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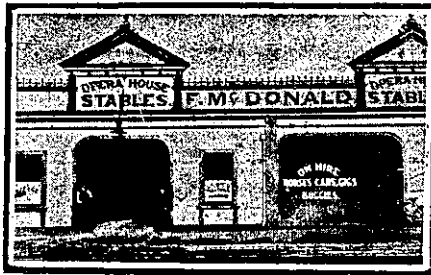
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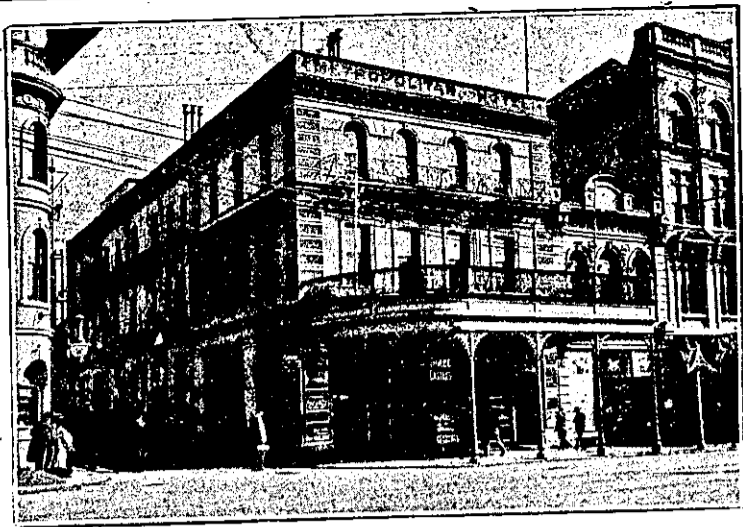
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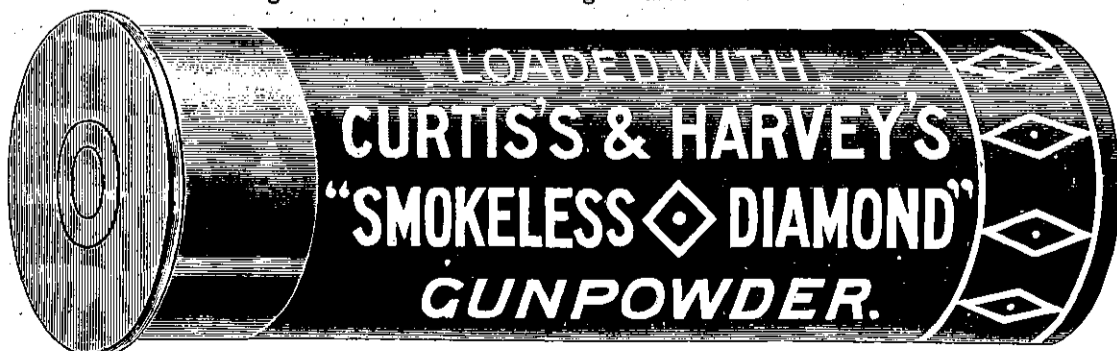
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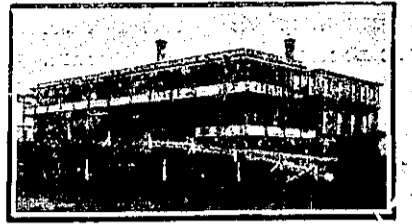
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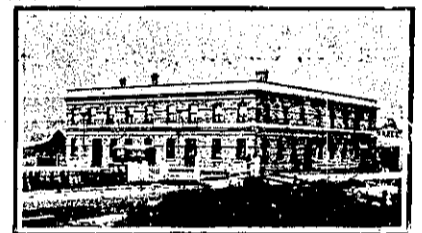
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FIXTURES.

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.
 July 9, 10.—Gisborne R.C.

NOMINATIONS.

June 3.—Gisborne R.C.
 July 1.—Gisborne R.C. (hack events.)

WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

May 15—A.R.C.
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ACCEPTANCES.

May 15—Takapuna J.C.
 May 15—Wanganui J.C.
 May 22—A.R.C.
 July 1.—Gisborne R.C.

THE WANGANUI WEIGHTS.

(By Our Wanganui Correspondent.)

The weights for the principal events on the first day of the Wanganui J.C. Winter Meeting have made their appearance, and the handicapping may be considered comparable with Mr. George Morse's usual high standard of excellence. There should be good acceptances for the various events. Though the entries for the two big jumping contests are not so large as last year, there is good reason to anticipate that the fields in each will be very satisfactory. Several of the horses engaged in the Wanganui Steeplechase are also in the Great Northern, and the weights, therefore, bear a very close resemblance. Nadador has been given pride of place in the Wanganui event, and this really good mare cannot be considered overburdened with 11.3. She has already won this event once, and has scored in the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase twice, so that if she is in her best form here she must have an undeniable chance. Eurus has 4lb less, and as the Euroclydon gelding is reported to be doing very good work at Riccarton he cannot be written out of the race, as he is a fine jumper. Lady Hune (10.8) is also engaged in the Great Northern, and it may be that she will not be taken down to Wanganui, but should run well if started. Rangitoto (10.6) showed capital form last season, and must be accounted as dangerous. Kalpetipeti (10.3) cannot complain of the weight, but I prefer the prospects of Pawa (10.3) to the former, and also to Roman King on the same mark. The latter is a capital jumper, but it seems problematical whether he can be got thoroughly fit. Lull (10.2) has been doing excellent work, and it would be no surprise to see the Handsome Jack gelding prove a top notcher over the country. Of those lower down, Fretwork (9.13), Playmate (9.9) and Canton (9.8) are the most likely to run prominently.

The May Hurdles, which will be decided on the opening day, should throw some light on the Century Hurdles, in which Paritutu heads the list with 11.12. Though he is a good hurdler, I doubt his ability to concede the weight he is asked to, to some of those lower down, the best of whom may possibly prove to be Mahoe (10.6), Showman (10.1), Aculus and Pawa (9.12), Prospector (9.8), Playmate (9.6), and Defeat (9.2). There is every prospect of a splendid contest being witnessed. Both races, however, are very open, and the actual winners will take some finding.

Dusky Morn is such a brilliant customer over six furlongs that he cannot be considered overburdened at 9.6, and he looks to be the best of the top weights. Martello (8.4) is galloping well, and if the handsome son of Hotchkiss is back to anything like his best form he will take a power of beating. White Lie (7.8), Woodhey (7.7), Kurawaka (7.5), and Little Mary (6.12) go to make up the most likely half-dozen. To pick the win-

ner will try the skill of punters to the utmost.

There is a big crowd in the Connolly Handicap, which promises to be a splendid race. Marguerite heads the list at 9.0, and she appears to hold Manlapoto (8.11) and Bourrasque (8.9) safe. Waitapu (8.9) is very fast, and must have a chance. Grand Slam (8.7) should be held safe by Dusky Morn (8.5), who reads very well, but Mr. G. F. Morse has Signor (7.10) and Carissima (6.13) also engaged in this event, and he may not start Dusky Morn. Uhlando (8.4) is fairly treated, and should run well, whilst Kairoa (7.10), Swimming Belt (7.5), Ikon (7.2), and Maharani (6.11) are each nicely treated. Those who saw Somali galloping in the Fellding Cup, will probably mark the Sylvia Park filly down as very dangerous over a mile and a distance with 6.11 on her back, but she will perhaps find the pace made a deal hotter in the early stages of the forthcoming race than was the case at Fellding.

THE HAWKE'S BAY J.C. MEETING.

(By Our Hawke's Bay Correspondent.)

After a postponement rendered necessary by bad weather, the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club opened their autumn meeting on the Hastings course on Thursday. The day was fine, though cloudy, and the attendance was satisfactorily large. The amount put through the totalisator was £8515 as against £8813 on the single machine last year, when an additional £1630 was invested on the double, making the total for the first day of the autumn meeting in 1907 £10,443. This year the double event totalisator has been discontinued, and comparison of the figures with those of last meeting on the single machine betting shows a deficiency of only £298. To counterbalance this small loss thirteen bookmakers took out licenses at £20 10s each, totalling £267 10s.

The racing was of a very interesting nature, and some of the finishes were close and exciting. For the big event, the Hawke's Bay Cup, Uenuku started favourite, and justified the confidence of his backers. The Hon. Mr. Ormond's gelding Kairoa led most of the way, and seemed to have the race in hand, but Uenuku and Grand Slam got ahead of him in the straight and fought out a splendid finish, Uenuku winning by a bare head.

The Poukawa Handicap furnished a surprise. Chrysopease seemed to have it her own way when the straight was reached, but then Maioa came like a shot from the blue and just snatched the victory.

The previous day's rain had made the course a trifle heavy, but the times recorded were by no means bad.

On the concluding day the big race of the day, the Hawke's Bay Stakes, brought forth a field of seven, all the entrants accepting. Gold Crest was made a warm favourite, but disappointed his many backers, only securing third place. Bobrikoff got away from the others shortly after the start, and was never afterwards troubled. Gold Crest seemed a certain second up to the distance, when King Post came with a rush from nowhere and just got his nose in front of the favourites as they passed the judge.

The other events were well contested, but as a whole the racing was not so good or so exciting as on the previous day. The sum of £9490 was invested on the totalisator as compared with £9703 (exclusive of £1051 on the double machine) on the second day last year. The total for the two days was £18,005 as compared with £18,516 on the single machines for the autumn meeting of 1907, exclusive of £2681 on the double machine, which shows a deficiency on this year's meeting of £511, exclusive of the double machine. Twelve bookmakers at £20 10s each were licensed to bet.

THE GREAT NORTHERN MEETING

When Mr. Hartland came to make up the list of entries for the Great Northern Meeting of the Auckland Racing Club, a very satisfactory state of affairs was disclosed, for the collective nominations constitute a record for the winter meetings. Nearly all the events have filled well, the winter events especially so. For instance, in the Jervois Handicap no less than thirty-eight will have to be dealt with by the handicapper. Such races as the Ladies' Bracelet have not, of course, attracted such heavy nominations, but the list all round is very gratifying to the compilers of the programme.

As far as the acceptances for the Great Northern Hurdle Race and Steeplechase are concerned, these also are satisfactory in that the malcontents have been few. Twenty-five remain in the Hurdle Race, so that it would seem probable the field will be a large one. For the Steeplechase twenty-one have cried content, which would seem to point to the fact that there will be no lack of competitors for the big 'chasing event.

A final payment of 3sovs for the G.N. Hurdles is due on May 22, the final payment for the Steeplechase being on June 1. Handicaps for the first day's events are due to appear to-morrow, and acceptances for these must be made to Mr. Hartland by Friday, May 22.

THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

The Hon. E. Mitchelson was in the chair at the ordinary monthly meeting of the Auckland Metropolitan Committee on Monday. The disqualification of Mrs. Elwarth and the horse Maori Bill for racing at unregistered meetings was removed. The disqualification imposed by the Kawakawa Racing Club on the horse Hukerenui and H. Johnson, A. McInnes, and Innes McKenzie for five years for ringing in Te Aroha as Hukerenui was endorsed. Trainers' licenses were granted to George Morris and F. Tonge, and jockeys' licenses to James Virtue and C. J. Lytle. The suspension of the jockey B. Towers was removed and a license granted. Gentleman riders' licenses were granted to Messrs S. G. Worsp, Harold Cotter, George Paul, Ernest Alison, Guy Ring, and J. D. Kemp.

At a meeting of the A.R.C. Committee, held subsequently, the recent death of Mr G. G. Stead was referred to and it was decided to send a letter of condolence to Mrs Stead. The following transfers were passed:—W. Percival to S. A. Taylor, brown filly by Merriwee—St. Olga; Cambria Park Stud Company to S. A. Taylor, bay filly by Eton—Guinevere; T. H. Lowry to J. Williams, brown gelding, 2yrs, by The Possible—Lady Helen; John Marshall to W. H. Paterson, chestnut filly by Menschikoff—Balbirnie; Cambria Park Stud Company to the Hon. J. Carroll, bay filly by Eton—Kitiroa; W. Walters to the Hon. J. Carroll, brown filly by Sout—Goldweb. Accounts amounting to £1060 were passed for payment. A statement of receipts in connection with the autumn meeting, showing a substantial profit, was laid on the table. It was decided to charge bookmakers at the winter meeting £20 per day and 10s per day for clerk, applications to be lodged by noon on Thursday, the 21st inst.

THE NORTH NEW ZEALAND COURSEING CLUB.

The coursing season will be opened as far as Auckland is concerned next Wednesday, when the North N.Z. Coursing Club will commence the May meeting. The events to be decided are the Challenge and Maiden Stakes and for each of these very good nominations have been received. A good supply of hares has been received from the south and these are in good running order, so that it is hoped that while the trials between the dogs may be keen, the percentage of hares killed will be very small. Nothing is further from the desires of the club than the death of the hares which are much too expensive to be killed. All that is wished for is a good working trial between the competing greyhounds, ending in the escape of puss. With this object in view the hares are regularly

fed and are driven over the course daily to the exits provided to facilitate their escape. This teaches them which way safety lies so that in the actual course they lose no time in making for home. Surely this should silence those critics, who, knowing nothing of the rules governing the sport, recklessly condemn it as wantonly cruel, than which nothing is further from the truth. That it has been a popular sport for centuries is a fact which speaks for itself. In connection with Wednesday's running the final payment and draw will be made at the Federal Hall, on Monday next, at 9 p.m.

THE HUNTLY RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

Next Saturday the Huntly Racing Club will hold a meeting on the Ngaruahia racecourse. Seven events will be decided, and as the acceptances are good, the prospect of some exciting sport will no doubt attract many metropolitan racegoers. A special train will leave Auckland at 7.25 a.m., returning at 5.30 p.m. Mr J. McIntosh, the secretary, is making arrangements for the comfort of those visitors who assist at the fixture. The acceptances are as follows:—

PEPEPE HANDICAP.—Trepine 9.8, Duart 9.5, Powhiri 9.4, Anna Lombard 8.4, Frontino 8.2, Viking 7.5, Tartan 7.0.

MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP.—Memo 9.6, Rosewood 9.0, Ottoman 9.0, Hina 8.5, Freehold 8.3, Lady Godfrey 7.13, Noki Noki 7.7, Hokimai 7.7.

HUNTLY CUP.—Lady Regel 9.8, Aristocrat 9.5, Anna Lombard 8.5, Powhiri 8.3, Sir Rupert 8.0, Viking 7.3, Tartan 7.0.

SETTLERS' HACK HANDICAP.—Hina 10.7, Korobeke 10.5, Inurangi 10.4, Weldon 9.5, Candlelite 9.5, Joy 9.0, Newham 9.0, Naumai 9.0, Prim 9.0.

COALFIELDS' HANDICAP.—Lady French 9.10, Duart 9.6, Trepine 9.0, Port Light 8.7, Frontino 8.2, Memo 7.12, Miss Stella 7.5, Highland Fling 7.0, Newham 7.0, Tartan 7.0.

MAIDEN WELTER HANDICAP.—Ottoman 10.4, Viking 10.0, Freehold 9.10, Inurangi 9.8, Joy 9.4, Weldon 9.2, Naumai 9.0, Hokimai 9.0, Prim 9.0.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Lady French 9.6, Duart 9.4, Waihou 8.13, Trepine 8.12, Lady Regel 8.8, Port Light 8.4, Frontino 8.0, Rosewood 7.7, Hokimai 7.0, Highland Fling 7.0.

THE TAKAPUNA J.C. WINTER MEETING.

The Takapuna Jockey Club will hold their winter meeting on Saturday and Monday, May 23 and 25, and circumstances seem to point to another pleasant meeting at the seaside suburb. Mr. Wynyard has declared the handicaps for the first day's events, and these appear in another column. The work has been done with care, and a very good list of acceptances should be received. These must be made to the secretary by 9 p.m. to-morrow (Friday).

THE LIVERPOOL GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLCHASE.

A CHAPTER OF ACCIDENTS.

English files to hand give an interesting account of the running of England's great steeplechase. This year there were 24 runners, Mr. Bibby's Kirkland being favourite. The King was represented by Flaxman. There was no delay at the post, and when the signal was given Flaxman was the first away, and made the running from Prophet III., Rubio, and Tom West, with Mattie Macgregor, Roman Law, Springbok, and Extravagance next. Then came Nanoya, Kirkland, Dathi, and Wild Fox III., with Red Hall whipping in. At the first obstacle Prophet III., Nanoya, and Mount Prospect's Fortune fell, and soon after Roman Law took up the running, followed by Tom West, Flaxman, Seisdon Prince, Extravagance, Mattie Macgregor, Johnstown Lad, Kirkland, and Springbok, with Alert III. now last. At the fence after Valentine's Seisdon Prince came down, while at the fence before the racecourse the first time York II. fell.

Roman Law at this point was followed by Tom West, Flaxman, Extravagance, Rubio, and Johnstown Lad, Lara having fallen at Becher's. Over the water, Roman Law showed the way from Tom West, Extravagance, Flaxman, Johnstown Lad, Mattie Macgregor, Rubio, and Dathi. Then came Springbok, The Lawyer II, Kirkland, and Wee Busbie, with Chorus now tailed off last. At the second fence in the country the second time Roman Law fell, as did Extravagance at the next, and Tom West was left in front of Johnstown Lad. At the fence after Becher's Tom West came to grief, and Rubio then took the lead, followed by Mattie Macgregor, Flaxman, Dathi, and Springbok. At the Canal turn the second time Rubio was clear of his stable companion, Mattie Macgregor, and Flaxman, with Springbok next, well clear of Kirkland. On to the racecourse Rubio came, followed by Mattie Macgregor, Flaxman, and Springbok, these being clear of Kirkland. The latter fell at the final fence, and Rubio won in a canter by 10 lengths; six lengths separated second and third. Flaxman was fourth, Springbok fifth, Red Hall sixth, the remounted Kirkland next, and Chorus, the only other to complete the course. M. Phelan broke his collarbone by the falling of Seisdon Prince, and H. Aylin sustained a nasty cut on the head. Time, 10m. 3 3-5s.

As a yearling Rubio, whose sire is Sceptre's half-brother Star Ruby, and whose dam is a Sir Modred mare, was sold in England by the American breeder, Mr. J. B. Haggin, for 15 guineas, and was subsequently purchased by his present owner for 95 guineas. During his career Rubio was used as a hunter, also drew a trap, and only a fortnight prior to his Grand National win ran nowhere in the Great Cheshire Selling Steeplechase. It appears that when Major Pennant used Rubio as a hunter one of his suspensories gave way so badly that the fetlock-joint nearly touched the ground, not only at the time, but for months afterwards, when he was turned out in the park. Referring to this, the "Special Commissioner" writes: "The idea of having him broken to harness and driven was adopted solely in order to work him sound, if possible, and get the fat off him without putting weight on his back. He proved to be an excellent trapper, and very quiet. Indeed, Mr. Pennant tells me he has seen Rubio in a dogcart standing at the side of a cricket field with no one at his head, and paying not the slightest attention to the shouting of excited spectators of the match that was going on." According to some of the English writers, the unlucky horse of the Grand National was King Edward's Flaxman, who finished fourth. At the first fence the second time round his rider broke his right stirrup-leather, and after that had several narrow escapes of being thrown out of the saddle. Towards the finish Flaxman assumed command, but suddenly disappeared just when he was looking a winner. It transpired afterwards that he fairly jumped Anthony out of the saddle at the Pond Fence, and though the rider managed to regain his seat after a struggle, the ground lost settled Flaxman's chance.

THE GISBORNE RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

Particulars of the programme for the Gisborne Racing Club's steeplechase meeting will be found in this issue. The meeting will eventuate on July 9 and 10, the programme including the Handicap Hurdles of 70sovs, one mile and three-quarters; the Flying Handicap of 60sovs, six furlongs; the Park Steeplechase of 115sovs, three miles; the Trial Steeplechase of 60sovs, two miles; Winter Oats of 60 60sovs, one mile and a distance; Second Hurdles of 70sovs, two miles; Waikanae Handicap of 60sovs, seven furlongs; Te Hapara Steeplechase of 100sovs, two and a-half miles; Final Steeplechase of 60sovs, two miles; Farewell Handicap of 60sovs, one mile. Nominations for these events close with the secretary, Mr. M. G. Nasmith, on Wednesday, June 3. Handicaps for the first day's events are due on June 20, and acceptances on July 1, on which latter date entries for both days' hack events are also due. As all the local racing will be over by that time the Gisborne fixture should attract a number of horses down from Auckland, it invariably proving a very enjoyable reunion.

THE ENGLISH CLASSICS.

During the week the cable has brought us intelligence of the result of two of

the big English classic events, and from these it would appear that the American contingent in the Old Country will this year prove a factor to be reckoned with in all the big events. On the 6th inst. the Two Thousand Guineas was run for at the Newmarket spring meeting, the big mile race for three-year-old colts being won by Mr August Belmont's bay colt Norman III., a son of Octagon and Ninevah. This result must have caused something of a sensation, for the American bred colt showed only very moderate form as a two-year-old. Mr A. F. Basset's brown colt Sir Archibald (Desmond—Arc Light) filled second place and Mr W. Hall-Walker's chestnut colt White Eagle (Gallinule—Merry Gal) third. The winner is engaged in the Derby run next week, so that we shall soon have an opportunity of knowing whether this was merely a lucky win or if he is a really good horse.

On Friday the One Thousand Guineas was decided over the same course, and again the Stars and Stripes were to the fore, victory resting with the American sportsman Mr Richard Croker, whose brown filly Rhodora beat Captain Forresters' chestnut filly Bracelet (Collar—Isis Belle) with Mr Houldsworth's bay filly Ardentrive (William III.—View) in third place. Mr Croker it will be remembered won the Derby last year with Orby, and Rhodora is a half-sister to that colt, being by St. Frusquin from Rhoda B. It is probable that Mr Croker's filly was well fancied as when a two-year-old she won several good races, including the Cadogan Plate and Londonderry Plate at Leopardstown, Ireland, and the Dewhurst Plate at Newmarket. Rhodora claims an engagement in the Oaks as does the runner up, Bracelet. Evidently the daughter of Rhoda B. is a very smart filly.

THE HARDSHIP OF WASTING.

In the last winter of his life, when Archer went to Cheltenham, his native place, to indulge in his favourite pastime of hunting and renew old acquaintanceships he weighed 10st 7lb, and if he had let nature take her course he was naturally an 11st man. At Falmouth House he had fitted up a most elaborate Turkish bath, and it was as hot as Hades. One room, furnished with a constantive stove, registered 200deg. of heat, and in this chamber, when getting down weight, he used literally to parboil himself. Previous to the commencement of the racing season Archer had eighteen Turkish baths in one week, and his self-denial in the matter of food would have given a start and a beating to the most ascetic anchorite. His prescription for wasting was written by a most eminent London physician, and made up by Mr Wright, whose establishment is at the end of the town, near the racecourse, and this powder he was continually taking. In order to ride St. Mirin he went, as I have already stated, without food for three days, and was for eighteen hours in a Turkish bath, and so much did he reduce himself, that with all the paraphernalia (excepting the whip) appertaining to riding he weighed only 8st 7lb! "He is killing himself," cried the elder Jennings, when he saw Archer scale; and so he was. When his friends remonstrated with him he would reply: "If I am not Archer, I am a nobody."—Thormanby's recollection of jockeys.

AUSTRALIA'S CHAMPION COLT A ROARER.

The disgrace of Mountain King in the Cumberland Stakes, makes one feel sad (writes Terlinga in the "Australasian"). It is his only bad race since he ran in the Maribyrnong Plate, and the result stamps him a proved roarer. Everyone knew that his wind infirmity was becoming more and more pronounced, but if he had left off racing after the All-Aged Stakes he would have gone to the stud unconvicted, so to speak. Now, in spite of his third in the Melbourne Cup, Mountain King will be looked back to as a brilliant roarer. There are plenty of them now, and they are on the increase. Whether the infirmity is hereditary or not is a question upon which authorities differ. The late Duke of Westminster, I have read, was considered to know as much of horses as any man in England. He sold the peerless Ormonde for 14,000 guineas to go out of England, because he considered that he would only do harm to England's blood stock. Other people declare that roaring invariably follows upon a bad cold, although, of course, some of them became affected in their wind. In Australia plenty of imported roarers have got sound stock. I am told The Premier was a roarer, and I know Ace of Clubs, the sire of that great stayer King of the Ring, was. Joseph Burton declares that a bad cold was the cause of Mountain King becoming a whistler, and he says it was the same with Wigelmars; but in her case, what about Master Foote and Cleis? Did they inherit their musical tendencies from their dam, Wigelmars, or did they both contract colds early in life?

NOTES.

(By The Judge.)

The ex-Auckland Delaware (Seaton Delaval—Stepfeldt) effected a curprise in the Glenhunting Handicap at the V.A.T.C. meeting. There were eleven runners, Mr Patterson's horse winning by three quarters of a length.

The Egmont and Ashburton meetings will be brought to a conclusion to-day.

At the Sydney blood stock sales 418 horses sold for 47,092 guineas, giving the fine average of 113½ guineas apiece.

It was thought that Tui Cakobau would make his appearance as a hurdler at the coming Takapuna meeting, but Mr Duder tells me this will not be the case.

Bobrikoff, winner of the Hawke's Bay Stakes, was bred by Mr H. Friedlander, being got by the Bill of Portland horse Finland from Gossip by Wallace from Caroline, by Carlyon from Tuberoze, by Grand Flaneur. There is a lot of fine running blood in that pedigree to be sure.

Rubio, winner of the Liverpool Grand National, is a grandson of the New Zealand bred Sir Modred, who first saw the light at the Middle Park Stud Company in 1877, being got by Traducer from Idalia.

The Wanganui Jockey Club advertises that applications for bookmaker's licenses for the coming meeting must be made on the official form supplied by the secretary not later than Thursday, May 21.

Tartan, who has been retired from the turf, and will be sent to do stud duty at Parkes, N.S.W., has won about £9000 in prize money.

The crack English mare Pretty Polly has missed to Laveno two years in succession.

The once celebrated jockey Tod Sloan is now writing a tale for a New York paper, "Secrets of the Turf."

According to an Irish writer, overtures were recently made on behalf of King Edward for the purchase of The White Knight, to take Persimmon's place at the stud. However, at the latest there seemed little likelihood of a deal being concluded. The White Knight is by Desmond (son of St. Simon) from Pella, by Buckshot from Pamela, by King John (son of Marlyon).

The dispersal sale of the Gordon Brook Stud is announced to commence at Gordon Brook Station, near Grafton, N.S.W., on June 15. The stock to be submitted includes the imported stallion Volpone (Donovan—Mowerina), 10 yearlings and 6 two-year-old fillies by Fortunatus (imp.), 14 yearlings by Volpone, 11 mares, with foals at foot, by Fortunatus, and 16, with foals at foot, by Volpone. Most of the mares are by Clayton, Clan Stuart, or Anteros.

The Emperor of Germany has conferred a hereditary patent of nobility on Dr Arthur and Mr Carl Weinberg, the owners of the Waldfried Stud. This is in recognition of what the Messrs Weinberg have done for Germany in the breeding of thoroughbred stocks.

Boniform, the crack Yaldhurst three-year-old, has only run twice in his life, winning both races. He takes up stud duties at Grasslia. With Elevation off the scene also, New Zealand loses its two best colts.

The Australian champion Poseidon is being treated to a two months' spell before being got ready for next season's engagements.

It looks as though the Wanganui gelding Mahoe will run out at the Great Northern Meeting as the son of Sou'wester has been accepted for in the G.N. Hurdles and Steeplechase.

The English Derby will be run on Wednesday, June 3. The King's colt Perrier was favourite at latest, but possibly the result of the Two Thousand Guineas may have altered this.

The late Mr G. G. Stead has left a fortune amounting to £176,000. Our Canterbury correspondent refers to the matter in his notes.

From Australia comes word of the death of Mr C. B. Fisher, the father of the turf in South Australia. Among other horses he imported was the great Fisherman progenitor of a line of stayers.

INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

The New Zealand Cup conditions are the same as last year. Nominations close on June 2.

Sir Geo. Clifford and F. H. Pyne will represent the C.J.C. at the Racing Conference.

The programme committee of the C.J.C. has increased the stakes for the hack events at the Grand National Meeting, and also added £50 stakes in the Lincoln and Beaufort Steeplechase and Sydenham Hurdles. The Final Hurdles has been struck off the programme and a Hack Flat Handicap substituted.

Excellent acceptances have been received for the first day's events at the Ashburton Club's Autumn Meeting. The Cup bears a very open aspect, thirteen horses being still in.

Kelp, a five-year-old gelding by Castashore, and winner of some recent flat handicaps, is the latest addition to the hurding brigade in these parts.

I notice that Glen and Gentui, two geldings by the Clanranald horse Glenogle, were winners at the Marlborough meeting.

Mr. G. G. Stead left £170,000, the bulk of which will be divided among the family, three sons and a daughter receiving £44,000 apiece. "Strowan" has been left to Mrs. Stead, who also received £1500 a year. Mr. G. L. Stead, of Kereru, Hastings, will transact all business in connection with the stud, and also receive notice of forfeits due by the Yaldhurst horses. Mr. W. G. Stead is now on his way out from England.

The stake money to be given at the Grand National meeting amounts to £5640, an increase of £270 on last year's amount.

At the Orari Club's meeting last week, the principal race was won by Roscommon, a horse who has been winning all along the line at non-talisator meetings. He will be flying at higher game to-day, having accepted in the Ashburton Cup, in which he has 6.10.

Whirlwind, who was once noted for her burst of speed over a short distance, was amongst the starters at the Orari meeting, when she ran two seconds.

Devonia, who was racing at the same meeting, could only get third out of two starts.

There is very little doing in the jumping line at Riccarton. Eurus and Canton are two regular attendants, and have some jumping allotted them once or twice a week. Eurus is coming on nicely, and will probably race at some of the Northern meetings before the Grand National.

Closing time for receiving nominations by the C.J.C. has been altered from 9 p.m. to 8 p.m.

In letters to a friend, L. H. Hewitt



NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS

COMBINED MILITARY AND ATHLETIC SPORTS AT PUKEKOHE, MAY 16th, 1908.

Holiday Excursion Tickets will be issued to Pukekohe from Auckland, Onehunga, Mercer and intermediate stations available for return on day of issue only. These tickets will not be available by Express trains, or by the train which leaves Pukekohe for Auckland at 5.55 p.m.

Special trains, stopping where required, will leave Auckland for Pukekohe at 9 a.m., arriving Pukekohe 10.38 a.m. Return train will leave Pukekohe at 5.10 p.m., arriving Auckland 6.46 p.m.

HUNTLY RACING CLUB'S MEETING AT NGARUAWAHIA, MAY 16th, 1908.

Holiday Excursion Tickets will be issued by special trains from Auckland, Onehunga, Huntly, and intermediate stations to Horotiu, available for return on day of issue only.

Special trains, stopping where required, will leave Auckland for Ngaruawahia Racecourse at 7.25 a.m., Penrose 7.55, arriving Racecourse 11.30 a.m. Return special will leave Ngaruawahia Racecourse at 5.30 p.m., Ngaruawahia 6.0 p.m., arriving Auckland at 9.45 p.m.

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speaks in glowing terms of his prospects for the present season in England. At its conclusion he intends coming out to New Zealand for a holiday. Two well-known English jockeys in Dillon and Griggs will come out with him.

OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, May 13.

The Tahuna Park Club's winter meeting, which concluded on Saturday last, was, from a financial point of view, the most successful ever held on the track. The club has now been in existence about 16 years, and if the progress made has been slow it has at least been sure. The class of horses seen out last week was not so high as one would like, but taking it all round, the sport provided was of a fairly interesting nature and large fields were the order of the day. During the two days the sum of £8501 was put through the totalisator, an amount which represented an increase of £1202 10s over last season's winter meeting, whilst close on £200 was received in fees from book-makers. Next season the Club will probably race on their own track. A deposit has been paid on a block of land close to their present course, and when certain formalities have been completed, it is expected that a prompt start will be made on the construction of the new track. All going well the track will be at least 4½ furlongs in circumference and this will permit of the races being started at the beginning of a back stretch instead of near a turn as at present. Under the new order of things trotting should make good progress here and it is to be hoped that future programmes will be framed in sufficiently attractive lines to bring more of the fast gaited Canterbury horses to the south than has been the case in the past.

Nominations close on Friday of this week for the D.J.C. winter meeting and it will not be surprising to find it one of the best gatherings held at Wingatui. The dates of the meeting are close to two important matches with the visiting English football team and also with the winter show which brings a good crowd of country folk to the city. With such inducement to visit Dunedin, no doubt the town will be well peopled about the time of the race meeting and in order to give the sport a boost here, it is hoped that Wingatui will claim a share of the visitors' patronage.

A particularly fine stamp of a 4-year old gelding has joined the McKay stables at Forbury. He is a whole chestnut and stands well over 16 hands at a guess. He shows a lot of quality and power and looks the beau ideal of a fencer. His sire Brighton, a half-brother by Euroclydon to Lupulite, got him when a 2-year-old, and his dam is supposed to be an Apremont mare. Brighton was in company with several other horses shipped to Melbourne and sold there a few months ago, and if the Australian owner could see the stock of his New Zealand bred horse, he would send up his value at least fifty per cent.

Luresome, a performer well known in Auckland, has been sold by the McKays to a patron of J. Rae's stable at Wingatui.

At the summer meeting of the Tahuna Park club Ard Patrick was amongst the winners, but was subsequently disqualified for an incomplete entry form. This decision was appealed against, but the Trotting Association went one better than our local club, as in addition to endorsing the disqualification, they inflicted a fine of £10.

HAWKE'S BAY.

NAPIER, May 13.

Hipporofia's two-year-old half-sister by Renown has had the name of Replica bestowed upon her.

J. Webster (Mr. H. Gaisford's private trainer) has just broken in a trio of fillies. Two of the bunch, Liffeline and an unnamed daughter of Klicheran and Moreze, are two-year-olds. The other, Chanton, is a three-year-old by Waipawa out of Chatelaine.

Gauze has left the post for the paddock, and her racing days will now be numbered with the things of the past, as The Officer's daughter will be bred from in the future.

G. Col'elo has sent Maharatanga home to her owner, Mr. L. Jones, of Puketapu.

Crackpot, who is now studying under his owner, has joined the fencing brigade, and in his new work is

"To what do you attribute your Pre-eminence?" asked the interviewer Of Madame Melba lately.
"What keeps your voice so clear and pure,
The tone so steady, firm, and sure,
That charms the world so greatly?"
"I kill a cold at once," said she,
"With Woods' Great Peppermint Cure,
you see!"



NO. 13.—MR. TOM BURROWS.

WHO HAS BEEN APTLY CALLED "THE KING OF CLUBS."

From time to time during the last few years cable reports have come to hand concerning the phenomenal club-swinging exploits of Mr. Tom Burrows. Now that noted athlete is in our midst a few notes about him should prove of very genuine interest.

Mr. Burrows was born at Ballarat, Victoria, just thirty-seven years ago, his earliest recollections being of the old mining days. In giving an account of his career as an athlete it is a little difficult to know just when to begin, but I find that in 1887, just twenty-one years ago, he won a 135 yards Sheffield Handicap at Templestone, Victoria. A year later at the East End C.C. sports he won the 100 yards, the half-mile, and the high jump. Incidentally, he won the club's gold medal for the best batting average.

As a wrestler he has "made good," as the Yankees say. In 1889 at Melbourne he won the amateur light-weight championship of Victoria, and some months later the professional championship of the same place in the Graeco-Roman style. Next he wrestled with Joe Hickey, of Lancashire, for the championship of Australia. The two struggled for three hours without either getting a fall. In 1903 at Capetown he defeated John Chow for the welter weight Graeco-Roman championship of South Africa, and not long afterwards drew with Victor Sampson for the catch-as-catch-can championship, afterwards defeating the same wrestler.

Burrows has trained many boxers of note, among them being the dusky giant Peter Jackson, one of the "straightest" men who ever entered the roped arena. Frank Slavín, Dan Creeden, and other fistic lights of the nineties also came under his hands. He has given boxing exhibitions before the King at Aldershot, and has even had a four-round spar with the German Emperor, who, it may not be generally known, was something of an adept with the padded gloves. Burrows has trained boxers, wrestlers, runners, and coached football and other athletic teams. He has been teacher of physical training at the Melbourne City Gymnasium, Malvern Athletic Club, and the South Yarra School, while in England he has acted in a similar capacity at the military headquarters' gymnasium at Aldershot, the National Sporting Club, London, and at many of the big schools. It will thus be seen that he has made something of a name for himself as an all-round athlete.

It is as a club-swinging, however, that Burrows will always be known to fame, for in this particular line his performances border on the phenomenal. Commencing at Melbourne in 1891 he won the fancy club-

swinging championship of Australasia, £100 purse, and a gold medal. This was a good start, but it was soon bettered. In 1892 he gained much kudos for swinging the clubs for eight hours continuously before the Duke of Connaught at Aldershot. This at the time was considered a marvellous performance, but at the present it has sunk into insignificance. At the Alexandra Hall, Aldershot, in 1894, he accomplished the first record of twenty-four hours' continuous swinging of 4lb clubs, winning the "Sportsman's" Belt and the championship of England. His next big performance was at Cairo in 1895, when he beat all previous records by swinging for 26 hours 15 minutes. A hundred different combinations in six minutes was his next record, put up at Dublin. In 1897 Burrows was back again in Egypt, where he won the championship of that country, and also accomplished the unique feat of swinging two steel axes weighing 8lb each for 7½ minutes, making a hundred combinations, each one being repeated four times.

The following year the thirty hours' record went by the board, and in 1902 at Edinburgh we find Burrows swinging clubs six days for twelve hours a day.

South Africa was next visited, where, in an exhibition go, he established a one-hour fancy club-swinging record of 1093 combinations, making 10,384 revolutions. The record rose by leaps and bounds until at Buenos Ayres, in 1906, he swung 4lb Indian clubs for sixty-one hours. Since then another hour has been tacked on. Last year at the Waverley carnival, Edinburgh, he won the championship of the world and £100.

Mr. Burrows came out to Australia under contract to Mr. Harry Rickards, and, after putting up more records over in Australia, has joined the Fuller circuit. At the Opera House this morning he will commence an endurance test in another go for the world's record, viz., to beat 62hrs. 2min. The conditions specify that 3lb clubs must be used with seventy revolutions a minute, no rest or stop for food being allowed. A committee of watchers has been appointed who will keep him under observation night and day. It seems almost incredible that Burrows can keep the clubs going for so many hours, but he has done so before, and, barring accidents, he will pull through his self-imposed task. Anyone calling at the Opera House during the next day or two will be able to see the King of Clubs at work. It is probable that after his engagement with the Fuller Proprietary is concluded he may meet Jack Griffiths in a match at Adelaide for £175 a-side.

showing a fair amount of aptitude.

D. O'Meara, the stud groom at Te Mahanga, has recently broken in a fine-looking three-year-old son of Torpedo and Secret. He is a taking-looking customer, who should develop into a good one over the obstacles.

Maku, one of the latest additions to the ranks of the "leppers," is proving reliable over the schooling hurdles.

Jet De More has changed his residence, the chestnut gelding now being one of Tamati Wehikore's pupils at Dannevirke, and consequently a stable comrade of Monsieur Beaucaire, Tua Tahi, and Brown Beit.

J. Cameron has claimed the cognomen Mediterranean for the rising three-year-old gelding by San Fran out of Lady Bevys.

Country patrons who used the railway as a means of transit to the Hastings course last Friday were a good deal exasperated when they discovered that there were no excursion rates available upon that date.

The Cockatoo and Grand Slam put

up a sort of record recently, for in their last three starts the horses have filled the third position in their respective races.

Goldfield, previous to her win on Friday, had also run three consecutive thirds.

Maku's half-sister by Merriwee, who was knocked down on Saturday for 60 guineas, was purchased by Mr. T. Milrose, who has Truginini doing well for him.

A. Vincent, who went to Sydney about a year ago to gain further knowledge in horse dentistry, is back again at Hastings. I presume we will shortly see him floating out in the practice of his profession.

Rawhiti, who secured such an easy victory in the Ohiti Hack Hurdles on Friday, is a full brother to the defunct Tyford, and a half-blooded relative to Post Haste.

Some curious reasons are given at times by backers for supporting their fancies, but the most novel that has come under my notice for some time was that adduced by a lady on the last day of the Hawke's Bay Jockey

Club's meeting, who supported Splash in the Hawke's Bay Stakes because the filly had in her baby days eaten three pairs of her stockings which had been hung out on the line after the wash. Those stockings have now cost her more money, but she is still sanguine that at a future date the price of those stockings, with interest added, will materialise.

Pawa and Ataahua's half-sister by San Fran, who was passed in at Hastings on Saturday at 50 guineas, is under offer to A. Levin. It can be well understood that the reserve is considerably over the sum offered for her at auction.

Starshoot's younger full-brother, Baly High, was far and away the best-looking two-year-old seen out at the Hawke's Bay J.C. gathering.

Mr. I. Armstrong informed me the other day that his time is now so much taken up with the management of his station that he will, for a period at least, give the sport of kings a rest as far as owning horses is concerned. More's the pity, for his patronage has been of a liberal nature.

Sky High, one of the starters in the Nursery Handicap last Thursday, is a half-blooded relative to Sunbonnet.

The bookmakers had a none too rosy period of it at Hastings on the occasion of the Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn Meeting, nearly all of them losing money over the fixture.

The native sport, Mr. Karaitiana, had a good win with his horse in the Okawa Hack Handicap. He is a solid backer when he thinks he has a chance, and he accordingly helped himself to the good thing in Goldfield.

The veteran Mr. H. Summers stayed well when the half-brother to My Darling was put up for sale, and when he beat the opposition in their efforts to secure the gelding, a hearty round of applause greeted the ancient battler.



GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

JULY 9th and 10th, 1908.

NOMINATIONS for the following events close on WEDNESDAY, 3rd June, at the office of the Secretary, Gisborne, at 9 p.m.:

- HANDICAP HURDLES, 70 sovs., 1½ miles.
- FLYING HANDICAP, 60 sovs., 6 furlongs.
- PARK STEEPLECHASE, 115 sovs., about 3 miles.
- TRIAL STEEPLECHASE, 60 sovs., about 2 miles.
- WINTER OATS HANDICAP, 60 sovs., 1 mile and a distance.
- SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES, 70 sovs., 2 miles.
- WAIKANAE HANDICAP, 60 sovs., 7 furlongs.
- TE HAPAIA STEEPLECHASE, 100 sovs., about 2½ miles.
- FINAL STEEPLECHASE, 60 sovs., about 2 miles.
- FAREWELL HANDICAP, 60 sovs., 1 mile.

Weights for First day, Saturday, 20th June.

Acceptances, Wednesday, 1st July; also entries for Hack Races (both days).

For full particulars see programme.
M. G. NASMITH,
Secretary.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE TO BOOKMAKERS.

WINTER MEETING,
23rd and 26th MAY, 1908.

Applications for license which must be made on the Official Form supplied by the Secretary, must reach the Club not later than THURSDAY, 21st May.

WM. HALL,
Secretary, P.O. Box 15, Wanganui.

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SATURDAY, MAY 16.

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KICK-OFF AT 3 p.m.

C. V. LANGSFORD,
Secretary, A.R.U.

There was some mangling of pedigrees by the man with the hammer when the Te Mahanga yearlings were being described in the sale ring. D. O'Meara's face was a study when the information was being given, and the bidding seemed to hang on his hands as if it weighed a ton.

The Squatter and Wonderbohm will shortly be given a respite from labours.

I do not fancy the weight allotted to Pretty Maid in the Century Hurdles will prove alluring enough for the mare to take the argument on.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, May 13.

The conclusion of the Hawke's Bay and Marlborough meetings may be taken as an indication that racing men are on the eve of the winter gatherings. Already the weights for the Wanganui and A.R.C. Steeplechase meetings have been declared, and many trainers are busy giving their charges schooling practice over fences and hurdles in view of forthcoming engagements.

A glance at the names of the animals engaged at Wanganui and Auckland discloses the fact that but few additions have been made to the ranks of the jumping brigade during the season. Kaitere, Sol, and Nadador, who head the handicaps, are names quite familiar to both handicappers and racegoers who are interested in steeplechasing. The hurdles handicaps begin with Paritutu, Shrapnel and Cuiragno, another trio that have for several seasons been constantly before those sports who try their hand at picking double-event wagers.

If steeplechase recruits are few, it can at least be said that amongst the veterans which come up smiling year after year there are included many sterling performers, and should their trainers get them to the post dressed in their best, good cross-country exhibitions should be witnessed.

The hurdle events have also drawn many horses out of their summer retirement. The name of Cavallero brings back memories of some four seasons ago. If the Great Northern winner of 1900 gets back to within three stone of his best form he should give his admirers a run for their money.

According to the opinion of Randwick trainers who have seen Elevation, the colt will never race again. J. Farmer, who was entrusted with the care of Elevation during his visit to Randwick, returned last week, having left the colt in charge of a vet. It is a matter for regret that Mr. Bidwill's fine colt is thus early in his career knocked completely out. A lightly-built horse, Elevation should have raced through several seasons.

The Seaton Delaval colt King Post, who ran second for the Hawkes Bay Stakes, has recently been responsible for some very erratic exhibitions. During a meeting at Nelson he ran three lengths behind that ordinary performer First Mate in a hack race, the seven furlongs occupying 1min 33sec. A fortnight later at Feilding King Post was only beaten half a length by Probability in a seven-furlong go which was cut out in 1min 30 2-5sec. The colt's performance at Hawke's Bay was in marked contrast to that displayed at Nelson only a month ago.

Brobrickoff's victory in the Hawke's Bay Stakes is reminiscent of the brilliant effort he made on the same course last spring, when he finished third to Gold Crest and Elevation in the Hawke's Bay Guineas. Brobrickoff was on that occasion standing behind his field when the barrier flew up and lost quite half a dozen lengths. Notwithstanding his disadvantage he put in a phenomenal run and caught all but the leaders ere the distance post was reached. Many good judges of racing expressed the opinion that had Mr. Lowry's colt got away on even terms, he would have seri-

ously troubled the leading pair ere they reached the judge's box.

Several Wairarapa and Wellington-trained horses were successful at the Marlborough autumn meeting. Aboriginal seems to have struck his best form, and his owner has been recouped for his losses since Aboriginal's Winter Cup victory. Snip, Nauamai, Wharekura and Yosami won for Wellington owners, whilst Gaelic secured a stake for the Wairarapa brigade. Inclement weather rather interfered with the success of the gathering, which is rapidly becoming a favourite resort for local sports.

When the Miramar Pony Racing Club was instituted, letters appeared in local prints predicting that Miramar would become a resort for lads and youths who would be drawn there and obtain their first insight into wagering. The prediction seems to have been fulfilled, as a couple of bookmakers were each fined £5 last week for betting with boys, the lads in question being under 15 years of age. It transpired during the hearing of the case that a large percentage of the Miramar racegoers have not reached an age which renders it lawful for them to indulge in wagering.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, May 13.

I understand that Mr. W. Homes, the well-known Bull's owner, intends selling the whole of his horses shortly, and will go out of the game as an owner. A couple of clubs have approached him with a view to getting him to do the starting for them, and it is probable that he will accept their offers. With the 30 years' experience Mr. Homes has had as a jockey, trainer and owner, there is little doubt he is thoroughly competent to act as a starter, at which game he ought to prove a great success. I believe he is willing to deposit £50 with any club that appoints him, and if his work at the barrier does not give satisfaction he will forfeit same.

There is no disguising the fact that the starting at some of the meetings on this coast of late has been, to put it mildly, very unsatisfactory, and it is time the clubs interested took action in the matter. That there are men on this coast capable of doing as good work at the barrier as is done anywhere else admits of no doubt. If the clubs combined and agreed to give a decent salary to one man to do the several meetings, there would be some inducement for really good men to apply, and the result would be beneficial not only to the clubs, but to owners and others interested in good and clean sport. If something is not done to improve matters shortly in the direction indicated other owners will sicken of racing, as it is very disheartening to see so many races absolutely spoilt owing to a horse being "fired out of the barrier."

The Rangitikei Racing Club hope to have their new course and appointments in readiness for their next meeting. Tenders for the grandstand and the work of the grounds were to have closed last week.

Auratus has been turned out, but Romany King, Gleam and Astraea are

training on all right at Waverley in view of the forthcoming Wanganui meeting.

General Kuroki is looking particularly well just now, and the Fiske gelding ought to pick up a race during the jumping season.

Maharanui, the big son of Sylvia Park, is said to have benefited wonderfully by the long spell he has had, and it is expected that if he does not win at Hawera this week he will probably pick up a race at the forthcoming Wanganui meeting. He has undergone a severe preparation at Hawera, and so far has acquitted himself in a most satisfactory manner, galloping in fine style.

Waiari, a bay two-year-old son of St. Paul and Thirlmere, trained at Hawera, gives promise of developing into a good 'un. He has grown a lot recently, and now stands 15.2, and is powerfully built. His work on the track suggests that he will both both sprint and stay well.

Lingerer is jumping well over the schooling hurdles. It will be interesting to see how the Apremont gelding shapes at Hawera.

Campfire, the English-bred son of Carbine, is said to have thrown off the soreness which recently troubled him.

It is stated that Peter Keith, who contemplated starting a training establishment in Wanganui, will most likely settle in Hawera instead.

Mr. J. Belcher intends taking Research to Hawera, where the son of Renown is engaged in the Tawhiti Scurry on the first day and the Manala Handicap on the second day.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS.

A.R.C. GREAT NORTHERN MEETING.

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE.—Waiheka, Te Kainui, Arahura, Tanglefoot, Good Faith, Lady Lanta, Cinque, Bullworth, Revolver, Lady Hune, Matakokiri, Romany King.

JERVOIS HANDICAP.—Possum, Dogger Bank, Mark Time, Wauchope, Lord Crispin, Rosavere, Nicotine, Lady Betty, Alfalfa, Vasa, Sir Rupert, Inaha, Ney, Fremantle, Glenora, Azoff, Waihoihoi, Escamillo, Lady Frances, Cymri, Waiotahi, gelding by Hamoa—Tetford mare, Kapuarangi, Frontino, Epsom Lass, Aletta, Trep'hine, Fideles, Engraver, Tauriki, Dainty, Imprimus, Explosive, Octoroon, Elenore, Lucio, Royal Soult, Fraulein.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE.—Haeremai, Pukenui, Weldon, Tui, Miss Crispin, Tui Cakobau, Hikuai, Moscow, Franklin, Pierre, Cinque, Pearl Necklet, Lady Regal, Flint Island, Hotchkiss—Miss Ariel mare, Matakokiri, Carlyle, English, Noteorini, Bagatelle, The Stake, Rototti.

CORNWALL HANDICAP.—Celtic, Scotty, Belario, Uranium, Bobrikoff, Tartan, Moscow, White Lie, Rauparaha, Lord Seaton, Leonator, Recreation, Ikon, Maharanui.

LADIES' BRACELET (First Day).—Mark Time, Tui, Mahoe, Balario, Alfalfa, Viking, Powhiri, Kotiti, First Gun, Luros, Ahel, Pamperia.

MEMBERS' HANDICAP.—Maheno, Loongana, Certainty, Wauchope, Mighty Atom, Miss Winnie, Devonport, Inaha, Foremost, Soultline, Frederick, Guidwife, Lochbuhie, Marangal, Soultmaid, Tainainupo, Waihou, Haldane, Imprimus, Duart, Tauriki.

ORAKEI HURDLE RACE.—Waiheka, Pukenui, Weldon, Tui, Miss Crispin, Tui Cakobau, Hikuai, Franklin, Good Faith, Lady Lanta, Pearl Necklet, Montigo, Lady Regal, Flint Island, Matakokiri, Carlyle, Noteorini, Bagatelle, The Stake, Rototti, San Paulo.

RANFURLY WELTER HANDICAP.—Dogger Bank, Mark Time, Haeremai, Lord Crispin, Rosavere, Nicotine, Maharanui, Tartan, White Lie, Sir Rupert, Inaha, Fremantle, Kotiti, Azoff, St. Cyren, Escamillo, Cymri, Waiotahi, Epsom Lass, Luros, Catastrophe, Trep'hine, Ahel, Royal Soult, Explosive, Dainty, Pamperia, Tauriki.

REMUERA HURDLE RACE.—Dolores, Hautapu, Aorangi, Paritutu, Creusot, Landlock, Sol, Cuiragno, Shrapnel, Cavallero, Lady Hune, Swagsman, Omati, Showman, Waipu, Defeat, Le Beau, Capulet.

PRINCE OF WALES HANDICAP.—Celtic, Maheno, Scotty, Te Aroha, Certainty, Uranium, Miss Winnie, Nicotine, Belario, Maharanui, Tui Cakobau, Devonport, Fashionable, Bobrikoff, Tartan, Alfalfa, Vasa, White Lie, Foremost, Ney, Soultline, Frederick, Lochupo, Waihou, Haldane, Leonator, Manapouri, Ikon, Recreation, Delegate, Veronica.

TALLY-HO STEEPLECHASE.—Loch Fyne, Waiheka, Te Kainui, Arahura, Tanglefoot, Good Faith, Lady Lanta, Cinque, Bullworth, Landlock, Kapakapa, Matakokiri.

JUMPERS' FLAT RACE.—Dolores, Pukenui, Tui, Uranium, Mahoe, Tui Cakobau, Viking, Moscow, Franklin, Paritutu, Pearl Necklet, Sol, Montigo, Shrapnel, Lady Hune, Omati, Lady Regal, English Showman, The Stake, Capulet, Repulse.

LADIES' BRACELET (Th'rd Day).—Dogger Bank, Mark Time, Haeremai, Tui, Mahoe, Belario, Alfalfa, Viking, Powhiri, Kotiti, St. Cyren, First Gun, Frontino, Luros, Aletta, Flint Island, mare by Hotchkiss—Miss Ariel, Ahel, Pamperia.

TAMAKI STEEPLECHASE.—Waiheka, Te Kainui, Arahura, Hautapu, Tanglefoot, Aorangi, Good Faith, Lady Lanta, Cinque, Revolver, Lady Hune, Matakokiri.

YORK WELTER HANDICAP.—Celtic, Scotty, Maheno, Te Aroha, Certainty, Rosavere, Nicotine, Uranium, Belario, Maharanui, Tui Cakobau, Devonport, Fashionable, Bobrikoff, Tartan, Moscow, Rauparaha, Sir Rupert, Foremost, Franklin, Marangal, Soultmaid, Cymri, Tainainupo, Haldane, Leonator, Veronica, Delegate, Recreation, Ikon.

CAMPBELL HURDLE RACE.—Dolores, Pukenui, Hautapu, Tui, Aorangi, Pawa, Paritutu, Landlock, Sol, Cuiragno, Montigo, Shrapnel, Ranana, Cavallero, Lady Hune, Swagsman, Omati, Lady Regal, English, Showman, Noteorini, The Stake, Waipu, Prospector, Le Beau, Capulet, Repulse.

FITZROY WELTER HANDICAP.—Dogger Bank, Mark Time, Wauchope, Lord Crispin, Weldon, Nicotine, Puhipuhi, Alfalfa, Hikuai, Vasa, Sir Rupert, Inaha, Ney, Fremantle, Miss Pauline, Azoff, Waihoihoi, Escamillo, Pearl Necklet, Waiotahi, Cymri, Frontino, Epsom Lass, Trep'hine, Fideles, Ahel, Royal Soult, Octoroon, Explosive, Tauriki, Pamperia, Dainty, Imprimus.

FAREWELL HANDICAP.—Ben Blair, Loongana, Wauchope, Mighty Atom, Miss Winnie, Devonport, Black and Gold, Vasa, Inaha, Foremost, Soultline, Frederick, Guidwife, Lochbuhie, Lady Frances, Tainainupo, Waihou, Haldane, Engraver, Fideles, Bagatelle, Lucio, Imprimus, San Paulo, Duart.

HANDICAPS.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE, one mile and a-half and 100yds.—Paritutu 12.5, Montigo 10.5, Tui Cakobau 10.0, Noteorini 9.13, Te Rahui 9.12, Pierre 9.10, Pukenui 9.9, Pearl Necklet 9.8, Matakokiri 9.8, Hikuai 9.7, Freemount 9.6, Franklin 9.6, Miss Crispin 9.5, Anna Lombard 9.5, Vizier 9.4, Tanglefoot 9.4, St. Cyren 9.3, Waiheka 9.3, Lady Regal 9.3, Gipsy Queen 9.2, San Paulo 9.2, English 9.2, Good Faith 9.2, Crispess 9.0, Pukekohe 9.0, Carlyle 9.0, Carmelick 9.0, Ottoman 9.0, Lord Crispin 9.0.

MAIDEN PLATE, seven furlongs.—Tauriki 9.0, Dardanus 8.11, Rosavere 8.6, St. Cyren 8.3, Pukenui 8.3, Lira 8.0, Frontino 7.10, Pamperia 7.7, Lord Crispin 7.7, Escamillo 7.6, Waihoihoi 7.6, Fremantle 7.4, Firelock 7.4, Lady Betty 7.4, Cyreniac 7.2, Dainty 7.2, Kotiti 7.0, Biddy Curran 7.0, Possum 7.0, Armagh 7.0, Fideles 7.0.

EMPIRE HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Uranium 9.5, Leonator 8.7, Te Aroha 7.10, Lochbuhie 7.10, Maheno 7.7, Advocate 7.6, Tui Cakobau 7.5, Lord Seaton 7.2, Syren 8.10, Dardanus 6.7.

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE, two miles and a-half.—Swagsman 11.5, Lady Hune 10.13, Le Beau 10.5, Cachuca 10.4, Mawhiti 10.0, Tui 9.13, Te Rahui 9.12, Tanglefoot 9.8, Vizier 9.8, Good Faith 9.7, Bullworth 9.7, Carlyle 9.7.

ROYAL HANDICAP, five furlongs and a-half.—Miss Winnie 9.4, Soultline 9.4, Celerity 8.9, Lochbuhie 8.4, Black and Gold 8.0, Tui Cakobau 7.12, Foremost 7.11, Mighty Atom 7.11, Wauchope 7.10, Haldane 7.10, Marangal 7.9, Loongana 7.9, Lucio 7.9, Dogger Bank 7.6, Duart 7.5, Cadence 7.4, Soultmaid 7.3, Waihuca 7.0, Lady Rohina 7.0, Frederick 7.0, Lady Francis 6.10, Engraver 6.7.

PONY HANDICAP, five furlongs and a-half.—Imprimus 9.12, Octoroon 9.5, Hughie 9.0, Waihou 8.12, Necktie 8.3, Hopscoth 7.12, Glenora 7.10, Elenore 7.8, Nagakapa 7.5, Fraulein 7.4, Galvanic 6.12, Paul Beaver 6.10, Banshee 6.10.

HAURAKI HURDLE RACE, 2 miles.—Cuiragno 11.8, Shrapnel 11.8, Swagsman 10.13, Lady Hune 10.8, Hautapu 10.7, Creusot 10.7, Irish 10.6, Cavallero 10.6, Sol 10.6, Ranana 10.5, Landlock 10.0, Cachuca 9.13, Te Kainui 9.11, Omati 9.10, Silica 9.10, Montigo 9.7, Loch Fyne 9.5, Cinque 9.3, Kapakapa 9.2, Gipsy Queen 9.0, Lady Regal 9.0.

SECOND DAY.

TAKAPUNA STEEPLECHASE, three miles and a-half.—Sol 11.12, Irish 10.10, Silica 10.7, Inniskillen 10.7, Cavallero 10.6, Ranana 10.6, Loch Fyne 10.5, Swagsman 10.4, Lady Hune 10.4, Creusot 10.2, Cachuca 10.0, Pierre 9.12, Cinque 9.10, Matakokiri 9.7, Tanglefoot 9.7, Bullworth 9.7, Good Faith 9.7.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

WANGANUI STEEPLECHASE.—Nadador 11.3, Eurus 10.13, Lady Hune 10.8, Rangitoto 10.6, Kaipetipeti 10.3, Pawa 10.3, Romany King 10.3, Lull 10.2, Faro 10.1, Fretwork 9.13, Playmate 9.3, Canton 9.8, Tilson 9.7, Arahura 9.7, Mudgee 9.7, Cloudy Morn 9.7.

CENTURY HURDLE RACE.—Paritutu 11.12, Gold Dust 11.8, Lady Hune 10.9, Capulet 10.7, Asteroid 10.6, Mahoe 10.6, Showman 10.1, Aeolus 9.12, Pawa 9.12, Pretty Maid 9.12, Waipu 9.9, Prospector 9.7, Playmate 9.6, The Stake 9.6, Defeat 9.2, Compass 9.1, Bagatelle 9.0, Mount Cook 9.0.

MAY HURDLE RACE.—Black Reynard 11.13, Gold Dust 11.11, Lady Hune 10.10, Capulet 10.9, Asteroid 10.8, Showman 10.4, Te Kainui 10.2, Immolation 10.2, Aeolus 10.0, Pawa 10.0, Repulse 9.11, Prospector 9.11, Playmate 9.8, Commander 9.4, Bagatelle 9.0.

BOROUGH HANDICAP.—Dusky Morn 9.6, Mota 9.3, King Billy 8.8, Ballarat 8.6, Martello 8.4, Irish Rifle 8.1, Tuataki 8.0, Martyrium 7.12, Moriarty 7.11, Toa Tuhi 7.10, White Lie 7.8, Woodhey 7.7, Dear Dolly 7.5, Kurawaka 7.5, Erl King 7.4, Probability 7.3, Kareroa 7.0, Little May 6.12, Gleam 6.7, Miss Vera 6.7.

CONNOLLY HANDICAP.—Marguerite 9.0, Manlapoto 8.11, Bourrasque 8.9, Waitapu 8.9, Grand Slam 8.7, Dusky Morn 8.5, Unlaido 8.4, King Billy 8.1, Signor 7.12, Kairoma 7.10, White Lie 7.6, Lotret 7.5, Swimming Belt 7.5, Ballarat 7.5, Woodhey 7.3, Ikon 7.2, Dear Dolly 7.0, Kitchenmaid 7.0, Carissima 6.13, Daisy Paul 6.12, Rendock 6.12, Moriarty 6.12, Climax 6.11, Mararanui 6.11, Somali 6.11, Recreation 6.10, Silver Lead 6.8, Mahoe 6.8, Gleam 6.7.

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The declaration of weights for the hack events to be run on the opening day has been postponed until Thursday next.

ACCEPTANCES.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S GREAT NORTHERN MEETING.

THE GREAT NORTHERN HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 650 sovs. Two miles and a-half.—Paritutu 11.12, Cuiragno 11.5, Swagsman 11.0, Dolores 10.10, Lady Hune 10.9, Creusot 10.9, Capulet 10.7, Le Beau 10.7, Mahoe 10.6, Hautapu 10.4, Klatere 10.4, Irish 10.3, Cavallero 10.0, Sol 10.0, Rana 10.0, Showman 10.0, Aorangi 9.12, Omari 9.7, Prospector 9.7, Landlock 9.6, Defeat 9.4, Waipu 9.3, Montigo 9.2, Loch Fyne 9.2, Kapakapa 9.1.

THE GREAT NORTHERN STEEP-LECHASE (HANDICAP) of 850 sovs. About three miles and a-half.—Klatere 13.1, Sol 11.12, Nadador 10.11, Silica 10.9, Irish 10.9, Inniskillen 10.9, Rana 10.6, Loch Fyne 10.2, Cavallero 10.2, Creusot 10.2, Lady Hune 10.2, Rangitoto 10.0, Kapakapa 10.0, Le Beau 9.13, Mahoe 8.13, Fretwork 9.11, Romany King 9.11, Bullworth 9.9, Aorangi 9.9, Pierre 9.8, Prospector 9.8.

TURF RESULTS.

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The autumn meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club was opened at Hastings on Thursday in fine weather. The course was slightly heavy. The sum of £8516 was handled by the totalisator, as against £10,443 on the corresponding day last year.

LONGLANDS HANDICAP HURDLES of 100sovs. One mile and three-quarters. Mr. C. Chesterman's b g Full Cry, aged, by Reynard—Minna 9.11 (J. Hale) 1

MAIDEN HACK RACE of 100sovs. Six furlongs. Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Contendent, 2yrs, by Birkenhead—Content, 7.7 (Wilson) 1

NURSERY HANDICAP of 120sovs. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs. Mr. G. P. Donnelly's br f Goldlace, by Gold Reef—Kahuwai, 8.9 (F. D. Jones) 1

PORANGAHAU HANDICAP of 150sovs. Six furlongs. Mr. C. Kingstone's b c Erl King, 4yrs, by Birkenhead—Dryad 6.10 (A. Price) 1

HAWKE'S BAY CUP of 350sovs (cup valued at 50sovs. and £250 in specie). One mile and a-quarter. Mr. G. P. Donnelly's b g Uenuku, 4yrs, by Stepniak—Rainbow 6.9, carried 6.11 (A. Rae) 1

KARAMU HANDICAP HURDLES. Messrs. Delaney and Catherall's b g Te Kainui, 6yrs, by Tasman—Capucine (O'Neill) 1

POUKAWA HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Five furlongs. Mr. H. Hickey's br g Malora, 3yrs, by Soult—Tanekau, 7.0 (H. Price) 1

AUTUMN HANDICAP of 125sovs. Once round. Mr. J. Armstrong's br g Chicane, 5yrs, by The Possible—Folrorn Hope, 7.13 (A. Olliver) 1

Also started: King's Lynn 8.5, Silver Lead 7.8, Ballynetty 7.0, Robin Link 6.7. Won by a head. Time 1.54sec.

SECOND DAY.

The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club concluded their autumn meeting at Hastings on Friday in fine weather. The sum of £9490 was invested in the totalisator, as compared with £9703 on the second day last year.

OHITI HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. One mile and a-half. Mr. J. W. Leneroa's br g Rawhiti, 5yrs, by Douglas—Trigress, 9.0 (K. Wood) 1

OKAWA HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. Seven furlongs. Mr. W. Kara'taina's br g Goldfield, 6yrs, by Gold Reef—Georgina, 7.8 (E. Lowe) 1

HAWKE'S BAY STAKES of 400sovs. Six furlongs and a-half. Mr. T. H. Lowry's blk g Bobrikoff, 3yrs, by Finland—Gossip, 8.6 (F. Davis) 1

BURKE MEMORIAL STAKES of 230 sovs. Once round. Hon. J. D. Ormond's b g Kairoma, 4yrs, by Birkenhead—Film, 7.4 (L. Wilson) 1

MANGATARATA HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 120sovs. One mile and three-quarters. Mr. A. F. Douglas' br g Waipu, aged, by Torpedo, 9.4 (J. O'Connell) 1

JUVENILE HANDICAP of 120sovs. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs. Mr. T. H. Lowry's b f Chanteuse, by Merriwee—Cantatrice, 7.11 (T. Jones) 1

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 125 sovs. Seven furlongs. Hon. J. D. Ormond's Woodhey, 3 yrs, by Birkenhead—Gozt 7.13 (L. Wilson) 1

MARLBOROUGH RACES

Wet weather prevailed for the Marlborough Racing Club's Meeting on Wednesday, the track being heavy. The sum of £4030 was put through the totalisator, and seven bookmakers were licensed.

HURDLE RACE.—Snip 1, Fretwork 2, Whatakura 3. Scratched: Oblivion and Jolly Roger. Won easily. Time, 2m 57s. MAIDEN HACK HANDICAP.—Glen 1, Mania 2, Curator 3. Scratched: Czuczor, Landwern, Hinianga, Roosevelt. Won by three lengths. Time, 1m 6s.

Hinupai 2, Snip 3. Scratched: Pharmaceutical. Won easily. Time, 2m 6s. ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP.—Yosame 1, Naumai 2, Whetamarama 3. Scratched: Galelec, Wharekura, Ranguia, Investment, Mania Glen, Hinianga, Glentui, Watershed, Miss Peaty. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 5 4-5s.

SECOND DAY.

For the second day of the Marlborough Racing Club's Meeting the weather was fine and the going much better. The attendance was large, and the sum of £5244 was put through the totalisator, the total for the meeting being £9277, against £10,773 last autumn.

HURDLES.—Whatakura 1, Jolly Roger 2, Fretwork 3. The winner was disqualified on a protest. Time, 3m. 28 2-5s. HIGH-WEIGHT HACK HANDICAP.—Rangina 1, Glen 2, Sweethill 3. Scratched: Pharmaceutical. Won by a length. Time, 1m 6 3-5s.

OWAKA HACK HANDICAP.—Gallic 1, White Lie 2, Diplomatic 3. All started. Won easily. Time, 1m 47 2-5s. PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP.—Lawn Rose 1, Tupono 2, First View 3. Scratched: White Lie. Won in a canter by several lengths. Time, 2m 3 1-5s.

MAIDEN SCURRY.—Glentui 1, Mania 2, Watershed 3. Scratched: Tiamul, Ccuczor, Ngarara, Glenrock, Pharmaceutical, and Hinemoa. Won easily. Time, 1m 5 1-5s. FINAL HACK WELTER.—Wharekura 1, Kelso 2, Strathcona 3. Scratched: Rosalia and Hillson. Won all the way. Time, 1m 19s.

THE TURF IN ENGLAND.

RESULT OF THE TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS. THE TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS of 100sovs each. For entire colts and fillies foaled in 1905: Colts 9.0; fillies, 8.9. The owner of the second horse to receive 400sovs and the owner of the third horse 200sovs out of the stake.

RESULT OF THE ONE THOUSAND GUINEAS. THE ONE THOUSAND GUINEAS of 100sovs each; the owner of the second horse to receive 400sovs and the owner of the third horse 200sovs. For three-year-old fillies, 9.0 each. Rowley mile.

AQUATICS.

The week-end cruise on Saturday and Sunday proved the reverse of pleasant. Very heavy rain fell on Saturday, while the next day, although the sky had cleared, the wind piped up hard and strong from the south, a cold blast indeed.

In the annual eight-oar race between the States of the Commonwealth, which took place in Melbourne on Saturday, the N.S.W. crew led all the way and won by a length and a-quarter. This is the first time for years the Light Blues have been victorious, the Victorians having won it with somewhat monotonous regularity.

The N.Z. Power Boat Association will hold a social evening and prize night on June 5.

Mr. O'Brien, of Waiheke, is having a 24ft launch built at Logan Bros' yards. The new boat, which is now being planked up, will be fitted with a 4 h.p. Standard motor.

The power boat the Logans have built for Rangitikei has been shipped south. In a trial the 18 h.p. Wolsey engine started easily and ran very smoothly.

The end of the season is now at hand, and yachts are being hauled up on most of the beaches. Wairere, Thistle, Daphne, Mohawk, Mignonne and several launches are now in winter quarters at Devonport.

Mr. Stribley's 24-footer Pastime has been sold, and she is being equipped with a motor. When ready she will join the fishing fleet.

The Auckland Rowing Club, the oldest of its kind in Auckland, held its annual smoker and prize night last evening. No less than 23 sets of prizes were presented.

The famous yacht which the English people presented to Garibaldi has just been delivered to shipbreakers at Ancona. Garibaldi had to part with it in his latter years and Queen Margherita of Italy bought it to save it from destruction.

A fine type of power cruiser is the motor yacht Trident, which has been designed by Mr. A. Westmacott, and is being built by Messrs. Woodnutt and Co., at St. Helens, Isle of Wight. She is 77ft long overall and 70ft 6in on the waterline, 13ft 10in in extreme beam, and 8ft in depth.

BOXING.

At a meeting of the Wellington Boxing Association last week, it was decided to match Gosling, of Wellington, ex-bantam-weight of New Zealand, against Alfred Gault, of Auckland, for a purse of £40, £30 to go to the winner, and £10 to the loser.

The boxing contest between Charlie Griffin, the New Zealand featherweight, and Joe Bowker, at the National Sporting Club, London, ended in a victory for the former. The match was limited to 20 rounds, but did not go beyond the eighth round, at the end of which the Maoriander had his man knocked out.

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WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

PROGRAMME FOR WINTER MEETING, SATURDAY AND MONDAY, 23rd and 24th MAY, 1908.

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FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, 23rd MAY, 1908.

1. BOROUGH HANDICAP of 125 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 2 sovs. To start at 12 noon.
2. WANGANUI STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 400 sovs.; second horse to receive 40 sovs., and third horse to receive 10 sovs. from the stakes. Over the Wanganui Steeplechase course; distance, about three miles. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 3 sovs. To start at 12.45 p.m.
3. ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, five furlongs. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 1.30 p.m.
4. MAY HURDLE HANDICAP of 150 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, about one mile and three-quarters; over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 2 sovs. To start at 2.10 p.m.
5. KAITOKE HACK HURDLE HANDICAP of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. About one mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 2.45 p.m.
6. CONNOLLY HANDICAP of 250 sovs.; second horse to receive 40 sovs., and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a distance. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 3 sovs. To start at 3.30 p.m.
7. PURUA HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse five sovs. from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 4.15 p.m.

SECOND DAY.

MONDAY, 25th MAY, 1908.

1. WINTER OATS HANDICAP of 150 sovs.; second horse to receive 20 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 2 sovs. To start at 12 noon.
2. GRANDSTAND STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 150 sovs.; second horse to receive 20 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. Distance about two and a-half miles; over such course as the Stewards shall direct. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 2 sovs. To start at 12.45 p.m.
3. BALGOWNIE HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, one mile and a distance. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 1.30 p.m.
4. CENTURY HURDLE HANDICAP of 300 sovs.; second horse to receive 40 sovs., and third horse 10 sovs. from the stakes. About two miles and a distance; over eight flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 3 sovs. To start at 2.30 p.m.
5. RATA HACK HURDLE HANDICAP of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. About one mile and five furlongs; over six flights of hurdles, 3ft. 6in. in height. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 3 p.m.
6. FINAL STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 120 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, about two miles. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 3.30 p.m.
7. FAREWELL HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 100 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. from the stakes. Distance, six furlongs. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 1 sov. To start at 4.15 p.m.

PENALTIES.

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

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 24th, 1908, at 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.—Borough Handicap, 1 sov.; Wanganui Steeplechase, 1 sov.; Electric Hack Handicap, 1 sov.; May Hurdles Handicap, 1 sov.; Kaitoke Hack Hurdles, 1 sov.; Connolly Handicap, 1 sov.; Purua Hack Flat Handicap, 1 sov.; Winter Oats, 1sov.; Grandstand Steeplechase, 1 sov.; Balgownie Hack Flat, 1

sov.; Century Hurdles Handicap, 1sov.; Rata Hack Hurdles, 1 sov.; Final Steeplechase Handicap, 1 sov.; Farewell Hack Flat Handicap, 1 sov.

SATURDAY, MAY 9th, 1908 (on or about)—

WEIGHTS.—For First Day's Races and Century Hurdles, FRIDAY, MAY 15th, 1908, at 9 p.m.—ACCEPTANCES.—Borough Handicap, 2 sovs.; Wanganui Steeplechase, 3 sovs.; Electric Hack Handicap, 1 sov.; May Hurdle Handicap, 2 sovs.; Connolly Handicap, 3 sovs.; Kaitoke Hack Hurdles, 1 sov.; Purua Hack Flat Handicap, 1 sov.; Century Hurdle Handicap, 3sovs. SATURDAY, MAY 23rd, 1908 (at or about), 8 p.m.—

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

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

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

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

WM. HALL, Secretary.

P.O., Box 15, Wanganui.

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FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, MAY 23rd, 1908.

- HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles, Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile and a-half and a hundred yards.
- HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 50sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Seven furlongs.
- EMPIRE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of stakes. Winner of any race of the value of 50sovs after the declaration of the weights to carry a penalty of 5lb; of 100sovs, 7b. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
- ROYAL HANDICAP of 120sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Empire Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.
- HAURAKI HANDICAP HURDLES of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of Maiden Hurdles to carry a penalty of 5lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Two miles.
- HANDICAP MAIDEN 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. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

SECOND DAY.

MONDAY, MAY 25th, 1908.

- PUPUKE HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.
- HAUTURU HANDICAP HURDLES of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles, Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile and three-quarters.
- SECOND PONY HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second pony to receive 20sovs, and third pony 5sovs out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards, 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.
- BRITANNIA HANDICAP of 175sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. One mile.
- TAKAPUNA HANDICAP 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 6lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs. About three miles and a-half.
- VICTORIA HANDICAP of 120sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Britannia Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.
- WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 5lb. Lowest weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24th, 9 p.m.

First Day—Handicap Maiden Hurdles 1sov, Handicap Maiden Plate 1sov, Empire Handicap 1sov, Royal Handicap 1sov, Hauraki Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Handicap Maiden Steeplechase 1sov, First Pony Handicap 1sov.

Second Day—Pupuke Handicap 1sov, Hauturu Handicap Hurdles 1sov Second Pony Handicap 1sov, Britannia Handicap 1sov, Takapuna Handicap Steeplechase 1sov, Victoria Handicap 1sov, Welter Handicap 1sov.

WEIGHTS.

FRIDAY, MAY 8th, 4 p.m.

First Day's Racing.

Takapuna Handicap Steeplechase (Second Day).

SATURDAY, MAY 23rd, 9 p.m.

Second Day's Racing.

ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, MAY 15th, 9 p.m. First Day—Handicap Maiden Hurdles 1sov, Handicap Maiden Plate 1sov, Empire Handicap 3sovs, Royal Handicap 2sovs, Hauraki Handicap Hurdles 2sovs, Handicap Maiden Steeplechase 1sov, First Pony Handicap 1sov, Takapuna Handicap Steeplechase (Second Day) 3sovs.

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

R. WYNARD, Secretary.

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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. 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.

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.

ation 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, ORAKEI 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 weights, 9st. One mile.

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap) of 850 sovs.—Second horse to receive 250 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.

REMUERA 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.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

THE MILITARY MOTOR.

According to French reports, the military motor is a success. One of these vehicles was used during the recent operations in Morocco, and took part in the most decisive engagement of the campaign—that at Ain Sfa, where its usefulness was such that its commander, Captain Genty (a well-known French amateur racing motorist), has since been decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honour for distinguished service. The chassis was of standard type—a 40 h.p. Panhard—with only normal clearance. From a few hours after it left the ship nothing in the shape of a "road" was available. Rivers had to be forded, their banks in many cases having to be followed for miles before this was possible. Its facility for manoeuvring, therefore, has done much to silence the pessimists' tongues, which so often protested that "motor cars were all right on roads, but for use in the desert or the veldt, or indeed on any broken ground, were quite impossible." The journey to the front of this mitrailleuse was sufficiently beset with trouble to provide quite a test case. It was fitted with three quick-firing guns. In addition to fording rivers, it encountered quagmires, snow, and sandstorms, and after experiencing one of these latter, had to be dug out of the grit.

THE NEW YORK TO PARIS RACE.

The greatest farce of a motor contest which could be imagined is the race from New York to Paris via

Behring Straits (writes "Auto.") It is providing huge amusement to motorists the world over, and incidentally the American car entered is getting a lot of cheap advertisement out of the contest—for it evidently was entered for that purpose only. While the cars from Europe were specially fitted up for the work they had to do, the American car was simply a stock pattern, with a few lengths of rope and empty boxes and cans stuck over it to give it the right appearance and keep weight down. This was the ordinary "Yankee" idea of cuteness; but it has since been discovered (and admitted by the makers) that the car on reaching the town in which their factory was situated was overhauled, new springs fitted, and generally the car was remade. Moreover, all along the route the Americans patriotically helped their countrymen and played all kinds of tricks on the other competitors to delay their passage. The American car has been disqualified; but that is a trifle, since it beat the others in the run across America. That fact remains for advertising purposes, and is bound to be used pretty freely. Originally it was intended that the American car would quit the race at San Francisco, but the action of Captain Hansen, the pilot of the De Dion car, in throwing up his position owing to disputes with the owner, and joining the American car's crew, has decided them in going on to Paris.

The withdrawal of Captain Hansen from the De Dion car outfit is a piece of bad luck for them, since he was the only practical motorist on board and had the experience of Arctic travel necessary for this trip. The chance of the De Dion car reaching Paris was reckoned the best with Captain Hansen as its pilot; but now it is believed that it will not attempt

the original route of travel. The Protoo and the Motobloc are struggling along, and at latest reports having a terrible time with blizzards and bad roads. The Werner and the Sizaire are out of the contest already as the result of serious damage to axles and differential gear. The Italian car stubbornly chases the American across the continent, and is reported to be making fair progress in the second position in the race. Actually, it is now leading, since the American car has been disqualified for breaking the conditions of the contest.

THE OVERLANDER.

Latest information concerning Francis Birtles, the overlanding cyclist, is to the effect that he has reached Katherine, in the Northern Territory (says the "Referee.") He expected to reach Port Darwin about four days later—probably May 2. (He arrived on May 4.) A particularly difficult journey was experienced across from the Queensland border through the country being flooded, and, later, from the rapid growth of tropical grasses, which, he reports, reached a height of 14ft to 16ft. The Cycling and Athletic Association of Port Darwin arranged a run for the members to meet Birtles some distance along the track, and escort him back to the town. It seems that he originally contemplated a continuation of his trip into West Australia, but has since decided to follow the nearest route back, along the overland telegraph line south from Charlotte Waters and Alice Springs to Adelaide, and so on to Melbourne.

GLIDDEN'S TOUR.

Little has been heard of Mr. Chas. Glidden's motor tour in Palestine, since the announcement by cable that he had entered Jerusalem. He could not land his car at Joppa, as planned, and it had to be taken further north to Haifa, whence he drove through Athlit, Caesarea, and Joppa to Jerusalem, which he entered by the Damascus Gate. From this city he intended to proceed to the Sea of Galilee, returning to Haifa and shipping his car by rail to Damascus, whence he would drive through Balbee to Beyrout. The following countries are also to be visited:—Greece, Montenegro, Dalmatia, and Croatia; thence to Trieste, crossing the Dolomites, and reaching Paris early in May, and London about a fortnight later.

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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, Ranfurly Welter 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 2sovs, Campbell Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Fitzroy Welter Handicap 1sov, Farewell 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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THE FOOTBALL WORLD.

The defeat of the City fifteen at the hands of the Ponsonbyites has been the chief subject in football circles during the week. While admittedly the best team won, it must be frankly confessed that the score cannot be taken as an indication of the difference between the two teams. City's weakness to a large extent lay in the fault of their backs, who failed to make anything like the showing of the Ponsonby rear division, who lessened the work of their forwards considerably. Whereas the Ponsonby fifteen snapped up every opportunity and put it to advantage, the City men, though afforded plenty of chances, utterly failed in this respect, an unusual thing for the red and blacks. The Ponsonby forwards played hard games, Sellars putting in some particularly fine work. "Scotch" McDonald grafted consistently throughout, getting through an immense amount of work. Gillett played a sterling game, and was always in the thick of it. Of the backs Webb earned special distinction, playing a heady game. Bater was responsible for some good work, while Murray played a rattling game. Carlaw got through all he was called upon to do in creditable style, and made no mistakes. Phillippus was rather weak at full, and showed out poorly. Of the City forwards Walsh stood out most prominent, and made the pace hot from the start. Coleman was nothing short of disappointing, and was of little use to his side. In the rear division R. Magee shone out most conspicuously.

A large number of Rugby enthusiasts turned out to witness the match between Parnell and North Shore, which took place on the Devonport football ground. An even game was looked forward to, but, contrary to expectations, the Shoremen were returned victors by a fairly large margin. The afternoon was an ideal one for football, the rain keeping off till after the match. The Shoremen were able to put a strong combination into the field, the forwards being an active lot with plenty of weight, while the inclusion of Murfitt, the hardy three-quarter off the H.M.S. Pioneer, in the rear division, was a considerable help to the green and whites. The Parnell fifteen were without the services of Kinder and Glasgow, two hard-grafting forwards.

Parnell winning the toss took advantage of the wind and sun, but failed to make the best of their opportunity, half-time being called with the scores even—three points each—a try secured by Wells for the Shore, while Hardwick kicked a penalty goal for Parnell. The second spell the Shoremen played a hard game right up to the call of time, tries being notched in turn by Todd, Wynyard, Woodward, and Jackson, the latter's try being converted by Warbrick. The game ended: North Shore, 17; Parnell, 3.

The game could by no means be called a good exhibition of football, the sweeping rushes of the Shore forwards being about the most creditable feature of the match. The green and whites thoroughly deserved their win, as their forward division kept matters going with untiring energy, playing a hard game throughout, and being of great use to their backs. The Parnell forwards lacked weight and did not display the vigour of their heavier opponents, although for the first quarter of an hour they seemed more than capable of holding their own. The maroons were undoubtedly handicapped by the playing of two five-eighths, whereas the extra man in the forwards would certainly have been of invaluable service in checking the attacking tactics of the opposing team's forward division. The form of the Parnellites was considerably below that of the previous Saturday, while on the other hand the Shoremen showed much improvement as compared with their display against the University fifteen. Had the maroons displayed true form, however, the result must surely have been altogether different.

Among the Shore forwards A. Wells played a serviceable game, while Griffen toiled particularly hard throughout. Warbrick, a last year's first ju-

nior, showed that he is quite up to senior form, putting in some useful work.

Of the backs D. Miller was undoubtedly the pick, and his well-judged kicking and sound defence saved his side on many occasions. Murfitt, at centre three-quarter, got through a good deal of work in a capable manner, while H. Wynyard was responsible for a tricky display.

Of the Parnell forwards the most noticeable were Muir and Tonks, both of whom put in some solid graft.

Among the Parnell backs Fox, at half, played a plucky game, while Twiname rendered valuable assistance with his clever line kicks.

Newton and University met on No. 2 ground at Alexandra Park, and after a poorly exhibition of football the latter team had a somewhat lucky win by 10 points to 9. The game was mostly fought out among the forwards, and proved an uninteresting match to watch. With the exception of Wolfgram the Newton backs failed to make anything but a second-rate display. The red and white forwards shone out at times, but could do with a little more combination. The Varsity forward division showed marked inferiority to their opponents, and had it not been for the brilliant showing of their backs the students would undoubtedly have met a bad defeat.

Wilson proved the star of the University team, and was successful in placing a try and two goals (from tries) to his credit. His pace and clever handling of the ball plainly showed that he has lost none of his old-time dash. "Morry" and Allan Gray were both responsible for some smart pieces of work for the pale blues.

Of the Newton rear division Wolfgram gave a most creditable display, and his try was well deserved. Linkhorn, a last year's first junior, played solidly on the wing forward, and more than justified his inclusion in the senior fifteen.

NOTES.

Messrs. Sanders, Donaldson and Atkin are the new advisory committee of the A.R.U. as far as junior football is concerned.

Mr. H. Jones has been re-elected sole selector of junior representative teams. The right man in the right place.

It is suggested that a big Rugby match be played in Auckland during the visit of the American fleet. The suggestion has more sense in it than some which have been submitted.

The annual meeting of the N.Z. Rugby Union takes place at Wellington to-day. Messrs. Sheahan, Gallaher, Murray and Langford have gone South to attend.

An Otago team will visit Auckland this season.

The English football team is due to arrive in Wellington by the Ionic next Monday. The opening match against Wairarapa takes place on the 23rd inst.

On Saturday's showing Ponsonby's chance for the premiership may be regarded in the light of what is generally known as "a moral."

The new stand for the officials at Alexandra Park is a great boon, and tends to relieve the press box of the strain that used to be placed upon it. A wind shield would be a boon, however.

The sum of £104 was taken at the gates at Alexandra Park on Saturday.

Webb, a promoted junior, played a fine game for Ponsonby on Saturday. He made a very "nippy" halfback, passing out very cleanly, while his kicking was very fine.

Gillett has rarely been seen to greater advantage than in Saturday's match. With a roving commission he

was here, there, and everywhere, being always prompt to profit by his opponents' mistakes. The goal from half-way was a "dandy," even allowing for the wind in his favour.

Mr. A. Campbell, who acted as referee for the Ponsonby-City match, in his desire to keep the game open, appeared to allow several breaches of the rules to go unchecked. It appeared to the onlookers that no less than three of the Ponsonby tries were, to say the least of it, very doubtful ones. Two were undoubtedly the result of knocks-on, while in a third instance the ball was picked out of the scrum.

The City Club was represented on Saturday by the weakest senior team it has put in the field for several years. The forwards were only indifferent, and the tackling by the backs very feeble. Another reason for their easy defeat was the uncertain handling of the ball, in which they compared badly with their opponents.

It is rumoured that "Micky" Kiernan has decided to don the jersey for the Grafton Club. Should this prove correct the crack half-back will be a strong acquisition to the black and white's rearguard.

The second round will see the City back division strengthened by the inclusion of Seeling, brother to the popular skipper of the red and black combination, who will make his appearance on the wing-three-quarter.

Wilf. Wright, a promising Ponsonby first junior forward, severely injured his kneecap in the match against the Parnell seconds on Saturday. He is progressing as favourably as can be expected under the circumstances, but the accident in question will possibly spoil his chances of a trip to Australia with the Ponsonby team at the end of the season, a voyage which in all probability he would have been called upon to make as emergency for the blue and blacks.

The City Club can boast of putting nine teams on to the field this season. First of all there is the senior fifteen. Next comes the red and blacks' first junior team, while also playing in the second grade competition is the Marist Bros.' Old Boys' team, which has affiliated with the City Club. In the third grade City have their own thirds and the Marist Bros.' seconds. In the fourth grade competition no less than four teams are playing under the jurisdiction of the City Club, viz., two of their own fourth teams and an Alexandra and a St. Patrick's fifteen, the latter two teams having become affiliated.

Two days before the Anglo-Welsh team left England the Brixton Cricket Club, through their skipper, presented their president, Mr. G. H. Harnett, manager of the coming football team, with a quart loving-pot, on which was inscribed: "Presented to George H. Harnett, by the members of the Brixton C.C., on the occasion of his leaving England for New Zealand, as manager of the Rugby Union football team, April 3, 1908."

According to the "Referee" the Anglo-British team's programme in Australia is: August 5, Western Union, at Bathurst; 8th, New South Wales team (to visit England), at Sydney; 12th and 15th, Queensland, at Brisbane; 19th, Northern R.U., at Newcastle; and 22, Metropolitan team, at Sydney (prior to which the N.S. Wales team will have left for England).

The table given below shows the number of international matches played by each country, with the results. Scotland is at the top of the list, but Wales is fast coming up:

	Mchs.	Won.	Lost.	Drn.
Ireland	86	25	56	5
Wales	72	36	32	4
England	92	42	38	12
Scotland	90	60	27	13

Wales, having beaten England, Scotland, and Ireland this year, takes the international championship.

The Welsh Rugby Union has asked for twelve matches with the New South Wales Rugby Union team, and has arranged the international match Wales v. New South Wales for December 12, probably at Cardiff.

DEFEATED AT LAST.

PONSONBY MUCH TOO GOOD FOR CITY.

Not less than four thousand people visited Alexandra Park on Saturday to witness what was expected would prove a very even battle between City, the last year's premiers, and the greatly strengthened Ponsonby Club. In this they were doomed to disappointment, for the game was much too one-sided to be of great interest, Ponsonby showing their superiority all through. The teams were as follows:—City: Laurie (fullback), Redwood, S. Magee and Robinson (three-quarters), R. Magee (five-eighths), Stewart (half), McIlhone, Gladding, Herring, Macguire, Moir, Coleman, Walsh, Seeling (captain), and J. Magee (forwards).

Ponsonby: Phillips (back), Kitching, Murray, Carlaw (three-quarters), Bater, Blakey (five-eighths), Webb (half), Gillett (rover), Sellars, Hall, Nicholson, Cunningham, Francis, McDonald, and Savoury (forwards).

Ponsonby led off with a tremendous advantage, having half a gale of wind directly behind them, while City were further penalised by having the sun in their eyes. Ponsonby's object was to endeavour to pile up a score while the conditions were in their favour, and they attacked strongly from the start. The first score came at the hands of Gillett, who, getting the ball from a throw-in, fell over the line, Webb easily converting the try. City were kept entirely on the defence, their kicking against the high wind being useless. Then a passing run by Bater and Murray saw the latter almost in. The attack, however, resulted in Gillett getting another chance, and he went over the line with three City men hanging on to him. Webb added the major points. Then S. Magee kicked high, Nicholson taking an easy mark, which Webb converted. City dribbled to centre, where Webb marked, Gillett kicking a grand goal from half-way. Still forcing matters, a fine passing run by Francis, Savoury, Murray and Carlaw gave the latter an opening which he promptly accepted, another try going to Ponsonby's record; Webb landing a goal. City were playing like a demoralised team, their tackling being very poor. Gillett started another passing run, Murray taking the ball over, but Webb's kick failed. When ends were changed City had a score of 22 to nil to wipe out. With the high wind, and afterwards heavy rain, behind them, City should have done much better than they did, for, as a matter of fact, this handicap only brought the teams on an equality. Hall got a try for Ponsonby and Laurie got over for City, but neither of the tries were converted. The match was concluded in a heavy downpour, Ponsonby winning by 25 to 3.

JUNIOR GRADE RESULTS.

The junior grade matches commenced on Saturday, and the addition of three new teams, viz., King's College Old Boys, Sacred Heart College Old Boys, and University II. in the second grade competition, was responsible for more than the usual amount of interest being displayed in these games. The results of the matches were as follows:—

Ponsonby II. beat Parnell II. by 16 points to 6.

Newton II. defeated Sacred Heart by 3 points to nil.

City II. scored a win over King's College by 6 points to 5.

Grafton beat University II. by 14 points to nil.

Parnell III. defeated Sacred Heart II. by 26 points to nil.

Newton won from Three King's College by default.

Ponsonby II. had an easy win over North Shore III. by 21 points to 3.

At the Thames a drawn game was played between City and Suburbs, each side scoring three points.

COUNTRY MATCHES.

In the matches under the Rotorua Rugby Union, Walkite (last year's champions) defeated Kahukura by 9 points to 3. City met Whakarewarewa, the match ending in a draw—3 points each.

In the cup matches under the Waihi Rugby Union, Mataura defeated Waihi

by 18 points to nil. Mataura II. proved victors over Waihi by 11 points to 5.
At Paeroa West defeated East by 3 points to nil.

THE GAME IN THE SOUTH.

At Dunedin on Saturday Alhambra (11) beat University (3), Port Chalmers (3) beat Kaikorai (nil), Dunedin (8) beat Pirates (3), Southern (23) beat Union (5). Zingari and Taieri drew, each scoring three points.

Saturday's senior games at Wellington resulted as follows:—Petone (13) beat Victoria College (nil), Oriental (14) beat Southern (nil), Ponetic (3) drew with Wellington (3), Athlete (21) beat Old Boys (6), and Melrose (9), beat St. James' (nil).

The Christchurch matches resulted as follows:—Old Boys (26) beat Canterbury College (3), Merivale (24) beat Christchurch (6), Albion (12) beat Linwood (nil), Sydenham a bye.

At Napier in the senior football championship matches Ahuriri defeated Kia Ora by 8 to nil, and Marist Brothers beat Te Aute by 13 to 3.

THE NEW ZEALANDERS CRITICISED.

After the first match against New South Wales, in which the New Zealand professional team was beaten, the "Referee" wrote of them as follows:—Measured by the standard of New South Wales representative play in the Rugby Union game of the present day, the Light Blue professional team is far from being a great side, though in parts it is first-class. Yet, despite the New Zealanders scoring first with a dropped goal, the local team never looked like losing the match. They were faster all round and better conditioned, and a good deal superior in the three-quarter line.

The New Zealand forwards, being tall, muscular, and heavy. They dribbled neatly, and tackled very soundly and very hard. But we have become accustomed to seeing New Zealand forwards as fast as the nippiest of backs, and as clean and clever in short-passing movements, as Wallace, Hunter and Co. And therein these forwards badly failed by comparison. Their play was strenuous and intensely solid, but, with the exception of perhaps W. Johnston, it was the solidity of the cart-horse rather than of the sound thoroughbred. And when they realised that the opposition players were faster, tacklers of might and certainty, and not in any degree depressed by the old-time fear of the New Zealander, the clevernesses in Rugby football frequently became supplanted by rough bullocking, at times degenerating into foul play.

It has been said that the referee is entirely to blame, and the players blameless for this. The referee, of course, failed in an important part of his duty, but that cannot excuse the players. If professional football is not promptly stripped of this sort of thing, it will very quickly kill the game. If a referee makes a mistake, the players are to respect him and his decisions. It is a sorry spectacle when a half-back angrily kicks a stationary ball far away out of the field of play because the referee has seen fit to penalise him, and, moreover, to do so quite correctly. It is even worse for a player similarly disappointed to throw the ball hard at the referee. Actions of this kind, if repeated, must bring the game into disrepute. The roughness in its closing stages has, I fancy, not done the New Zealand team any good in public opinion.

THE NEW ZEALANDERS NARROWLY DEFEAT AUSTRALIA.

After two victories by New South Wales over the New Zealand professional team now in Australia, it was thought that combined Australia would have no difficulty in defeating the visitors, but the result proved that football is an uncertain game. There were 20,000 people present at the Sydney Agricultural Ground when the teams filed out to do battle, these latter being made up as follows:—

New Zealand: Fullback, Turtill; threequarters, Baskerville, Wrigley, and Kelly; five-eighths, Tyler and Barber; half, R. Wynyard; forwards, Mackrell, Pearce, Trevarthen, Cross, Johnston, and Byrne.

Australia: Fullback, Headley; threequarters, McLean (Queensland), Messenger, Devereux, and Cheadles; halves, Rosenfeld and Dore (Queensland); forwards, Graves, Hennessy, Rosewell, McCabe, Hudge, and Tubmann (Queensland).
Turtill captained the New Zealanders, and Hennessy the Australians.

Playing a much improved game the Blacks led off with a great dash, and time after time came within an ace of scoring. Eventually Wynyard got over, but no goal resulted. Then Baskerville made a good run and tucked down behind the posts, Wrigley adding the extra points. Next a good passing run by Wrigley, Pearce and Wynyard gave the latter an opportunity, which he was prompt to take advantage of, but Wrigley's kick was abortive. With eleven points to nothing against them the position looked bad for Australia, but a change then set in. From a mark Messenger kicked a goal, and he had several shots at goal from different angles without success. Messenger then put in a good run, and Hudge taking the pass scored near the corner, but the angle was too great to convert. The Australians continued to attack, Rosenfeld getting a rather lucky try which the ubiquitous Messenger converted. With only a point between them the game to the close was fast and furious, but no further scoring was done, the New Zealanders winning by 11 points to 10. During the match a New Zealander was ordered off the field for striking Hennessy, who retired, while McCabe was also incapacitated.

STILL DISQUALIFIED.

Mr. Sheahan presided at a special meeting of the Management Committee of the Auckland Rugby Union on Friday, the following delegates being in attendance:—Messrs. C. P. Stichbury, F. S. Murray, F. J. Ohlson, S. R. Somerfield, R. H. Froude, and V. Langford (secretary).

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing a requisition from the Newton District Club, praying for the removal of the balance of the term of disqualification imposed on P. Long. The requisition was supported by a petition containing a large number of names of club officials, players, and supporters of the game. The disqualification for 10 years was imposed on Long four years ago, and the persons supporting the requisition are of the opinion that he has been sufficiently punished. The request for the removal of the balance of the term was discussed very fully, the discussion lasting about two hours. The committee were unable to agree to the request.

NO JURISDICTION.

Subsequent to the annual meeting of the A.R.U., Mr. D. W. McLean appealed to the N.Z.R.U. against the ruling of the president of the A.R.U., that a delegate must be a resident of the district which he is chosen to represent. Mr. McLean was not re-elected this season as a delegate for North Shore, where he resides, but was appointed the following week by the Ponsonby District Club as one of their delegates. At the annual meeting of the A.R.U. the president (Mr. A. E. Devore) ruled that Mr. McLean could not take his seat as a Ponsonby delegate. The appeal was considered by the Management Committee of the N.Z. Rugby Union, when it was decided that the committee inform the union that it has no jurisdiction. By-law No 8 in the Auckland Union's by-laws gives the right of appeal to the New Zealand Union only on such matters as are provided for in the by-laws of the New Zealand Union, and the matter in question is not provided for.

At the annual general meeting of the New Zealand Lacrosse Association, the following gentlemen were elected to the various offices:—Patron, His Excellency the Governor, Lord Plunket; president, Mr. A. M. Myers; vice-presidents, Dr. W. Drummond Ferguson, Messrs. Thos. Peacock, Alfred Kidd, M.P., E. C. Bloomfield, W. D. McLean, R. Noton, and E. W. Millar; hon. secretary, Mr. Lestock Stewart (pro tem.); hon. treasurer, Mr. W. J. Nolan (pro tem.); committee of management, Messrs. H. C. McCoy, W. H. Graham, and F. Brown; hon. auditors, Messrs. F. Carpenter and Joseph Millar. It is probable a team will be sent South to tackle the Wellington Association, which will pay a return visit and, if possible, the combined teams will be matched against a team from the American fleet.

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.

BILLIARDS.

F. Weiss, the ex-champion of England, is coming out to the colonies this season, when he will give exhibitions on the oval table.

W. Mitchell, who has been playing with great success in South Africa, is due in Sydney within a few days.

H. W. Stevenson has arrived in England after his thirteen months' tour round the world.

In a recent match at Southampton Harverson (receives 750) beat Diggle (scratch) by 7000 to 5310.

Inman was due to arrive in Perth (W.A.) on May 6.

A GOOD GAME AT THE NEWTON SALOON.

There was a good attendance at the match last week between Mr. W. E. Hackett, the Auckland amateur, and the Victorian expert, J. C. Bragge, the latter conceding 250 in 750. The match was played on a standard table at the Newton Billiard Saloon. Neither player did anything very remarkable, finding the table rather difficult. The finish was fairly close, the professional running the game when Mr. Hackett's score stood at 699. Bragge's best runs were 87, 51, 46, 42 and 40, while the amateur could not do better than 53, 37 and 30.

CLOSING TIME EXTENDED IN WELLINGTON.

Some weeks ago the billiard saloon proprietors of Wellington waited upon the City Council, asking that the hour of closing should be extended from 10 to 11 p.m. Against this it was alleged by another deputation that the saloons were not well kept, and that they were mediums of gambling.

The City Council considered reports from Inspector Doyle, the City Council's inspector, and the Inspector of Police, in which it is said the saloons are properly conducted. The By-laws Committee, which had gone fully into these reports, however, recommended that the hour of closing be not extended. After considerable discussion a motion extending the closing hour to 10.30 p.m. was agreed to by seven votes to six.

WHO IS THE CHAMPION?

Who is champion of English billiards? (asks the editor of the "World of Billiards.") The recent phenomenal form displayed by Reece in a succession of games prompts me to enter the field of discussion on this score. To my mind, the Oldham professional has placed himself right in the running for the title. There is a world of significance in the fact that he has issued a challenge—for a stake of £250 a-side and upon level terms—to play Dawson, an invitation which the last-named has studiously ignored. This is tantamount to admitting fear of the rising star, an impression, doubtless, founded upon the ready manner with which Reece has beaten, not to say toyed with, the scratch man of the Soho Square tournament in London and in Liverpool. On present form Dawson has no pretensions to concede one single point to the rising star. No decline on his part has brought about such an upheaval in the hitherto existing and set status of the professional group, which Dawson and Stevenson have, conjointly, led for the past five or six years. It is simply the inexorable march of Time, which inevitably brings the younger blood to the fore. Dawson had his turn when John Roberts vacated the field with the coming of the new century. Then Ste-

venson overhauled the leader to set up a new era and provide many stirring struggles for supremacy. Now, the swing of the pendulum has brought Reece to the fore, and with him must come another young and good player in Melbourne Inman, who has served Stevenson with the same ready defeats that Reece has extended to Dawson. We are on the eve of great developments as regards the professional championship, which distinction this time twelve months hence may, with the needful opportunity accorded him, be the proud privilege of the clever young cueist who has just won the big Soho Square tournament.

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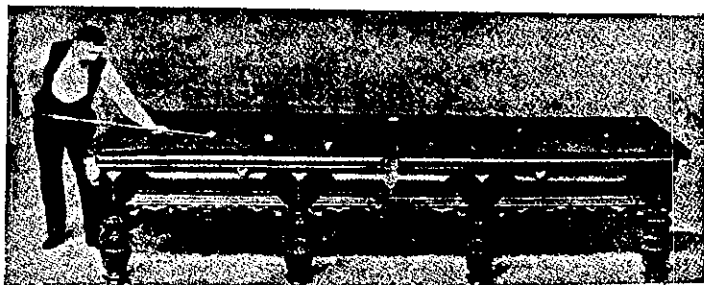
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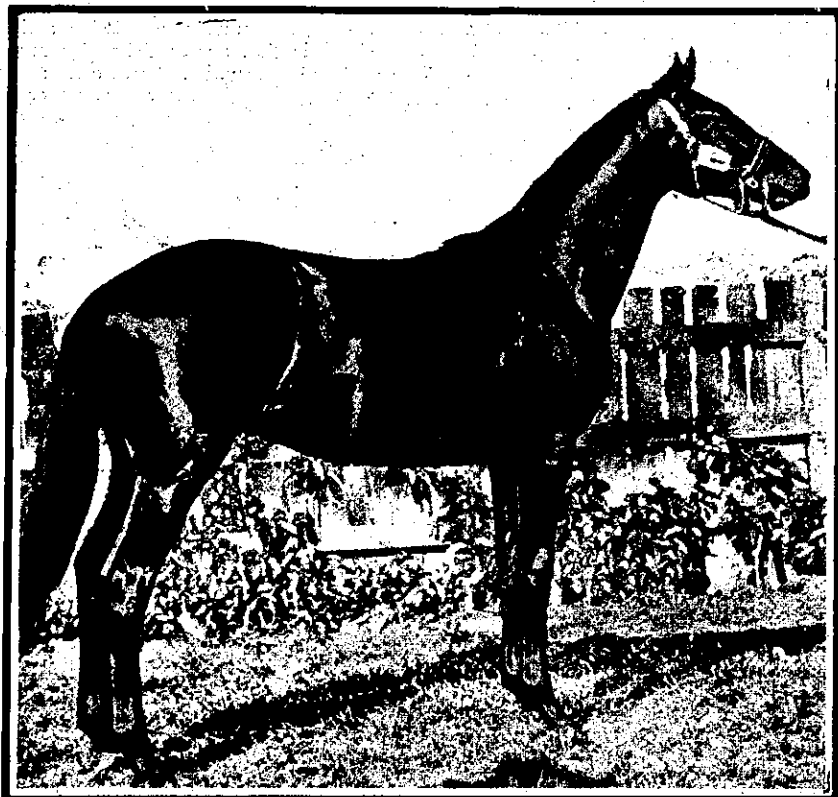
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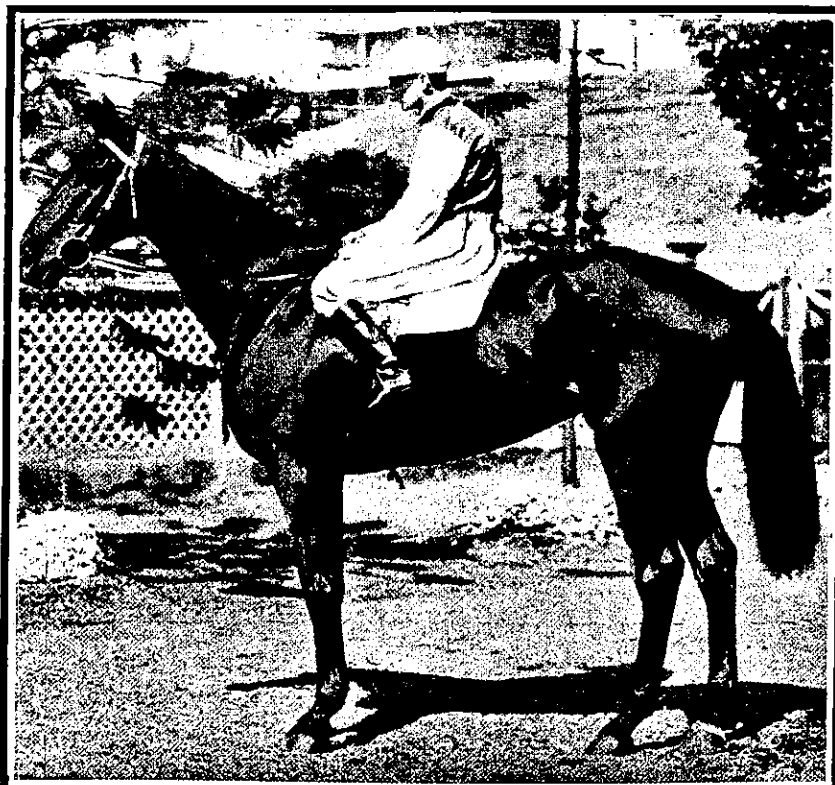
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THE STAGE

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE

THE JULIUS KNIGHT COMPANY.

On Friday, the Julius Knight Company concluded one of the most successful seasons on record at His Majesty's Theatre. The last two nights were devoted to the always popular "A Royal Divorce," on each occasion the house being veritably packed from floor to ceiling. Indeed in the writer's opinion the safety limit was exceeded in this respect. Mr Julius Knight repeated his well-known impersonation of the hero of Corsica and succeeded in looking the character to the life, while his acting throughout was beyond reproach. Miss Ola Humphrey was more successful in the role of Josephine than she had been in any of her previous characters, showing marked ability in the abdication scene. Mr Leslie Victor was not very impressive as Taleyrand, Mr Plimmer did well as the braggart Augereau, Mr Dudley Clinton amused everyone as the innkeeper Grimand, Miss Elsie Wilson was a somewhat unconvincing Marie Louise, Baby French was excellent as the little King of Rome, while all the others helped to make a successful representation. The company left for the south by the Monowai on Saturday.

PERRY'S BIORAMA.

It was, perhaps, a little unfortunate for the management of Perry's Biorama, that their season at His Majesty's Theatre should immediately follow the Julius Knight Company's tenure of the house during which time enormous crowds visited the house. It was almost inevitable that there would be a reaction, and this week it would seem that the usual run of theatre-goers have turned their attention elsewhere. The merits of the biorama must not be measured by the attendances, however, for many of the pictures are really excellent and are very clearly shown. Moreover, there is not

that rapidity of movement which has so spoilt some other exhibitions of the sort when shown here. A very good film is that showing the egg-gatherers at Flamborough Head, the method of lowering the searcher over the precipitous cliffs being clearly shown. Some clever diving feats by Miss Annette Kellerman are also depicted, the neat "headers" by a fair Australian being quite remarkable. A very good film is one entitled "Saving the flag," a story of the Franco-Prussian war. This, of course, is the tricolour and not the fleur-de-lis as a local critic would have it. Many pictures of an amusing nature are shown and the humour is much more genuine than is the case with so many somewhat silly-faked pictures of the Paris school. Miss Eva Brady contributed two illustrated songs. She has a powerful and rather melodious voice, while the accompanying pictures are the best of the kind the writer remembers to have seen. Mr Harry Collins sang a couple of coon ballads, but what they were about it is hard to say. The Academy Boys' conjuring and acrobatic feats are fairly clever, but, of course, they have yet a good deal to learn. The entertainment on the whole is a very enjoyable one, the picture portion of it being really excellent and they should be seen.

CINDERELLA PANTOMIME.

Messrs William Anderson and J. F. Sheridan's spectacular Drury Lane Pantomime "Cinderella" which has just concluded a remarkably long and successful season in the Commonwealth, and just recently finished a phenomenal season of 19 nights in Wellington will be produced at His Majesty's next Saturday evening. The management state that "Cinderella" will be staged on the same scale that has always characterised their previous productions of a similar kind. The scenery includes beautifully-executed studies, among them the "home of the immortals" in the forest, Cinderella's kitchen, the baronial castle, and the palace, and



MISS MARIE EATON AS DANDINI IN "CINDERELLA."

a transformation scene, entitled the "Birth of Spring." The company is said to be an exceptionally strong one, gathered from England, America, and Australasia. There will be numerous ballets, including a rainbow dance and a snow and robin ballet. The company, it is understood will have a powerful operatic chorus, the whole company numbering 108 persons. The pantomime will be under the direction of John F. Sheridan, who plays the Baroness. A feature is made of what is described as the beautiful Porcelain March, which was imported from Paris. Also a fine animal act (the cow) by Messrs Morris and Wilson, the well-known acrobats. The musical numbers will include the latest and most up-to-date and popular melodies. Several children's matinees will be given the first taking place on Wednesday next. The box plan is now open at Wildman and Aloys. Mr Walter Price, the well-known advance agent is busy making arrangements for the show.

OPERA HOUSE.

FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS.

An excellent programme is being presented at the Opera House this week by Messrs Fuller, and good audiences continue to be the rule nightly. Tom Burrows, champion club-swinging of the world, gives a clever and unique display of fancy and scientific club swinging, in which he clearly demonstrates he has reached the height of competence in this art. Clubs of various weights are swung in numerous difficult circles, while Mr Burrows shows that he is able to keep four fairly heavy clubs swinging at the same time. By way of showing his wonderful discretion in sword play he places apples on the hand, neck and throat respectively, of his assistant, and with a stroke of the sword slices them in half. This morning (Thursday) the champion commences to assail his world's club-swinging record of 62 hours 2 minutes made a couple of weeks ago at the Theatre Royal Wel-

lington. A paid and honorary committee is to be in attendance day and night during the course of this endurance test, and Mr Burrows feels confident he will make a new world's record. The Vantels, acrobatic performers, are back again at the Opera House, and the series of feats carried out on the triple horizontal bars are cleverly done and make up an attractive turn. A particular daring feat and one requiring no little elasticity and skill, is that accomplished by Mr. Ernest Vantell, in which he throws a complete somersault from the end bar over the middle bar and catches the other end bar—a distance of 18 feet. Doctor Rowe is seen in a number of illusive experiments, which mystify as well as amuse the audience. His turn is of the most entertaining order, and he carries out his performance in a perfectly able manner. Mr. Jas. Opie has a couple of excellent songs this week in "Red Wing" and "Gallant Deeds" and the popular baritone renders them in good style. The humorous turn provided by Vaude and Varna falls short of the usual high standard of their acts, but the musical items introduced are of a "catch on" order. Miss Lavinia Tyson's vocal items are bright and attractive, and meet with due appreciation. Opera House patrons are provided with a musical treat by the Harmonious Huxhams in their three part singing entertainment, their rendering of "Montana" being exceedingly pretty. Jack Willis keeps the house in an uproar with his repertoire of humorous Scotch songs which are delivered in an intensely amusing fashion. Miss Brightie Smith scores heavily with a couple of taking numbers, which she sings in her accustomed vivacious style. The series of biograph pictures shown include a splendid film of "Winter Sports in Switzerland."

On Monday evening next the Price Sisters, serious and dancers, make their reappearance, while Carl Brasso, a man of gigantic strength, will appear for the first time.



MR. JOHN F. SHERIDAN.

CHRISTCHURCH NOTES.

My Christchurch dramatic correspondent writes:—The Geach Co. has been serving up "The Heart of a Hero," all hot, with "trimmings" of red-fire and lime-light effects, to Theatre Royal audiences, since my last. The piece is cut on the pattern of the good old-style melodrama, with lots of battle, murder and sudden death in it. Also heaps of villainy, cheers, tears, and laughter. It takes (as per usual) five acts and much slaughter before the bad bold man is finally bowled out, the virtuous hero dries the eyes of the lovely and greatly persecuted heroine, and everybody lives happily ever after. We are promised a revival of "The Midnight Hour" for Saturday. Mr Geach has sent us better companies that this, but probably none that have made more money for him, which shows that melodrama is what the public wants. That, and musical comedy.

The Pollard Co. had a splendid season here, and Mr Pollard is looking forward to a money-making tour of the Commonwealth. The Quealeys (Harry and the missus) and "Insect" Albert, are most valuable members of the combination, and in little Bert Nicholson, friend Tom has seemingly got hold of a second Percy. In fact the ancient glories of the Pollard Co. are revived, and if our old friend Fred. Duval was only occupying his former post with the show it would be quite old times. However, Mr Schatz makes an admirable avant courier, and is very popular.

Frank Thornton is due here in July, when we are to see "When Knights were Bold," the piece which is making all London laugh, and has been doing so for nearly 600 night at the time of writing.

The Flemming Co. regard Christchurch as a splendid show-town, and have booked a return season for next year already.

"Me and'Er," the new Graham-Dent cockney sketch, has caught right on at Fuller's. It is certainly clever. Other popular turns at this house are provided by Fred Bransgrove, "double-voiced vocalist," Eva Lee and her piccaninnies and a heap of others.

A favourite amusement of the "gods" at our brand-new Theatre Royal is, from their lofty position in the gallery to pelt the occupants of the stalls beneath with pellets of paper, etc. A successful shot is the signal for a roar of laughter from the other galleryites. This sort of thing would not be tolerated in an East-End "gaff" in London. Here we bear its —, and do our best to grin.

SUCCESS OF AN AUCKLANDER.

Miss Lillian Aulsebrook, who left Auckland a little over two years ago to study singing in London, has met with encouraging success of late. She is known as Miss "Catherine" Aulsebrook, and gave a song recital at Brighton on February 29 last. She was very enthusiastically received judging from the Press reports, which spoke very highly of her singing. She sang at an "At Home" given by Lady Brassey on March 2nd, and was engaged to sing at a festival at Somerset on May 7. On May 14th, the Auckland contralto is to give another concert for which Lady Brassey has kindly lent her drawing room. Miss Aulsebrook has been studying for some time under Mad-

ame Blanche Marchesi, of whom she speaks in very high terms both as a vocalist and a teacher. Madame Marchesi is taking a great interest in Miss Aulsebrook and will sing at her concert on May 14th.

FUN FOR THE PASSENGERS.

Passengers by the Orient steamer Oratava must have enjoyed themselves more than usual on the voyage out this time. On board the liner were "The Merrymakers," coming out to fulfil their engagement for an Australian tour under the direction of Messrs J. and N. Tait; and with them was Mr Herbert Clayton, who organised the company (with Mr G. P. Huntley's assistance). In a letter received by last week's mail he told Messrs J. and N. Tait that he purposed calling regular rehearsals all the way out to Australia in order to get the company well up in their repertoire and prevent them from growing "stale" in the enforced idleness on the way out. That he persevered in his intentions is seen by a cable just received from Colombo in which he states that the rehearsals have been going splendidly. There is not such danger therefore that The Merrymakers will not be right up to the mark when they open in Melbourne on the 16th May.

"PETER PAN."

J. M. Barrie's delicious phantasy, "Peter Pan" at the Princess Theatre, Melbourne, is abundantly proving that its claim is universal for it already holds in thrall Australian in common with British and American audiences (writes Mr George Tallis). The theatregoers who hang nightly upon the freaks of "dear, darling, invincible Peter Pan" find with W. T. Stead that they are renewing their youth in the exploits of the fascinating hero amid the Redskins, the Pirates and all the wonderful happenings that beset him and his band in the Never, Never Land, and though perhaps there is a pang or two felt in the looking backward across the years to the long gone days of childhood, Miss Tittell's joyous interpretation of the part does not permit of more than a passing sadness. Her boy who wanted always to be little and have fun is such a gay and spritely elf, skimming lightly the depths of emotion, never sorry for more than a minute, never cast down but always ready to find the fun his heart craved for, that tears when they do come, are quickly lost in laughter. Another who has admirably caught the light touch with which Barrie has invested his play, is Mr Loring Fernie whose bold bad pirate is a really fine performance worthy to rank among the best burlesque efforts we have had here for many a day. Then there is Mr Chas. Weston as the cleverest of dogs, Nana, Mr Fred. Cambourne as Smee, the pirate boatswain, little Toots Pounds as 'Liza, Miss Florrie Kelly as a sweet and natural Wendy, Phil Curtis and little Rosie Fitzgerald as the Darling boys, and Miss Valentine Sidney as Mrs Darlin' standing out from a caste of all round excellence.

"JOHN GLAYDE'S HONOUR."

That fine piece of dramatic work "John Glayde's Honour" in which Mr Alfred Sutro is seen at his best, was received for

the first time at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, by a crowded audience in a fashion which showed how deeply its strength, both in construction and in literary merit, had stirred the feelings. Full of intense situations and powerful passages as it is, the piece held them from first to last, and to this result the cast contributed in no little measure. Mr Thomas Kingston was really splendid in his study of John Glayde, and Mrs Robert Brough's interpretation of Muriel Glayde lacked nothing to make it one of the best in her long list of emotional roles. Miss Emma Temple, Miss Nellie Fergusson, Miss Lily Titheradge, Messrs Gregan McMahon, Cyril Mackay, J. B. Atholwood—indeed, all the company—were well pleased.

GOING STRONG.

Both Her Majesty's and the Theatre Royal, Sydney, are at present playing to packed houses nightly—"Humpty-Dumpty" at the former, and "The Lady Dandies" at the latter—being responsible for this state of affairs. The pantomime has most decidedly captured the public taste and the whole production "goes with a bang" from start to finish. "The Lady Dandies" though more familiar to playgoers by this time than "Humpty-Dumpty" has evidently lost none of its attractiveness, for audiences exhibit just as keen an appreciation in its delightful music and droll situations as ever. It is now in the seventh week of its run and there can be little doubt that it will stay on the boards for the rest of the Royal Comic Opera Company's visit there.

A ROMANCE OF REAL LIFE.

Its English birthday (it has already had half a dozen Continental ones) of "The Merry Widow" takes place shortly at Daly's Theatre, London, and Franz Lehar goes over to conduct for the occasion. Every capital city in Europe has seen him in the chair under similar conditions during the past two years, for the twelve months run of his famous opera had been easily achieved in each big city from Vienna to London. There is a romance about Franz Lehar's life as there is about that of most musicians. The son of a military Bandmaster, he began his musical career at the mature age of four and at twelve was a student at the Prague Conservatorium. His early years were full of trials for his parents were poor and life was hard for the young artist. But he was always being stimulated to further efforts by such encomiums as those of Anton Dvorak, who, when asked for his opinion on two sonatas by the youthful composer, advised him to give up fiddling for a living and take to composing. It was impossible to do that both because money had to be earned and because his father wanted him to be a violinist. At last Lehar revolted and turned his attention to writing music instead of making it. At first the way was hard for he applied his genius to Grand Opera, and Grand Opera was apparently not wanted. "At last I grew sick and tired of it," he says "and took to writing light operas with which I had more luck," a faint way of expressing the tremendous sensation his work has made in Europe and America.

Pollard's Juvenile Opera Company is now playing a successful season in Wellington.

For the final night of "A Royal Divorce" on Friday there was an immense crush at His Majesty's, stall seats selling freely for ten shillings. The attendance must have been a record for the house. With people jammed on the steps, the passages, and every available corner, one can imagine what would have happened in case of fire.

Miss Lily Thompson, of Pollard's, is just recovering from a severe attack of pleurisy.

They are talking of going in for a new Opera House at Napier.

A play entitled "The Man of the Hour" has just concluded a run of 749 nights at New York.

Mr George Musgrove is securing comic opera artists in London for an Australasian tour.

Madame Clara Butt's tour of Australasia was throughout so full of records that it is worth while adding yet another to the list. In the whole course of her 71 concerts, she never once disappointed her public, that is to say every one of her appearances took place on the date for which it was announced, even though keeping faith meant sometimes forcing herself when really "off colour" to sing. The same may be said of Mr Kennerley Rumford, and these two artists in doing so have done something unique in the annals of visiting vocalists.



A Cinematograph Picture of Tom Burrows breaking a Club-swinging Record.

"The Christian" was recently performed for the 3250th performance in England.

The fire at Drury Lane Theatre put the national play house out of action for the next six months (says a Home paper). Thanks to the prompt action of the firemen on duty, the auditorium stands intact and uninjured, for the theory of the safety curtain and the light roof seems to have worked well in practice. The curtain held out, keeping the flames from the auditorium, while the glass openings in the roof speedily collapsed under the heat. In this way a flue in a limited area was caused. And the firemen were enabled to attack the flames by pouring water in from the top, gradually getting it under control.

After her concert in the Melbourne Town Hall, on June 6th, it is probable that Messrs J. and N. Tait will organise an Australian tour for Signora Revello, the brilliant Spanish soprano.

The directors of the annual Greig festival in Paris this year paid Mark Hambourg a well deserved compliment. They asked him to play and finding that his engagements prevented his doing so in March—the usual time for holding the festival—postponed it until April 11th. Svendsen, the eminent composer, conducted on that occasion.

Mr Frank Thornton's New Zealand tour, under the direction of Mr Edwin Geach, commences at Invercargill on June 22. "When Knights were Bold," "Charlie's Aunt," "Private Secretary," and other pieces will be produced. The first-named play has been running at Tery's Theatre, London, for 550 successive performances, and is still drawing enormous attendances.

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EARLIEST STAGE EXPERIENCE OF MR H. R. ROBERTS.

Mr H. R. Roberts, who is now in Sydney preparing for his forthcoming tour of New Zealand in the "Prince Chap," is the only Australian actor who has graduated from the local stage and has become a star in London. His earliest experience in serious work, as told to an interviewer, should thereafter be vested with more than usual interest.

"When a very young and extremely ambitious actor," said Mr Roberts, "I accepted an engagement to go to Tasmania to open in a play called 'Face to Face' as the leading heavy man of the company. Why I was chosen for this weighty part I do not know, for I was fair and slender and about as heavy as two matches put together. I necessarily thought that all villains should be heavy bewhiskered, so I proceeded to Aldred's, the wig maker, and asked him to fix me up as cheaply as possible with a beard and wig of the most villainous description. There was no time to make a regular beard, so he told me if I got a lady's hair pad, picked it to pieces and stuck it on my face, that I would present a sufficiently horrible spectacle. I did as I was bidden. The great night came. Never did a villain's heart beat faster than mine as I entered my dressing room—occupied by about six others. My comrades regarded me respectfully. I was the leading heavy man. I proceeded to stick on the hair, piece by piece, and as though my life depended on there not being a bald spot left on my face. I had a black ringlet wig though it was a modern play. I had not allowed for the size of my hat which consequently sat upon the top of this ferocious looking head in the most jaunty fashion. As I made my way to the entrance I became painfully aware that I was the object of curiosity on the part of the other members of the company. My cue came. My heart fluttered. My hat wobbled. I dashed upon the stage. It was an intensely dramatic scene. My wife was supposed to be starving. She implored me to give her money for food, but with heavily knit brows and in guttural tones I refused. At least that is how it should have been, but as soon as the audience saw me they forgot the pathos of the scene. They simply shrieked. 'Ye gods, how they laughed!' And remember I was the leading heavy man who was to appeal to their sense of all that was most brutal. Every time I met the leading man he frowned ominously at me. After the second act there was a big call for the principals. But I was not on in that act. After the performance the manager sent for me. Let the secrecy of that interview be sacred. Next morning a rehearsal was called. Nobody spoke to me. I was a thing tabooed. The man-

ager had taken the first boat to Melbourne to get another man. Parts were handed out for the next play, but none came to me. The others filed out of the theatre and I was left alone with the hideous consciousness that I was a failure. I realised that acting was a serious profession. My father had been a successful actor before me. I had thought that I could easily follow in his footsteps. Heartbroken I went to my dressing room. My salary was to have been four pounds a week. I was offered thirty shillings. I accepted it without a murmur."

A SILENT PLAY.

To demonstrate their remarkable facility of communication, the deaf and dumb people in London arranged an entertainment on a recent evening at the St. Saviour's Social Club, Oxford street. A one-act play was staged in which actors, scene shifters and stage managers were all deaf and dumb—as were the audience who witnessed the performance. The scene was an extraordinary one (says the "Daily Mail"). Not a sound broke the stillness of the hall during the whole time the play was on, both action and dialogue being accomplished in silence. The actors, with mobile faces, gesticulated quaintly under the limelight, reeling off their parts upon fingers which moved with a lightning-like rapidity.

A NEAR THING.

The new Theatre Royal, Christchurch, had a narrow escape from fire on Thursday evening (says a Southern paper). At the conclusion of the performance of "His Highness the Bey," the juveniles were arranged on the stage for a flashlight photograph. While this was being taken a fire broke out in one of the dressing-rooms. It was discovered just in time, for the flames were beginning to spread behind the lining of the wall, in which case the conflagration must have become serious. Dense volumes of smoke rolled out into the auditorium, but the fire appliances in the building were sufficient to suppress the outbreak. It is estimated that £25 will cover the damage.

IN CASE OF PANIC.

At a recent meeting of the Royal Institute of British Architects, London, a paper on "Safety Exits for Theatres," by Mr S. Hurst Seager, of Christchurch, New Zealand, was read. The London County Council's regulations, it was stated, merely required a minimum number and a minimum width of openings; they made no attempt to show how they should be constructed, except in the case of stairs, which in times of panic would be likely to lead to disaster. The mode of construction

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of exits was of infinitely greater importance than their number and widths. Many places of amusement, lecture halls and places of worship, though fulfilling the requirements of the City Council, would prove to be veritable death-traps in times of panic; a very large proportion of the audience would never be able to reach the exits, and a great many more would either be crushed in them, or in the corridors or stairs leading to them. The problem was to arrange exits so that irresponsible people in any part of the building should be impelled to move towards the one designed for their use, through which they must be able to pass to the street without any danger of resistance either from the structural arrangements or from opposing active forces. The author's safety exit aimed at the elimination of all resistance to outward progress by means of curved solid dwarf partitions, about 4ft 6in high. They might be constructed of double plates of sheet iron, and should be permanently and strongly fixed, and perfectly smooth. Applying his scheme to an already existing exit, an illustration was given of the exit being divided into three parts, the outer ones equal in width to the gangways at the ends of the seats, and the central one proportionate to the number of people using it. By this simple device any pushing would not create pressure at the exit, but would only tend to hurry the audience more quickly into the street or corridor.

THEIR LAST LONG HOME.

The graves of genius are widely separated. Mrs Jordan sleeps at St. Cloud; Astleys (father and son), in the cemetery of Pere la Chaise, John Edwin (the Liston and Matthews combined of his day), at St. Paul's, Covent Garden; Kemble (John), at Lausanne Suet, in the ground of St. Paul's Cathedral; Kean (without a stone to mark the spot), in Richmond churchyard; Elliston, in St. John's Church, Waterloo Road; old Johanna, at Bathwick (old) churchyard; Macklin lies under the chancel of St. Paul's, Covent Garden, in which churchyard his once boon companion, Tom King, rests; Tom D'Urfey, in St. James's, facing the gate in Jermyn Street; Joe Miller, in the ground in Portugal Street; John Palmer, at Wootton, near Liverpool; Quin, at the Abbey Church, Bath; Wilks, near Macklin, not far from the grave of Wycherley, in the church of St. Paul, Covent Garden, where,

nearly a century and a half since, Joe Haynes was consigned to earth.

A story of southern life in America, vivid with colour and humour, is told by Mr Harry Roberts, the popular actor, who is about to tour Australasia in "The Prince Chap." The incident occurred while he was starring in the southern states as Petronius in "Quo Vadis."

"One Sunday while in Atlanta I went into a church and found that it was one of those negro places of worship of which I had read and heard so much. I might have left and proceeded to my own church had not the exaggerated methods of oration adopted by the preacher held my attention, while at the same time his sincerity touched me deeply. The text was 'Faith' and the preacher was instancing many great things which had been accomplished by faith.

"Yea brethren," he said, "even Dan'l in de den of lions saw dem lions simply walk down and sit in de cornah. Cos why? I ask you again why? Mah dearly beloved brothers, mah sisters too and all de little children, I ask you why did dem lions lift up their massive paws when dey seed Dan'l comin' and den go and sit in de cornah? Cos Dan'l had faith."

A very old man, sitting behind a pillar popped his bald head round the corner and holding one hand up like a child asking its teacher if it may go out, asked in a tremulous voice: "Scuse me Mr Preacher, but was dey dem same lions what was round here last fall with de circus?"

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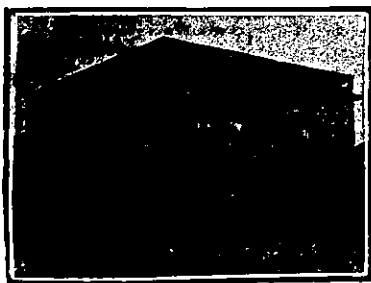
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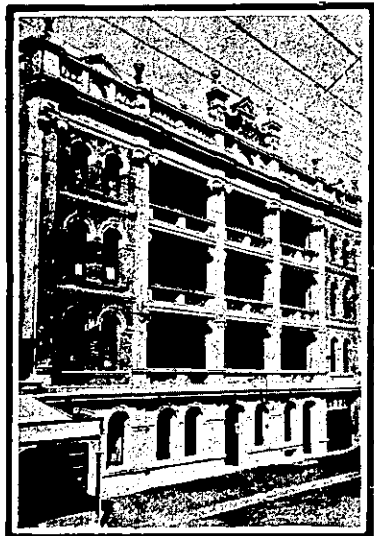
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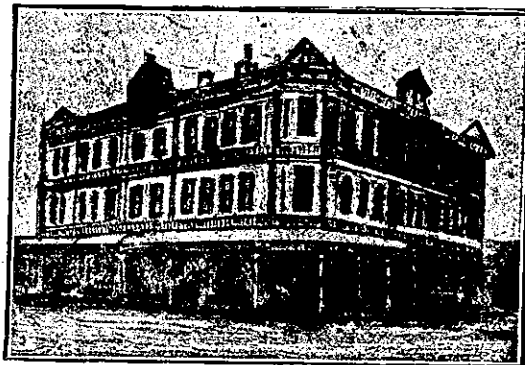
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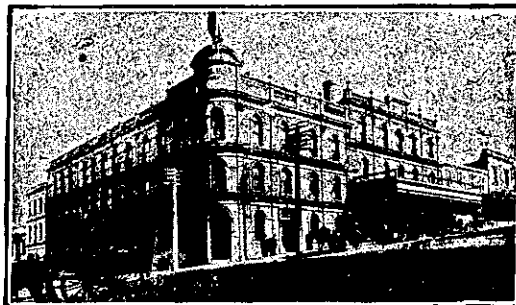


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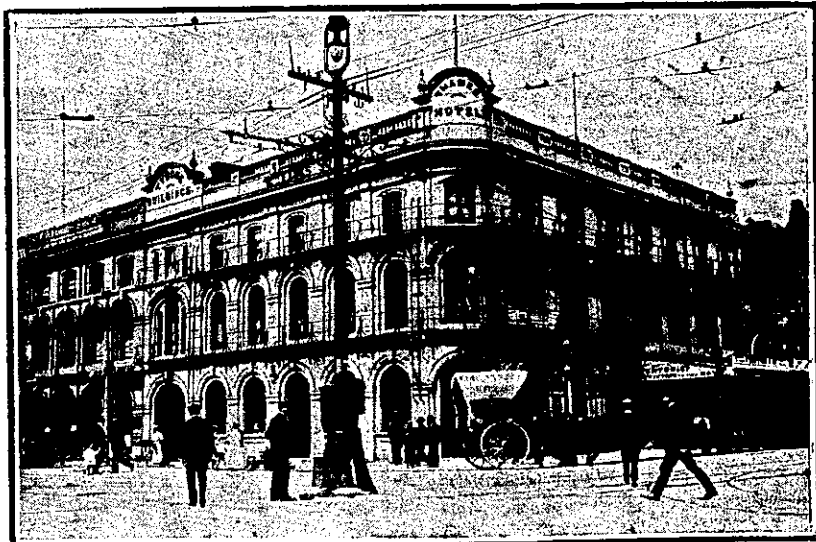
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THE ALLEGED DRINK BILL.

The Rev. Edward Walker, who for some years past has annually calculated and published the Dominion's drink bill, as it appears to him, has just got out the figures for last year, much, we presume, to his own satisfaction. However, without going far into the tables of figures presented, we are struck with the remarkable prices which figure in the making up of the totals. In fact the figures are so remarkable that the bill as made up a la Walker, fails entirely to convey any other impression than that of exaggeration. Not only are the price rates glaringly overcharged, but these are made still more dubious by the fact that Mr Walker warns us that it is necessary to repeat that the drink bill is calculated from the Customs and Excise returns, upon the basis of the whole being purchased by the gallon, at per gallon rates, and that, as much of the liquor is purchased at the bar by the glass at a much higher rate than at per gallon, the actual cost to the consumers must be enormously increased. In an airy and most unconvincing manner, the reverend gentleman refers to elicit manufacture dilution, adulteration, etc. Of course all these things are the usual stock phrases used so freely by the prohibition crank, and in view of the glaring inaccuracies in the figures given, need not be further noticed. What we have chiefly to deal with, and we have dealt with them before, is the marvellous prices at which Mr Walker figures out the rates per gallon. He gives spirits at the rate of two pounds per gallon; this runs out to eighty shilling a case, a truly wonderful price. Wines are also jotted down in a casual manner at the same rate. As he admits his returns are made up from the Customs, and we know these include a major portion of Australian product, our friends on that side will surely envy us at being able to obtain forty shillings per gallon for their wines.

Mr Walker gets quite close to the truth when he puts down imported beer at six shilling per gallon; this gives us twelve shillings a dozen, which is remarkably close quoting for the Rev. Edward Walker. But he makes a big bolt off the track in his next item of colonial beer, which he tallies at four shillings a gallon; truly stupendous prices, all of which we are asked to further add to when the liquor is purchased by the glass over the bar. The effort to distort actual figures is too obvious, and hardly calls for contradiction. However, as colonial beer figures highest, we would like to point out how utterly erroneous and misleading is the price of four shillings a gallon. Colonial ale by the keg is sold at two shillings a gallon, and by the pint the greater bulk is retailed at fourpence. As there are eight pints in a gallon, a fact which the reverend gentleman is no doubt aware of, the illustration of the manner in which the drink bill is made up by Mr Walker, need not be further proceeded with.

The fact that an increase per head of four and eightpence is made, is not alarming in view of the continued prosperity of the Dominion, and of the fact that work in all large centres has been steady and plentiful. For the sake of comparison if we take the figures for 1906 and 1907 as correct, we find that the increases per head are as follows:—Spirits 1s 4d, wine 1s 1d, imported beer 1s 4d, and colonial beer 2s 2d, the latter showing the highest increase, which supports the evidence of the prosperity and spending power of the working man. Also we may add, it is a high tribute to the excellence of the beer produced in our Dominion. From the logic of the figures, we must conclude that beer is the favourite beverage and that in spite of the alleged progress of the prohibition party, the masses are not as yet ready to bow to the dictates of the prohibitionist. When next the Rev. Edward Walker seeks to enlighten the world as to the amount it costs per head for liquor in the Dominion, we sincerely hope that he will import figures nearer actualities into his statistics.

It is reported from Dunedin that the brewery business of Messrs Strachan and Co., one of the oldest in the Dominion, has changed hands. The purchasers are prominent shareholders in the business of Messrs Speight and Co. It is understood

that other parties were negotiating with a view to purchase, and that the Speight shareholders thereupon promptly closed at the vendors' figure—something over £10,000.

The framework and chimneys of the new hotel in course of erection at Waiorongomai were blown down during the gale last week.

Mr Jack Shields, who was for a great number of years brewer for Mr D. Arkell, but more recently known in connection with the firm of Shields and Jones, bottlers, is now mine host of the Alexandra Hotel, corner of Durham and Federal Streets, Auckland. Mr Shields will be pleased to meet all his old friends at the well-known hostelry.

At the annual meeting of the City Licensing Committee on June 2, an appli-

caution was given at the Greymouth Magistrate's Court the other day. The magistrate (Mr Turton) tried a case where eight respectable young men had practically taken charge of an hotel at Jackson during prohibited hours. The solicitor appearing for the men pleaded a "big drunk," whereupon Mr Turton fined them, in the gross, £52 8s, with costs, remarking that people often thought they could

take charge of hotels in the back blocks, but must be taught otherwise.

Painting and repapering operations are starting at Mr Delaney's Albert Hotel, Queen Street.

Mr Charles Butterworth, a very old resident of the Thames, died at that place last week. Many years ago Mr Butterworth was the proprietor of the Warwick Arms Hotel.

Nearly 4000 million gallons of wine were produced throughout the world last year. France leads the world with nearly fifteen hundred million gallons, closely followed by Italy with 1,157,200,000. Spain comes next, followed by Algeria and Portugal. Russia's production—the enormous quantity of 57,000,000—comes as a surprise even to experts, and the United States contributes 35,200,000 gallons. Another surprise is the large output of the comparatively new vineyards of South America—nearly seventy-seven million gallons.

Members of the Wellington No-License League are worried by the fact that whisky advertisements appear on the back of tram tickets.

The net increase to the population of the Dominion during the first quarter of this year was 8103.

Christchurch came in for a full share of rough weather last week, and several exciting incidents took place. After the destruction of the White Hart Hotel by the big fire in February, a temporary bar of wood and iron was erected in the midst of the ruins, where business was carried on. One night a strong wind dislodged a big beam about thirty feet long and a foot square, which crashed through the roof of the frail building and almost annihilated it. At the time there were three men, including the barman in the bar, and, though they escaped injury, it was almost a miracle that they did so. The fall of the beam raised a large cloud of dust, which for a time covered the whole place, and created great excitement.

It is reported that a big row has taken place at the Oaks Rush, North Queensland, closely approaching a serious riot. A number of men were injured. At one time 500 men were engaged in a melee. Report say that sly grog-selling was the cause of a dispute between the Progress Association and supporters of the grog sellers. About 1100 men are now there.

There are rumours in the air, and rumours that are said to be correct, that the general election will eventuate in October.

A young man and his best girl entered a well-known cafe, and asked to be served with tea for two. The waitress brought the tea, but omitted to provide them with teaspoons.

A short time afterwards she passed along for the purpose of clearing other tables, when the young man said to her—"Can we have a spoon miss?"

The waitress replied—"Oh, certainly; I am just going, and you will have the room to yourselves."

Last Thursday at Wairoa, Hawke's Bay, in the Magistrate's Court, W. Smith was fined £10 with costs £4 13s for supplying natives with liquor. The magistrates said in future he would make fines in such cases exemplary.



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cation for a New Zealand wine license will be made in respect to premises situate in Hobson Street.

Mr Leonard Adams, who is well-known among Auckland hotelkeepers, has purchased Mr A. W. Hamer's interest in the Royal Oak Hotel, at Onehunga. Mr Adams has had long experience in catering for the public, and we predict for him successful business in his new venture.

The Opposition leader, Mr W. F. Massey, predicts that the Government would yet have a liquor Bill, in which one-half would vote for water, and the other half for whisky to strengthen it.

At the second reading of Mr Asquith's Licensing Bill, the Government had a two to one majority.

At Hastings early one morning last week, Mr E. Newbegin's Burton Brewery, a two-storey wooden building, was demolished by fire. Newbegin went through the building at 1 a.m., when everything appeared safe. He surmises that the coal stacked alongside the boiler

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It is probable that the police force in Auckland will be increased, and a promise has been made that water police will be established as soon as the Harbour Board are able to provide a suitable site for the necessary accommodation.

Got into Band Company.—A canny Scot was brought before a magistrate on the charge of being drunk and disorderly.

"What have you to say for yourself, sir?" demanded the magistrate. "You look like a respectable man, and ought to be ashamed to stand there."

"I am verra sorry, sor, but I came' up in a bad company fra Glasgow," humbly replied the prisoner.

"What sort of company?"

"A lot of teetotalers," was the startling reply.

"Do you mean to say that teetotalers are bad company," thundered the magistrate. "I think they are the best company for such as you."

"Beggin' your pardon, sor," answered the prisoner, "ye're wrong; for I had a bottle of whisky an' I had to drink it all myself."

Mr W. J. Beck, the well known scenic artist, has been commissioned to paint the scenery for the coming production of Mr Thomas Humphrey's musical comedy "The Tea Girl." Mr Beck has a record of some very realistic work done here in the past and it may be expected we shall see something good in scenic effects when the curtain goes up on the opening production.

The report for the past year of that famous London hotel, the Savoy, shows a profit to the credit of the trading account of £160,420, being the largest since the Savoy extensions were completed. This, with the balance brought forward from last year, makes a total of £166,786.

A SLY-GROG CASE.

In detecting instances of sly-grog selling, the probationary constable appears to be specially useful, and to his lot falls the work, if it can be called work, of obtaining, in most instances, the evidence requisite for the conviction of offenders who are eager for profit from the sale of drink, but who have not first of all gone through the formality of obtaining a license. In the Wellington Court recently, a woman named Catherine Mowbray was charged with selling porter and beer on two occasions to William McDermoth, and with selling beer to James Collogan. James B. Mowbray was charged with being the occupier of premises on Lambton quay, not duly licensed, where liquor had

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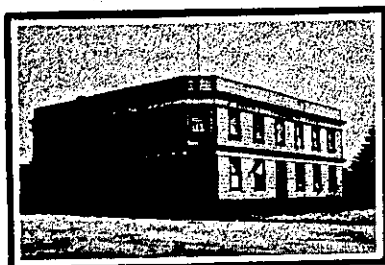
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been sold. The accused pleaded guilty to all four charges.

Sub-Inspector Donovan stated that the two accused, husband and wife, kept a restaurant in Lambton quay. Probationary constables were sent to the place, and drink was sold to them on three occasions.

Mr O'Regan appeared for the accused, and asked for leniency. It was a very short time since the accused had started to indulge in sly grog-selling, and he was certain there would be no more of it.

His Worship said that the offence was a serious one, and could not be entirely overlooked. The male accused would be fined £10, with costs (7s), and the female accused convicted and ordered to come up for sentence when called upon to do so.

KNEW WHAT HE WANTED.

A lowland Scot, on a visit to London put up at a hotel, and in the morning, when he went to wash, discovered there was no soap. He rang for the waiter, and on that individual appearing, flabbergasted him with the command, "Saip, saip! See's a bit saip, man!" The waiter murmured to himself. "It's not French, nor German, nor ——" "Confound yer impidence," yelled the Scot, "dae ye no' ken braid Scotch?" "Ah," said the waiter and instantly disappeared, returning almost immediately with a glass of the "rale Mackay."

ONLY A FRIEND.

Mrs Booser, thinking to cure her husband of intemperance and bring him home earlier at nights, rented a Mephistopheles costume, and, arraying herself in it, awaited, with lamp turned low, the coming of Mr Booser.

Arriving, unsteady of gait and uncertain of speech, at 3 a.m., he encountered at the head of the stairs the horned apparition in red.

"Who are you?" he asked curiously. "I am the devil," came the reply in solemn, impressive tone.

"Glad t' see yo'," said Booser affably, lurching forward to shake hands. "Married yo' sist'r."

MR R. NOTON.

Mr Bob Noton, whose portrait appears in this issue, has taken over that popular hostelry, the Thistle, Queen Street, where he will be pleased to meet his legions of friends. He is a good sportsman, a fine lacrosse player, and a good fellow. As a member of the firm of Noton Brothers, tea merchants, Bob has made himself immensely popular and now he has taken the Thistle, his friends are not likely to forget him. The hotel is a free house where the finest Dunedin beers will always be on tap in addition to all the local ales and stout including "Imperial," "Lion," and "Campbell Ehrenfried." Nothing but the choicest brands of wines, spirits and cigars are on the shelves, so that when a customer goes into the bar, he can get what he wants—the best. This is the right way to do things and we wish Mr Noton the best of good luck in his new venture.

THE WAITERS' HANDS.

Milton asked but one quality in his waitress—that Phyllis should be neat-handed. It is a regrettable fact that the hands of William, of Alphonse, and of Giuseppe leave something to be desired in this matter of neatness. The Hotel des Anglais at Cannes has taken a decided step towards the Miltonian ideal. A manicurist is to call regularly at this hotel, and fingers that bring soup plate will be reviewed by him daily. Thus will be removed, in the words of a local journal, "This hidiosity which arrives to disgust the least fastidious guest, even."

A HUGE ORDER FOR BEER LABELS.

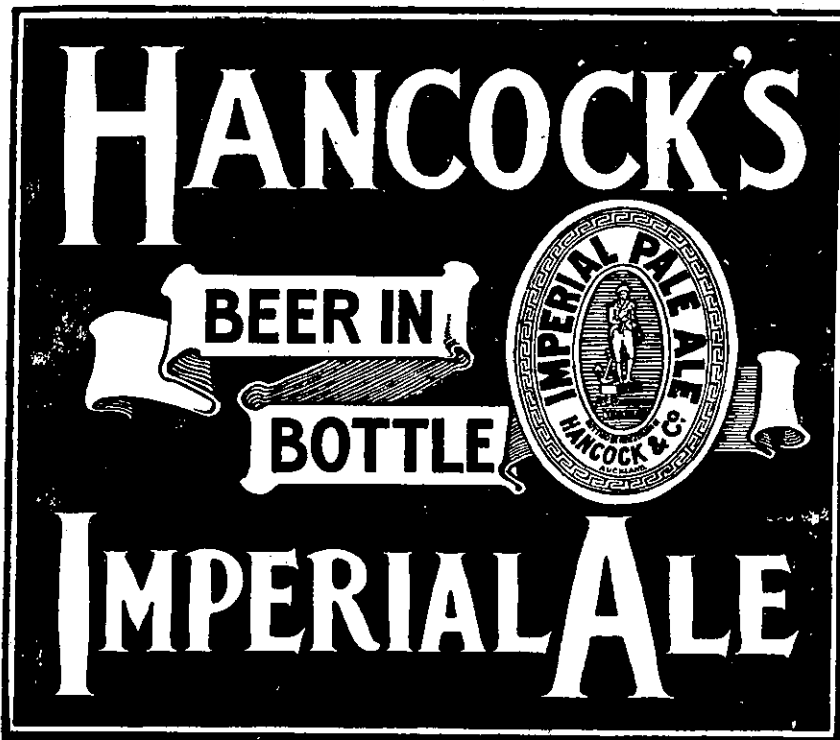
Messrs Bass and Co., Limited, have recently placed with Messrs McCorquodale and Co., Limited, what is probably the largest contract ever given out for labels. It is for the supply of the well-known red-triangle label which is provided for the bottlers who handle their pale ale. The order works out at rather more than 1,000,000 labels a day for each of the working days of the year. It is handled by a staff of some 80 workpeople who devote their whole time to this one contract. No other labels are printed in the factory, and complete set of duplicates of the plates, etc., is stored some miles away from the printing house, so that in case of fire work should not be stopped.—"London B. J."

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pose of a stolen neck fur, the Melbourne police came upon a coiner's plant in good going order, in which counterfeit half-crowns were in process of manufacture. They found the suspect at a house in Carlton. In making a search of the house the police found plaster of Paris moulds of half-crowns. In one of the moulds was an unfinished counterfeit coin, and under a palliase on a sofa another suprious half-crown was found. The

police also found acids and tools forming a complete coining kit. A large number of forged Colonial Bank £1 notes are in circulation, and several of them have found their way into the hands of the detectives. The notes are photographed replicas of the genuine articles, and are so well prepared that they might easily deceive. Even the colours are duplicated by photograph. The first seen of these forged notes was at last Cup time.

TEMPERANCE WORKERS.

In replying to a deputation requesting him to stand for Parliament, Mr J. Vigor Brown, Mayor of Napier, referred to the fact that although he was connected with the wine and spirit trade, two members of the deputation, and other signatories of the requisition were temperance workers. Those who really knew the position would recognise that the liquor party and the teetotalers were to a very great extent on the same platform, and he believed that at least 90 per cent. of those connected with the liquor trade would join with the temperance party in an endeavour to have the trade properly regulated and controlled.

A MODERN PLEASURE PALACE.

A scheme for reviving the "glories" that were associated with Brighton in the heyday of the reign of George IV. is to be submitted shortly to the municipal authorities of the world's largest watering-place, and subsequently, if supported, to Parliament for approval. It is, in brief, a proposal for the creation of a grand Summer and Winter Palace on a scale which, for luxury and pleasure, will rival any of the more famous Continental casinos or kursaals, whose patronage it is hoped thereby to compete for on English soil, beneath English skies, by the highest-class attractions and hospitality. With this object it will be necessary to reclaim a considerable portion of the Brighton foreshore from the sea, to build a new sea-wall, and to take in that portion of the

sea-front and gardens that lies between the existing Norfolk and Bedford Hotels. Upon this site it is proposed to build, at a cost of £200,000, a magnificent palace of amusements which will include one of the handsomest restaurants in the world, a large marble ballroom for fancy dress balls and cinderellas, the largest real-ice skating rink in the world—covering half an acre—where facilities will be provided, not only for skating, but for tobogganing, skiing, and sleighing with Eskimo dogs—a concert hall large than Daly's Theatre, where first-class entertainments will be provided by the foremost London theatrical companies and concert artists, a swimming bath for "mixed" bathing, together with billiard, drawing, reading, and retiring rooms; while the grounds will provide racquet and tennis courts. According to the plans and specifications prepared, the palace itself will be 465ft long, and will be built of white marble, enriched with various-coloured marbles. The new sea-wall will be 150ft southward of the existing wall. The garden will cover over four acres, faced by a sheltered promenade running alongside the sea for 1325ft. The palm-house and winter garden will be larger than the Dome Assembly Rooms, affording accommodation for 3000 persons. This will contain a grand saloon for the seating of 2000 people, and will be provided with a bandstand and ornamental fountains. The concert hall will be 142ft in length by 142ft in width, capable of seating 1600 persons. The restaurant, which is to be on a luxurious scale, will provide sea

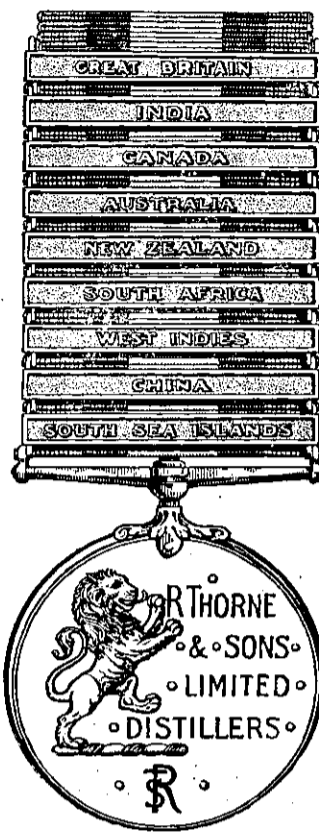
views from its windows, and beneath it will be constructed a marble swimming bath, fitted with sluice gates, to retain the sea water at low tide. The ballroom and assembly hall, a billiard-room, also built of marble, will be 108ft by 48ft. The entire building will be enclosed in ornamental grounds, and the tennis and racquet courts, where it is proposed to hold tournaments, will be open to the public view from the landward side.

QUEEN'S NOGGIN.

THEIR MAJESTIES PURCHASE "TWO'S" OF WHISKY.

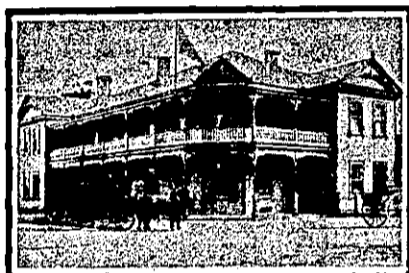
The Queen, who, with the King and other members of the Royal family, takes a keen interest in the welfare of the Union Jack Club, took her sister the Empress Marie and Princess Victoria to the club on a surprise visit to see how the sailors and soldiers of the Empire fare in their London home. It was St. Patrick's Day, and the Queen celebrated the festival by purchasing a "noggin" of Irish whisky sealed with emerald green, while the Empress and Princess Victoria bought similar "noggins" of Scotch. The Queen was present when the club was opened, and Her Majesty was anxious to see the institution in full wing. The three Royal ladies, with a small suite in attendance, drove down to the club just after four o'clock, and were received at the main entrance by Miss McCaul (the foundress of the clubs), Colonel Sir Edward Ward (president of the council) and Major Gascoigne, D.S.O. (late of the Grenadier Guards), controller. All the store-rooms were thrown open and the Royal visitors went through the entire establishment. The Queen especially commended Mrs Seymour, wife of the resident superintendent, for the equipment and orderliness of the stores, and displayed

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the keenest interest in all the arrangements for the comfort of the soldiers, sailors, and marines who visit the club. The Queen asked numerous questions about the domestic arrangements of the club—questions which only a practical housekeeper could think of or answer. The food and drink supplied to the men were the subject of the Queen's special concern, and she was conducted not only through the kitchens, where the preparation of meals was in full swing, but also through the beer cellar and the general stores. The small sealed "noggins" in which the whisky is served, were shown to the Royal party in the stores. Each man gets his spirits served in this form, and a rule of the club is that the seal must be broken in the purchasers' presence, in order that each may be sure he gets his liquor untampered with as issued from the stores. To mark the occasion of St. Patrick's Day Mr Seymour had arranged that the seal on the Irish whisky should be an emerald green label. "Oh, what a pretty idea!" said the Queen. I must buy one of those." Her Majesty was asked to accept one, but protested that she must pay her twopence exactly as an ordinary club member would. The Empress and the Princess entered into the spirit of the idea, and laughingly proclaimed their preference for Scotch, a "noggin" of which was supplied to each of them accordingly. Several men were taking tea in the great dining-room, and the Royal ladies spoke to some of them and asked questions as to how they fared there. They noted with approval that the men had not to apply at bars or counters for what they required, but had waiters to attend to their wants exactly as would be the case in a West End club. Many soldiers, sailors, and marines were "taking it easy" in the lounge when the Queen entered, and enjoying their smokes and drinks. All promptly recognised the visitors, and sprang to attention, but the Queen motioned them to be seated, and chatted pleasantly with several of them on her way through. The Queen nodded and commented on the number of automatic machines from which the members are able to obtain stamps, matches, cigarettes, chocolate, and a variety of other small luxuries. The billiard-room, with its six tables, the library and the waiting-room were all visited, and then the Royal party went up to the floor on which the bed-rooms are located, pausing on the way to inspect the memorial tablet recording the opening of the club by the King. The "King's bed-room" was carefully inspected, and the Royal visitors went into about a dozen other rooms, noting the names of the donors. The Queen, Empress, and Princess all insisted on pay-



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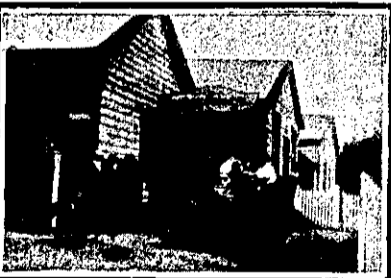
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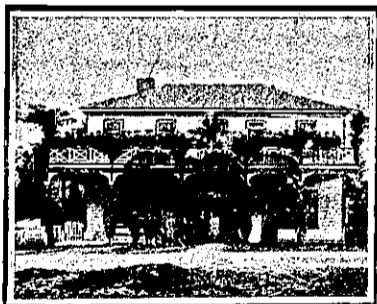
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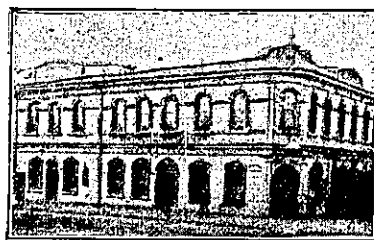
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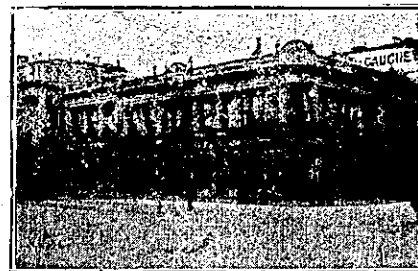
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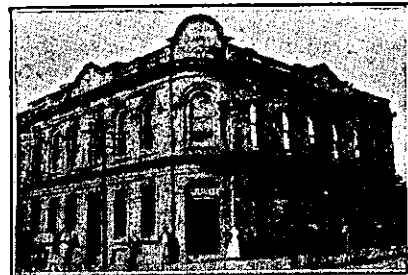


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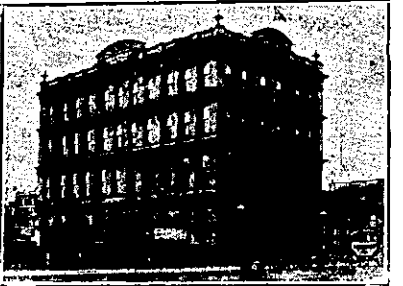
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This Hotel is directly situated opposite the Onehunga Wharf, and is therefore specially adapted for Travellers either leaving or arriving, from Wellington and the South, via New Plymouth.

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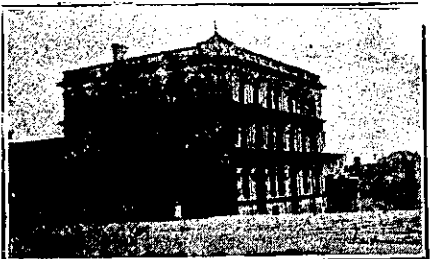
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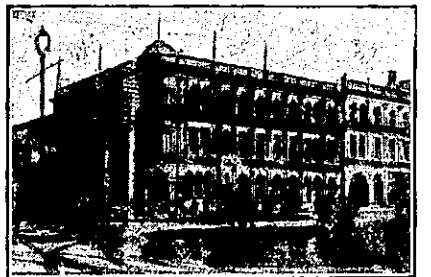
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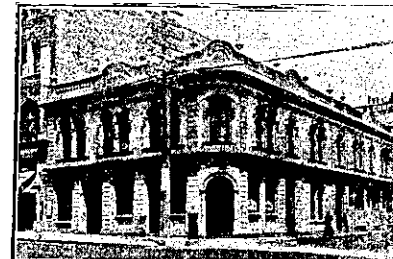
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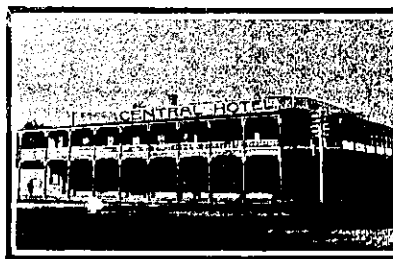
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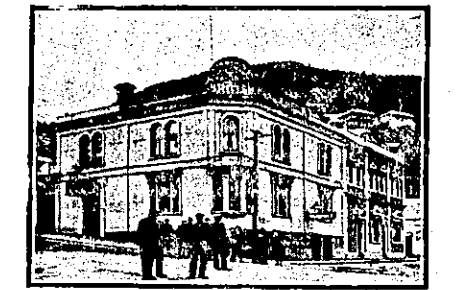
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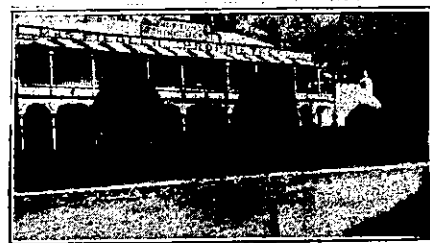
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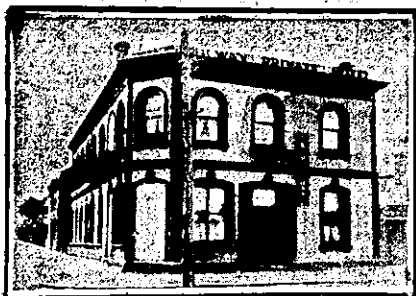
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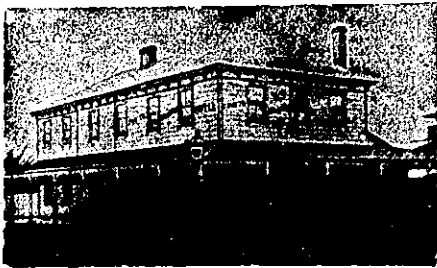


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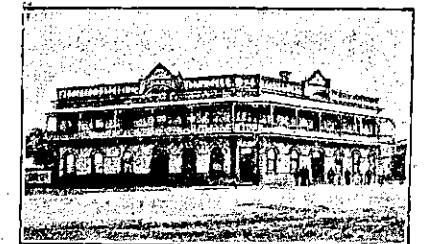
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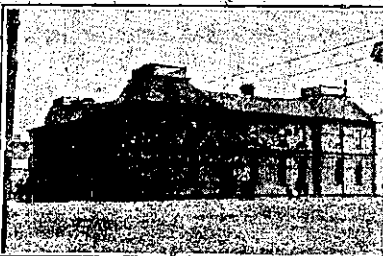
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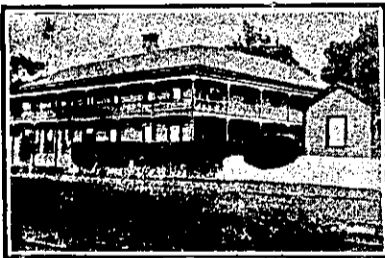
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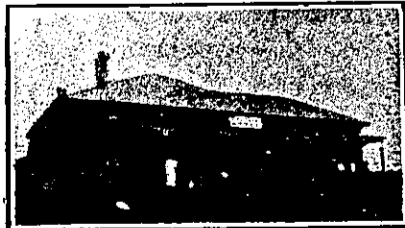
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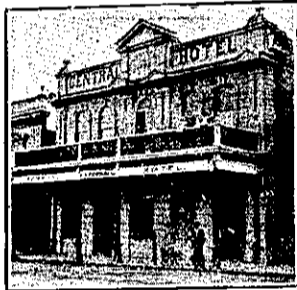


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First-class Accommodation for the Travelling Public. Only the Best Wines, Ales and Spirits kept. Telegrams receive prompt attention.

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CENTRAL HOTEL, MASTERTON.

MR. F. S. COOPER, late of the Empire Hotel, Hawera, and formerly of Wellington, wishes to inform the Travelling Public that he has taken over the above well-known house. This hotel offers superior accommodation to travellers, and is a First-class Family Residence in every respect. The rooms are well ventilated, lofty, and comfortably furnished.

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Patronised by His Excellency The Earl of Ranfurly.

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(Five Minutes from Railway Station).

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FUSZARD'S FERNHILL HOTEL.

MIDWAY BETWEEN NAPIER AND HASTINGS.

EVERY ATTENTION TO THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC. EVERYTHING OF THE BEST.

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An Up-to-date Hotel with every Modern Convenience.

New Commercial Sample Rooms. PERCY MARTIN .. Manager (Late Railway Hotel, Hastings).

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22 Bedrooms, Commercial Room, Sitting Rooms, Study, etc. Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. Tam-o'-Shanter and Oban Whisky. Speight's and Manning's Ales. Tariff, 5s per day; 25s per week.

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Now prepared to receive the Travelling Public. First-class Accommodation. Beer, Wine, and Spirits guaranteed of the best.

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J. HALLIGAN Proprietor.

This Well-known Establishment, which adjoins Dannevirke Railway Station, offers unsurpassed Accommodation to Travellers and the General Public.

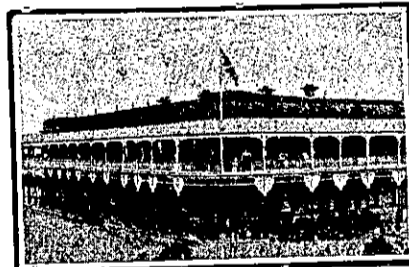
ONLY BEST QUALITIES OF ALES, WINES, AND SPIRITS STOCKED.

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MASONIC HOTEL, NELSON. CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.

This long-established Hotel, which has always been the Headquarters in Nelson for Tourists and Commercial Travellers, has recently been purchased by Mr. H. Baigent. The Hotel has been thoroughly Renovated, and all the Rooms are being Refitted in modern style. No effort will be spared to make all visitors thoroughly comfortable.

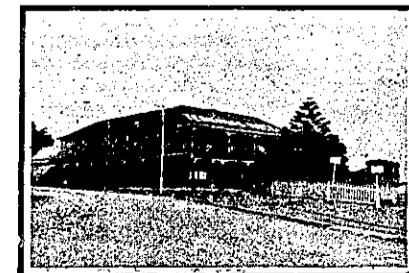
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WHITE HART HOTEL opposite Post and Telegraph Government Offices, NEW PLYMOUTH.

C. CLARKE Proprietor. P.O. Box 30. Telephone 48.

The above well-known Hostelry is the appointed house for the Commercial Travellers' Association. Only the best brands of Wines and Spirits. Speight's Dunedin Ale always on draught. First-class Accommodation for Tourists, Travellers, and Families.



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TERMINUS HOTEL COMPANY, LTD. F. FOSTER, Manager.

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TOMMY KNOWLES .. Proprietor.

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Directly opposite Railway Station and Nearest Hotel to Steamers to and from Auckland.

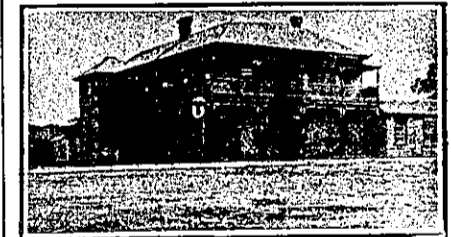
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Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. Terms moderate.

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First-class Accommodation for Travellers and Tourists. Cheapest Rates in the district, 4s 6d per day, and Cuisine cannot be surpassed. Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only kept in Stock. Coaches pass the door for all surrounding districts.

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GRAND HOTEL, PALMERSTON NORTH.

MARTIN CREAVEN .. Proprietor.

The finest and most up-to-date Hotel in New Zealand, and equal to many grand Continental Hotels, being most elaborately furnished. Tourists and Travellers can rely on getting the best attention. All the best-known brands of Wines, Liquors, Spirits, Ales, etc., in stock.

ONLY WHITE SERVANTS EMPLOYED IN THE GRAND HOTEL.

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PALMERSTON NORTH.—Continued.

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A First-class Family and Commercial Hotel. Convenient to all public offices and places of amusement. Letters and telegrams will receive prompt attention. Telephone 108. P.O. Box 193.

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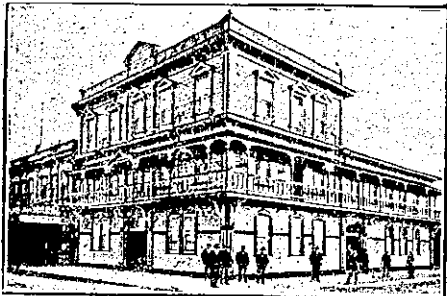
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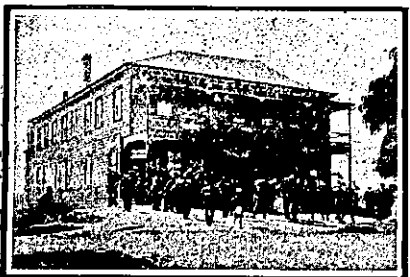


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The Central Hotel on Main-st. West in Palmerston is surely the best. The tables good, the bedrooms fine, With best of spirits, beer and wine; Fine sitting-rooms, baths hot and cold. And a welcome sure for young and old; So call on me when next you pass, And w'll enjoy a friendly glass.

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New and Up-to-date House, containing accommodation for 40 visitors. Boating on the Waikato River. First-class Billiard Table. Trout Fishing, etc. Best Wines and Spirits.

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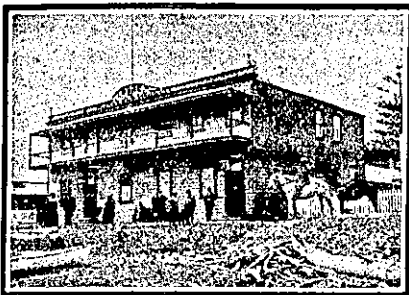
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This Hotel, having been thoroughly Renovated and Re-furnished throughout, now offers Superior Accommodation at a moderate tariff. Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc.

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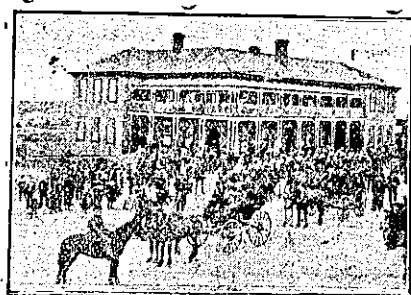
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T. R. NIXON, (Late of Carpenters' Arm, Auckland), Desires to intimate that he has taken over the above popular House, where he will be pleased to meet old and new Patrons. Extensive Alterations and Improvements have been effected, and Visitors will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

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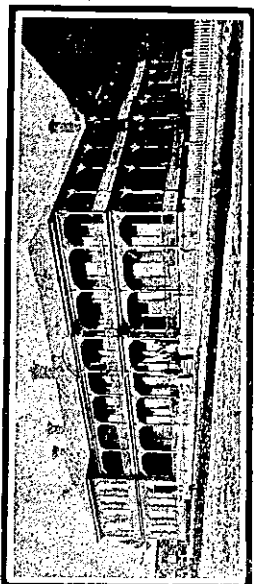
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Corner of Barnard and North Streets, opposite Law Courts. Five Minutes from Railway Station. Splendid Sea View. Hot and Cold Shower Baths. Terms: 4s 6d Per Day, or 25s Week.

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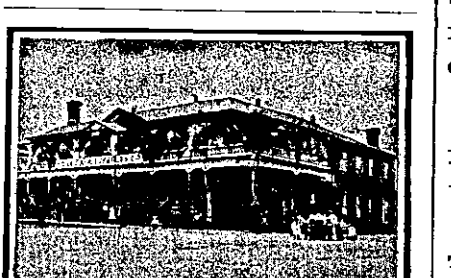
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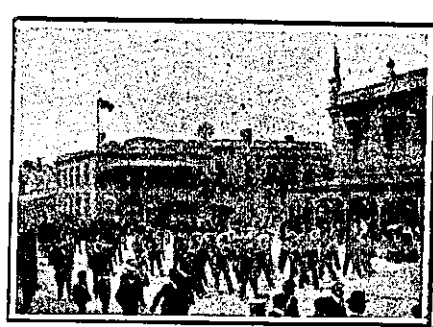
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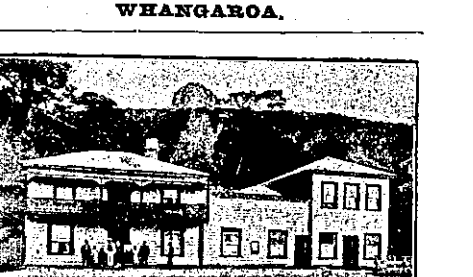
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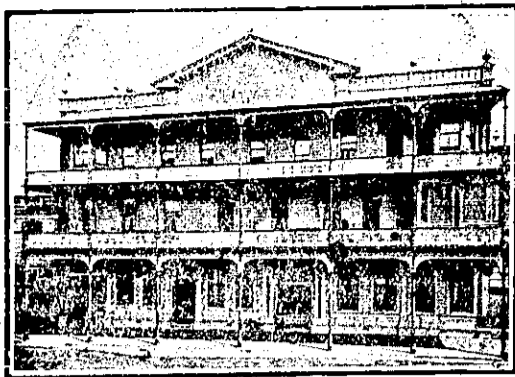
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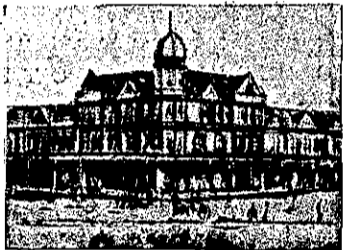
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J. HODSON, Proprietor.
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Telegrams and Correspondence attended to.

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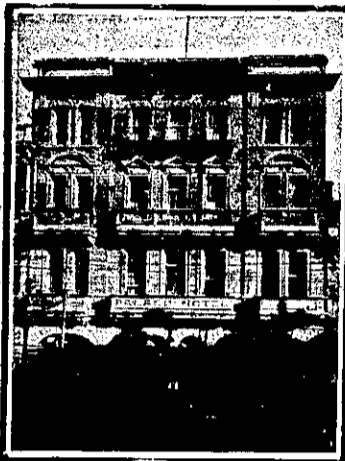
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JOHN H. FAIRBAIRN .. Proprietor.

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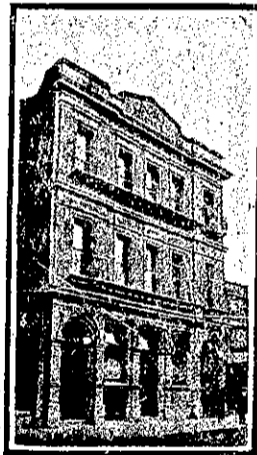
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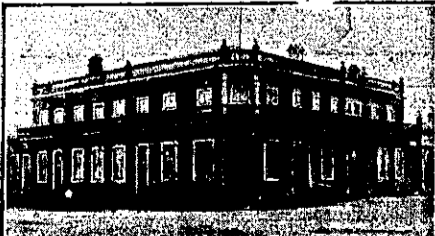


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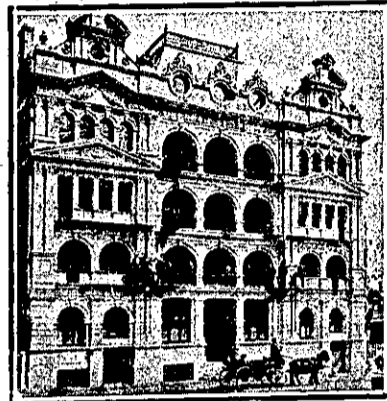


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THE BEST BRANDS OF WINES AND SPIRITS KEPT IN STOCK.
Ample Sample Rooms for Commercial Travellers. Good Billiard Table. Stable Accommodation Superior to anything North of Auckland.



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This fine House, just re-built in brick and furnished in up-to-date style, now offers unrivalled accommodation to the Travelling Public.
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