number to take up their quarters here recently. Some fairly interesting work has been done recently by a number of the horses principally with a view to some of the Easter meetings and the coming winter meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club.

Alick Hall has his three—Lull, Kremlin, and Wirrall—looking in splendid condition. The former was put over a bit of country the other morning in company with Fretwork. Lull did one round, jumping well, while Fretwork was sent round twice. Harry Alexander is looking after The Workman gelding, and has him in good fit. Wirrall has furnished into a remarkably fine looking gelding, and as Hall appears to have the son of Birkenhead more tractable than ever before, it would be no surprise to see him win a good race or two with him during the jumping season.

A rather pleasant surprise was sprung upon Walter Raynor, the well-known local rider and trainer the other day, when he was presented by the late owners of Irish Rifle with a gold chain in recognition of the attention and skill he had displayed in connection with the preparation of the Musketry gelding during the time he had Shrapnel's half-brother under his care.

Owners and trainers are reminded that nominations for the Wanganui Jockey Club's Winter Meeting close on Friday, the 24th inst.

Mr. James Coombe has gone on a visit to Australia which accounts for the fact that Mr. E. A. Laurent did the starting at Patea on Easter Monday.

It is intended to make an application to the N.Z. Conference for £400 from the Distressed Jockeys' Fund for J. McGregor, who was so badly injured at the Feilding Summer Meeting.

George Price visited Tauheremikan to ride Steady in the Nursery Handicap on Easter Saturday, and on Easter Monday was at Feilding.

A case of some interest to racing men was heard at the Feilding S.M. Court last week, when F. J. Benge proceeded against J. Stobie, stable-keeper, for £50, value of a thoroughbred mare alleged to have been lost from defendant's stable. From the evidence adduced it appeared plaintiff sent his mare to the Carbine stables, then kept by Mr. Gladstone, to be fed at 14s. per week. Defendant purchased Mr. Gladstone's business and agreed, it was alleged, to continue the agreement with regard to the mare. Subsequently the mare was turned into a paddock in December, 1906, and has not since been heard of. After hearing all the evidence the S.M. said he was satisfied the mare had not been in Stobie's charge, and judgment was given for defendant with costs, £6 3s.



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TURF RESULTS.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The details of the racing were as follows:-

THE TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP of 200sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

Mr. J. Roulston's br g Delegate, 5yrs, by Phoebus Apollo—Pretoria, 8.6 (Ackroyd) 1
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b f Woodhey, 3yrs, by Birkenhead—Goyt, 7.6, including 5lb penalty (Wilson) 2
Mr. W. Gall's b g Lord Seaton, aged, by Seaton Delaval—Miss Letty, 7.2 (Pell) 3
Also started: Scotty 8.10, Carl Rosa 8.9, Sweet Alice 8.5, Montigo 8.11, Syren 7.1, Starina 8.13.
Won by a neck. Time, 2m, 11s.

THE BRIGHTON HURDLE RACE (Handicap) of 200sovs. Two miles.

Mrs. A. Hughes' b g Ranana, aged, by The Australian—Calliope, 9.0 (Deerey) 1
Mr. A. Baird's blk m Dolores aged, by Freedom—Scotch Mist, 10.4 (Hickton) 2
Mr. W. Douglas' b m Lady Hune, aged, by Cuirassier—Hune, 10.11 (Howard) 3
Also started: Cuiragno 11.9, Hautapu 11.3, Le Beau 10.11, Omati 10.2, Good Faith 9.0.
Won by three lengths. Time, 3m, 47 2-5s.

THE NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 500sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr. E. J. Watt's br g Aborigine, by Merriwee—Indian Queen, 8.7 (D. Price) 1
Mrs. A. M. Coombe's br c Master South, by South—Lady Hester, 8.10 (Julian) 2
Mr. J. Monk's blk c Diabolo, by Stepniak—Tortulla, 8.10 (Hatch) 3
Also started: Aimwell 8.10, Osgodby 8.10, Chanteuse 8.8.
Won by two lengths. Time, 1m, 16 4-5s.

THE EASTER HANDICAP of 650sovs. One mile.

Mr. J. R. McDonald's ch c Gold Crest, 3yrs, by Gold Reef—Nymph, 9.0 (Young) 1
Mr. J. Roulston's br m Veronica, 4yrs, by South—Pretoria, 7.2 (Ackroyd) 2
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Dawn, 3yrs, by Birkenhead—Eos, 8.0 (Wilson) 3
Also started: Marguerite 9.4, Master Delaval 8.8, Uhlendo 8.7 (including 7lb penalty), King Billy 8.6, Mahuta 8.5, Uranium 8.2, Soulline 7.11, Celtic 7.9, Leunator 7.9, Te Aroha 7.5, Advocate 7.3, Rauparaha 7.1, Certainty 7.0 1/2 (including 1 1/2lb overweight), Lady Rohina 6.13 1/2 (including 1 1/2lb overweight).
Won by half a length. Time, 1.40.

THE EDEN HANDICAP of 150sovs. Seven furlongs.

Mr. W. Davies' br f Maheno, 3yrs, by South—Lottie, 6.13 (Webster) 1
Mr. J. R. McDonald's br c Taitoko, 3yrs, by Stepniak—Whirlpool, 6.13 (including 1lb overweight) (Hatch) 2
Mr. W. G. Irwin's br g Lochbuhle, 4yrs, by Cyrenian—Sappho, 7.8 (Ryan) 3
Also started: Tui Cakobau 8.1, Landlock 7.8, Manapouri 7.7, Waihuka 7.4.
Won by inches. Time, 1m, 28 1-5s.

THE VICTORIA HANDICAP of 150 sovs. Five furlongs.

Mr. J. Monk's b f Gipsy Belle, by Stepniak—Belle Clair, 7.0 (Hatch) 1
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Diamond Star, by Birkenhead—Solitaire, 8.8 (Wilson) 2
Mr. James Lynch's b f Jena, by Cuirassier—Castorline, 7.1 (including 5lb overweight) (Brown) 3
Also started: Rarata 8.0, Talepitcher 7.12, Waimangu 7.3, Coromandel 7.5 (including 6lb overweight), Rimlock 6.12 (including 2lb overweight).
Won by three lengths. Time 1m, 3 1-5s.

THE NELSON HANDICAP of 100sovs. Seven furlongs.

Mr. F. Stenning's b f Epsom Lass, 3yrs, by Hotchkiss—Sister Frances, 7.3 (Greenwood) 1
Mr. M. G. Nasmith's b g Auldearn, 4yrs, by San Remo—Opaque, 8.4 (Porter) 2
Mr. J. McNicol's ch g Mark Time, 5yrs, by Leolantis—Castanette, 8.11 (Ryan) 3
Also started: Freemount 9.0, Royal Scout 8.12, Clochette 8.8, Aristocrat 8.7, First Gun 8.7, Cadence 8.6, Tui 8.5, Waiotahi 8.4, Baltimore 8.4, Cyrona 7.11, Lira 7.10, Escamillo 7.7.
Won by a head. Time, 1m, 29 3-5s.

THE TRAMWAY HANDICAP of 150 sovs. Five furlongs.

Mr. R. Hannon's ch m Miss Winnie aged, by Leolantis—Winnie, 8.7 (Brady) 1
Mr. W. C. Ring's b c Wauchope, 3yrs, by Freedom—Black Watch, 7.4 (Whittaker) 2
Mr. J. K. Hodges' b g Noteorini, aged, by Eton—Orini, 7.10 (Hatch) 3
Also started: Black and Gold 8.3, Taimalupo 8.2, Loongana 8.1, Guidwife 8.0, Finery 8.0, North Head 7.13, Marangai 7.10, Foremost 7.4, Kirsty 7.3, Frederick 7.2, Haldane 7.0, Waihoihoi 6.13.
Won by a neck. Time, 1m, 2 2-5s.

The sweet girl strolled along the block. The cheeky dude remarked "Ahem!" Not dreaming of the sudden shock That would reward his stratagem! The maid remarked, with humour grim: "Your cough seems bad to-day! I'm sure You'd best take this!" and handed him A bottle of Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

SECOND DAY.

THE STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 150 sovs. One mile.

Mr. D. Stewart's b g Scotty, aged, by St. Leger—Janet, 7.13 (Ryan) 1
Mr. A. Lennard's b h Carl Rosa, 5yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Vieux Rose, 7.12 (Hatch) 2
Mr. H. McManaway's blk h Mahuta, 4yrs, by Mahaki—Spring, 9.0 (O'Brien) 3
Also started: Delegate 8.13, Uranium 8.11, Landlock 7.4, First Gun 6.8, Freemount 6.9.
Won by two lengths. Time, 1m, 45s.

THE ELLERSLIE HANDICAP of 150 sovs. Six furlongs.

Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Diamond Star, by Birkenhead—Solitaire, 8.12 (Wilson) 1
Mr. F. W. Arnold's b g Rarata, by Eton—Peace, 7.11 (Ryan) 2
Mrs. A. M. Coombe's br c Master South, by South—Lady Hester, 9.2 (Julian) 3
Also started: Diabolo 8.9, Chanteuse 8.1, Osobdy 7.10, Talepitcher 7.9, Waimangu 7.5.
Won by a head. Time, 1m, 19s.

THE GREAT NORTHERN OAKS of 250 sovs. One mile and a-half.

Mr. W. Davies' br f Maheno, by South—Lottie, 8.10 (Ryan) 1
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b f Woodhey, by Birkenhead—Goyt, 8.10 (Wilson) 2
Mr. F. W. Arnold's ch f Cadence, by Cyrenian—Lute, 8.10 (Davis) 3
Also started: Clochette 8.10, Guidwife 8.10, Port Light 8.10, Waiotahi 8.10.
Won by two lengths. Time, 2m, 45s.

ST. GEORGE'S HANDICAP of 650sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

Mr. Jas. Muir's ch g Rauparaha, 5yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Folly, 7.0 1/2 (including 2 1/2lb overweight) (T. Jones) 1
Mr. W. Davies' b m Te Aroha, aged, by Seaton Delaval—Lottie, 7.3 (including 1lb overweight) (Buchanan) 2
Mrs. A. M. Coombe's b g Master Delaval, 5yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Campania, 8.6 (Julian) 3
Also started: Marguerite 9.2, Veronica 8.3, King Billy 8.3, Leonator 7.5, Arc Light 7.5, Lucrece 6.13, Advocate 6.13.
Won by a length. Time, 2m, 14s.

THE HUIA HANDICAP of 200sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr. A. Rhodes' b m Golden Eagle, 4yrs, by St. Clements—Rau Rau, 7.12 (McMillan) 1
Mr. P. Dodge's b m Lady Rohina, 5yrs, by Papakura—Somnus mare, 7.0 (C. Brown) 2
Mr. J. Twhill's b g Soulline, 4yrs, by South—Castorline, 8.11 (R. E. Brown) 3
Also started: Loongana 7.10, Taitoko 7.8.
Won by three lengths. Time, 1m, 19s.

THE AUTUMN HANDICAP STEEPLE-CHASE of 300sovs. About three miles and a-half.

Mr. D. Moraghan's ch g Silica, aged, by Flintlock—Dreamland, 9.13 (Julian) 1
Mr. J. B. Williamson's b g Irish, aged, by Eton—Asthore, 10.7 (Burns) 2
Mr. C. Thebe's b g Loch Fyne, aged, by Lochness—Pikau, 10.3 (Young) 3
Also started: Klatere 13.3, Inniskillen 10.12, Pierre 9.13, Kapakapa 9.9, Good Faith 9.7.
Won by two lengths. Time, 7m, 19s.

THE MANGERE HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr. T. Wylie's br g Dogger Bank, 4yrs, by Menschikoff—Mysterious, 8.2 (Ryan) 1
Mr. M. G. Nasmith's b g Auldearn, 4yrs, by San Remo—Opaque, 8.8 (Porter) 2
Mr. Wm. Scott's b g Explosive, 4yrs, by Explosion—Nellie, 8.1 (Hatch) 3
Epsom Lass 8.2, Stylish 8.1, Tui 7.13, Lady Frances 7.10, Lady Dot 7.4, Escamillo 7.3.
Won by a head. Time, 1m, 19s.

THE ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 150 sovs. Five furlongs.

Hon. J. D. Ormond's br g North Head, 4yrs, by Birkenhead—Norsemaid, 7.10 (Wilson) 1
Mr. C. Weal's blk g Haldane, 3yrs, by Hotchkiss—Mantle, 7.4 (including 8lb over) (C. Brown) 2
Mr. W. J. Irwin's br g Lochbuhle, 4yrs, by Cyrenian—Sappho, 7.11 (E. Brown) 3
Also started: Miss Winnie 9.3, Noteorini 7.11, Finery 7.11, Marangai 7.10, Waihuka 7.2, Kirsty 6.13, Frederick 7.3, including 5lb over.
Won by three lengths. Time, 1m, 3s.

THIRD DAY.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 110sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr. S. Darragh's b g Tui, aged, by Tasman—Flirtation, 9.10 (Wilson) 1
Mr. H. Munn's b m Cinque, aged, by Saracen—Daudine, 10.0 (Nesbitt) 2
Mr. John Williamson's b g Mataokiri, aged, by Saracen—Leith mare, 9.10 (Gray) 3
Also started: Yolette 9.11, Gipsy Queen 9.3, Philosopher 9.3, Putaruru 9.3.
Time, 3m, 37 2-5s.

GORE-BROWNE HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Six furlongs.

Mr. S. G. Lindsay's br c Royal Scout, 3yrs, by South—Bavaria, 8.8 (Jones) 1
Mr. J. McNicol's ch g Mark Time, 5yrs, by Leolantis—Castanette, 8.0 (Webster) 2
Mr. F. W. Arnold's ch f Cadence, 3yrs, by Cyrenian—Lute, 8.5 (Buchanan) 3

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

Also started: Dogger Bank 9.0, Explosive 8.4, Castadrift 8.0, Waiotahi 8.0, Lira 7.7.
Time, 1m, 22 2-5s.

ON SLOW STAKES HANDICAP of 110 sovs. Five furlongs.

Mr. John Lynch's b c Coromandel, 2yrs, by Menschikoff—Golden Rose, 7.2 (including 2lb over) (Pell) 1
Mrs. Lennard's br c Waimangu, 2yrs, by South—Roxana, 7.3 (including 1lb over) (Hatch) 2
Mr. D. McKinnon's b g Rimlock, 2yrs, by Flintlock—Hesper, 7.0 (Webster) 3
Also started: Jena 7.3, Explosive 7.1, including 1lb over.
Time, 1m, 6 3-5s.

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 650sovs. One mile and a-half.

Mr. H. McManaway's blk h Mahuta, 4yrs, by Mahaki—Spring, 7.9 (Davey) 1
Mr. D. Stewart's b g Scotty, aged, by St. Leger—Janet, 7.6 (Lindsay) 2
Mrs. A. M. Coombe's b g Master Delaval, 5yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Campania, 8.10 (Julian) 3
Also started: Rauparaha 7.13, Te Aroha 7.7, Delegate 7.6, Arc Light 7.1, Carl Rosa 7.0, Montigo 6.12, Advocate 6.10.
Time, 2m, 43 3-5s.

ST. HELIER'S HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 200sovs. Two miles.

Mr. C. Weal's b g Swagsman, aged, by Ben Godfrey—Problem, 10.6 (Julian) 1
Mr. A. Baird's blk m Dolores, aged, by Freedom—Scotch Mist, 10.8 (Hickton) 2
Mr. W. Douglas' b m Lady Hune, aged, by Cuirassier—Hune, 10.11 (Howard) 3
Also started: Hautapu 10.13, Inniskillen 10.3, Omati 9.13.
Time, 4m, 4s.

BUCKLAND HANDICAP of 200sovs. Seven furlongs.

Mr. W. J. Irwin's br g Lochbuhle, 4yrs, by Cyrenian—Sappho, 7.6 (Brown) 1
Mr. W. Davies' br f Maheno, 3yrs, by South—Lottie, 7.8 (Buchanan) 2
Messrs. Connolly and Winder's br h Foremost, by Phoebus Apollo—Forme, 6.12 (Webster) 3
Also started: Golden Eagle 8.7, Certainty 7.10, Lady Rohina 7.6, Waihuka 7.0.
Time, 1m, 33 3-5s.

TOURIST HANDICAP of 100sovs. Five furlongs.

Mr. M. G. Nasmith's b g Auldearn, 4yrs, by San Remo—Opaque, 8.12 (Porter) 1
Mr. C. Nicholson's b g Lucio, 5yrs, by South—Postmistress, 8.8 (Buchanan) 2
Mr. H. R. McKenzie's b g Hughie, 3yrs, by South—Gold Web, 8.3 (R. E. Brown) 3
Also started: Wauchope 9.2, Waihoihoi 7.11, Lady Frances 7.6, Engraver 7.6, Flint Island 7.4 (including 1lb over).
Time, 1m, 7 3-5s.

AUCKLAND WELTER HANDICAP of 200sovs. One mile.

Mr. N. Banks' ch m Uranium, aged, by Leolantis—Brownie, 9.6 (Brady) 1
Mr. M. McLean's ch g Celtic, 4yrs, by Seaton Delaval—St. Margaretta, 9.2 (Ryan) 2
Messrs. R. and R. Duder's b g Tui Cakobau, 6yrs, by Cuirassier—Hune, 8.11 (Ackroyd) 3
Also started: Leonator 9.1, Noteorini 8.10, Montigo 8.3, Sweet Alice 8.7, Lord Seaton 8.3, Frederick 8.0.
Time, 1m, 47s.

TURF IN AUSTRALIA.

THE AUSTRALIAN J.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

The following were the results of the principal races:-

THE AUTUMN STAKES, a sweepstakes of 10sovs each, with 750sovs added. For three-year-olds and upwards. One mile and a-half.

Mr. J. J. Macken's br h Tartan, aged, by Lochiel—Colours 9.3 1
Mr. P. A. Connolly's br g Dyed Garments, 6yrs, by Malvolio—Bozra, 9.0 2
Hon. A. Wynne's br c Peru, 3yrs, by Grafton—Silver Coin, 8.2 3
Seven horses started.
Won by three lengths. Time, 2m, 39 1/2s.

THE A.J.C. SIRES' PRODUCE STAKES, a sweepstakes of 10sovs each, added to a subscription of 10 sovs from the owners of sires, and 750sovs from the A.J.C. Club. Colts and geldings, 8st 10lb; fillies, 8st 7lb.

Mr. H. Brennan's br f Malt Queen, by Maltster—Her Majesty 1
Mr. J. V. Smith's ch f Mother Goose, by Wallace—Morisca 2
Messrs. W. and F. A. Moses' b f Emita, by Wallace—Emmie 3
Ten horses started.
Won by a length. Time, 1m, 15s.

THE DONCASTER HANDICAP, a handicap sweepstakes of 20sovs each, with 1000sovs added. One mile.

Mr. J. Taylor's blk h Togo, 4yrs, by Antares—Phyllis, 7.4 (Hayes) 1
Mr. T. Cook's br h Legation, 4yrs, by Diplomat—Kallatina, 8.2 (Johns) 2
Mr. J. Chambers' ch g Ashantee, 6yrs, by Clan Stuart—Asleep, 7.6 (Connell) 3
Twenty-four horses started.
Won by four lengths. Time, 1m, 42 1/2s.

THE A.J.C. ST. LEGER, a sweepstakes of 10sovs each, with 750sovs added. For three-year-olds. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies, 8st 7lb. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr. J. McDonald's ch c Mountain King, by Wallace—Bonnie Rosette 1
Mr. W. E. White's b c Welcome Trist, by Sir Tristram—Welcome Queenie 2

Mr. W. T. Nowlan's br g Duke of Clarence, by Grafton—Queen Agnes 3
These were the only starters.
Won by six lengths, 20 lengths between second and third. Time, 3m, 14 1/2s.

SECOND DAY.

THE CHAMPAGNE STAKES, a sweepstakes of 10sovs each, 5 forfeit, with 750sovs added. For two-year-olds. Special weights, with penalties. Six furlongs.

Mr. H. Brennan's br f Malt Queen, by Maltster—Her Majesty 1
Mr. W. P. Crick's b c Borodino, by Simmer—May Moon 2
Messrs. W. and F. A. Moses' b f Emita, by Wallace—Emmie 3
Ten horses started.
Won by half a length. Time, 1m, 17 1/2s.

THE SYDNEY CUP a handicap sweepstakes of 20sovs each, with 300sovs added; the owner of the second horse to receive 300sovs and the owner of the third 150sovs from the prize. Two miles.

Mr. P. A. Connolly's br g Dyed Garments, by Malvolio—Bozra, 7.4 (Ross) 1
Mr. J. J. Macken's br h Tartan, aged, by Lochiel—Colours, 9.9 (J. Barden) 2
Mr. J. Chambers' ch g Absentee, 6yrs, by Clan Stuart—Asleep, 7.2 (Cooper) 3
Also started: Peru 8.6, True Light 8.2, Gaby 7.13, Bright Steel 7.12, Jack Smith 7.8, Maitine 7.2, Togo 7.8 (including 10lb penalty), Lady Diffidence 6.12, Electron 6.10, Duke of Clarence 6.10, Maranui 6.7, Lancasterite 6.7, Rouvray 6.7, King's Cross 6.7.
Won by six lengths, two lengths between second and third, then followed Maranui, Gaby, True Light, Lady Diffidence, King's Cross, Rouvray, Togo, with Bright Steel last. Time, 3m, 34s.

ONKAPARINGA RACING CLUB.

At the Onkaparinga meeting the following were the results of the principal events:-

ONKAPARINGA CUP.—Metal Queen 1, Destiniest 2, Triangle 3. Eight horses started. Won by a length. Time, 3m, 24 1/2s.

GREAT EASTERN STEEPLE-CHASE.—Tarpon, 11.4, 1; Tact, 10.4, 2; Federal Court, 11.5, 3. Twelve horses started. Won by half a neck. Time, 6m, 47 1/2s.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

FIRST DAY.

The weather was unfavourable for the opening day of the meeting, but the course and surroundings were in capital order. The totalisator investments amounted to £15,620, as against £19,985 last year. Twenty-eight bookmakers were licensed, the fees amounting to £360. The results were as follows:-

KILDARE HURDLE HANDICAP of 150sovs. Two miles.

Mr. F. Holmes' ch g Ability, aged, by Conqueror—Queen Bee, 11.2 (Cahill) 1
Mr. D. Rutherford's b g Eurus, aged, 10.11 (W. O'Connell) 2
Mr. J. F. Lanour's br g Stormont, aged, 9.0 (Jarvis) 3
Also started: Leaside 12.5, Grandstand 10.13, Southern Cross 10.12, Canton 9.13.
Won by a length. Time, 3m, 49 2-5s.

CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 650sovs. For two-year-olds. Six furlongs.

Mr. G. G. Stead's b f Golden Slipper, by Multiform—Aura, 8.8 (J. McCombe) 1
Sir G. Clifford's br c Husbandman, 8.10 (McCluskey) 2
Sir G. Clifford's ch f Fleetfoot, 8.8 (F. E. Jones) 3
Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1m, 14 2-5s.

AUTUMN PLATE of 200sovs. One mile.

Mr. F. Holmes' br g The Libyan, 3yrs, by Phoebus Apollo—Brown Alice, 8.4 (H. Donovan) 1
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b g North Pole, 3yrs, 8.4 (F. D. Jones) 2
Mr. F. H. Fyne's br f Nancy Stair, 3yrs, 8.4 (L. G. King) 3
Also started: Oiyoi 8.4, Helianthos 8.4, Cavatina 8.4.
Won by a length. Time, 1m, 42 4-5s.

GREAT EASTER HANDICAP of 1000 sovs. Seven furlongs.

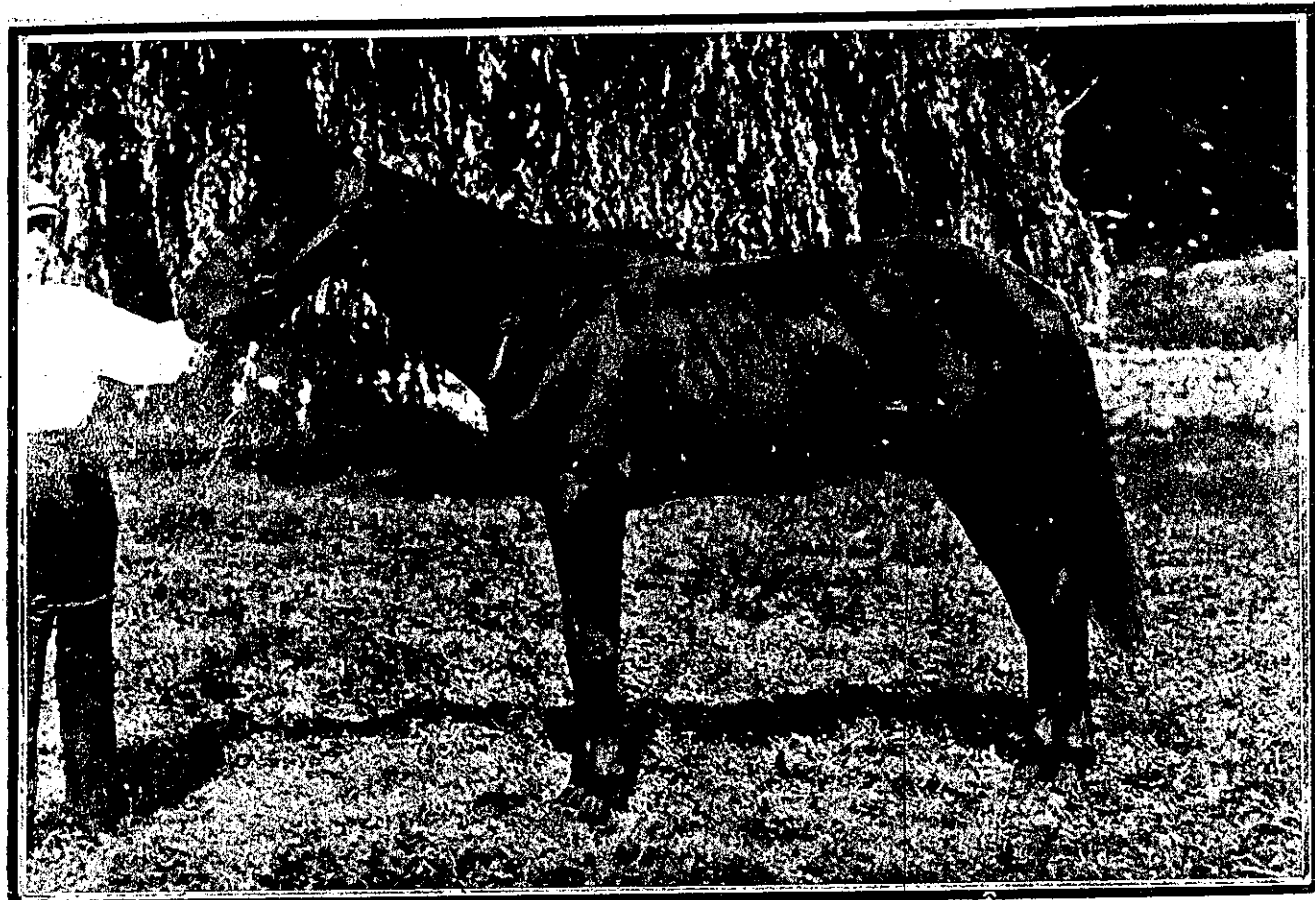
Mr. J. F. Buchanan's b h Buccleuch, 5yrs, by Benzoine—Reverie, 8.4 (Jas. Pine) 1
Sir Geo. Clifford's ch c Goldbeater, 3yrs, 8.3 (F. E. Jones) 2
Mr. S. Foreman's br g Full Rate, 5yrs, 8.6 (F. D. Jones) 3
Also started: Petrovna 8.4, All Red 8.3, Cross Battery 7.12, Kairoma 7.9, Paragon 7.6, Contender 7.4, All Guns 6.12, Carissima 6.8, Prima 6.8.
Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1m, 27 2-5s.

RUSSELLY PLATE of 200sovs. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

Sir Geo. Clifford's ch f Flitaway, by Clanranald—Elysive, 8.0 (F. E. Jones) 1
Mr. G. G. Stead's br f Elysium, 8.13 (J. McCombe) 2
Sir Geo. Clifford's b c Whistlecraft, 8.2 (McCluskey) 3
Also started: Boneform 8.9, Rock Ferry 8.2, Kilts 8.2, Santia 7.0, Night Light 6.7.
Won by two lengths. Time, 1m, 2s.

EPSOM WELTER HANDICAP of 300 sovs. One mile.

Mr. R. McKay's ch g Lupulite, 4yrs, by Lupin—Mabelle, 10.8 (Cotton) 1
Mr. J. Blair's b m Lady Disdain, 5yrs, 9.9 (G. A. Pine) 2
Sir Geo. Clifford's ch h Clanchattan, 5yrs, 9.4 (L. G. King) 3
Also started: Stronghold 10.11, Medalist 9.5, Noble 8.13, Hilarity 8.8, Mercy 8.8, Mango 8.1.
Won by three lengths. Time, 1m, 43 2-5s.



MR. H. McMANAWAY'S BLK H MAH UTA (MAHAKI-SPRING) WINNER

GIMCRACK RACE of 100sovs. Five furlongs. Weight, 7st 7lb. Mr. F. Nelligan's ch m Tessera, 6yrs, by Clanranald-Teredina (Cotton) 1 Sir Geo. Clifford's b f Cockle Shell, 3yrs (F. E. Jones) 2 Mr. W. Watson's br h Cerise and Blue, aged (C. Hack) 3 Also started: English Rose, Silent Member, Gold Braid (carried 7.9 1/4), Sweet Hill, and Gypsobel. Won by a head. Time, 1m, 2 2-5s.

STOCKBURN HANDICAP of 250sovs. One mile and a-quarter. Sir Geo. Clifford's br m Stratagem, 4yrs, by Nelson-Dudu, 8.8 (F. E. Jones) 1 Mr. E. Griffin's br g Thunderer, aged, 8.3 (F. D. Jones) 2 Mr. H. A. Knight's b g Lapland, 4yrs, 8.13 (F. Yarr) 3 Also started: Armamento 9.0, Somaroff 7.9, The Libyan 7.9, Amboise 7.6, and Jacket 6.7. Won by a length. Time, 2m, 9 3-5s.

SECOND DAY.

The weather was fine for the concluding day of the Christchurch Jockey Club's Autumn Meeting. The racing was interesting, the finish of the Great Autumn Handicap being especially good, but the totalisator investments (£12,552) showed a decrease of £5184. As against this the bookmakers' fees received amounted to £360. The results were as follows:-

PEERSWICK HURDLE HANDICAP of 150sovs. One mile and three-quarters. Mr. D. A. Rutherford's b g Eurus, aged, by Euroclydon-Kate, 11.3 (W. O'Connell) 1 Mr. H. Schluter's b g Storm, 5yrs, 9.9 (T. Cahill) 2 Mr. F. Holmes' ch g Ability, aged, 12.2 (H. Carr) 3 Also started: Southern Cross 10.10, Canton 9.8, Stormont 9.4. Won by two lengths. Time, 3m, 21 2-5s.

AUTUMN NURSERY HANDICAP of 30sovs. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs. Sir Geo. Clifford's ch f Flitaway, by Clanranald-Elusive, 9.1 (F. E. Jones) 1 Mr. G. G. Stead's b f Armet, 9.9 (J. McCombe) 2 Hon. J. D. Ormond's br c Rock Ferry, 7.7 (McCluskey) 3 Won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 1m, 2s.

YALDHURST WELTER HANDICAP of 200sovs. Seven furlongs. Mr. J. Buckley's b g Oiyoi, 3yrs, by Stepniak-Hermosa, 8.2 (F. E. Jones) 1 Mr. H. F. Nicholl's br m Cross Battery, 5yrs, 9.9 (R. King) 2 Hon. J. D. Ormond's b m Martyrium, 4yrs, 9.13 (F. D. Jones) 3 Also started: Thunderer 9.5, Clanchattan 9.1, The Libyan 8.10, Rose Noble 8.10, Carissima 8.5, Nancy Stair 8.4, Mango 7.12, Helianthes 7.8, Cerise and Blue 7.7. Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1m, 28 4-5s.

GREAT AUTUMN HANDICAP of 1000 sovs. One mile and a-half. Hon. J. Ormond's br h Zimmerman, 4yrs, by Birkenhead-Solitaire, 9.3 (F. D. Jones) 1 Mr. G. F. Moore's b c Signor, 3yrs, 6.13 (Jeffrey) 2 Sir Geo. Clifford's br m Stratagem, 4yrs, 7.9 (inc. 9lb penalty) (F. E. Jones) 3 Also started: Paragon 7.8, Lapland 7.7, Gwendolina 7.4 (carried 7.6). Won by a head. Time, 2m, 40 3-5s.

ADDINGTON PLATE OF 100sovs. Five furlongs. Sir Geo. Clifford's b g Millionaire, 2yrs, by Treadmill-Golden Crest, 7.5 (F. E. Jones) 1 Mr. J. Y. McCracken's br g Alexis, 5yrs, 9.11 (F. D. Jones) 2 Sir Geo. Clifford's b f Cockleshell, 3yrs, 8.11 (Chapman) 3 Also started: Hilarity 9.2, Sweet Hill 9.2, Tessera 8.9, Cavatina 8.2, Portland 8.1, Silent Member 8.1. Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1m, 3 1-5s. The winner was sold for £205.

SIXTEENTH CHALLENGE STAKES of 650sovs. Weight for age, with penalties and allowances. Seven furlongs. Mr. G. G. Stead's b f Golden Slipper, 2yrs, by Multiform-Aura, 7.4 (C. Monk) 1 Mr. J. Buckley's b c All Red, 3yrs, 8.13 (J. McCluskey) 2 Sir Geo. Clifford's br c Glenculloch, 3yrs, 8.8 (F. E. Jones) 3 Won by two lengths. Time, 1m, 30 3-5s.

TEMPLETON HANDICAP of 300sovs. Six furlongs. Mr. J. Jeffs' ch m Petrovna, aged, by Stepniak-Irene, 8.13 (V. Cotton) 1 Mr. J. McLaughlin's b f g Contender, 5yrs, 7.6 (E. Lowe) 2 Mr. R. McKay's ch g Lupulite, 4yrs, 10.0 (L. G. King) 3 Also started: Full Rate 9.2, Stronghold 8.10, Sea King 8.0, Inglenauk 7.9, Kairoma 7.9, Sister Anne 7.8, White Cockade 6.13, Prim 6.8. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m, 16 1-5s.

FINAL HANDICAP of 150sovs. One mile. Mr. C. Machell's ch c All Gaus, 5yrs, by Pallas-Greek Maid, 7.10 (J. McCluskey) 1 Messrs. Piper and Gorton's b g Highland Reel, 5yrs, 6.7 (Chapman) 2 Mr. J. Blair's b m Lady Disdain, 5yrs, 8.11 (G. J. Pine) 3 Also started: Armamento 8.13, Thunderer 8.9, Clanchattan 8.6, Medallist 8.4, North Pole 7.9, Somaroff 7.7, Mercy 7.3, Jacket 7.6. Won easily by three lengths. Time, 1m, 43 3-5s.

FEILDING JOCKEY CLUB.

FIRST DAY.

The course was heavy from recent rain, but the weather was fine and the attendance large. There were nine bookmakers on the lawn and five outside. Results were as follows:-

TRIAL PLATE HANDICAP. — San

OF THE A.R.C. AUTUMN HANDICAP.

Jose, 1; Separator, 2; Nightmare, 3. Scratched: Eastmere, Ngatiapa. Won by a head. Time, 1m, 33s.

MANGAONE STAKES.—Gold Thread, 1; Dusky Morn, 2; Kitchenmaid, 3. Scratched: Meteor, Maid of Astolat, Little Mary, Daisy Paul. Won by a length. Time, 1m, 15 2-5s.

KAWAKAWA HURDLES HANDICAP.—Aorangi, 1; Gold Dust, 2; Prospector, 3. Scratched: Pushful, Taonui. Won by a clear length. Time, 3m, 59 2-5s.

HACK HURDLES HANDICAP.—Commander, 1; Defeat, 2; Reservoir, 3. Scratched: Mount Cook, The Leader. Won by half a length. Time, 5m, 19 2-5s.

FEILDING CUP.—Bourrasque, 1; The Lark, 2; Tangimoana, 3. Scratched: Waitapu. Won by a length. Time, 5m, 39 3-5s.

ONEPUHI HACK WELTER HANDICAP.—Ikon, 1; Scenery, 2; Flingot, 3. All started. Won by a clear length. Time, 1m, 50 1-5s.

HALCOMBE WELTER HANDICAP.—Probability, 1; King Post, 2; Little Mary, 3. Scratched: Irish Rifle, Miss Vera, Hatley, Ongo. Won by half a length. Time, 1m, 30 3-5s.

HACK RACE.—Mab, 1; Vasa, 2; Miss Advance, 3. Scratched: Ikon, Fairland, Astraea. Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1m, 9 2-5s.

SECOND DAY.

Fine weather prevailed, and there was a large crowd for the second day of the Feilding races. The totalisator receipts total for the two days was £31,533, being £97 more than the total for last year. The results were as follows:-

DENBIGH STAKES.—Dusky Morn 1, Gold Thread 2, Daisy Paul 3. All started. Won by half a length. Time, 1m, 17s.

AMAHURI HACK WELTER.—Flingot 1, Maidje 2, Scenery 3. All started. Won by a clear length. Time, 2m, 2 1-5s.

KIMBOLTON HURDLES.—Gold Dust 1, Immolation 2, Prospector 3. Scratched: Claremont. Won by half a length. Time, 3m, 24 1-5s.

OROJA HACK HURDLES.—Defeat 1, Compass 2, The Leader 3. Scratched: Reservoir. Won by nearly two lengths. Time, 2m, 57 3-5s.

EASTER HANDICAP.—Tangimoana 1, The Lark 2, Belario 3. All started. A good race. Won by half a length. Time, 2m, 1 2-5s.

REWA HACK HANDICAP.—Nico-tine 1, Chase Mab 2, San Jose 3. All started. Won by a length. Time, 1m, 17 1-5s.

MAIDEN SCURRY.—Whitumarama 1, Astraea 1, Vinco 3. Won easily. Scratched: San Jose, Moose. Time, 1m, 11 1-5s.

MAKINO WELTER.—Climax 1, Silver Lead 2, Glean 3. Won by a length. Scratched: Immolation. Time, 1m, 48 4-5s.

WAIRARAPA RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The Wairarapa R.C. Autumn Meeting was held on Monday in fine weather. The course was in fair order. The totalisator receipts were £8478, as against £6733 last year. Bookmakers' fees totalled £134 10s, nine bookmakers paying fees of £20 inside and £10 outside, with 10s for clerks. Following were the results:-

TE WHITI HACK HURDLES, one mile and a-half.—Aeolus 1, Pretty Maid 2, Dulcinea 3. Also started: Tilson, Oblivion, Arahura. Time, 2m, 52 4-5s.

MAIDEN HACK HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Sir Frisco 1, Mania 2, Conquer 3. Also started: Lady Lethe, Straban, Knight Commander, Sealer, Epsom Downs. Time, 1m, 19s.

EASTER HANDICAP, one mile and a distance.—White Lie, 7.2, 1; Aberration, 8.4, 2; San Julie, 8.9, 3. Also started: Narcotic 8.12, Chatterer 8.7, Lethean 7.10, San Fernando 7.8, Elfrida 6.9. Won by a length and a-half. Time, 2m, 1 2-5s.

TEWAKA HACK WELTER HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Lucretius 1, Penates 2, Gaelic 3. Also started: Wailithe, Buoyant, Kelso, Osiris, Locheia, Anemone, Diplomatic. Time, 1m, 32 2-5s.

WANGAIMONA HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Toa Tuhi 1, Aboriginal 2, Platypus 3. Also started: Merrie Zealand, Prism, Hinupai. Time, 1m, 32 1-5s.

NURSERY HANDICAP, four furlongs.—Splash 1, Steady 2, Campaign 3. Also started: Projectile, Passive. Time, 49 2-5s.

WARDELL HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Simplex 1, Waicola 2, Vharakura 3. Also started: Merrie Rose, Lethean, Sherlock Holmes, Moata. Time, 1m, 16s.

MAKAHI HACK HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Kelso and Tumult (dead heat) 1, Skye 3. Also started: Naumai, Consolation, Bluebell, Wonderbohm, Lothair, Sedgemoor, Bonnie Doon, Royal Maid, Friday, Miss Peatty, Sweet Shot. Time, 1m, 3s.

SECOND DAY

The races were concluded on Tuesday. The sum of £12,890 was put through the totalisator for the meeting, as against £13,976 last year. Results:-

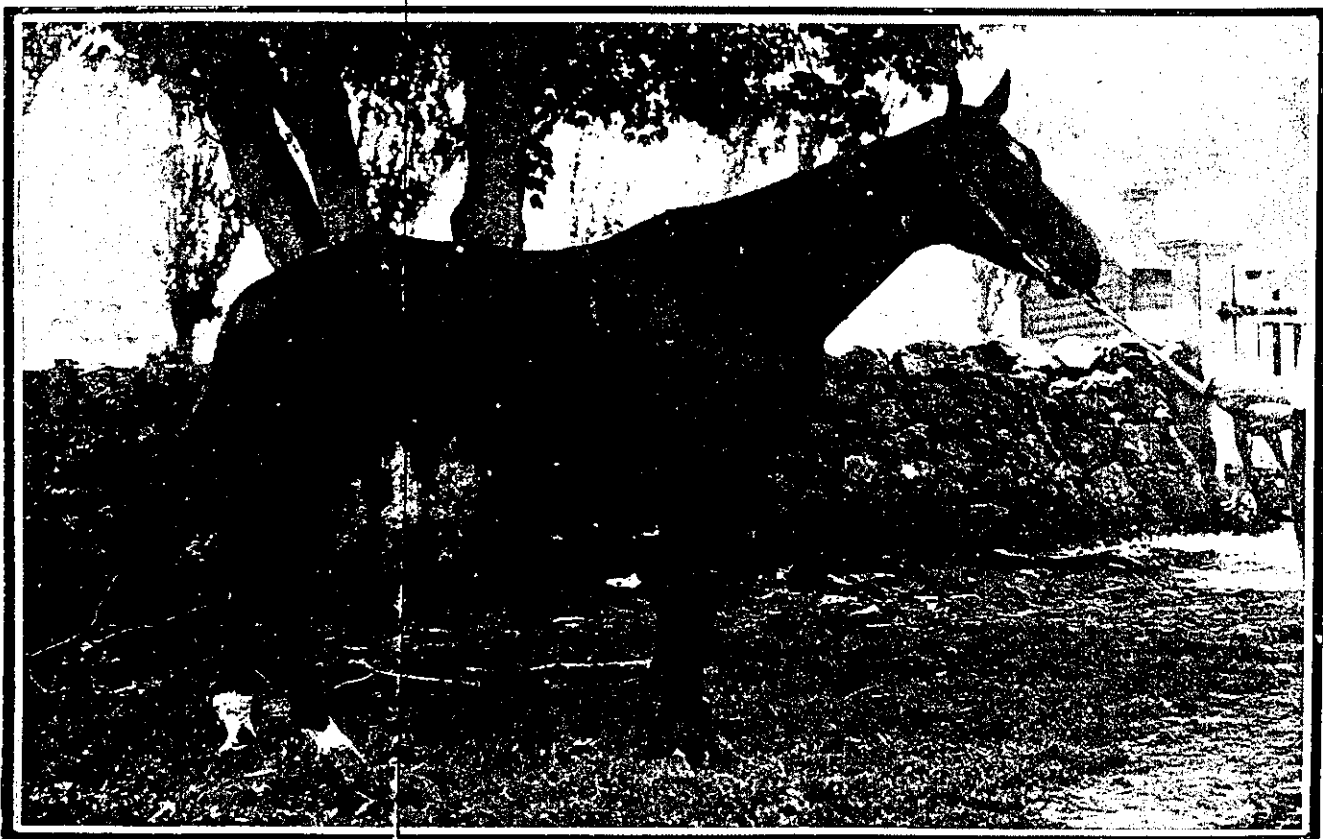
NGARARA HACK HURDLES, one mile and three-quarters.—Pretty Maid 1, Aeolus 2, Tilson 3. Also started: Dulcinea. Time, 3m, 22 4-5s.

ROTOTAWAI HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Simplex 1, Merrie Rose 2, Moata 3. Also started: Merrie Zealand and Waicola. Time, 1m, 17s.

MOROA HACK RACE, six furlongs.—Osiris 1, Strathcona 2, Lochiel 3. Also started: Kelso, Consolation, Blue Bell, Wonderbohm, Mania, Sedgemoor, Nitcheyo, Hinupai, and Miss Peaty. Time, 1m, 18 4-5s.

TAUHERENIKAU HACK, one mile.—Wailithe 1, Lucretius 2, Diplomatic 3. Also started: Gaelic, Buoyant, and Anemone. Time, 1m, 48s.

AUTUMN HANDICAP, one mile.—Aboriginal 1, White Lie 2, Chatterer 3. Also started: San Julie, Aberration, Toa Tuhi, San Fernando, Elfrida. Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1m, 46 1-5s.



THE HON. J. D. ORMOND'S B H ZIMMERMAN (BIKENHEAD-SOLITAIRE), WINNER OF THE C.J.C. GREAT AUTUMN HANDICAP.

JUVENILE HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Penates 1, Naumai 2, Splash 3. Also started, Sir Frisco, Steady, and Passive. Time, 1m. 4 4-5s.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Platypus 1, Wharekura 2, Sherlock Holmes 3. Also started: Prism, Scotch Reel, and Bonnie Doon. Time, 1m. 4 3-5s.

WAIHINE HACK HANDICAP, four furlongs.—Conquer 1, Tumut 2, Naumai 3. Also started: Skye, Swallow, and Lady Lethe. Time, 50s.

WAIPIKURAU JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Waipukurau Jockey Club was held on Monday. The attendance was large, and the going heavy. The totalisator receipts amounted to £6280, a decrease of £2666. Five bookmakers did business. Following were the results.—

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Lamsdorff 1 Utopia 2, Merry Tiger 3. Won by a head. Time, 1m. 41s.

EASTER HANDICAP, once round.—King's Lynn 1, Millennial 2, The Seer 3. These were the only starters. Time, 2m. 19s.

HACK HANDICAP, one mile and a quarter.—My Darling 1, Merry Tiger 2, Hopeful 3. Won by a length. Time, 2m. 55 1-5s.

WAIPIKURAU HANDICAP, one mile and a quarter.—Black Reynard 1, Grand Slam 2, Oasis 3. Won by a length. Time, 2m. 27s.

TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP, four furlongs.—Berengaria 1, Remission 2, Kautuku 3. All started. Time, 57s.

LADIES' HANDICAP, one mile and a half.—Repute 1, Maku 2, Hopeful 3. Won by a head. Time, 3m. 4s.

FLYING HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Linkless 1, Tarina 2, Goldfield 3. Won by a neck. Time, 1m. 25 2-5s.

FINAL HACK HANDICAP, five furlongs.—My Darling 1, Earl King 2, Illustrious 3. Won by half a length. Time, 1m. 10s.

PATEA RACES.

The Patea Racing Club's meeting was held on Monday in fine weather. The results were as follows:—

HANDICAP HURDLES.—Compass 1, Bagatelle 2, Moosher 3. Scratched: Black Squall, Isult and Federation.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Hydraulic 1, Nukuthi 2, Nicotine 3. Scratched: Lantern.

FARMERS' PLATE HANDICAP.—Pierpont 1, Contralto 2. Scratched: Prob. Bon Cyr was second, but was disqualified.

PATEA EASTER HANDICAP.—Kilmarnock 1, Vertus 2, Aureole 3. Scratched: Cassiopea.

KAKARAMEA STAKES.—Research 1, Inaha 2, Muskerado 3. Scratched: Burton, Gold Wai, Hydraulic, and Nicotine.

BOROUGH STAKES.—Kilmarnock 1, Lantern 2, Lingerer 3. Billow also started.

ALTON HANDICAP.—Recreation and The Dane (dead heat) 1, Mistress 3. Scratched: King's Birthday, Cassiopea, Kilmarnock, and Vertus.

FINAL STAKES.—Supplement 1, Grizzle 2. Scratched: Gold Wai, Research, Guiding Star, and Flying Wind. Maha was winning when she fell.

FOOTBALL.

CAMBRIDGE RUGBY UNION.

Mr Abbott was in the chair at the annual meeting of the Cambridge Rugby Union. The balance sheet showed receipts to be £13 7s 3d and the expenditure left a debit balance of 2s 8d, but there is a sum of 11s 6d owing to the union. It was unanimously resolved to affiliate with the Waikato Rugby Union. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr E. J. W. Smith; vice-presidents, Messrs R. Fisher, Abbott, G. Boyce, N. Banks, H. Crowther, J. A. Hair, J. Watters, H. W. Mackereth, G.

F. McCullagh, F. Potts, and A. Underwood; hon. secretary Mr P. Carr; treasurer, Mr E. Brocklesby; Management Committee, Messrs K. Anderson (West), Mullins (East), Edwards (Ohaupo), and the secretary and treasurer, these gentlemen being the delegates from clubs. Messrs Abbott and McVeagh were elected the remaining members of the committee. The affiliation fee to the union was fixed as follows:—Senior clubs, £2 2s; junior clubs, £1 1s. The old boundaries were abolished and new ones agreed upon. The Management Committee then met and arranged the following fixtures:—First Round: May 2—Wes. v. Ohaupo, at Cambridge; East a bye. May 9—East v. West, at Cambridge; Ohaupo a bye. May 13—East v. Ohaupo, at Ohaupo. Messrs McVeagh and Abbot were appointed delegates to the Waikato union. The two silver cups will be competed for, and probably the union's banner.

THE N.Z. RUGBY UNION.

Here is a synopsis of the annual report to be presented to the New Zealand Rugby Union at Wellington, on May 14. It is, the committee state, with great regret that it has to record the death of the president of the union, Mr A. Bayly who was in his day a tower of strength to football in New Zealand.

The Australia tour last season had proved that Rugby in Australia had made considerable headway. The results were: New Zealand (3) v. New South Wales (3); New Zealand (nil) v. New South Wales (14); New Zealand (26) v. Australia (6); New Zealand (14) v. Australia (5); New Zealand (23) v. Queensland (3); New Zealand (17) v. Queensland (11). Totals: Five wins, one draw, and one loss. Points for, 96; against, 47.

In connection with the British tour six matches in Australia had been arranged on satisfactory terms, similar to those made in 1904 between New South Wales and New Zealand.

A sum of £200 had been distributed among unions who had applied for grants in aid of school football.

Owing to the termination of the former agreement between the New South Wales, Queensland, and New Zealand Unions a conference of official representatives of these unions was held in Sydney during the visit of the New Zealand team to Australia in August last. Messrs N. Galbraith and E. Wylie were the New Zealand Rugby Union representatives. It was suggested that an Australian team should visit New Zealand in 1909 the return visit to Australia to be made in 1911, and it was agreed that there should be a programme of nine matches for each tour. The conference decided upon a common course of action with regard to players ordered off the field in their inter-colonial matches, and it was resolved to exchange any rulings upon points of the game during the season.

Good use had been made of the Appointment Board by unions, its services being requisitioned for the selection of referees in 13 inter-union matches.

During the season the Auckland Union, holders of the Ranfurly Shield, were challenged by a number of unions, but the Aucklanders succeeded in retaining the shield. The committee holds that the time has arrived for amendment of the Ranfurly Shield regulations, more especially as regards the proceeds of "special challenge" matches.

The union's finances were in a satisfactory state. Seeing that the financial stability of the union was now assured, the committee were of opinion that any

profit arising from the approaching tour of the British team should be divided among affiliated unions. Further loans had been made during the year to the Hawke's Bay and the Otago Unions. The following were the balances owing by unions on account of loans as at March 31, 1908:—Auckland, £1000; Taranaki, £400; Wanganui, £650; Hawke's Bay, £450; Otago, £500; Southland, £1250; total, £4250.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

President: John Bollard, Esq., M.H.R. Vice-president: A. M. Myers, Esq. Judge: John Bollard, Esq., M.H.R. Stewards: Messrs M. Foley (chairman), John Bollard, 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, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

CHEVALIER HANDICAP of 60sovs; 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, 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 80sovs; 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, Maiden Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Flying Handicap 1sov, Second Pony Handicap 1sov, Nursery Handicap 1sov, Mount Roskill Handicap 1sov, Waitakerai Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.

Maiden Plate Handicap 1sov, Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Oakley Handicap 1sov, 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, Waitakerai 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, Waitakerai 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. 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 a 3.30 p.m.
- 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 MAY, 1908.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- CENTURY HURDLE HANDICAP** of 300 sovs.; second horse to receive 40 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs. from

THE STRAND CAFE

T. KING, Proprietor.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

BUSINESS MEN and VISITORS are notified that their mid-day meal from now onward may be looked forward to with a feeling of pleasure.

The STRAND CAFE have just had installed into their roomy premises at the Strand Arcade an extensive *Electric Lighting Plant*, which, whilst answering its purposes for giving a beautifully mild light keeps the room perfectly cool.

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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 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.

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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 STEEPLECHASE 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. Nomina-

tion, 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 STEEPLECHASE 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. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

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.

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GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, MAY 30th, 1908.

First race to start at 12 noon. MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap) of 150 sovs, second horse to receive 20 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs. out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a steeplechase of the value of 100 sovs., or steeplechases of the collective value of 250 sovs, at time of starting. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each. Winner of any steeplechase after declaration of weights to carry a 7lb. penalty. About two miles and a-half.

JERVOIS HANDICAP of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. 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 250 sovs, at time of starting. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each. Minimum weight, 8st. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry a 5lb. penalty. Five furlongs.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (Handicap) of 110 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs. out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 100 sovs., or

hurdle races of the collective value of 250 sovs. at time of starting. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each. Winner of any hurdle race after the declaration of weights to carry a 7lb. penalty. One mile and three-quarters.

GREAT NORTHERN HURDLE RACE (Handicap) of 850 sovs.—Second horse to receive 100 sovs., and third horse 50 sovs. out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 3 sovs., with a final payment of 3 sovs. each on Friday, May 22nd. Over ten flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race or hurdle races after the declaration of weights of the value of 100 sovs. to carry 5lb.; of 200 sovs., 7lb.; of 300 sovs., 10lb. penalty. Distance, two miles and a-half.

CORNWALL HANDICAP of 325 sovs.; second horse to receive 50 sovs., and third horse 25 sovs. out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 3 sovs. each. Minimum weight, 8st. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry a 5lb. penalty. Winner of Jervois Handicap to carry not less than 9st. One mile and a-quarter.

LADIES' BRACELET of 100 sovs. A bracelet of the value of 75 sovs. for the first horse, and a bracelet of the value of 25 sovs. for the second horse. For horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 100 sovs., or flat races of the collective value of 250 sovs. at time of starting. Three-year-olds, 10st. 6lb.; four-year-olds, 11st.; five and six-year-olds and aged, 11st. 2lb. No other allowances. All horses to be nominated by ladies. Entrance 2 sovs. each. Gentlemen riders. A trophy value 10 sovs. to the rider of the winner. One mile and a-half.

MEMBERS' HANDICAP of 150 sovs., second horse to receive 20 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs. out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each. Minimum weight, 8st. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry a 5lb. penalty. Five furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1908.

(Prince of Wales Birthday).

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

RANFURLY WELTER HANDICAP of 100 sovs., second horse to receive 10 sovs. 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 250 sovs. at time of starting. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each. Minimum weight, 9st. One mile.

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap) of 850 sovs.—Second horse to receive 150 sovs., and third horse 75 sovs. out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 3 sovs., with a final payment of 5 sovs. each on Monday, June 1st. Winner of any steeplechase or steeplechases after the declaration of weights of the value of 100 sovs. to carry 5lb.; of 200 sovs., 7lb.; of 300 sovs., 10lb. penalty. Distance, about three miles and a-half.

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

PRINCE OF WALES HANDICAP of 325 sovs., second horse to receive 50 sovs., and third horse 25 sovs. out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 3 sovs. each. Minimum weight, 9st. Winner of the Ranfurly Welter Handicap to carry not less than 10st. Seven furlongs.

TALLY-HO STEEPLECHASE (Handicap) of 150 sovs., second horse to receive 20 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs. out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each. About three miles.

THE JUMPERS' FLAT RACE HANDICAP of 150 sovs., second horse to receive 20 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs. out of the stake. For hurdle and steeplechase horses that have completed a steeplechase or hurdle race course in New Zealand to the satisfaction of the Stewards. Entrance, 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each. To be ridden by professional hurdle race or steeplechase riders to be approved of by the Stewards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb. extra. Minimum weight, 9st. One mile and a-half.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6th, 1908.

First race to start at 12 noon. LADIES' BRACELET of 50 sovs.; a bracelet of the value of 40 sovs. for the first horse, and a bracelet of the value of 10 sovs. for the second horse. For horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 100 sovs., or flat races of the collective value of 250 sovs. at time of starting. Three-year-olds, 10st. 10lb.; four-year-olds and upwards, 11st. No other allowances. All horses to be nominated by ladies. Winner of Ladies' Bracelet on first day to carry a 7lb. penalty. Entrance 1 sov. each. Gentlemen riders. A trophy value 5 sovs. to the rider of the winner. One mile.

TAMAKI STEEPLECHASE (Handicap) of 110 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs. out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a steeplechase of the value of 100 sovs., or steeplechase of the collective value of 250 sovs. at time of starting. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each. About two miles and a-half.

YORK WELTER HANDICAP of 325 sovs.; second horse to receive 50

sovs., and third horse 25 sovs. out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 3 sovs. each. Minimum weight, 9st. One mile. WINTER STEEPLECHASE (Handicap) of 300 sovs.—Second horse to receive 50 sovs., and third horse 25 sovs. out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 2 sovs. each. Distance, about three miles.

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

FITZROY WELTER HANDICAP of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. 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 250 sovs. at time of starting. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each. Minimum weight, 9st. Six furlongs.

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 150 sovs.; second horse to receive 20 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs. out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov., and acceptance 1 sov. each. Minimum weight, 9st. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry a 5lb. penalty. Five furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE MEETING, 1908.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 24th, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.—Great Northern Hurdles 1sov, Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Winter Steeplechase 1sov.

FRIDAY, MAY 8th, GENERAL ENTRY, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Great Northern Hurdles Handicap 3 sovs, Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap 3sovs.

NOMINATIONS.—Maiden Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Jervois Handicap 1sov, Maiden Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Cornwall Handicap 1sov, Members' Handicap 1sov, Orakei Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Ranfurly Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Remuera Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Prince of Wales Handicap 1sov, Tally-ho Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, The Jumpers' Flat Race Handicap 1sov, Ladies' Bracelet (Third Day) 1sov, Tamaki Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, York Welter Handicap 1sov, Campbell Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Fitzroy Welter Handicap 1sov, Farewell Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, MAY 22nd, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Maiden Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Jervois Handicap 1sov, Maiden Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Cornwall Handicap 3sovs, Members' Handicap 1sov.

FINAL PAYMENT.—Great Northern Hurdles 3sovs.

MONDAY, JUNE 1st, by 12 noon.

ACCEPTANCES.—Orakei Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Remuera Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Prince of Wales Handicap 3sovs, Tally-ho Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, The Jumpers' Flat Race Handicap 1sov.

FINAL PAYMENT.—Great Northern Steeplechase 5sovs.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4th, by 12 noon.

ACCEPTANCES.—Tamaki Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, York Welter Handicap 3sovs, Winter Steeplechase Handicap 3sovs, Campbell Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Fitzroy Welter Handicap 1sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

On or about MAY 1st, 1908.

Great Northern Hurdles, Great Northern Steeplechase.

FRIDAY, MAY 15th, in Morning Paper. Maiden Steeplechase Handicap, Jervois Handicap, Maiden Hurdle Handicap, Cornwall Handicap, Ladies' Bracelet, Members' Handicap.

MONDAY, JUNE 1st, in Morning Paper. Orakei Hurdles, Ranfurly Welter Handicap, Remuera Hurdles, Prince of Wales Handicap, Tally-ho Steeplechase, Jumpers' Flat Handicap.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4th, in Morning Paper.

Tamaki Steeplechase, York Welter Handicap, Winter Steeplechase, Campbell Hurdle Handicap, Fitzroy Welter, Farewell Handicap.

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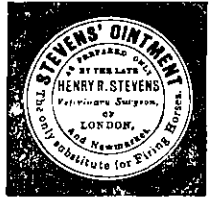
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AQUATICS.

The N.Z. Power Boat Association's races on Saturday should prove interesting. Every effort is to be made to secure large entries.

Grey Witch is to run speed trials on Saturday under her new 120 h.p. engine. Launch owners are very curious as to what she will do.

Motor launch races are not infrequently held up the Whau River and Lucas' Creek way, but residents never send any particulars along, so results cannot be given.

The cutter Arika sailed last Thursday for the Bay of Plenty for a week's cruise.

The cruising launch Karoro left on Thursday evening for the Bay of Islands, and is due back to-day.

The big yawl Heartsease was away for the Easter holidays cruising down to the Great Barrier.

There was quite a fleet of yachts at Kawau on Good Friday, having dropped in for the regatta.

Secretary H. T. Grubb courteously forwards me a card of invitation for the final "At Home" of the North Shore Rowing Club, which takes place on Saturday. Trial fours will be rowed for Vice-president A. Kohn's gold medals.

The weather spoilt the regatta at Awaroa Bay on Monday. There were a great many yachts in the bay, and the s.s. Aupouri took a large number of spectators down. A strong nor-easter and rain ruined what would have proved an enjoyable fixture.

It came on very thick on Monday afternoon, when most of the yachts had to return to port, while there was quite a nasty sea running outside. The north-easter meant a fair wind, however, and fast times were made back to port.

During Easter Aucklanders were treated to an idea of what a besieged port would be like in war. Heavy guns were constantly booming from Forts Cautley, Takapuna, Victoria, and the Bastion, while all night long searchlights were flashing up and down the harbour entrance. The gunboat and her consorts, stopping all vessels, helped out the picture.

CRICKET.

A CURIOUS MATCH.

The match between the Eden C.C. touring team and Gisborne last week at Gisborne had a somewhat remarkable end. The Auckland premiers batted first and made 139 (Murdoch 48, Hobson 44 not out). Gisborne could do nothing against O'Liff, who took seven wickets for 12 runs, and the innings realised 37. Poor as the stand made by the local players was, the second innings was a perfect rout. Murdoch and Hobson, who had done so well with the bat, were the bowlers, and the Gisborne players simply could not score. Three of them made singles, while "duck's eggs" were freely laid by the others. There were seven byes, or the score would have been a record. As it was, Gisborne only got 10 runs, so were beaten by an innings and 92 runs.

The finish of the match between the Eden Touring Team and Poverty Bay was very exciting. The Gisborne players wanted two to win, with three wickets to fall, but O'Liff got two wickets with successive balls. He might have pulled the match out of the fire, but "over" was called, and the runs were scored the next over, Poverty Bay winning by one wicket amidst much excitement.

A Parnell eleven went to Cambridge on Good Friday and defeated the locals by 119 and 34 to 30 and 10.

Y.M.C.A. defeated Tararu at Parawai by 104 to 48.

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 Drugs by the quart was quaffin',
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CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

Late English files show that six progress is being made with the New York to Paris contest. On February 27, or sixteen days from the start, the Thomas (U.S.A.) car arrived at Chicago, twenty-six hours ahead, but waited for a day, until the arrival of the Zust and the De Dion, which had a neck and neck race for second place. The German Protos and the Motoils were fourth and fifth. The cars were to have left Chicago on the second stage of the journey to San Francisco on February 29. The fastest run across the United States on record is that of L. L. Whitman, who in 1907, drove from San Francisco to New York, a distance of 4500 miles in 15 days 2hr 12min.

One of the chief ambitions of a professional pace follower for the coming season, says an English writer, is to crowd sixty miles into six minutes. Guignard, the present holder of the hour record, which stands at 59 miles 80 yards, Paul Gombard, Louis Darragon, Arthur Vandstuyft, Verbist, and "Tommy" Hare are all anxious to accomplish the performance.

J. W. Stocks, who recently averaged 63 miles per hour for 27 miles on the Brooklands track, in a 12-14 h.p. De Dion, has issued a challenge to race any car of similar horse-power over 10 laps on the Brooklands track, from a standing start, for £100 aside. The car, according to R.A.C. rating, is 110 horse-power.

BOWLING.

THE EASTER TOURNAMENT.

The Easter Tournament proved fairly successful, although the weather towards the close did its best to spoil matters. Twelve clubs were represented in the Pennant Four and some good games were shown. The matches were played on the Auckland and Devonport greens, the latter being in especially good order. The final, however, took place on the Onehunga green. The officials were Messrs. J. Carlaw (vice-president of the association), W. B. Eyre, G. Baldon, R. Eagleton, and A. M. Bryde (secretary). The umpires were: Poverty Bay green, Mr. J. Edmiston; Varroton, Messrs. W. B. Fletcher and W. Southwell; Devonport, Mr. T. Stewart; Auckland, Mr. W. Ledingham; Rocky Nook, Mr. Needham; Epsom, Mr. W. Wright; Onehunga, Mr. W. I. Quentery.

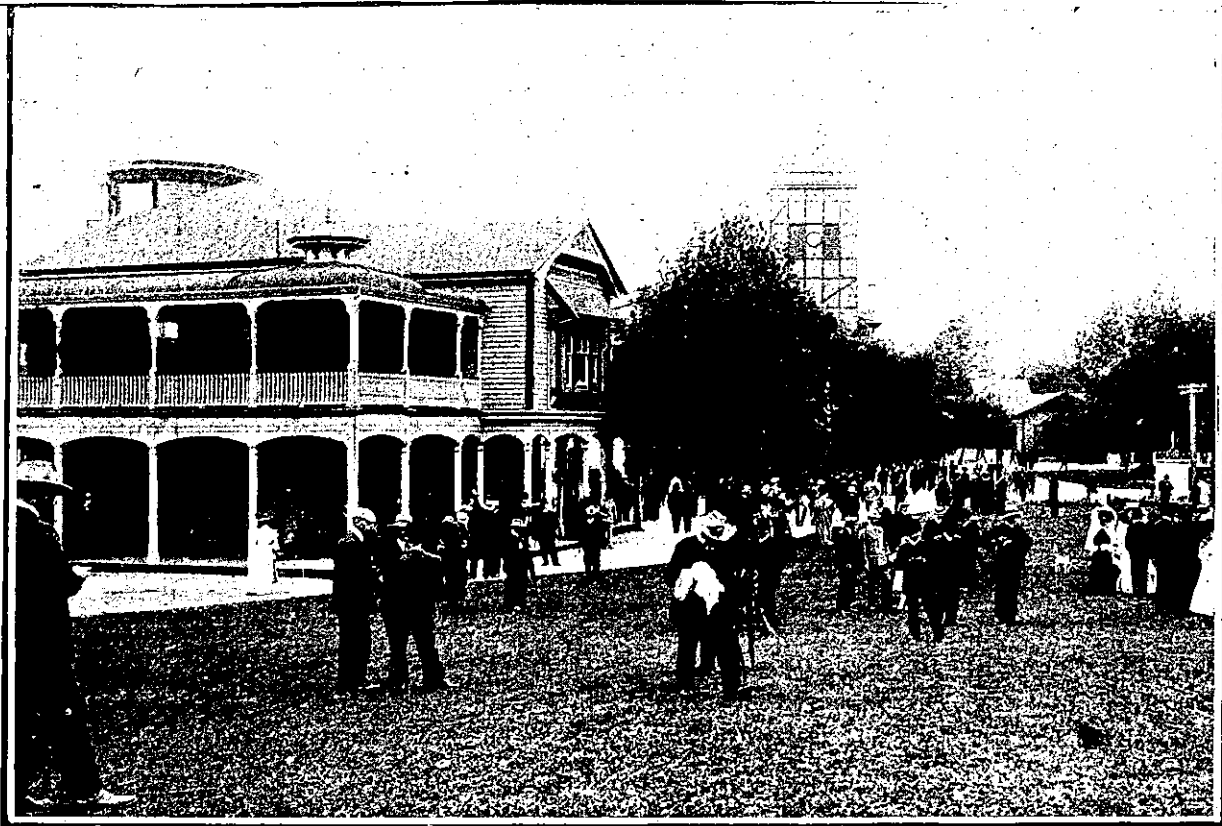


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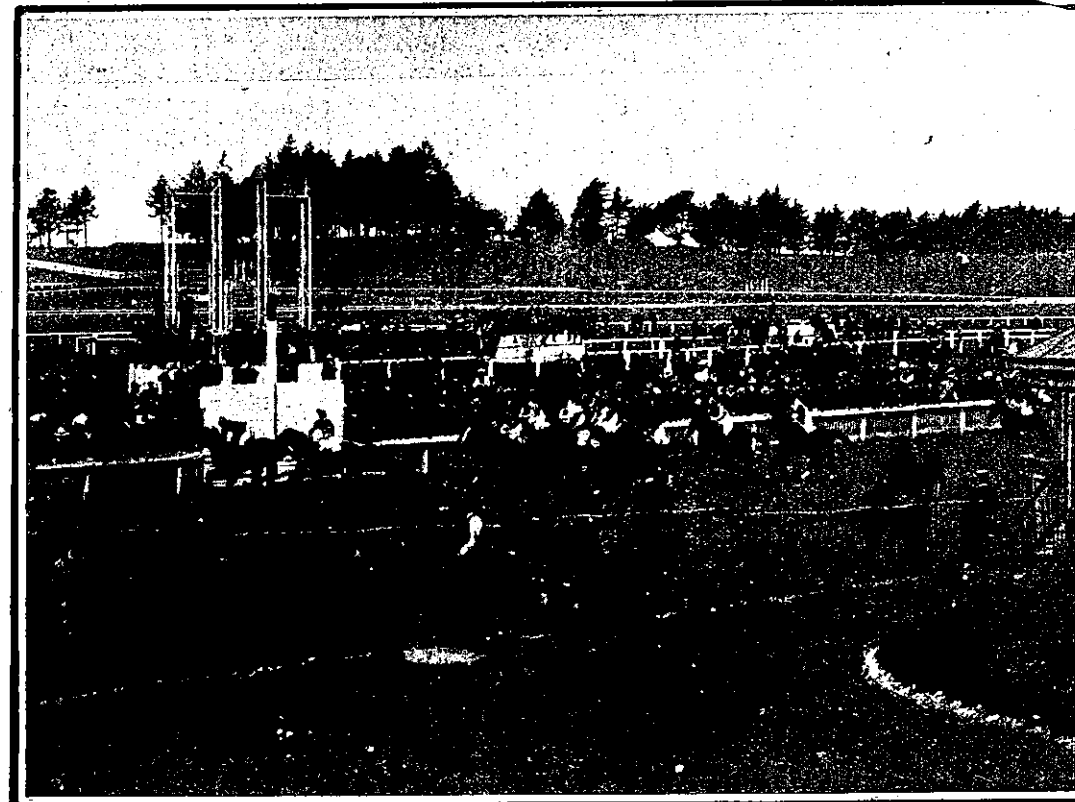
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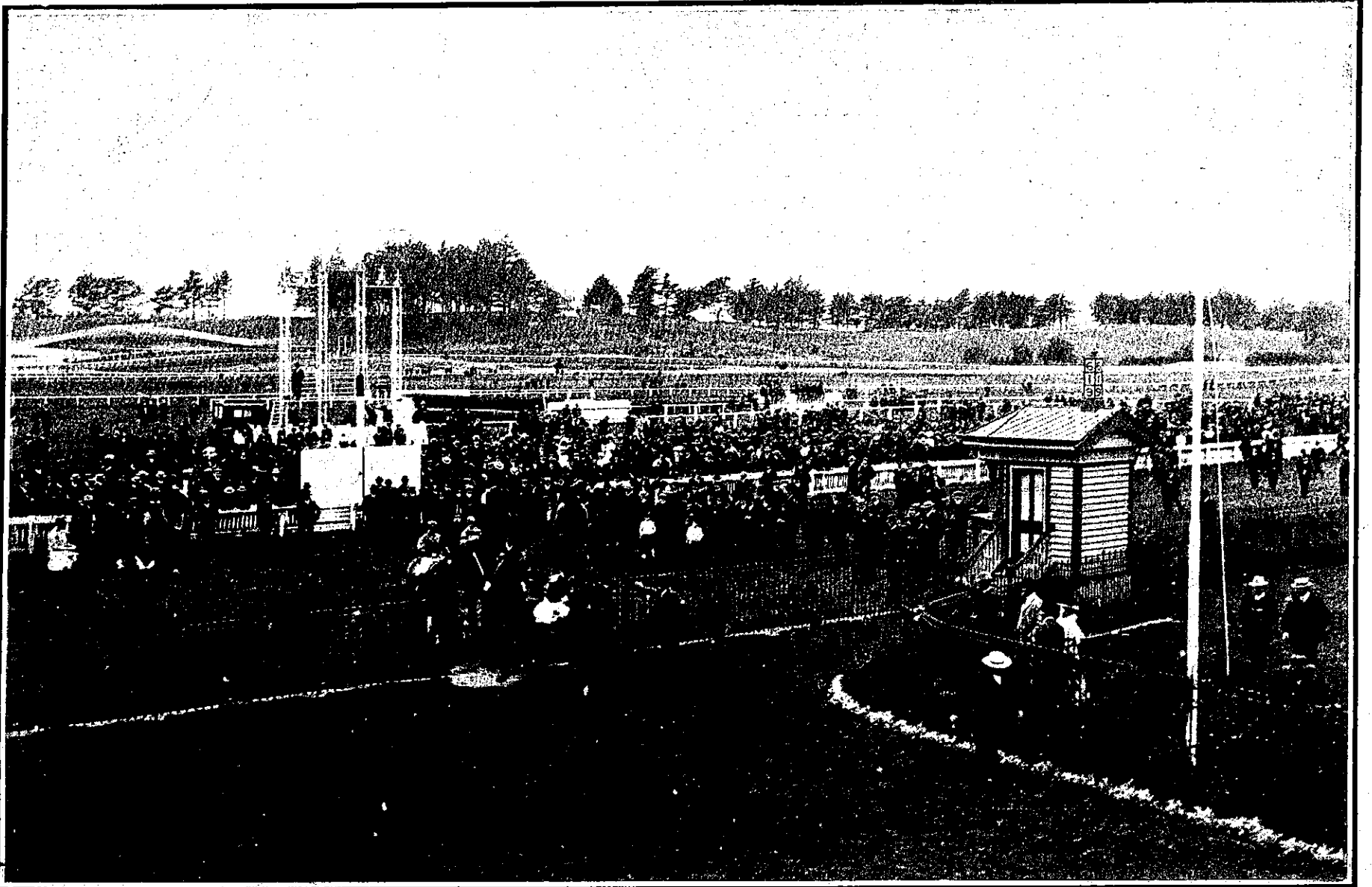


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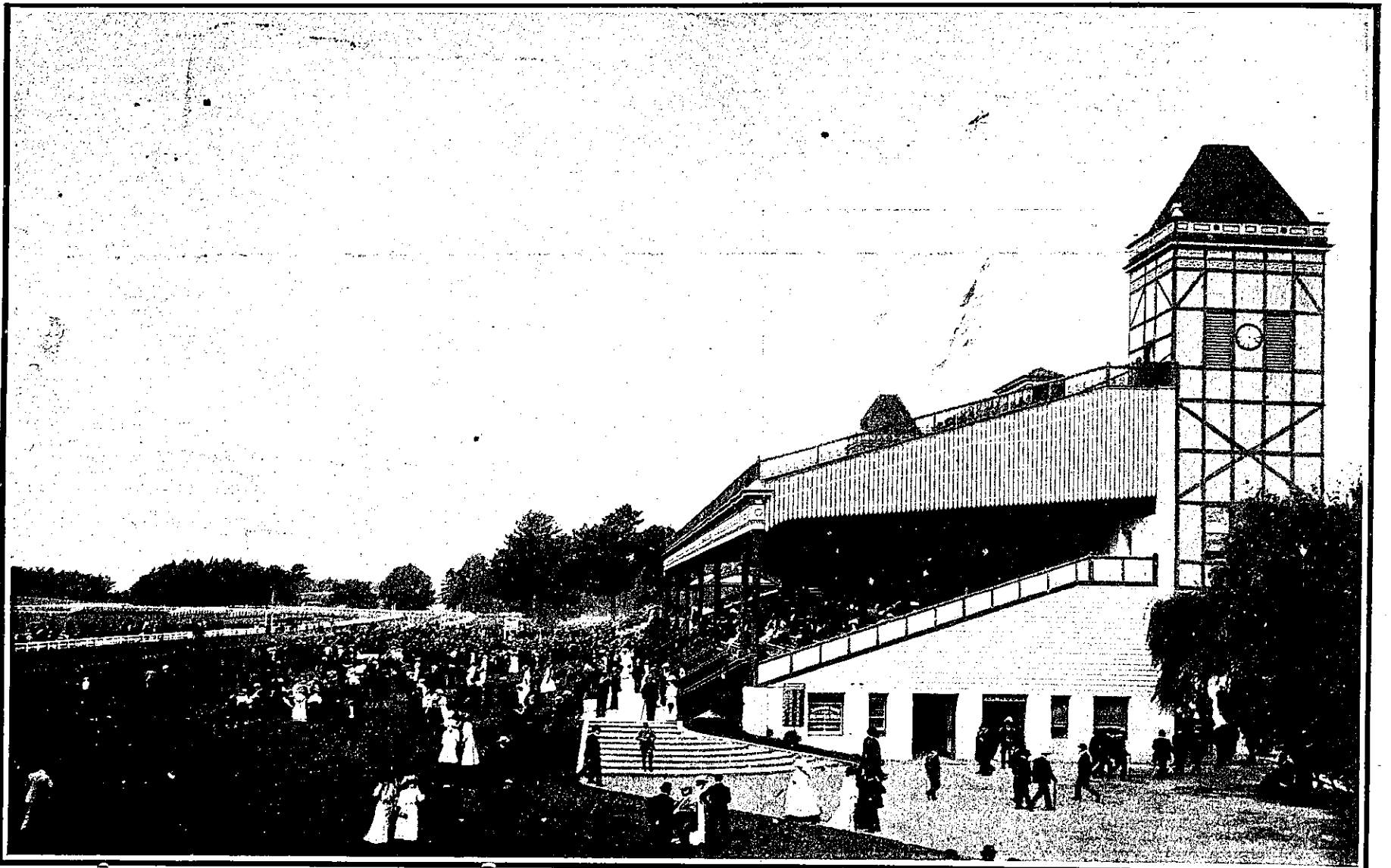


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GIPSY BELLE RETURNING TO SCALE AFTER WINNING THE VICTORIA HANDCAP.



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THE STAGE

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

THE JULIUS KNIGHT SEASON.

"THE SCARLET PIMPERNEL."

Everyone has read the Countess Orczy's exciting book "The Scarlet Pimpernel," or if not they should have done so, and therefore much curiosity was aroused as to the play founded upon it. Partly from this reason, and in a large measure, no doubt, because its production also meant the return of that very popular actor, Mr Julius Knight, as well as Miss Ola Humphrey, Mr Harry Plimmer, Mr H. J. Bentley, Mr Leslie Victor, Mr Dudley Clinton and other members of Mr J. C. Williamson's well-known dramatic company an immense audience was present on the opening night. As is well known, the story deals with the efforts of a band of Englishmen, under the leadership of the mysterious Scarlet Pimpernel, to rescue many of the French aristocrats from the guillotine during the Reign of Terror. How they succeed is vividly told in the book, and in the play it is strongly suggested. The defect in the latter is that so much is left to the imagination, and in the event of one not having perused the book it must be a little difficult to follow the thread of the story. Especially is this the case in the last act at the "Lion D'Or" where the spectator is left in something of a tangle as to how the Scarlet Pimpernel is able to effect the rescue of the heroine and the undoing of the French emissary. As the play does not pretend to be anything but pure melodrama this scene could have easily been made more exciting and effective than is at present the case. Despite these minor defects, the play is a very attractive one, with its picturesque dressing and old fashioned setting, and its great popularity is easily understandable. Mr Julius Knight, of course, took the part of Sir Percy Blakeney, the mysterious Scarlet Pimpernel. The role is a difficult one because, while to the world Sir Percy is a feather headed top, in reality he is a keen and resolute leader in many enterprises of the most dangerous nature. Mr Knight cleverly indicated this, playing the part with the confidence and skill of an actor whose mark has been made before. There was no exaggeration of the comedy parts—a

rock which might well have brought a less talented artist to grief; while never a point was lost when incisive declamation was required.

I cannot agree with those critics who have said that Miss Ola Humphrey's portrayal of the role of Lady Blakeney was lacking in refinement. Evidently such critics overlooked the fact that Lady Blakeney, when Mademoiselle St. Just, was a Parisienne, and might therefore have reasonably been expected to show much vivacity; but this in no way gave evidence of the fault alleged by the critics. On the contrary, Miss Humphrey gave an infinitely better rendering of the part than was expected, after her comparative failure in "Cigarette" during her last visit. Especially did she rise to the occasion in the garden scene in Act III., where she first learns that her husband and the Pimpernel are one and the same man. Here her desperate resolve to save Sir Percy at any cost was splendidly brought out, the fierce outburst fairly bringing down the house. It was the finest thing Miss Humphrey has done here yet. Mr Leslie Victor is entitled to warm praise for his clever rendering of the part of Chauvelin, the French sleuthhound on the trail of Sir Percy. Mr Victor well portrayed the cold and calculating spy who lets nothing stand in the way which might defeat his purpose. Mr Herbert J. Bentley did very serviceable work as Lord Anthony Dewhurst. Mr Harry Plimmer was effective in the comparative small part of the Prince of Wales, and Mr Reynolds Denniston was well cast as Sir Andrew Ffoulks. A clever character study was that of Brogard, the innkeeper, by Mr Dudley Clinton who is a great acquisition to the ranks of the company. Mr George Chalmers was excellent as Jellyband, the landlord of the Fisherman's Rest, and Miss Elwyn Harvey boked charming in the ingenue role of Suzanne de Tournai. Miss Ada Stirling made an impressive Comtesse de Tournai and all the others in a very long cast helped towards the success achieved. The mounting was very effective, a careful attention to details being very noticeable. The dresses were very handsome, the time A.D. 1792 with its picturesque costumes giving good opportunity for effective display. Altogether "The Scarlet Pimpernel" in no way disappointed those whose expectations had been raised concerning it. Splendid bus-



MISS ELSIE WILSON, OF THE J. C. WILLIAMSON DRAMATIC CO.

ness has been done during the week, the theatre having been nightly packed to the doors.

"THE PRISONER OF ZENDA."

"The Prisoner of Zenda" will be staged on Wednesday evening next by Mr Julius Knight, Miss Ola Humphrey, and Mr J. C. Williamson's Dramatic Company. A Sydney contemporary speaking of the production there says: "The play is presented by very capable actors, and is handsomely mounted. It is a long time since such beautiful dresses were used on the stage as those that are worn in the court scene. The splendour that permeates the play is one of its remarkable features and this, coupled with the romantic element, makes for success. Mr Julius Knight still continues to invest the dual parts with deep interest while Miss Ola Humphrey as the Princess Flavia, gives us of her best. The principals are well supported by the other members of the company, which is a particularly strong one. The prologue is one of the best of its kind, and the duel scene at the end of it is highly exciting. It is a duel indoors, and fought by the light of many candles, which are carried about the apartment by the seconds, who, with candelabra in hand, follow the movements of the combatants. Deep silence prevails while the preparations for the duel are in progress and the tension is only relieved when the fight is over. Stage duels are common enough, goodness knows, but there is something realistic about the duel in 'The Prisoner of Zenda'—indeed it is unique."

OPERA HOUSE.

FULLERS' ENTERTAINERS.

Messrs Fuller were able to report packed houses nightly throughout the Easter holidays, the high standard of the programme presented being in no small measure responsible for the draw. Hugh Lloyd's exhibition of bounding on the corde elastique has never been eclipsed in point of excellence by any turn yet provided in Auckland, the daring and clever manner in which a series of feats are carried out by this star artist on the slack rope being nothing short of astounding. Somersaults are turned with apparent

ease while on the rope, and among other difficult feats accomplished is that of lighting a candle during the course of a somersault in the air. Skipping whilst on the rope proved as easy a task to Mr Lloyd as it does to the average school-girl when in the playground. A feat performed by Mr Lloyd, and claimed to be accomplished by him only, is that of turning a somersault (feet to feet) on the rope while playing the violin. The skilful way in which T. Bryant juggles in turn with electric globes, battle-axes, swords, knives and batons, shows that he possesses remarkable powers of judgment, as an error in this direction whilst swinging the various weapons, would undoubtedly be attended with serious consequences. The Harmonious Huxhams have established great popularity with their three-part singing act, their rendering of "Under the Silvery Congo Moon" being an exceedingly pretty item. Vaude and Varna have always something good in store for the audience, and their humorous sketch this week creates no end of merriment. The Marlowe Sisters make a great hit with their singing of "My Little Choo Choo," which is charmingly acted by the dainty pair. Miss Lavinia Tyson, contralto, is heard to good effect in "The Singer was Irish" and "The Valley by the Sea," both numbers meeting with much applause. Mr Denis Carney is right in his element with several comic songs which he delivers in usual competent style. Miss Brightie Smith quite captivates the audience with her singing of "Follow the Girls," for which she is accorded a hearty encore. Mr Jas. Opie's baritone voice is displayed to advantage in a couple of attractive items that are most favourably received. The series of biograph films shown this week are of considerable merit, particularly the picture entitled "Rescued from the Eagle's Nest."

ENCOURAGE LOCAL WORK.

When a number of musical enthusiasts, headed by one more enthusiastic than the others (that is if such a thing were possible), get together, and decide the New Zealand shall be the first of the Australasian colonies to form a musical society, styled the Australasian Musical Society.



MR. HERBERT J. BENTLEY, AS RUPERT OF HENTZAU IN "THE PRISONER OF ZENDA."

the aims of which are to bring before the public, year by year, new librettists and new composers, then it is time for New Zealanders to rise up and show their appreciation of these men and their aims. The Australasian Musical Society has been brought into being by Mr George Hume of this city, and he has obtained the hearty co-operation of the Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph and Lady Ward our worthy Mayor and Mrs Myers, and the Hon. J. A. Tole and Mrs Tole, who have all graciously consented to be patrons and patronesses of the society. Each year the society intend to produce in this, or some other city of the Dominion, a musical work, either opera, comic opera, or musical comedy, which has been written or composed by Australasians. A prize will be offered each year to the competitors, and the winning work will be staged as quickly as possible after the decision of the final judge, Mr Bert. Royle, is made known. The Society will undertake to give every possible chance to intending competitors, and the work will be handsomely mounted and dressed. The first competition will close on August 12th, 1908, and competitors are advised to send in their works at an early date to the enthusiastic business-manager, Mr George Hume. Should the Society flourish (as we sincerely trust it may), then it is quite "on the cards," that we will have in the near future, the Australasian theatre-going public catered for by Australasians, and this, quite without the aid of writers from the Old Country. There must be, nay, there are men and women too, amongst us who are capable of writing and composing works, which will please as much, if not more than the plays we get from Home. So, Mr Hume, we wish you and your new venture every success, and a bumper house, on June 29th when you open with "The Tea-Girl."

A GREAT SHAKESPEARIAN FESTIVAL.

Lovers of Shakespeare would indeed have a good time at the annual series of performances in connection with the Shakespeare Festival at the Memorial, Stratford-on-Avon, which was to commence on April 20th and last for three weeks, under the direction of Mr F. R. Benson. Mr Benson, according to the "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette" will have the co-operation and assistance of Miss Genevieve Ward, Mr Lewis Waller and Miss Evelyn Millard, Mr Henry Ainley and Miss Gertrude Elliott, Mr Arthur Bourchier, and Miss Violet Vanbrugh, Mr W. Pool and the Elizabethan Stage Society. The programme for the first week will comprise "Much Ado About Nothing," "Measure for Measure" Elizabethan Stage Society Mr William Poel "The Winter's Tale," "A Mid-summer Night's Dream," and "Richard III." Queen Margaret, Miss Genevieve Ward. The second week will open with "Henry V.," with Mr Lewis Waller as King Henry and Miss Evelyn Millard also in the cast. On Tuesday "Faust" will be given, and on Wednesday afternoon "The

Winter's Tale," with "Richard II." in the evening. On Thursday afternoon "Romeo and Juliet" will have as Juliet Miss Constance Collier, and Romeo Mr Henry Ainley. There will be no performance in the evening on account of the ball in the Town Hall. On Friday "As You Like It" will be played, and on Saturday afternoon "Faust," with "Julius Caesar" in the evening. Mr Forbes Robertson and Miss Gertrude Elliott in "Hamlet" will open the third week, "Hamlet" being played on the Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon. Tuesday evening will be devoted to "The Merry Wives of Windsor." "Macbeth" will be the bill on the Wednesday, while on Friday afternoon an innovation will be made in the presentation of "Dr Johnson," with Mr Arthur Bourchier in his original part, and "M. de Paris," with Miss Violet Vanbrugh in the cast. "Faust" on Friday and "The Tempest" on Saturday afternoon and evening will complete the Festival.

STEPPING UPWARDS.

One of the latest aspirants to fame in London is Miss Alexandra Carlisle, who seems to be rapidly climbing upwards in her profession. Miss Carlisle's Portia in Mr Tree's forthcoming production of "The Merchant of Venice" at His Majesty's will be watched with interest (says a home paper). The London stage is none too rich in young leading ladies, and though Miss Carlisle has not much experience behind her, none will grudge her the rapid rise she has achieved. Her first appearance, away from an unimportant part she played in musical comedy was made early in 1906, with Mr Nat Goodwin, at the Shaftesbury. Then came her success in "The Morals of Marcus," followed by her work with Mr Cyril Maude, whose company she now leaves to join Mr Tree.

A NOTED BANDSMAN.

Mr Robert Smith, the conductor of the Royal Artillery Band, which will begin its Australian tour at Adelaide in May, is quite a leading musician in the north of England. He is also conductor of the 4th Durham Light Infantry, Tynemouth Artillery, and Newcastle Military Bands, the Abbot Memorial Schools' Band, the Newcastle Choral Society, and the Newcastle Philharmonic Society. Mr Smith's two sons, who are member of the Artillery Band are numbered among the finest clarionetists in Great Britain.

The Harry Rickards tour commences at His Majesty's, Dunedin, on June 1st, after which Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland will be visited. The entire New Zealand tour will occupy five weeks and five nights.

Alan Hamilton leaves Sydney early next month for Christchurch and Dunedin, to superintend preparations for the coming H. R. Roberts comedy season at the Theatre Royal, Christchurch and the



MR. HARRY PLIMMER IN "THE PRISONER OF ZENDA."

Rickards season at Dunedin. Both the companies open on Monday June 1st.

The Stavordale quintette, another of the "big star" turns of the coming Rickards show, start from America next week, and will come direct to Dunedin. They will leave the American steamer at Fiji, and travel thence via Auckland to the southern port.

Mr George Lauri and wife (Marietta Nash) were to leave for London by the Mongolia on April 22. The popular comedian rejoins the Comic Opera Co. on his return.

George Castles, brother of the well-known singer, will appear in the production of "The Merry Widow" in Melbourne.

The New Zealand tour of H. R. Roberts and Company will be under the direction of Harold Ashon and Allan Hamilton.

"The Little Breadwinner" has scored a conspicuous success at the Melbourne Theatre Royal, where Meynell and Gunn are presenting the play to crowded houses. Allan Hamilton's New Zealand tour of Meynell and Gunn's Dramatic Company will commence at the Theatre Royal, Christchurch early in August, and the repertoire will include "The Little Breadwinner," "The Stepmother" (a new drama by Sutton Vane), "Old Foks at Home" and a revival of the ever popular "Fatal Wedding." Upwards of fifty people will travel with his Company, which will make an extended tour of the Dominion.

Allan Hamilton has just secured by cable the colonial rights to two big English and American productions, one of which will be first at the Melbourne Princess Theatre Saturday March 6, 1909, when a twelve months' tour, including New Zealand, will be inaugurated.

Mr Walter Slaughter, the well-known composer and conductor, died in London last month in his 49th year. Although a musician, he was essentially a melodist, and songs of his, like "The Dear Homeland" and "Andalusia," were popular all over the world. "Alice in Wonderland," which he composed to Saville Clarke's libretto, was perhaps the best of his more ambitious works, but he also composed "The Rose of the Ring," "Lady Tatters," "Majorie," "The French Maid," "Gentleman Joe," "Dandy Dan," "Orlando Dando," and "Her Royal Highness."

Mr H. R. Roberts, the popular Australian actor is a passenger from America per Moana, due at Sydney 22nd April, where preparations will be at once commenced for the coming tour of the "Prince Chap." It is now definitely settled that the Australasian tour of H. R. Roberts will commence at the Theatre Royal, Christchurch, on Monday June 1st. H. R. Roberts will be supported by a specially selected company of American, English and Australian artistes. Those from

America will reach here by the next mail steamer from Vancouver.

The opening concert of Mr Charles Saunders, the eminent English tenor who is to tour Australia is fixed to take place in Melbourne on the 5th May.

Mr Max Schlayter, the brilliant young Danish violinist begin his Sydney season on the 5th May.

Signora Revello, the Spanish soprano whom Messrs J. and N. Tait "discovered" a week or two ago, sang before a gathering of Melbourne musical critics last week, and created a most striking impression, everybody present being charmed with the range and breadth of her voice and the exceptional temperament she infused into her songs. She will make her first public appearance in Melbourne about the beginning of June.

Mark Hambourg, who begins his tour of Australia in Sydney in July next, was at latest advices completing a tour of Great Britain to culminate in a grand farewell concert in the Albert Hall before bidding good-bye. He travels to Australia via the United States and is timed to leave Vancouver on the 19th June next.

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THE PRINCE OF PILSEN.

Brisbane will be the last port of call for the J. C. Williamson Musical Comedy Company with their present repertoire with which they have just completed a very comprehensive tour of Australasia. They will proceed there direct from Hobart, where they are at present entertaining large audiences. Brisbane will also see them enter upon a new career, for it is there that they will commence rehearsals for "The Prince of Pilsen," the first of J. C. Williamson's most recent acquisitions to be added to their repertoire. Mr Loder, an American actor, who specialises on German comedian parts and has been specially engaged for the production, will join them there the day after they open on Easter Saturday and rehearse with them for the whole three weeks of their stay.

A NEW DRAMATIST.

Miss Lena Ashwell has discovered a new dramatist in Miss Cicily Hamilton, the author of "Diana of Dobson's," her latest London success, which J. C. Williamson has secured for Australia and has set aside for Miss Margaret Anglin's repertoire. It is a fine drama telling the story of a girl who while an assistant at Dobson's drapery emporium, inherits £300 with which she determines to live for a month at the rate of £3600 a year. Down in the South of France, however, while engaged in that pleasant occupation, she meets the inevitable man, who, when he proposes to her and is told the truth, calls her an adventuress and leaves her. But they meet again in poverty upon the Thames embankment—Diana, because her money is all gone, and the man, because he has defied his family. A reconciliation follows and the curtain falls on the two sharing a modest repast of coffee and rolls—to purchase which they had to borrow a shilling from a police constable. The opening scene is even more novel than this for it shows the girls at Dobson's going to bed in their dormitory and making all the preparations therefore while chatting over the events of the day and later Diana's legacy.

THE ROYAL COMICS.

When the Royal Comic Opera Company finish their season in Sydney, a period of much moment will begin for them. They will remain in Sydney till the second week in May under the old conditions and then a re-organisation will take place for "The Merry Widow" which is to be produced for the first time in Australia at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne on May 16th. Not only will the ranks of the company be strengthened by the inclusion of several new principals, but it will have the

benefit of Herr Gustave Slapoffski, as a conductor. His work in grand opera has been the subject of eulogistic reference from one end of the Commonwealth to the other. He has moreover, the additional advantage of being thoroughly acquainted with "The Merry Widow" which he saw a score or more times in Europe, and also with its composer, Lehar, with whom he became very friendly during his recent tour of the Old World. As to the composition of the company which will be entrusted with the production, Miss Carrie Moore, whom Mr Williamson specially engaged for the title role, will be a host in herself and her return to the scene of her former triumphs in such a play and with such a part, is quite an event, while another interesting engagement is that of Mr Albert Higginson to play the part of Dani'o, the baritone who has also to be a comedian. Mr Sherras, the new English singer who has made so favourable an impression, and all the old comic opera favourites, will also be found places. But the company as a whole will practically become "The Merry Widow" Company, and that opera will become its chief, and indeed, only care for the next twelve months or two years. That Mr J. C. Williamson is justified in all these extensive preparations is abundantly manifest from a recent letter from Geo. Edwardes who writes that "The Merry Widow" is the biggest thing he has ever handled and that he anticipates for it at Daly's Theatre a longer run than any musical piece has previously achieved under his management.

Blair Holt, after a six weeks' season at Adelaide Royal, goes to Westralia, and afterwards tours New Zealand. He will carry a repertoire of nine plays.

Messrs Geo. H. Barnes and Harcourt Beatty, with some assistance from Arthur Styan are said to be writing a comedietta entitled "Only a Sovereign."

The Empire, London, paid a dividend of over 16 per cent. for the year just closed. The famous vaudeville house made a profit of £98,000, which works out at £4000 a performance—a truly astonishing record in these days of high salaries.

Miss Ellen Terry celebrated her sixtieth birthday on 27th February last. She was the recipient of many hundreds of congratulatory letters and telegrams.

It is not generally known that Mrs Mark Hambourg, who was the daughter of Sir Arthur Mackenzie, is herself a violinist of distinction. She always tours with her husband, and that fact gave rise to quite a mild sensation in America last year, where the fashion has been for

WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS

The family stimulant.

artists to pose as unmarried for the sake of the matinee idolmaker.

That all biograph hunting and adventurous films are not "fake" is proved by a Russian, Prince Werindrof by name, who recently left Khartoum on a hunting expedition. The prince, who is only twenty-three years of age, was accompanied by a doctor, a chef, and a gentleman who is to operate a fully equipped cinematograph apparatus, which is to record the prince's movements, especially when lion shooting.

Mr C. St. John Denton, who pilots the Musical Company which has opened a ten weeks' season at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne, with "Miss Hook of Holland," was admitted as a solicitor in England, although he has not practised as a lawyer. His father is a clergyman, the Rev. Canon Denton, of Asnley-de-la Zouch, a place which readers of "Ivanhoe" will remember, was the jousting rendezvous of Richard Coeur de Lion.

At Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, Monty Brewster still struggles manfully with his unearned increment to the huge entertainment of consistently large audiences who laugh themselves tired over the ingenious devices he employs to rid himself of his inconvenient inheritance. The clever comedy will run for another fortnight or more yet, and will then give place to "John Glayde's Honour" the Alfred Sutro play which deals with such a momentous phase of modern social conditions.

"The Dog Man"—Mr Charles W. Weston—who has been brought from America to play Nana in "Peter Pan" is rehearsing it now for the fourth time. He was in three Maude Adams companies touring through the United States, and of him—to slightly paraphrase Shakespeare, it may be said that one man in one piece plays many parts. On different occasions he has been the dog who day nurses the Darling children, the ostrich which dances for the six lost boys, the crocodile (part of him) which pursues Hook, a lion, some pirates and a red Indian.

Nearly all the characters in "Peter Pan" fly—the boy who wouldn't grow up is specially given to that form of loco-

motion and all his friends have learnt the art. For their flights across and up and down the stage, Mr L. R. Carleton has invented a new flying machine which is now being made in Melbourne under his superintendance. Mr Carleton, whom Mr Williamson has borrowed from Mr Frohmann, is one of the latter's leading stage managers and has travelled with Maude Adams in "Peter Pan" for two or three years so that he is familiar with the least detail of the piece.

The pantomime season in Adelaide has throughout run merrily to the accompaniment of packed houses and unstinted appreciation, and reaches its conclusion today (Saturday April 11th), writes Mr George Tallis, and next day, Sunday, the first big trip will be made—the journey to be undertaken being one of those rushes in which "Mother Goose" particularly delighted last year. The company, with all its scenery, and paraphernalia leave by special train in the morning, travelling right through South Australia and Victoria to Albury. No stops will be made (even in Melbourne) except for refreshments, and Albury will be reached early on Monday evening. There trains will be changed and the company will complete the journey to Sydney on Tuesday morning, thus giving ample time for rehearsals and so on, before commencing the season on Easter Saturday.

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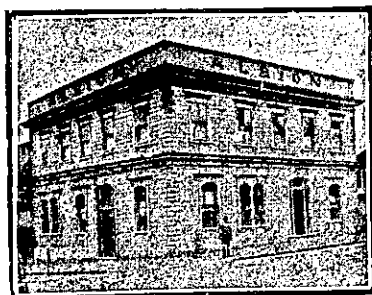
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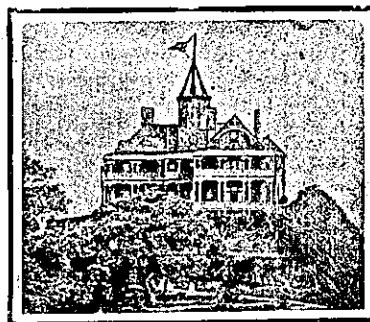
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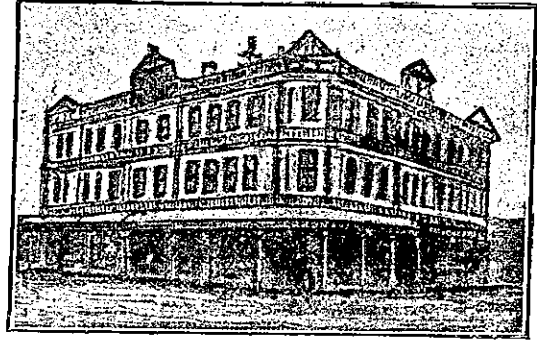


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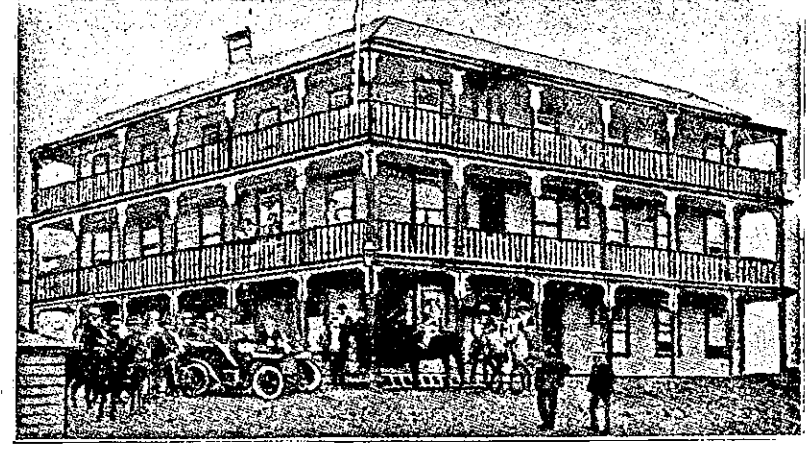


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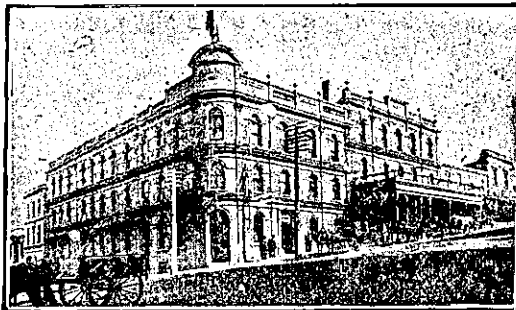
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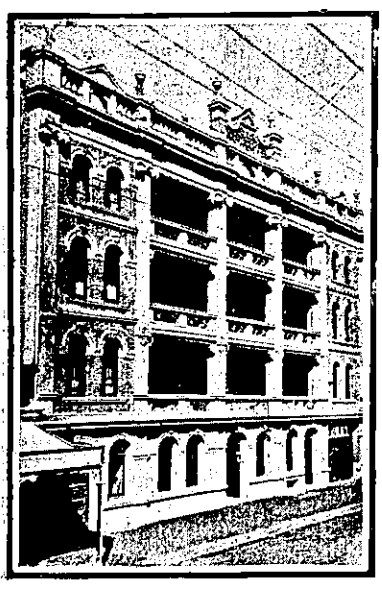
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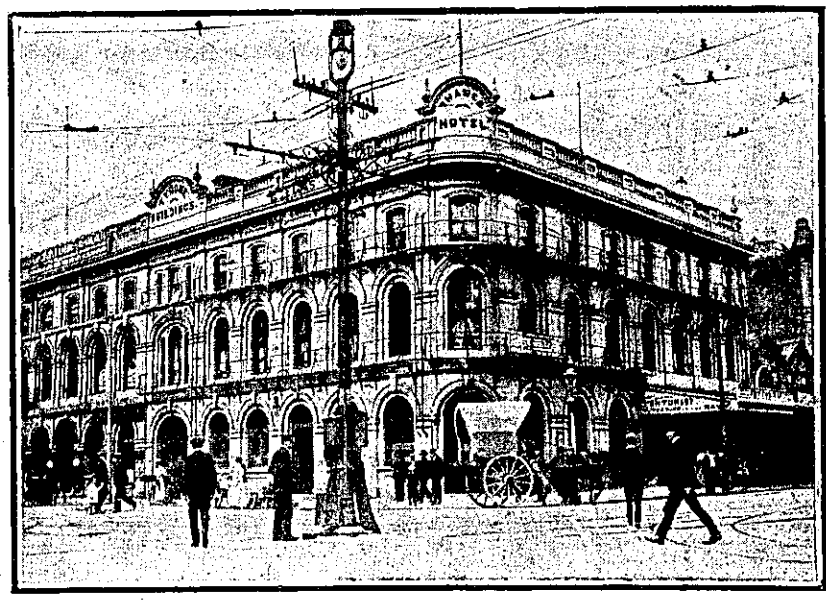
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THE LICENSEE VICTUALERS' GAZETTE

Speaking of the proposed Licensing Bill in London, the other day, Lord Carrington (president of the Board of Agriculture) stated that if the Bill is defeated it is nearly certain there will be no further licensing legislation this generation.

Dyspeptics, made so by eating mince pie and drinking ice water, are responsible for as many murders as those who drink to excess, according to Theodore Sutro, president of the New York branch of the German-American Alliance, who declared to the House Committee on the Judiciary in Washington the other day that drink was not the only intemperance practised by the American people, and asserted to the clergymen and Women's Christian Temperance delegates that prohibition does not prohibit.

It is from the Casino in Monte Carlo that the Prince of Monaco draws his ample resources. In 1898, when the gambling concession to the Casino Company was renewed, he received £400,000 in cash, an annual salary of £100,000, the promise of a further £600,000 in 1914 when the present concession expires, and the undertaking of the Casino Company to spend £200,000 a year on the works of the port of Monaco, and other sums for improvements, public works, charities, and so forth.

The sum of £13 10s in notes and gold was stolen from a safe in the bar of the Golden Age Hotel at the Bluff last week. A young half-caste, employed at the hotel, was arrested on suspicion.

It was reported from Hobart last week that the efforts of buyers to bear the price of Australian hops all round was resented by local growers, who intend to ask the Commonwealth Government to increase the import duty to a shilling a pound.

Mr Alfred S. Bankart, secretary to the Campbell and Ehrenfried Company, Ltd., left for the Commonwealth States last Monday evening on a holiday tour.

An Act has just been passed by the Oklahoma Legislature making it a punishable offence for the proprietor of any hotel in the State to use bedsheets less than 9ft in length, or to expect his customers to use cracked chinaware.

The Swiss National Council has decided to prohibit the sale and manufacture of absinthe in Switzerland.

Mr William Dapp, a farmer at Baton, was found dead in his hop kiln last Sunday. Two workmen, intending to leave their swags at the kiln, saw the body on opening the door. At the inquest a verdict was returned that death was caused by valvular disease of the heart. Deceased was aged 64, and he survived his wife only a few months.

It was recently reported from Melbourne that owing to the unsatisfactory condition of the hop industry, the leading growers are holding a conference to formulate a more practical working scheme. It was resolved that formulas of all compounds should be published on each barrel and bottle of malt liquor produced within the Commonwealth.

It is stated that the Rev. Leonard L. Isitt, will possibly be a candidate for the representation of Napier at the next general election.

Referring to Mr Asquith's Licensing Bill, the London "Daily Telegraph" says that it is the most tremendous scheme of plunder and confiscation ever contemplated in the records of public legislation. Nothing like it has been proposed in the political history of the world.

Hotelkeepers had a busy time during the Easter holidays, full houses being the rule, accommodation in most of the city houses being booked some time ago. We are informed that already some wary country visitors are arranging for rooms to be reserved for them at the time of the visit of the American fleet.

It is rumoured that Mr J. Robinson, who is selling out of the Park Hotel, is negotiating for the purchase of Mr Buller's interest in the Grosvenor Hotel, Hobson street.

In discussing the Home Government's proposals regarding licensing legislation, the "New Zealand Times" remarks that in our Dominion, where in our anxiety to become our brother's keeper, at somebody else's expense, we are liable to rob another brother of his occupation and livelihood by a mere scratch of the pencil.

Mr T. B. O'Connor, late of the Thames Hotel, will shortly open a large billiard saloon in the Foresters' Hall in Karangahape Road.

We hear that Mr J. Robinson, who has been in the Park Hotel, Wellesley Street, has sold his interest in that house to Mr C. Kahn, who recently sold out of the Aurora Hotel, Victoria Street.

Mr Macdonnell, inspector of police at Napier, has been served with a writ for alleged slander, claiming £1000, and for alleged libel, claiming £500 damages, at the instance of Mr H. B. Lusk, a prominent solicitor.

Mr Ralph Somers, the popular host of the Hot Springs Hotel, at Te Aroha, and who for the past two years has satisfactorily discharged the duties of Mayor of that town, has, in response to the wishes of the Borough Council and the citizens, consented to be nominated for another term of office.

Sir Gilbert Parker says that the importing into England of a large quantity of American hops is likely to ruin those engaged in the Kentish hop industry.

At Christchurch last week the Chamber of Commerce committee considered a resolution from the Taranaki Chamber drawing attention to the filthy state of bank notes in circulation, and suggesting that members of Parliament should be urged to approach the Government with a view of compelling banks to issue clean notes. The committee supported the resolution.

Hop beer, pronounced to be double the strength of ordinary beer, caused eleven sellers of it to appear at the Raetihi Police Court last Thursday.

Have you ever been at Kaihu? Well, if you should be going that way, just note down in your pocket book that a good place to stay at is the Opanaki Hotel, of which establishment Mr George Meale is the popular proprietor. This hotel has first class accommodation for travellers. Only the best brands of wines and spirits are stocked and a first class table can always be relied upon, as those who have been there freely testify. The hotel is only three minutes walk from the Kaihu station, so is very handily situated for those who travel by railway.

A silver Charles I. tankard which formed part of the silver of the famous old Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street, London, lately closed, sold for £667.

Many people are under the impression that the only cause of the pipi not being so popular in New Zealand as the clam is in America is that no one has been enterprising enough to place it on the market. The Dunedin "Star" states that a lady was successful recently in producing from pipis an "oyster" soup which delighted the diners at her hotel, but she had to give up further experiments for the lack of a supply. Apart from their edible value pipis are said to be worth £6 a ton delivered at chemical works.

An American and a Scotsman were speaking about the intense cold in the North of Scotland.

"Why, it's nothing at all compared to the cold wave we have in the States," said the American. "I can recollect one winter where a sheep, jumping from a hillock into a field, became suddenly frozen on the way, and stuck in the air like a mass of ice."

"But, good heavens, man," exclaimed

the Scotsman, "the law of gravity wouldn't allow that!"

"We don't do things by halves at home," replied the tale pitcher, "the law of gravity was frozen too!"

THE NEW DRINK.

The abominable habit of drinking methylated spirits as a stimulant seems to have firmly established itself as one of Sydney's minor vices. Several cases have lately occurred in which persons have been arrested for drunkenness due to this form of indulgence, and the police have come to regard such intoxication as nothing abnormal (says the "Herald") whilst there need be no fear on the part of brewery shareholders that their dividends will dwindle under the competition of a cheaper beverage than ordinary beer; still the methylated habit appears to be far too prevalent for the public welfare. Unless it is checked there is a possibility of its spreading among the poorest class, while those derelicts, who now become victims to the craving will thus seal themselves as totally lost. From all points of view a being sodden with methylated spirit must be classed lower in the social scale than an ordinary inebriate, for several reasons besides the natural repugnance felt for such a practice. Last Sunday week a police officer arrested five men and three women who, he said, were having a sort of picnic in Hyde Park, on the spirit. On another occasion he noticed three old men gaily engaged with a bottle and a tin can. He asked them what they were drinking, and they told him methylated spirit. They further volunteered the information that it was not unpleasant, and as for bad heads in the morning they had had many worse ones otherwise. Neat, it is very potent stuff, so its devotees dilute it with water. Even so, it is hard to see how it can become at all palatable.

TOO STRONG.

The navvies labouring on the main trunk railway, labour under the disadvantage of working in a prohibition district. The ever present thirst is allayed, however, with invigorating powers of ordinary colonial beer. Last Thursday eleven persons were at Raetihi fined £2 each and costs for selling overproof hop beer. The evidence showed that a big trade was done amongst co-operative labourers on the main trunk railway in this drink, and the Government analyst pronounced some of the samples double the strength of ordinary beer. Fr. Brinson, for sly-grog selling near the Main Trunk railway, was also fined £50 (in default three months) on one information, and on second information was sentenced to three months' imprisonment without the option of a fine.

THE AGE LIMIT.

Last week in Dunedin, at the Police Court, Leah Myers, keeper of refreshment rooms in the Octagon, was charged with sending a child under thirteen years of age to a licensed house for beer. Defendant admitted sending the boy with a note to the holder of a bottle license ordering six pint bottles of stout, but the boy lost the note and the money. Mr Hanlon, for the defendant, asked for a dismissal, on the ground that the store holding a bottle license was not a licensed house within the meaning of the Act.

The Magistrate (Mr Widdowson) said the point had not been raised before, and decision would be reserved.

George Rattley, employed by John Peterson, holder of a bottle license, was charged with selling liquor to a child under thirteen years of age. Defendant said no stout on sale was labelled as described by the boy, and he had no recollection of the boy obtaining beer. Decision was reserved.

A SERIOUS MATTER.

The other day Sir Gilbert Parker, Conservative member for Gravesend, speaking in the House of Commons, directed attention to the ruin likely to accrue to those engaged in the Kentish hop industry through the dumping of 8000 tons of American hops in the United Kingdom in a few weeks.

Mr Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, deprecated exaggeration of the position. He attributed the difficulties at present attending the British industry largely to the development of labour-saving machinery and the use of hop substitutes, and jocularly suggested that the brewers should show their patriotism by only using British hops. The Minister advised the House to await the result of the inquiries of the Select Committee set up to investigate the matter.

CHARGES DISMISSED.

In Wellington last week Dr McArthur delivered his reserved decision in the case against Cornelius McManus (Mr McGrath), which was heard at Lower Hutt.

There were two informations laid against the defendant. He was charged that, being the licensee of the Railway Hotel at Lower Hutt, he did, on Sunday March 15th, 1908, unlawfully open such premises for the sale of liquor. He was also charged that on the same date he did unlawfully sell liquor, the purchaser of which was not a lodger in his hotel.

Two constables, while outside the defendant's hotel, saw two men enter, and following them in found them in the bar. One of the men had a glass of beer in his hand, while the other was receiving a glass of stout from the landlord, who handed it out of the bar. One of the constables said he saw a shilling in the hand of one of the two men. The other constable, who was close behind, said he saw no money, and both agreed that nothing was said about payment at the time or about a sale. The constables stated that the men and the defendant said they were boarders and were going to stay over the night.

For the defence it was stated by the two men and the defendant that they had met on Lambton Quay on the previous day, and that the defendant had asked them to come and see him on Sunday afternoon. This they did, and spent some time with the landlord, and had tea with him as his guests. They also had one drink in the course of the afternoon.

His Worship said he quite discredited the story that the men had become boarders, and on that ground he had fined them for being illegally on premises. There was, however, no direct evidence as to any sale of liquor, and, although the whole circumstances were suspicious, still there was a doubt in his Worship's mind, and the defendant was entitled to the benefit of that doubt. Therefore, although with considerable hesitation, his Worship dismissed both the informations.

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THE COST OF LIVING.

The price of commodities and the charges for house rents cause heads of families considerable anxiety. It has been the custom of the Labour Department to publish periodically the prices of commodities in the different parts of the Dominion and some interesting particulars in this connection will appear in this month's issue of the "Labour Journal." From this it will be found that Wellington still holds the unenviable position of pride of place in the matter of rents, but although there are variations in the price of commodities at the aggregate about on a par with each other in the matter of supplies. For potatoes people in Wellington on March 1st, were paying 3d more per 14lbs than were the residents of either Auckland, Christchurch, or Dunedin; tea was a penny per lb dearer than anywhere else, the difference between Auckland and Wellington for average quantities being as much as 9d per lb; for oatmeal 6d per 25lb more was paid than at Auckland and Christchurch, and 9d more than at Dunedin. Why such a difference does exist is not stated. Wellington supplies the cheapest meat of the centres. Auckland is lowest in the matter of boots, with Dunedin next. On the figures taken all round, Auckland is the most desirable place of residence for the man of moderate means, but those who envy the residents there may find some consolation in the fact that if prices are low so also are wages. When all is summed up there is really not such a great difference as might appear from a cursory glance at the details.

A "CUT" IN AERATED WATERS.

The reason why we never get "soft" drinks at less than a certain well-established minimum price is now patent. For several years the aerated water manufacturers of the city have worked together in harmony, and made their charges with exact uniformity, but in connection with the contract for supplying aerated waters to Wellington Hospital there was recently a break away from the combine, with the result that a letter of protest was sent to the Trustees by a firm which failed to get its usual share of the orders. The firm pointed out that members of the Aerated Water Manufacturers' Association had agreed to tender at the same price for Hospital supplies, and the firm was rather surprised to find that the Trustees had extended their patronage to one firm only. "If it has been a question of cutting prices," concluded the letter, "it

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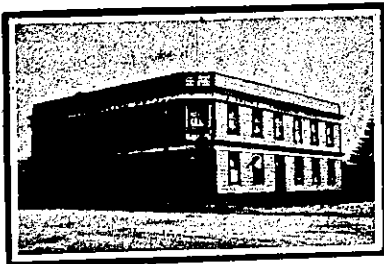
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would have been a very mean action on the part of any one firm, after having pledged themselves to a certain price, to cut without the knowledge of the other interested parties." The communication caused some amusement among the Trustees. It was explained by the Hon. C. M. Luke (chairman) that for four years all the manufacturers had tendered at the same rates, and the orders were distributed. Any quarrel they might have in their own association had nothing to do with the Trustees. He jocularly added, as a suggestion for Mr Pearce, a fellow-Trustee, that if he could manage the Timber Association in the same way he would do great service. It was decided to reply informing the protesting manufacturer that the lowest tender was accepted.—"N.Z. Times."

BEER AND BEER DRINKERS.

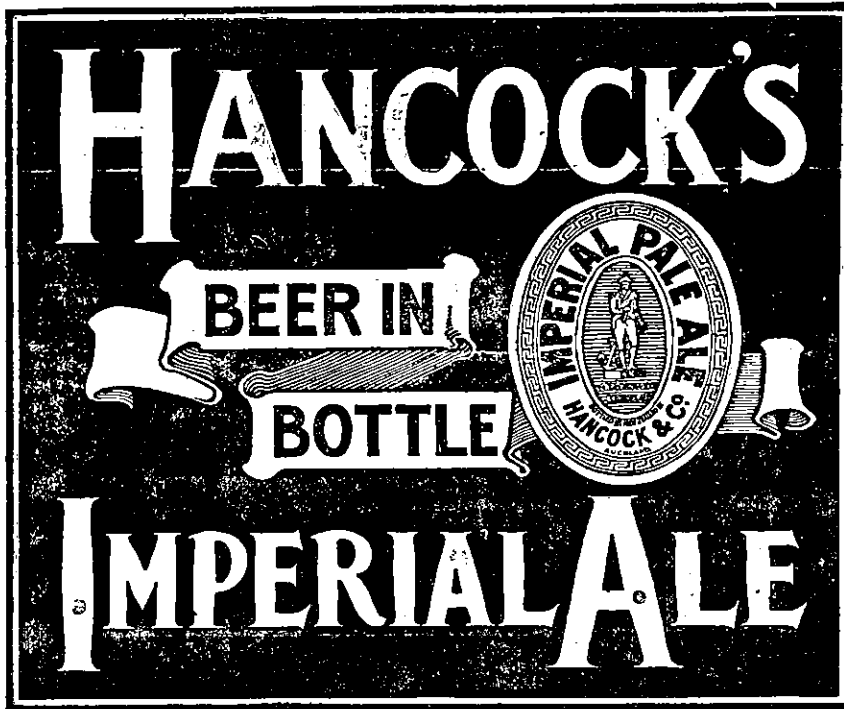
The following letter appeared over the signature of Mr E. A. Leeder, secretary Lquor Trades' Defence Union of S.A., in "The Advertiser," Adelaide, on 11th February, 1908:—

To the Editor—Sir,—I could hardly expect to make any letter upon the above subject either convincing or acceptable to anyone holding such wrong views as Mr Delehanty does, but I hope I have been able from time to time to show your readers that although much has been said and written in condemnation of the use of alcohol, there are many qualified authorities who strongly favour the use of stimulating beverages in moderation. I submit that the manifesto signed last year by sixteen eminent medical men in favour of alcoholic drinks is not "now discredited," although, as anticipated, it has been vigorously assailed by the other side. English history shows how intimately the beer of the land has been connected with the physique of the men. From the time of Henry the Eighth to that of the strongest ruler England ever had—Oliver Cromwell, himself a brewer—one cannot read without finding frequent references to the national beverage—beer. After being in practice for more than 50 years, an intense enemy of excess of any kind, Dr F. A. Monkton, of New Zealand, states that he has deliberately come to the conclusion that beer possesses a means of imparting a vigour which materially assists the system in resisting the attack of the consumption bacillus. Then we have it, on the authority of Dr Thomas Dutton that although an excess of alcohol does harm, so likewise, does an excess of meat, sugar, or even water, and it is irrational to claim that the use of the articles in question should on this account be abandoned. He further expressed the opinion that beer was the best drink for persons under 40 years of age. On another occasion the same authority said: "I will venture to assert that fully 80 per cent. of the medical profession do themselves partake of alcoholic stimulants in some form or other, and also order them for their patients." A committee was appointed by the British Medical Association to investigate the subjects of total abstinence, moderate drinking and the misuse of liquor, and their physiological effects on the term of life. Its conclusions were drawn from 4234 deaths, and it was found that the average lives were as follows:—

Total abstainers	... 51 years and 22 days.
Habitually temperate drinkers	... 63 years and 13 days.
Careless drinkers	... 59 years and 67 days.
Free drinkers	... 57 years and 59 days.
Intemperate drinkers	... 53 years and 3 days.

These figures speak for themselves. At a breakfast given by the National Temperance League to the British Medical Association in August last, the president, Mr Davy, while regretting the evils caused by excessive drinking, put in a plea for light beers, and stated that "teetotal advocates talked most unscientific twaddle." He used port wine himself. His great-uncle lived to be 90 and up to the age of 80 he drank a bottle of port every day. Dr J. Haydon Brown, L.R.C.P., Edin., says: "Alcoholic stimulants save innumerable lives daily, and I defy all the scientists there are to devise substitutes, which would be as effectual, as palatable, and as altogether convenient." Dr J. Mortimer Granville, writing to the "Times," said: "I sincerely believe that incalculable harm has been done to the average human organism, with its functions, which we are wont to classify as mental and physical, by the spread of teetotal views and practices." It will be noted that the foregoing are not the unsupported assertions of extremists, but are the opinions of medical authorities of great experience. It may be said with confidence that most men, eminent for literary genius, for mental force or intellectual superiority—poets, historians, orators, statesmen, scientists—have belonged to the category of temperate drinkers; but, on the other hand,

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genius of any kind has rarely been associated with total abstinence. If everyone in the world became a teetotaler tomorrow, in the first place almost one-third of the revenues of several countries would vanish; there would be a great deal less of perfectly innocent conviviality and comfort in the world; other commodities would be taxed to make up the loss of revenue, and many millions of people would be ruined, until other employment could be found for them. Millions of others would take to drugs, and instead of asking a friend to have a glass of beer or wine, one would probably offer him a morphia tabloid, which, of course, would do him considerable more harm. All nations in the van of civilisation consume alcoholic beverages. The teetotal nations are nowhere. We find also that the greater number of the best men doing the best work that can be done in the world are habitual consumers of alcoholic beverages.

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2. That though there, no doubt, are the board. The vacancy occasioned by Mr Crisp's death had been filled by the some few public-houses the atmosphere of which is bad—as there are courts and churches of which the same may be said—it is preposterous and outrageous to assert, that, generally speaking, the atmosphere of hotels, inns, or public-houses of all kinds is injurious either to those who serve, or those who are served therein.

3. That public-houses, if allowed to possess more of the features of clubs, would more resemble places of entertainment abroad visited and praised by his-hops themselves.

4. That the influence of the wives of licensees is constantly used—as is also that of barmaids in a less degree—to restrain drunkenness and bad language by kind advice rather than by harsh repression.

5. That private drunkenness at home and in clubs open all night and on Sundays without police supervision is far more dangerous socially and morally than drinking at an open bar, subject to supervision alike of the publican and the police.

6. That there are no more charitable tradesmen than licensed victuallers.

BRITISH BEER.

OFFICIAL STATISTICS SHOW MANY CURIOSITIES.

According to the Return of Brewers' Licenses in the United Kingdom there are 4836 brewers in the United Kingdom, and in the aggregate they produced last year 35,368,809 barrels of beer, which brought in a revenue of £13,323,089 11s 11d.

London is the premier brewing centre, consuming nearly 10,000,000 bushels of malt and 11,000,000lb of hops. Burton is second, with 5,000,000 and 8,000,000, and Dublin is an easy third, with 5,000,000 and 7,000,000.

One firm produced 2,136,629 barrels of beer last year, which paid £1,023,259 4s 9d to the revenue, and which used no-

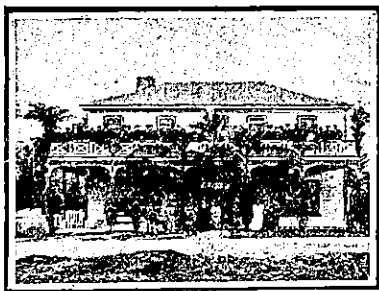
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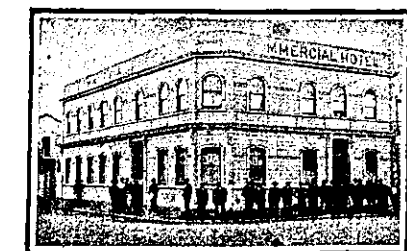
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thing but malt and hops for its brewing.

The only other firm which produces over a million barrels of beer uses 26,288cwt of sugar, but no other substitutes.

The return throws much light on the subject of pure beer. None of the very biggest brewers—that is to say, doing over 500,000 barrels—use much except malt and hops and sugar. The smaller, though still important firms, go in a good deal for rice and maize grits and other similar preparations, but only the smallest, those which produce less than 10,000 barrels, employ hop substitutes to any considerable extent.

The return also supplies a table of the export of beer, from which it is seen that India is the biggest customer, with 114,596 barrels. The United States takes 78,000 barrels, and Belgium, curiously enough, comes third with 70,306 barrels.

THE STATE AS A SPOILATOR.

Mr Asquith's Licensing Bill, or rather Bill to destroy licenses, is condemned by the more moderate section of the English press as the most confiscatory measure ever introduced in the House of Commons. It asserts the right of the State to seize private interests to the capital value of at least £120,000,000, by the simple process of giving 14 years' notice to the present owners. Assuming that the 30,000 licenses which it is proposed to extinguish at the end of that time give employment to five persons each, it means the loss of work to 150,000 persons. This is the proposition as it stands. "The thing," says the London "Daily Telegraph," "is a nightmare. It is what Americans call 'the limit.' If the majority of Englishmen are prepared for this, we can only advise them to be prepared for anything. And what is the net result to the trade? Its local value is at once and forcibly and disastrously diminished—how disastrously is shown by the fact that, within 24 hours of Mr Asquith's speech the Stock Exchange recorded a fall of £32,000,000 in brewery shares—and at the same time it is to be forced to pay for the razor which is to cut its own throat. It at present yields £38,000,000 a year in taxes to the State. It pays large sums over and above, and will henceforth have to find more millions still for the licenses to be eliminated. Finally, something like an insurance fund with £120,000,000 must be accumulated within 14 years, so that utter ruin and destitution may not fall on thousands upon thousands when the State steps in and seizes the bulk of the remaining assets of the licensed trade. In a word, the trade, within the period of the time limit, is to pay to the State, and to amass for compulsory insurance purposes, a sum equal to the total amount of the National Debt. This is not only robbery. It is the most tremendous scheme of plunder and confiscation ever contemplated in the records of public legislation. Nothing like it has been proposed in the political history of the world."

POOR MAN ENTITLED TO BEER ON SABBATH, SAYS FATHER McCANN IN SERMON.

The local option faction in Elgin (Illinois, U.S.A.) is in confusion to-day as the result of a seathing sermon preached by Father J. J. McCann, of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The ministers who are at the head of the option movement were likened to one who "searches after dirt with a spy-glass," and were told that if they were to work as hard to save the souls of some of Elgin's aldermen as they do to "take beer away from the poor labouring man," much more good would be done.

"Brethren, I beseech you," said Father McCann, "while you are making your New Year's resolutions, that you put in a clause that you will not join the local option movement that is sweeping across the country."

"LOCAL OPTION FOR RICH."

"Every time you vote for local option you vote against the rights of thousands of poor men. Local option is all right for the rich. They do not have to go to the saloons.

THORNE'S WHISKY HOLDS THE MEDAL



Victorious everywhere

"Their wine cellars are full, and they have all they want to drink in the privacy of their homes. But when the labouring man wants a glass of beer the law comes and says that he cannot have it.

"There is absolutely no harm in Sunday saloons if they are conducted properly. The Sunday saloon is the poor man's club. The rich man has a fine private club of his own, which sells liquor every day and night the year round.

PREACHERS RAISE WAR FUNDS.

"He does not have to go to the saloon, and so he is for local option. As long as the people—the labouring people—behave themselves, they should have their beer the same as the rich man has his wine.

"It is time these preachers were going in for something better than hunting dirt with a spyglass. Their aldermen and church members need more moral suasion than all the men who frequent Sunday saloons."

The ministers of Elgin have been busily engaged for some time in raising a 3000 dol (£600) local option campaign fund. Father McCann said he was asked to join this movement, but refused because he believed it to be absolutely wrong.—"Bar and Buffet."

"At forty a man is either a fool or a physician."

"And the fool is the physician's patient."

"Mamma," said the little girl, peering in between two uncut leaves of a magazine, "how did they ever get the printing in there?"

Mr Jones (in justification): "You will often hear it argued that the presence of a young lady typewriter in an office has a refining influence."

Mrs Jones (acridly): "Well, I have noticed that since you engaged one, instead of growling: 'What's that?' or 'Umph!' when I speak to you, you have acquired the habit of saying: 'What, dear?' and 'Eh, love?'"

With difficulty they dragged him from his folding bed that had shut up on him as he slept.

"That's the first time I ever was caught napping," he said, and in enjoyment of the joke forgot his aches.

The Chicken's Point of View.—"Say, Duckie, I do pity the coming generation."

"Why, Chick?"

"Because that incubator can't scratch for worms like mother used to do."

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STAGE ITEMS.

(Continued from Page 18.)

A VETERAN SINGER.

Sir Charles Santley has already made one successful tour through Australia, and the veteran musical knight is contemplating another next year...

Mr J. C. Williamson has the dates at His Majesty's following after the Julius Knight Company's season.

Messrs MacMahon's pictures having done the Hokianga run, will shortly go through the Waikato and down the Main Trunk line.

Mr John Black, of the Black Family of musicians, writing from Perth (W.A.), says: "We are now in our third weeks' season at the Queen's Hall..."

Mr Harry Rickards' Vaudeville Company, which visits the Dominion in June for a brief tour of six weeks, will, it is ascertained, prove the strongest attraction ever sent away from Australia...

Miss Billie Burke's father, Billy Burke, was the most famous clown in America twenty years ago, and was especially popular when he used to appear in Boston with Barnum and the other leading exhibitions.

Mr Henry St. George will conduct the Trinity College music examinations in New Zealand and Tasmania.

Messrs J. and N. Tait have received advice that The Merrymakers, the company of clever entertainers who are to open an Australian tour under their di-

rection in the Athenaeum Hall, Melbourne, on the 16th May, are on board the Orotavia, leaving London for Australia last week.

There are 1200 theatrical organisations travelling in the United States, and between 25,000 and 30,000 people are employed in the theatrical business...

"The Scarlet Pimpernel," now being played here by Julius Knight and the J.C.W. company supporting him, has been translated into the German, and is being produced at Berlin.

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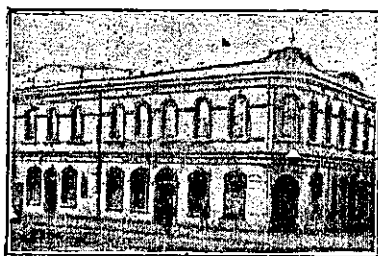
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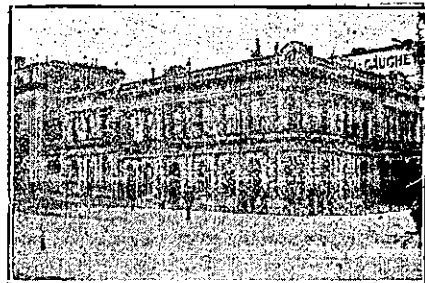
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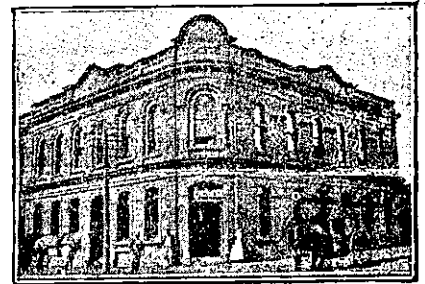
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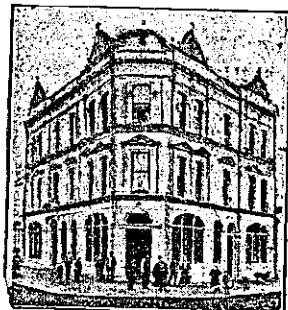
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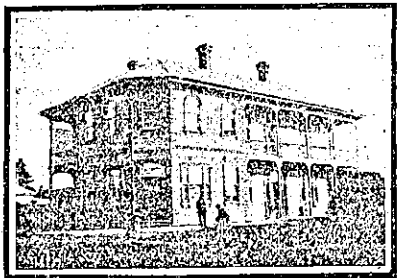
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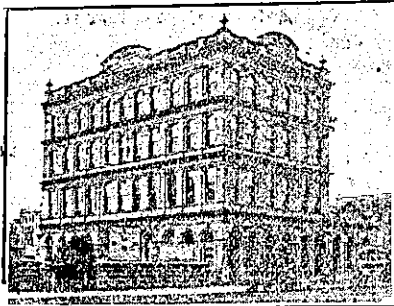
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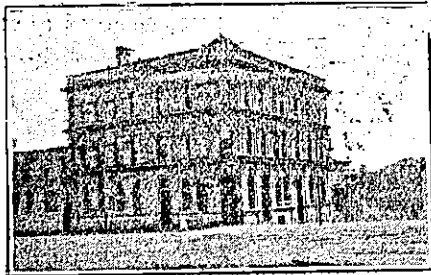
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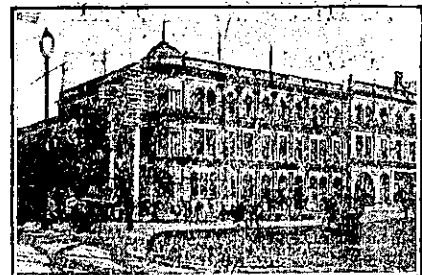
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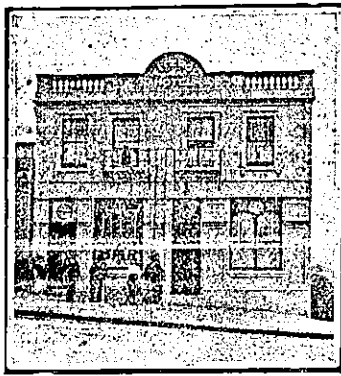
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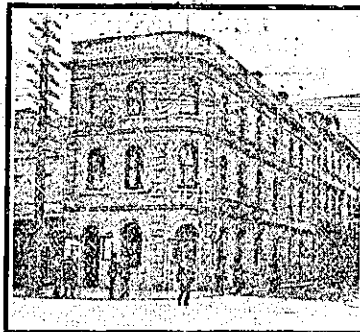
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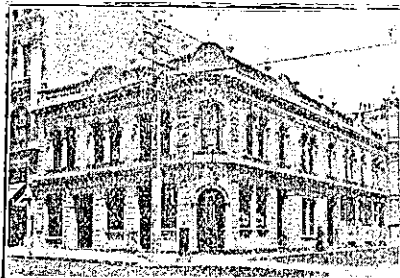
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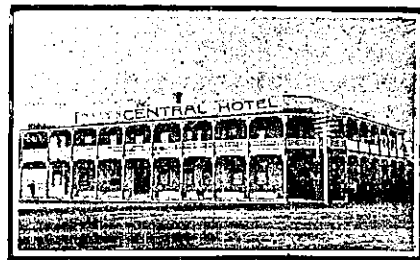
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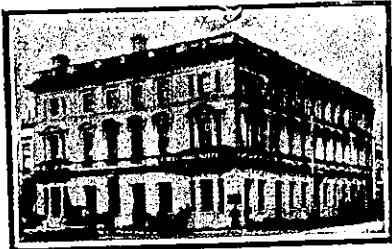
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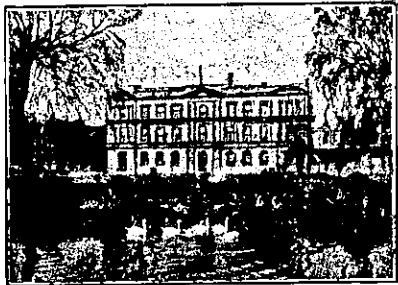


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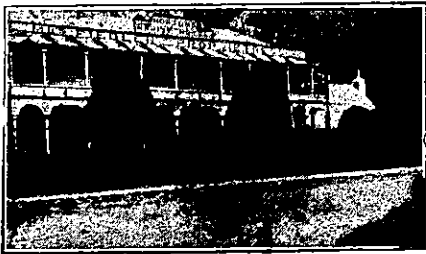
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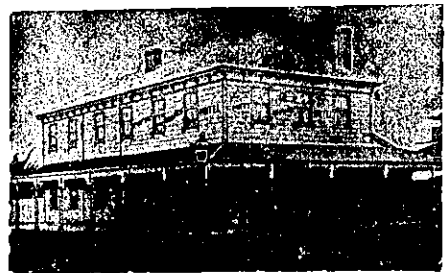
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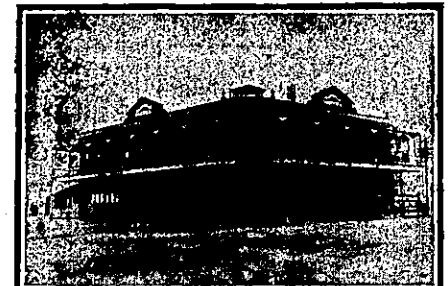
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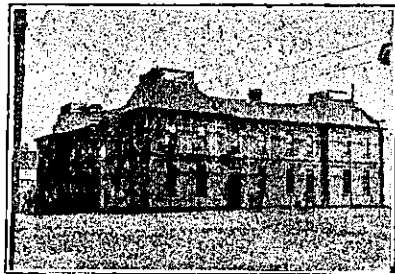
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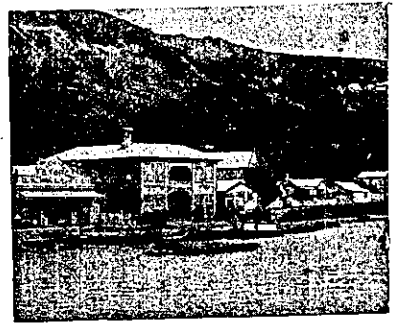
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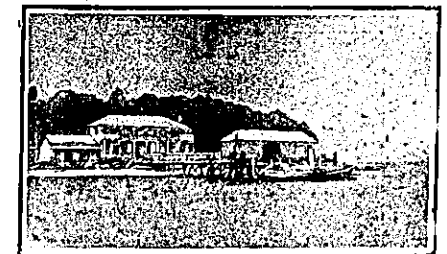
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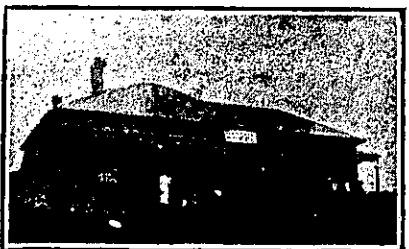
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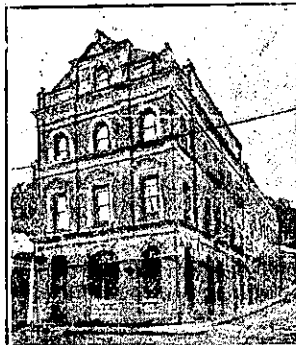
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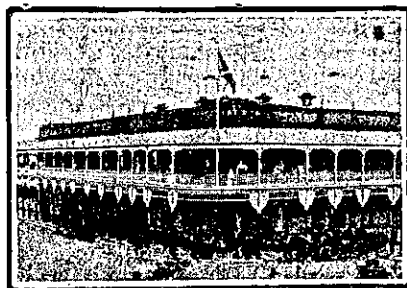
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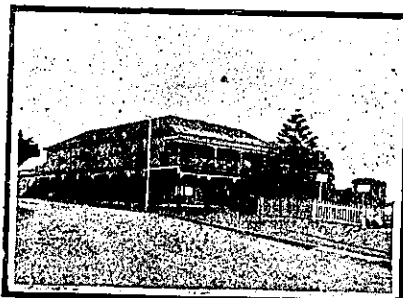
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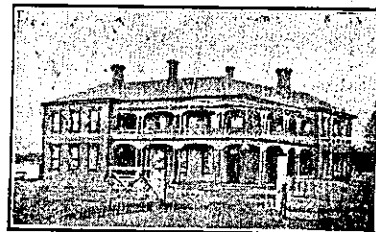
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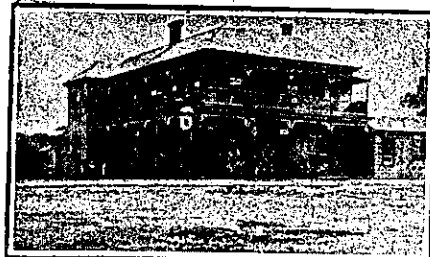
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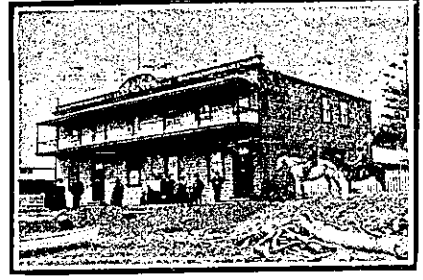
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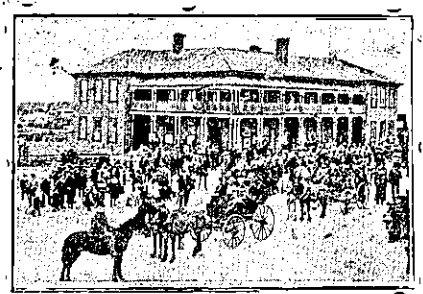
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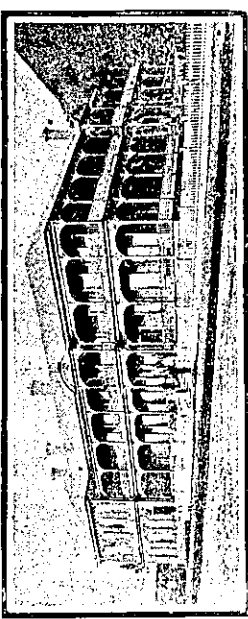
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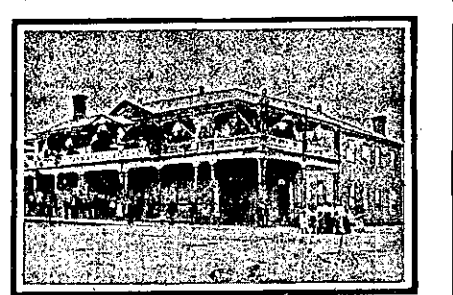
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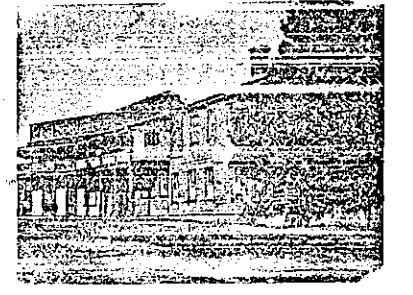
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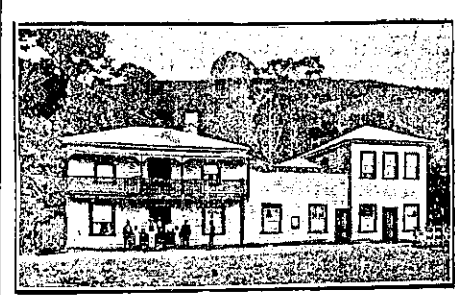
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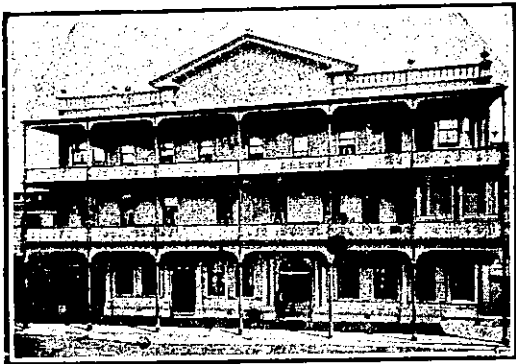


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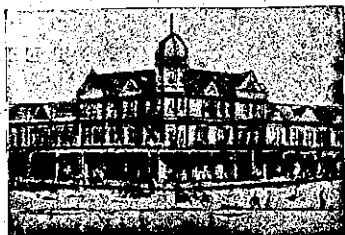
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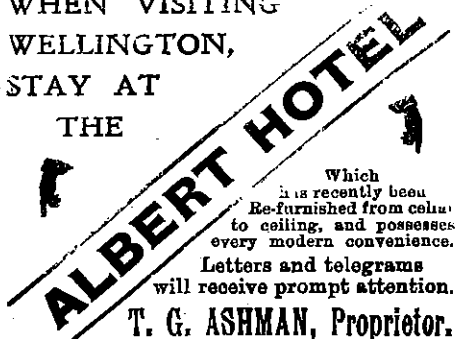
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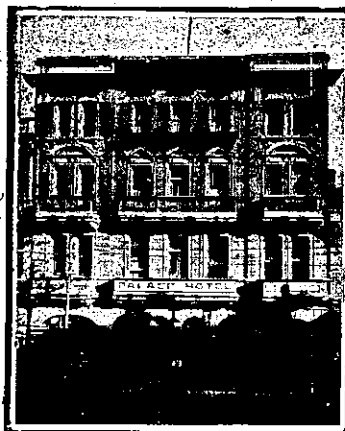
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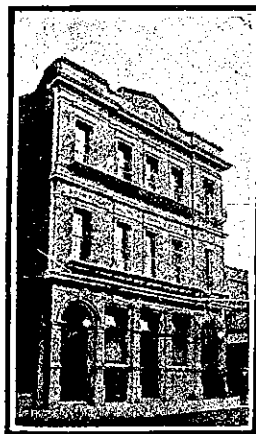
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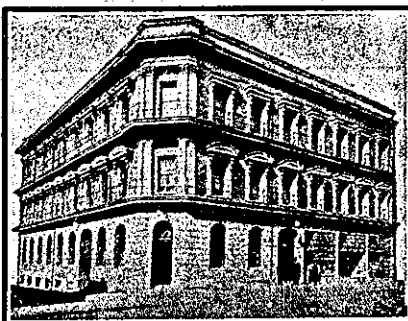
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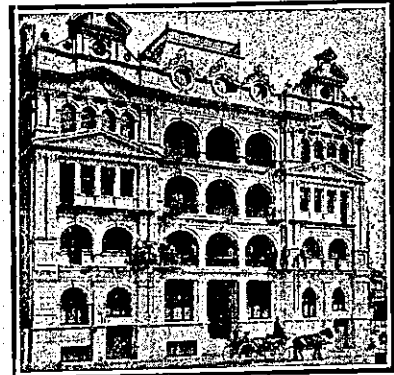
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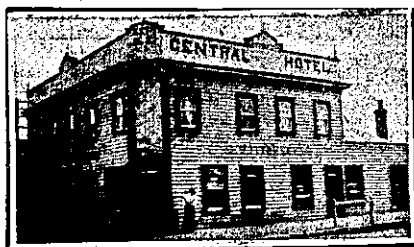
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