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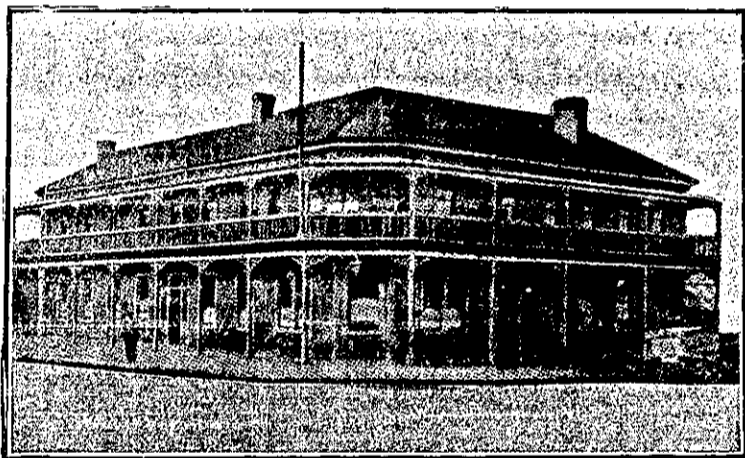
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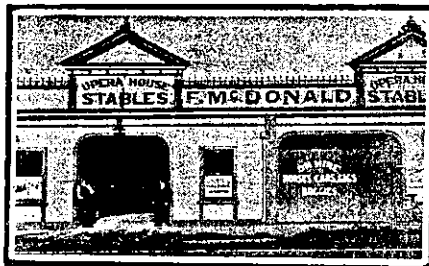
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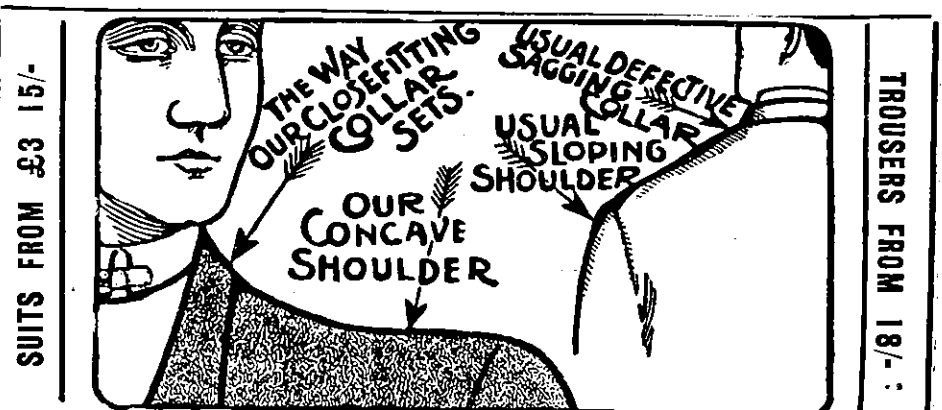
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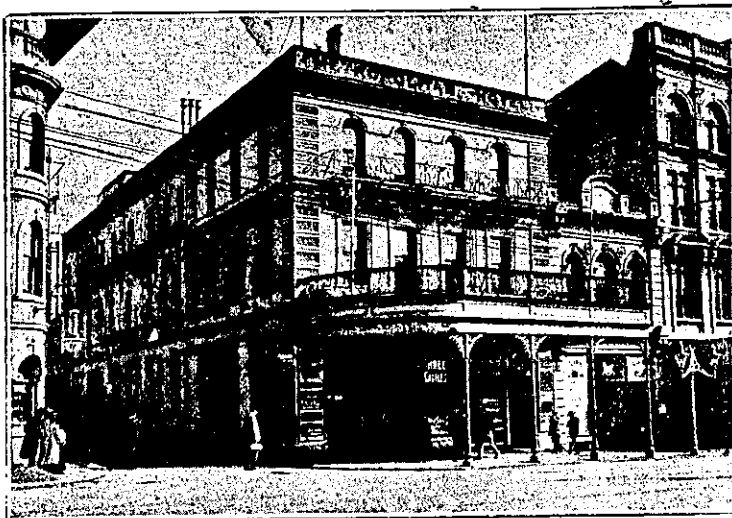
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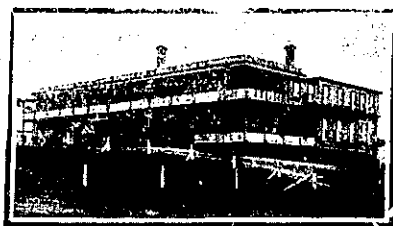
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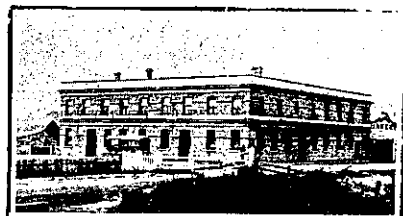
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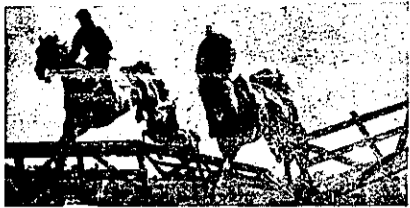
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May 30, June 3 and 6—Auckland R.C.
June 3 and 4—Dunedin J.C.
July 9, 10.—Gisborne R.C.

NOMINATIONS.

July 6—Gisborne R.C.

WEIGHTS ARE DUE.

June 20.—Gisborne R.C.

ACCEPTANCES.

July 1.—Gisborne R.C.

THE GREAT NORTHERN HURDLE RACE.

The star event on the opening day's programme of the Auckland Racing Club's Winter Meeting was, of course, the Great Northern Hurdle Race, and it provided a race well worth watching. Unfortunately a series of accidents happened which robbed the closing struggle of a good deal of interest, and one is left speculating as to what might have been the result if such an incident had not to be recorded. A nice field of fourteen went to the post, most of the best hurdlers in the Dominion being there, and the result was regarded as being open. After his fine effort at Wanganui it was not altogether surprising to find Mr. A. F. Douglas' gelding Waipu installed favourite. The track being in a very heavy state owing to the rain of the previous evening, it was generally considered that it was a day for a good light weight to score, and this, of course, was in Waipu's favour. Local sportsmen were very keen on the chance of Paritutu, who, despite his big weight, was very highly esteemed by his connections, who would not hear of the defeat of the son of Castor. Another Southerner in Aorangi met with plenty of support, while the best of the local brigade was considered to be Sol, whose fine running at Takapuna betokened a return to form.

Soon after the start Omati set out to try and win from end to end. He has done this before, but not over such a long course as two miles and a-half, or against such good company. Still, as the Leolantis gelding always does better if allowed to run his own race, Phillips could not do otherwise than he did. Whether similar tactics would not have paid better with Paritutu is an open question. Mr. George's gelding was fighting for his head for a mile and a-half, almost pulling Johnston out of the saddle, and this undoubtedly took a lot of the steam out of him. As they passed the grandstand the second time, Omati was three lengths in front of Paritutu, with Aorangi next. At this point the latter was galloping beautifully, Cairns riding a very nice race, and keen judges immediately scented danger from the son of Merriwee. Running round the back of the course for the last time Julian made a forward move on Sol, while Waipu crept up a bit nearer the leaders. With three furlongs to go Omati began to tire, while Aorangi passed Paritutu and then went to the front. Sol and Waipu also joining the leading division. It was at this point the accident happened which spoilt the race, just at the time, too, when it looked like providing a great finish. As they came to the ninth hurdle near the entrance to the straight, Aorangi was about half a length in front of Omati and going strong. He failed to judge the jump properly, and toppled over, Omati coming down at the same moment. Paritutu, who was following immediately behind, tumbled over the fallen pair, Dolores also coming to grief. Fortunately for themselves Waipu and Sol were running a bit wide at the time, but Sol was knocked out of his stride. The result was that when the straight was reached Waipu was in front, just showing the way to Sol, with nothing else near the pair. Waipu jumped the last hurdle half a length ahead of Sol, and, coming on, defeated Mr. Morgan's gelding by two lengths. Lady Hune,

who came from a long way back, just got up in time to beat Cuiragno on the post for third place. Loch Fyne, who had been toiling in the rear for most of the race, stayed out the last half mile when some of the others were stopping, and finished fifth, while he was followed home by Le Beau, Showman, Kiatere, and Cavaliero, the last to finish being Landlock. None of the riders of the fallen horses were injured, but Aorangi was so knocked about that he was struck out of all engagements at the meeting.

As to which would have won had the accident not have happened it is difficult to say, but the subject has been well threshed out during the week. In the writer's opinion Aorangi would have been hailed as the victor so well as he going at the time. Many consider that Paritutu would have done the trick, but this is very doubtful, for the going was very heavy, he had a big weight in the saddle, and had been fighting with his rider most of the time. It certainly looked as though both Waipu and Sol had his measure, and probably this pair would have chased Aorangi home. This, however, is but idle conjecture.

Waipu, the winner, is an aged brown gelding belonging to Mr. A. F. Douglas. He was bred at the Te Mahanga station by his owner, being got by the Musket horse Torpedo from Ua, by Mute from Waitiri, by Musket from Uira, by Traducer from Young Sharkie, by Glaucus. He thus is strongly inbred to Musket. Waipu was very leniently treated by the handicapper, who allotted him 9st 3lb. for even the 10lb penalty which he incurred through his win at Wanganui failed to stop him. Mr. A. F. Douglas won the race last year with the Merriwee horse Merriwal.

THE GREAT NORTHERN MEETING OF THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

WAIPU WINS THE BIG HURDLE RACE.

On Saturday the Auckland Racing Club made a commencement with the Winter, or as it is more generally known, the Great Northern, Meeting. Overnight the weather conditions had been bad, rain descending in torrents, with much thunder and lightning. When Saturday morning broke fine there was much jubilation among racegoers who intended assisting at the meeting. Before noon, clouds came up and there was a light sprinkle of rain, but it soon passed off, and very pleasant conditions prevailed. The attendance at Ellerslie when proceedings commenced was small, the hour for starting being too early to allow business folk to be present. Later on it was greatly augmented, but even then fell considerably below the average. A good many people had come in from the country to witness the racing, and there was a sprinkling of Southern visitors, but Aucklanders did not patronise the meeting in the manner which might have been expected. Mr Hill had the enclosures in fine order, and the flowers, especially the chrysanthemums and begonias, made a bright display. The course was very heavy after the copious downpour. Mr Hartland, the club's secretary, had all the arrangements well in hand for the smooth running of the meeting, and everything passed off without mishap. Mr O'Connor did well at the starting barrier, although he had some big fields to deal with, and Mr Lusk's decisions were given with the utmost promptness.

After his running at Wanganui it was generally expected that Waipu would win the Great Northern Hurdles, and so it happened, but the victory was a somewhat lucky one, as, but for the mishap two fences from home, where Omati, Aorangi, Paritutu and Dolores fell, it is fairly safe to assert that Aorangi would have been hailed as the winner, so well was the son of Merriwee going at the time, with possibly Paritutu second. However, it is somewhat idle conjecturing what might have happened for the fact remains that Waipu got the verdict after being hunted home all the way by Sol, whose victory would have been very popular.

Betting was very brisk, for, although the figures handled at the totalisator, viz., £10,025, showed a decrease of £5,930 10s, no less than thirty-one bookmakers were licensed to bet, and these all seemed to be doing a heavy business. The actual racing was not very interesting, there being an absence of any close and exciting finishes.

A commencement was made with the Maiden Steeplechase, 2½ miles, four going to the post. After his running at Takapuna, Bullworth was made a very strong favourite, Good Faith being the most fancied of the others. Directly they were sent on their way Bullworth took on the role of pacemaker, and he led up the hill from Lady Lanta. These two were in front at the double, followed by Matakokiri, Cinque, and Good Faith. At the jump near the mile post, Bullworth came down, but Phillips quickly remounted and went in chase of the others. In the meantime Good Faith had gone to the front, and he was in the van at the top of the hill, followed by Cinque and Lady Lanta. Cinque closed on the leader coming down the hill and was almost on terms at the last jump. Good Faith had a little bit in hand, however, and hard ridden by Selby, the Federation gelding won by three lengths. Lady Lanta was a dozen lengths off third, Bullworth, who had made up a tremendous lot of ground, a close fourth, and Matakokiri last.

A great field of seventeen turned out for the Jervois Handicap, 5 furlongs, Wauchope, Vasa, and Lady Frances being most sought after. With such a cavalcade to deal with it was only to be expected that Mr O'Connor would have trouble, and when the barrier did rise after some delay, the start was a bit ragged. Wauchope immediately took up the running from Inaha, and as they neared the home bend the order was Wauchope, Inaha, Octoroon, Lochbuie, and Lady Frances. It was a good race all the way up the straight, but Mr Ring's colt was always able to head his lead, winning all out by over a length from Dogger Bank, Octoroon being third, Lucio fourth, and Lady Frances fifth.

Eight went to the post for the Maiden Hurdles, one mile and three-quarters, and of these English was in most demand. Directly they settled down from the start Noteorini and Miss Crispin were seen in front, but they had not gone far before the latter had assumed command. As they passed the stand the order was Miss Crispin, English, Rotoiti and Flint Island, with Pierre last. Down the back Miss Crispin was two lengths ahead of English, who drew up alongside the mare at the six furlongs mark, while Julian made a forward move on Franklin, and Pierre came through from the rear. As they neared the home bend Franklin was showing the way to a bunch, but here he came down. This left Tui and Pierre in front, and a good race home resulted in a two lengths' win for Pierre, Noteorini being four lengths off third, Flint Island fourth, and English fifth.

Then came the big event, the Great Northern Hurdles, two and a-half miles. From this the absentees were Mahoe, Hautapu, Prospector, Defeat, and Kapakapa. This left a nice field of fourteen to contest the rich stake, and of these the popular picks were Waipu, Paritutu, Sol, and Aorangi. A splendid start was effected, Landlock showing the way over the first fence, with Paritutu, Omati and Aorangi next and so they ran past the stand. Down the back Omati went to the front, being three lengths ahead of Landlock, with Paritutu pulling double, third. As they turned for the home stretch Omati was still running along three lengths ahead, and at the stand the order was Omati, Paritutu, still

reefing hard, Aorangi (going beautifully), Cavaliero, Waipu, Sol, Le Beau, with Loch Fyne whipping in the field. Six furlongs from home Aorangi commenced to go up to the leader, and Sol also made a forward move. Two jumps from home Aorangi, who was in front and looking a likely winner, toppled over, as did Omati, and these brought down Paritutu and Dolores. This left Sol and Waipu, who had been coming fast in front, and these two landed into the straight together, with Cuiragno next. The two leaders jumped the last hurdle together, but in the last little bit Waipu drew out and won by nearly two lengths from Sol, who was fifteen lengths ahead of Lady Hune, the latter just beating Cuiragno, and then came Loch Fyne, Le Beau, Showman, Kiatere, Cavaliero and Landlock.

When the excitement had cooled down the Cornwall Handicap, one mile and a-quarter, was called on for decision, and for this eight faced the barrier, Maharani and Bobrikoff being in best demand. The start was a good one, Bobrikoff and Uranium getting under weigh the quickest. Passing the stand Uranium, Leonator, Bobrikoff and Celtic constituted the leading quartette. At the back the order was much the same, except that White Lie and Rauparaha had gone up to the leaders. Mr Banks' mare was first into the straight, but then the weight told its tale, and she faded out. At the distance Bobrikoff asserted his claim, and, coming with a strong run, won easily by nearly two lengths from Leonator, Celtic being over a length away third, followed by Uranium, Maharani, Rauparaha, White Lie and Recreation.

The Ladies' Bracelet, one mile and a-half, was not a very interesting event. The majority of the public were unaware who the riders were, and it seemed a pity the names could not have been given greater publicity to. There were nine runners, Mrs. Bull's gelding Belario being made a piping hot favourite. Directly the field was sent away Mr. Alison took Mark Time to the front, and he led past the stand from Kottli and Belario. Down the back the favourite had gone up second, while First Gun was mending his position. Mark Time showed the way into the straight, but then compounded, and Belario, coming away, won without an effort by three lengths from Ahei, with First Gun two lengths off third, and Mahoe fourth.

The concluding event, run long after time, by the way, was the Members' Handicap, five furlongs, thirteen comprising the bunch. With four consecutive wins to her credit, punters came open-mouthed at Tauriki, who, on paper, looked "a moral," carrying, as she was, 15lb less than when she won her last race. There is no such thing as a certainty in a five furlongs' scamper among a big field. After a display of temper by Waihou, that particularly smart beginner, Mighty Atom, was first away, and he led round the bend from Foremost, Loongana and Haldane, with Waihou last. At the distance the pony was done with, and Foremost coming on, won by a length from Tauriki, who, when she got out, finished at a tremendous pace, but could not quite reach the winner. Haldane was three lengths off third, Waihou fourth, and Imprimus fifth.

The particulars were as follows:—

THE MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE of 150sovs: second horse to receive 20 sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. About two miles and a-half.	
Mr. F. P. Selby's b g Good Faith, 5yrs, by Federation—Nelson mare, 9.7 (Selby)	1
Mr. H. Munn's b m Cinque, aged, by Saracen—Daudine, 10.6 (Barron)	2
Miss T. Daley's b m Lady Lanta, aged, by Leolantis—Flying Quail, 9.9 (W. Raynor)	3
Also ran: Bullworth 10.0, Matakokiri 9.7, Time, 4m. 57s.	
THE JERVOIS HANDICAP of 100sovs: second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Five furlongs.	
Mr. W. C. Ring's b c Wauchope, 3yrs, by Freedom—Black Watch, 9.6 (Whittaker)	1
Mr. T. Wylie's br g Dogger Bank, 4yrs, by Menschikoff—Mysterious, 9.1 (Ryan)	2
Mr. J. Murphy's ch g Octoroon, 4yrs, by Menschikoff—The Slave, 9.1, including 5lb penalty (Cress)	3

Derby and Grand Prize two years ago. Glacis, who was bred by his owner, Lord Derby, was until recently a moderate performer, although he wound up last season by running second to Menu in the Liverpool Autumn Cup. He, however, began this season well, as he won the Queen's Prize at Kempton Park recently, and he followed up that success by putting up a 10lb. penalty and winning the Chester Cup, one of the most important long-distance races in England. Some good horses have won the Chester Cup, among them being two great brood mares in Alice Hawthorn (dam of Thormanby) and Beeewing (dam of Newminster). Glacis is a four-year-old son of Carbine from Glasalt, by Isinglass (son of Isonomy) from Broad Corrie, by Hampton from Corrie Roy, by Galopin.

Up to the time the last mail left England Noctiform had not been put into training again, and during the winter he was occasionally ridden to meets of hounds. Referring to the chestnut, the "Special Commissioner" writes: "It is to be hoped that he will, after all, be able to give us a show of what he really can do though his backers will not be many, until he restores their confidence by at least one victory. Hewitt, I may say, who rode him a good many times last season, has never been of opinion that the son of Multiform had lost his courage, still less his action, but that he stopped in his races because, from climatic or other causes, he had never regained the condition which was his when he carried all before him in New Zealand and Australia. Jockeys, however, are not always the best judges of these matters. Perhaps we shall find when it is all over that Noctiform developed heart trouble in his first races in this country."

The brown stallion Manton (Musket—Tres Deuce) died recently in New South Wales. Foaled in New Zealand in 1885, he showed first-class form, as a three-year-old, among other races winning the New Zealand Cup, Canterbury Derby, Canterbury Cup, and Wanganui Derby. As a four-year-old he visited Australia, but he did not strike his previous season's form, and his two best performances there were running second to Abercorn in the Craven Plate at Randwick, and second, with 9.9, to The Wild Oat in the Yan Yean Stakes at Flemington. At the stud he sired a fair number of winners, but never anything approaching his own class, and, taking the "Australasian Turf Register's" figures for it, his best seasons were 1898-9, and 1899-90, his respective totals on those occasions being £993 and £925.

To judge from the betting, the Ladies' Bracelet on Saturday was a "dead bird" for Belario, and so it proved, the son of The Officer fairly romping in. Mr. Mitchell rode a nice race on him, but, of course, the gelding had a lot in hand.

The death took place in England last month of Harry Custance, who won the Derbys of 1860, 1866, and 1874 on Thormanby, Lord Lyon, and George Frederick respectively.

How wonderfully quick off the mark is Mighty Atom. No matter how big the field it is any odds the stocky pony is first away. So it was in the Members' Handicap, but a good weight and heavy going stopped him in the last furlong.

It was recently found necessary to destroy Louis XIII. on account of infirmities. The stallion named was by St. Simon from Egentyne (Hermit—Mabille), and was bred in England in 1890. He was imported by the late Mr. H. C. White in 1901, and during the time he was at the stud in New South Wales sired, among others, Mazarin, Mutation, and Epic.

During the first fortnight of the present season in England, D. Maher won 13 of the 36 races in which he rode.

But for a fall at the head of the straight I. fancy Franklin would have won the Maiden Hurdle Race on Saturday. He had just gone to the front and was going so strongly at the time that it seemed any odds on a win when the jump, which proved fatal to so many in the G.N. Hurdles, brought him down. This time Julian was unhurt.

Although Foremost won the Members' Handicap on Saturday, it was a somewhat lucky victory, for if the favourite (Tauriki) had got out as quickly she must have won. At the finish the mare was catching him very fast.

Although the winnings of Melton's progeny have fallen short of £3000 for each of the past two seasons in England, that sire's list for this season has filled at 200 guineas.

The prominent American jockey, H. Radkte, who at one time rode for Mr. J. R. Keene, has been engaged to ride in Russia.

The totalisator figures again showed a very heavy falling off yesterday at Eilerslie, the poor fields in the last two events being partly responsible for this.

Acceptances for next Saturday's races at Eilerslie close with Mr. Hartland at noon to-day.

I take it that a Jumpers' Flat Race is a race intended for jumpers. Can Uranium by any process of imagination be considered in this light? I fancy last year she started in the Hunt Club Hurdles, and once in the Waikato, but, writing from memory, do not think she completed the course on either occasion. Uranium is perhaps the best flat racer in Auckland at the present moment, so to include her among the jumpers seems ridiculous. By the way, why was Shrapnel asked to concede her 4lb?

After his bold showing on the opening day, Franklin was picked out as something pretty good in the Orakei Hurdles yesterday. He nearly came down at the jump opposite the Derby enclosure, Coleman making a very smart recovery, but after that the race was his. It seemed a bit rash pulling the gelding out again in the Jumpers' Flat Race against Uranium and Shrapnel, as the task was manifestly beyond him.

L. Hewitt rode two winners in England just prior to the mail leaving. One of those was Pal o' Mine in the Holiday Plate, and the other was Bye-way in the Coventry Plate.

Last Monday's steamer took the Leolantis gelding Cachuca to Sydney, his mission being the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race.

The Anglo-Welsh football team defeated Southland yesterday at Invercargill by 14 to 8. The home team led at half-time, but the visitors added 9 points in the second half. The attendance was very large.

THE GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE.

The Great Northern Steeplechase, which came up for decision yesterday, provided a very interesting race throughout, although at the finish the horses were spread out down the course. All the ten horses coloured on the card faced the starter, and backers were in a quandary what to go for. As a matter of fact every horse in the race carried a fair number of investments, but the public considered, as the track was in good order, the two top weights, Klatere and Sol, were the most dangerous, and backed them accordingly. After Inniskillen had piloted the field for a bit he struck the top of the sod wall and came down very heavily, appearing to break his back. The Grand National winner of 1905 was going very well at the time, but seemed to get too close into the obstacle before rising. So far as could be seen from the Press stand he never moved again. Young, the rider, was temporarily knocked out, but soon recovered. Inniskillen's mishap left Le Beau with a good lead, and he made a very gallant effort to emulate the good deeds of his dam, Belle, in the same event twenty-two years ago. The distance found him out, but the gelding jumped faultlessly through-out. A mile from home Loch Fyne had taken command, and from that out had the race at his mercy, winning very comfortably indeed by four lengths from Sol. Loch Fyne ran a very different horse to what he showed in the Takapuna Steeplechase, in which he appeared to be beaten a long way from home. In that event, which was run over a similar distance to the Great Northern, Sol and Bullworth beat him pointless, while Pierre finished a long way in front of him. He was meeting Sol on 10lb better terms, Pierre on 1lb worse terms, and Bullworth on 5lb better terms. On that form Pierre and Bullworth at least should have defeated him again, whereas he fairly lost them both.

Loch Fyne is an aged bay gelding who was got by Lochness from Pikau, by Anteros from Amohia, by Albany from Sludge, by Sledmere from Gitana, by Sir Hercules.

Sol ran very consistently, and it

was hard luck for the owner having his game little gelding run second in each of the big events. To the writer it seemed that Wilson made a serious error of judgment in keeping so far out of his ground. For two rounds Sol was whipping in the field, and he had a tremendous lot of ground to make up over the last six furlongs. That he got so close to the winner speaks very highly for the gameness of the little son of Soult. Le Beau ran a very good race, for he was in the lead most of the way and struggled on to the end in the gamest fashion. Pierre was quite twenty lengths behind Le Beau, and then at long intervals came Klatere, Nadador, Bullworth, and Kapakapa. The disappointment of the race was Klatere. He ran at the tall end of the field nearly the whole way, and finished a hundred yards behind the leaders, being so tired that he could hardly keep out of a walk. It was a very different performance to when he carried 12st 13lb to victory in the race of last year.

THE GISBORNE RACING CLUB'S STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

Owners should not overlook the fact that entries for the Gisborne R.C. Winter Meeting close with Mr. M. G. Nasmith on Saturday next, June 6, at 9 p.m. The programme is a good one, and well worth the attention of owners. Coming as it does after all the local racing is over, it is probable that a fair number of horses will be sent down to run at the Southern town.

THE PAKURANGA HUNT CLUB.

Owing to the A.R.C. meeting there was no meet on Saturday, but on Monday, which was a perfect hunting day, some good runs were had. The meet was at the Otahuhu Monument, and after trying several spots without success. A good hare was found on that part of Mr. Gray's farm adjacent to Mr. Murphy's, and a pleasant run through the swamp over gorse and wire country ensued, and from there up on to the hills and scoria country. A fresh hare was here chopped and killed. The huntsman lost very little time in putting hounds on to the original scent again, and a line was made back to the original starting point, where puss was lost. A fresh hare was put up in the adjacent swamp, but was soon lost. A large clump of tea-tree bush about half a mile away was then tried, and the hounds soon gave tongue, but puss having plenty of opportunity evaded her pursuers. Eventually a strong hare was seen making its way out of the bush. She headed for Mr. Southey Baker's land, doubled into Messrs. Tims' and Bevin's properties, and crossed the road again over into Gray's swamp, and here the scent began to get bad, and the chase was abandoned, as the light was failing. This was one of the fastest runs that the club has had for years.

Amongst those following were: Miss N. Gorrie on Aroha, Miss Lloyd on The Abbott, Miss Harris on Highfyer, Mr. Bullock Webster (deputy-master) on Liberty, Sir Robert Lockhart on Waiuku, Mr. E. D. O'Rourke on Cloister and a gray, Mr. Isaac Gray on a black, Mr. Smales on Aotea, Mr. Ben. Myers on Bowler, Mr. C. Davis on Kilcairn, Mr. Patterson on a bay, Mr. Taff Webster on a bay, Master Harris on Spring Flower, Mr. Cam. Selby (huntsman) on Barrister, and Mr. Frank Selby (whip) on Mountain. Those driving were: Mr. A. Selby, Mrs. H. Crowther and Miss Crowther.

THE CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.

The balance-sheet of the C.J.C., which was presented at the annual meeting, was in every way satisfactory. For the season 1907-1908 the C.J.C. gave away in stakes the sum of £26,780 (says the "Weekly Press"), an increase of £1450 on the amount provided for the preceding season, which was Exhibition year. It was in many quarters anticipated that the profit made during the Exhibition season would stand as a record for many a year, yet, after taking into account the increase in stakes and other incidental expenses, the profit for the present season aggregates £4921 6s 4d. The principal sources of revenue have been:—Totalisator £18,744 8s, race receipts (including bookmakers' licenses £1149) £10,972 8s 3d, and nominations and acceptances which amounted to £6637. In the balance-sheet the liabilities are given as £33,444 11s 6d. After writing £500 off the railway construction account, and £500 off the water supply account, the assets equal the liabilities, and as these include £4000

reserve fund and £6000 deposit account, the position is better than the most sanguine supporter of the club could have anticipated. During the year the sum of £1069 18s 9d has been spent on necessary improvements, and the racecourse maintenance account amounted to £1070 16s 10d. A perusal of the financial statement will confirm the opinion already expressed that the present season has been the most successful from a financial point of view, in the history of the club. In the matter of high stakes' value and in regard to racecourse appointments the Canterbury Jockey Club holds the foremost position in New Zealand, and therefore it is eminently desirable that a good financial result should follow a policy of liberal expenditure.

THE KING'S COLT PERRIER.

The chief attraction at the Newmarket Craven meeting was undoubtedly the first public appearance as a three-year-old of His Majesty's colt Perrier (says the "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette"). Very wisely, the Biennial was chosen for the occasion, for it was evident that the race would not require much winning. Naturally enough, the son of Persimmon was the subject of a good deal of attention in the paddock, and those who favour the massive type of thoroughbred, could not fail to be pleased with what they saw, for big as he is the colt boasts any amount of quality, and is a gentleman all over. Perrier is a shocking bad mover in his slow paces, and it was scarcely surprising onlookers were not favourably impressed by the style in which he cantered down to the post. When fully extended, however, a very different tale has to be told, for though he strikes the ground very hard, he covers a tremendous amount of ground in his stride, and he did what he had to do in irreproachable style. The only cause for regret, indeed, was that his royal owner was not present to witness his horse's triumph, and to hear the hearty burst of cheering with which it was greeted.

THE NEW ZEALAND CUP.

The following are the nominations:—Frisco, Apa, The Lark, Ellerton, Lamsdorff, Lawn Rose, Uhlendo, Glonullin, Campfire, Stratagem, Coralie, Tangimiana, Miss Mischief, White Lie, Dr. Shiminose, Shuja, Cross Battery, Nobel, Ringdove, Count Witte, Downfall, Bobrikoff, Cohort, Bourrasque, Mahuta, Red and Black, Field Gun, Restless, Interpreter, Fandango, Outlander, Maharanui, Mallet, Tiptoe, Prim, Bonny Glen, Truce, The Rand, Formative, Uenuku, Lapland, Don Orsino, Zimmermann, St. Aidan, Diamond Star, Collin, Rifemaid, Moloch, Saga, King Post, Multifid, Moral, Aboriginal, Grand Slam, My Darling, Master Delaval, Master Soult, Seaman, Landwern, Armamento, Artillerie, brown gelding by Menschikoff—Durus, Uhlender, Signor, Carissima, Gu'ding Step, Paragon, Sir Frisco, Waipuna, San Fernando, Crichton, Beneform, St. Joe, Zetland, Heorthen, Probable, Kilts.

INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, June 2.

At the annual meeting of the Canterbury Jockey Club last Thursday, the chairman (Mr. F. H. Pyne) was able to congratulate members on the satisfactory state of the club's affairs. During the year the club gave £26,700 in stakes, an increase of £1450. Notwithstanding this the profit for the season was £4921 6s 4d, as against £5313 8s 11d in 1907, which was Exhibition year. The balance-sheet showed a debit of £5 5s, but against that they had £6000 on deposit.

Two important matters were touched on by the chairman in his address. One was the clashing of important meetings, such as Canterbury, Auckland, and Feilding, at Easter. He

F O O T B A L L.

AUCKLAND RUGBY UNION.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6.

AT ALEXANDRA PARK
PONSONBY v. PARNELL.
GRAFTON v. UNIVERSITY.

CITY v. NEWTON.

KICK-OFF AT 3 p.m.

Admission—Ground, 6d.; Stand, 6d.
Ladies Free.

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

suggested that if by rule of the Conference or mutual agreement between clubs such clashing could be avoided, it would be in the interest of the sport.

Another matter which deserved attention of Conference was the undue proportion of five and six-furlong scrambles in many programmes. A suggestion made by Mr. Grigg and referred to the committee was that a memorial race should be established, and it will probably find a place on the November programme.

Canton and Euruss have returned from their unsuccessful trip to Wanganui, rather the worse for wear. The former was badly knocked about, and will need a spell.

Matters are very quiet at Riccarton, the majority of trainers being away at Dunedin.

Canterbury will be well represented at the Dunedin meeting, which opens there to-morrow, over twenty horses being engaged from headquarters, and it will be surprising if they do not capture a good share of the prize money.

Sir George Clifford's team, including Cannie Chiel, went on after the Oamaru meeting, and Clanchattan has gone down to join them.

Cotton took Petrovna, Silkweb, Chief Lochiel and Harvest down on Friday.

Slow Tom and Grandstand are engaged in jumping events, and the latter has been shaping really well in his schooling work.

Cross Battery, who won a double at Ashburton, is engaged in the principal events at the Otaki meeting.

Taggart took the Stepiak mare North on Thursday. On her Ashburton form she should be very hard to beat.

Among the latest aspirants for jumping honours are Kelp and Farley Grove, the former shows very promising style, and should develop into a capable fencer.

The New Zealand Cup nominations are due to-night, and with their publication sports will have something to gossip over and doubtless lose money over trying to pick the winner.

Speculation as to what would be done with horses owned by the late Mr Stead has been finally settled by the announcement that they will all be submitted to auction during the Grand National week. There are over seventy horses to be sold.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, June 1.

At a committee meeting of the Marton Jockey Club held on Wednesday night the programme for the September meeting was drawn up. The stakes were increased by 200 sovs., making a total of £1140 for the two days. The dates to be submitted for the annual meeting are 2nd and 3rd September, 1908, and in view of a second permit being granted, the 26th and 27th February, 1909.

The Wanganui Jockey Club's Winter Meeting, which commenced so well on Saturday, 23rd May, was brought to a successful conclusion on the Monday. The weather, which was well nigh perfect on Saturday, was decidedly unpleasant on the second day, as rain fell steadily nearly all through, but this did not prevent a very satisfactory crowd attending, nor did it interfere much with the quality of the sport provided, which was of the most interesting and en-

He tried Port Hacking after fish,
But only caught a cold.
He said, "Atchoo! By jove, I wish
I'd done as I was told.
This is indeed a Hacking Cough.
Good name it's got, I'm sure!"
But next day he was right enough
Through Woods' Great Peppermint
Cure.

joyable description. The acceptances were again good, and some excellent racing was witnessed in most of the events. At this stage it is not necessary to refer at any great length to the different events, but a few of the most interesting features of the day's sport may be commented upon. There were twelve bookmakers' licensed inside and a like number outside, and the sum of £9301 was put through the machine, making £11,140 for the meeting, as against £23,360 last year—a falling off of £4585.

Waipu's running in the Century Hurdles was in marked contrast to the form he displayed in the Hack Hurdles on the opening day, when he quite failed to make anything like a decent showing. On Monday, however, he shaped like the really good hurdler that he is, coming at the business end with a splendid effort and winning fairly easily from Compass, another gelding which gave a much better display than on the first day. The stewards held an inquiry into Waipu's running, and the explanation given by the Torpedo gelding's connections was considered satisfactory. It may be that the public would have been satisfied also had they heard the explanation, but the inquiry was not open to the Press, so that people have to be content with the assurance that a good excuse was offered for the remarkably strong reversal of form. On the first day Waipu was the favourite, but he was never in the hunt, so that it is no wonder his performance on the Monday was a staggerer to followers of form. It is stated that the owner had a good bet on his horse on the first day.

Those behind The Stake had a good win over The Officer gelding's victory on the Saturday, but they put in so heavily on the gelding in the Century Hurdles that they probably did not profit much by their visit here.

Though The Dane did not run any too well in the Hack Hurdles on the Monday, the St. Clement's gelding jumped nicely, and with more experience is likely to win a hurdle race or two.

The suggestion has been thrown out by "Achilles" in the local "Herald" that the Wanganui Jockey Club should strike out the two small steeplechase events on the programme of their winter meeting, and substitute an open flat handicap event and one Steeplechase with good prize money attached. If this were done probably more horses would be nominated for the Wanganui Steeplechase on the first day, as there would be a chance for them winning a decent prize on the second day, whereas at present it is really not worth while starting a good horse in either of the concluding day's steeplechases.

It is also suggested that if the May Hurdles were run on the second day and the Century decided on the first day, bigger fields and better racing would be witnessed. From what can be gathered the proposals put forth are likely to be adopted; at any rate the general idea is that owners of jumpers would like to see the club make the experiment.

The New Zealand Trotting Association has given the proposed Wanganui Trotting Club its quietus, at least for the time being, by refusing to grant its application for registration. The club was asked to apply again in six months.

Some of the cross-country riders who have been over the Wanganui steeplechase course are inclined to think that the hencoop which brought Arapura down in the big steeple, when Fahey was fatally injured, is rather too formidable an obstacle for horses which have already raced over 2½ miles. The jump is just four feet high, and is of course very solid. However, perhaps, if the hencoop were shifted from its present position—just at a corner—it would be much safer. It has often been said of late that the local steeplechase course is too easy to negotiate, that the jumps are practically no more formidable than in a hurdle race.

It is generally agreed that Mr Geo. Morse has never done better work than he did in connection with the late W.J.C. Meeting, during which his handicapping was responsible for capital fields and some of the finest racing and best finishes ever seen here. It was a splendid meeting, and it is good to know that the club will have a satisfactory balance to the profit account in connection with the gathering.

The form shown by Tilson, Kaipetipeti, Faro, and Moosten over the big fences at Wanganui was very promising indeed, and one would probably not be far out in prophesying that the two former will prove two of the best 'chasers seen out for a long time.

The hurdler General Peel has changed hands. The Linstock gelding is quite sound, and should prove a bargain to his new owner, even though the latter paid a fairly substantial price for him.

Joe Stanley, the well-known local cross country rider, is leaving Wanganui for Auckland, where he has secured an engagement with C. Weal. Joe is not only a really good rider but he is one of the best behaved lads one could wish to drop across. He is an artist at schooling beginners over hurdles and fences, and should do well in the North.

Considerable interest was taken in a trotting match decided on the local racecourse last Thursday (the 28th May) between Messrs W. J. Aynsley and C. B. Giesen's horses over two miles. In the 95 seconds Aynsley's horse had covered half a mile, but a little later on tore off both front shoes, and was brought to a standstill. Going on again, Giesen's horse managed to get up 100 yards from home, and going on won easily. On returning to the stable the winner suddenly lay down and died without a struggle. He was a valuable animal, worth at least £100. A lot of money changed hands over the result.

HAWKE'S BAY.

NAPIER, June 2.

After a postponement from Monday, owing to very unfavourable weather, the newly-constituted Hawke's Bay Trotting Club held their inaugural meeting on the Waipukurau racecourse on Wednesday. The sky was overcast and threatening for the greater part of the day, but fortunately the rain held off and some good sport was enjoyed. The postponement injuriously affected the attendance, and there were probably less than 500 people on the ground. The stewards did all that was possible to ensure the enjoyment of their patrons, and are to be congratulated on the success achieved under the unpropitious circumstances. There was no totalisator on the ground, but ten bookmakers afforded every opportunity to those inclined to invest on the different races. The betting was generally lively, but owing to the smallness of the crowd the pencilers were not wholly satisfied with the business done. At the outset they jointly refused to pay the fee of £7 10s each demanded by the club, and after a conference they were granted a considerable concession, the stewards accepting £15 as a combined fee from the lot.

The Waipukurau Handicap was a race for harnessed horses only, the competitors in all the other events having the option of harness or saddle. The course was heavy as a result of recent rains, and therefore the times recorded were in most instances slow.

Huonette, a daughter of Huons, won a double, the Porangahau Maiden Plate and Arlington Handicap. Te Awahuri, a five-year-old son of Bellman, got the verdict in a couple of events—the Ladies' Bracelet and Mount Herbert Handicap. Rockwood (by Blackwood—Abdallah) secured the Hawke's Bay Handicap, Butterfly (by Imperious) the Waipukurau Handicap, Ticket, a daughter of King George, capturing the Tavistock Handicap.

Mr. J. H. Pollock, the club's handicapper, was in attendance, and by his knowledge and experience, considerably lightened the labours of the officials.

T. Quinlivan, jun., brought back from Wanganui a baby brother to Helen Portland by Chasseur that fell to his nod at 11 guineas when some of Mr. Moore's youngsters were put up for sale.

Asteroid, who is still in work, will be mated with Birkenhead this season.

The ancient Baltic is now one of Paddy (A.) Rayner's pupils at Greenmeadows.

Aroha has been registered as the joint property of Messrs. Stanley Bennett and J. Allen.

T. Quinlivan, jun., is having a bad time of it with his youngsters, all of the juvenile brigade being laid up with influenza and strangles. The elder members of his team—Gazeley, King Billy, Moriarty, and Muskerry—are so far well and hearty.

Stay-at-home backers remained loyal to Waipu and Bobrikoff on Saturday, the result being an increase of their bullion. The success of the former would no doubt be very pleasing to Mr. A. F. Douglas, for the gelding was bred on the station (Te Mahanga) owned by he and his brother, Mr. W. J. Dogulas.

That well-known jumper King Jimmy, owned by Miss Reynolds, of Gisborne, died here last Thursday on the passage by steamer from Gisborne to Napier. He was injured in his box and succumbed shortly after his arrival here.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, June 2.

Harry Thompson, an old-time leading Canterbury jockey and trainer, who, during recent years, has devoted his time to supervising various horse-breeding establishments, may probably re-enter the ranks of private trainers. Thompson, at the instance of one of Canterbury's wealthy landowners (who is anxious to acquire a racing stud) has just completed the inspection of a number of thoroughbreds that have been placed on the sale list by the Hon. J. D. Ormond. Quite a number of untried youngsters were led out for inspection, and business may result when Thompson has reported the result of his inspection to his principal.

The result of the Great Northern Hurdle Race came as no surprise to those who witnessed the great staying abilities exhibited by Mr. Douglas' horse Waipu at Wanganui. From the report of the race Waipu may have been lucky, inasmuch as three dangerous opponents, Paritutu, Omati, and Aorangl, fell whilst occupying prominent positions near the business end of the contest. Waipu is such a genuine stayer that in all probability the leaders would have come back to him ere they landed over the last hurdle had they stood up. Only those who witnessed the strong run put in by Waipu at the finish of the Wanganui Hurdle Race can form a correct estimation of his staying.

The mishap of Paritutu's is the first he has experienced, the Castor gelding being exceedingly nimble over battens. Those who witnessed the clever recoveries made by Paritutu (after he had heavily clouted some of his hurdles) in the last Grand National Hurdle Race, quickly recognised that the New Plymouth horse would soon become a most proficient hurdler. The most experienced hurdle riders will make mistakes, but Percy Johnston has been long enough at the game to know that it is risky business approaching a hurdle in the immediate rear of another horse. Obviously, should the leader fall, there is but little hope for those following close behind.

The victory of Bobrikoff in the Cornwall Handicap bears out the good opinion that was formed of the colt when he effected his sensational run in the last Hawke's Bay Guineas. It is no exaggeration to state that in that race he conceded Gold Dust and Elevation quite a dozen lengths. This he reduced to a couple of lengths ere the judge's box was reached. That very useful pair of colts, Goldbeater and All Red, were passed by Bobrikoff as if they were common hacks. Should Mr. Lowry's gelding remain sound he will prove hard to defeat in the very best of company.

News has been received in Wellington that the whole of the late Mr. Geo. G. Stead's extensive racing stud, together with stallions, brood mares and foals, will be absolutely sold without reserve early in August next. All ready probable buyers from Australia and elsewhere are on the qui vive, and competition for the numerous highly-bred lots is sure to be keen. It is a noteworthy fact that only a few days prior to his illness the deceased sportsman spoke hopefully of his team's prospects for the ensuing racing season. Included in the Yaldhurst team are the highly-bred colts and fillies purchased by Mr. Stead during his last visit to England. As these will be eligible for racing early next spring, it will be interesting to note how they will fare when pitted against Maoriland-bred horses.

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A DANGEROUS HABIT.

It is not generally known that at least four out of every ten horses do not lie down to sleep. The horse that sleeps in a standing position rests one leg at a time, depending on the other three to maintain the weight of the body. The habit is a very dangerous one. Only a short time since a fine horse in the stables of a big manufacturing firm went to sleep while standing in his stall, and fell heavily to the floor, breaking one of his legs. A great many horses are permanently injured as a result of accidents of this nature, and there is no way of curing them of the habit. Horses who do lie down to sleep often double their forelegs under them, their hoofs rubbing and irritating the skin and flesh at the back of the upper part of them until they form those unsightly though practically painless, lumps which so often disfigure the forelegs of otherwise shapely animals.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW GOVERNOR-GENERAL AS A RACING MAN.

The Earl of Dudley, who is to succeed Lord Northcote as the Governor-General of Australia, registered his colours—straw, violet belt and cap—in 1888, although he raced before that time, and adopted the assumed name of Mr E. Wardour. R. Marsh was the trainer, and John Watts and George Barrett did the riding for the stable. Lord Dudley had some experience as an amateur rider, and often rode his own horses at the meetings of the Bibury club, at Stockbridge, and also at Lewis. Lord Dudley won his first race, the Ellesmere Welter Handicap, at Manchester, in 1887, with Monsieur de Paris, and among other good horses he owned were Fullerton, Oberon, and the wittily-named Present Alms, by Miser from Salute. With Present Alms he won the Kempton-park Great Breeders' Plate, worth £1644, and Fullerton won the Ayrshire Plate but was disqualified on the ground of wrong nomination as to age, and the horse was relegated to the stud. Maskery, Poem, Formidable, Merry Monk, Beaulieu, and Daisy Wreath also kept the colours prominently before the public. Lord Dudley also bestowed his patronage upon cross-country sport, and in 1890 he carried off the Grand Steeplechase de Paris, worth £4718, with Royal Meath, and in the following year his horse Cloister ran second to Comeaway in the Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase. Two years afterwards—that is in 1893—Cloister carried 12st 7lb to victory, but it was not in the colours of Lord Dudley, who retired from the turf in 1891, the last race he won being a two-year-old race at the Newmarket Houghton meeting with Alicia.

AMERICAN HORSES IN ENGLAND.

About the first American-bred horse to race in England was Prioress, who won the Cesarewitch in 1857. (recalls the "Australian.") There was a magnificent finish for the race, and Prioress, El Hakim, and Queen Bess ran a dead heat. It was decided to run it off, and Fordham was substituted for Tanksey on Prioress, and Bray replaced Little on El Hakim, who started favourite in the run-off. Prioress, however, won easily.

Parole was the next American-bred horse of any note to figure on the English turf, and after beating the great Isonomy at Newmarket, he beat a strong field in the City and Suburban in 1879. It was Parole's success that induced Mr Pierre Lorillard to take Iroquois to England, and, after being beaten in the Two Thousand Guineas by Peregrine, Iroquois won the Derby and St. Leger.

Last year's Derby winner, Orby, is out of an American-bred mare, and so is Rhodora, the Dewhurst Plate winner. This year the Americans have begun the season well, as Rubic won the Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase Norman III. the Two Thousand Guineas, and Rhodora the One Thousand Guineas.

The owner scratched the favourite horse.
The punter scratched his head,
And gazed distracted to the course;
Then to his friends he said:
"This punting may allure, but not
As other things allure,
And I would sooner put my lot
On Woods' Great Peppermint Cure."

Octagon, the sire of Norman III. was a great performer in America, where he twice won the Toboggan Handicap for Mr Belmont. He has been a great success at the stud, and, in addition to siring Norman III., he got that great filly Beldame. Octagon is a son of Rayon d'Or, a French-bred horse, who won the St. Leger in 1879. Norman III. is out of Nineveh, who goes back to Old Diamond (sometimes called Duchess), imported to South Carolina before the Revolution. Old Diamond runs back through Lady Thigh to D'Arcy's Black Legged Royal mare, the tap root of Bruce Lowe's No. 5 family. Nineveh's sire was The Ill-Used. He was so badly knocked about in his first three races, when he ran as the Breadalbane colt, that Mr Belmont named him The Ill-Used. He was a great stayer, but, strangely enough, his stock were sprinters rather than stayers. He was practically a brother in blood to Epigram, the sire of Le Grand, as he was by Breadalbane from Ellermire, whilst Epigram was by Breadalbane's brother, Blair Athol.

RIDERS AND THEIR CRITICS.

"Nothing succeeds like success," and no one knows it better than the race-rider. Let him win, no matter under what circumstances, and he is mostly lauded to the skies, but if he happens to finish, say, second, after doing his mount full justice, and as likely as not he will be told that he "threw the race away." This continual blaming of the second rider becomes monotonous at times, especially when it is plain to men of reasonable view that there is no reason for fault finding. As has been said before, it is a strange thing that the best riders are mostly on the lawn amongst the onlookers, while the race is being run. It is often amusing to hear people who have not the least knowledge of their subject condemning the performance of riders. Every man who goes to the races with but a theatrical knowledge of the game puts himself up as a critic in this connection, and the less he knows of the business the more anxious he seems to be heard. At a meeting recently one "authority" was heard bitterly complaining about the rider of the favourite "going to sleep," as he put it, while a few yards further on another self-appointed critic was telling his friends how the race was lost through the rider "coming away too soon!" The truth of the matter was that this horseman had left not the slightest room for fault finding in the handling of the mount, but he had the misfortune to find an opponent just a little too good for him at the finish. But, of course, "the average man in the crowd" can see no merit in anything short of actual success. It has to be freely admitted that the riders of the present day are not, taken all round, up to the standard of former years, but we cannot, all the same, agree that they are so often to blame as some of the critics would have us believe.—Melbourne I. and S. News.

THE JOCKEY QUESTION.

It is difficult for a race-rider (or anyone else connected with Turf pursuits, for that matter), to keep himself entirely free from suspicion, let him be ever so well intentioned in his motives (says the Melbourne S. and D. News). And it is wonderful how quickly a feeling of distrust against a rider grows once it is given a start. There is always a section of people on the course only too ready to put everything that happens down to dishonesty of purpose on the part of the chief actors in the piece, but as men of more reasonable mind know, this sort of talk is very often mere imagination, for which a few dissatisfied backers are responsible. But it must, unfortunately, be confessed that these suspicious people are not always in the wrong. There is at times some foundation for their free criticism of the tactics of certain riders, for instance. At the present moment, we must frankly own, there are a few horsemen in regular practice going the right way to strike trouble. So far they have been able by their cleverness in the saddle to disguise their ill-doings so effectively that the "powers that be" have scarcely yet realised that the operators are at work, but, like the pitcher that went once too often to the well, the young gentlemen in the saddle who now appear to be fixing things to their own

liking, will, we fancy, find themselves brought up with a round turn one of these days, and that, let us hope, before long. And there is not likely to be any sympathy wasted on them when they are eventually brought to book. The game will be well rid of such schemers, and it would be a very good thing, too, if their "friends" who pull the strings from behind can also be located and passed out the gate along with the tools who appear to be doing their bidding. There is some "cleansing" work to be done in this particular connection, and we may offer the prediction that the little nest of thieves at present doing pretty well as they like, will be asked to leave directly. If not sooner, there will probably, as the Americans say, be "something doing" in the way of checking the evil complained of when licensing day for the riders comes round again.

AN IMPOSSIBILITY ASKED FOR.

The other day a bookmaker was fined in Sydney for breaches of the Betting Act. This was C. Townsend, who was fined £10 for betting with a minor at Wellington races. The magistrate stated that when a young fellow wanted to make a bet, the bookmaker should make inquiries, or not bet at all. Now if the magistrate is ever at Randwick on a race day (writes Martindale) and takes the trouble to stand alongside some popular bookmaker when he is betting on a race or two, he will see how almost impossible it is for a bookmaker to do as he says. At times there are, perhaps quite a hundred people, all anxious to get their money on something that has just come into the market. Upon such occasions, the bookmaker may bet with people whom he hardly looks at, so smartly is the business done. Thus the bookmaker is placed at a great disadvantage, and it is almost unfair that the person who bets, and is under age, should not be penalised also. They know that they are breaking the law when they ask for a wager.

CARBINE AND POSEIDON COMPARED.

In the course of an interesting comparison between these two great horses, "Ribbleden" of the "Australasian" has the following:—

Although Poseidon is not likely to leave the post for the paddock yet awhile, the time is opportune to review his career and performances, which in some respects have been remarkable. To say that Poseidon was bred by Mr R. H. Dangar, and cost Mr Denison 500 guineas as a yearling, is but to repeat an oft-told story. As regards pedigree, Poseidon is the result of the fashionable cross—the crossing of St. Simon horses with mares of Musket descent—which has been so successful in Australia. As a stake-winner, Poseidon has done wonderfully well; indeed, up to the end of his third season he has won even more than Carbine won, and Carbine was a horse in ten thousand. The following table shows the respective stake-earnings of Poseidon and Carbine at corresponding periods:—

	Poseidon.	Carbine.
As a two-year-old ...	£185 ½	£1,155
As a three-year-old ...	13,890	6,401
As a four-year-old ...	5,871	6,384
As a five-year-old	15,686
	£19,946 ½	£29,626

Carbine and Poseidon began their careers in very different ways. Carbine ran five times as a two-year-old, and was never beaten. Curiously enough, he did not win a classic race, but his superiority over other three-year-olds was most marked; and, for a performance under handicap conditions his Melbourne Cup (10.5) stands unparalleled. This victory augmented Carbine's winnings considerably, the prize being worth no less a sum than £10,230. Unlike Carbine's, Poseidon's early form was of little account, but as a three-year-old he developed remarkable powers, and, although he never displayed the brilliancy of Carbine, he won distinction in both the Caulfield Cup and the Melbourne Cup—an achievement long looked for, but unaccomplished until Poseidon appeared on the scene. Viewed broadly, Poseidon had done pretty well everything that might reasonably be expected of a horse except win the Champion Stakes, the Cumberland Stakes of 1907, and the last A.J.C. Autumn Stakes! Failure in the latter event might have been overlooked; but when a few days afterwards he decisively turned the tables upon his

vanquishers in the Cumberland Stakes, the crowd became critical and denunciatory, and kicked up a hu-labaloo. Poseidon was actually hooted! However undesirable such demonstrations may be, I am afraid they are unavoidable while human nature is what it is. To say that they were justified would be as absurd as to say they are not justified—sometimes. It is a question if the racing public has not the right to express an opinion on a matter of public interest, provided they express it in a decent way.

Subsequent running showed that Poseidon's defeat in the Autumn Stakes was just as much an accident as was Marve's sensational but short-lived triumph over Carbine. In the ordinary affairs of life accidents suggest inquiries as to causes, but stewards are as peculiar in their performances as are some of the race-horses. Horse-flesh—and particularly the racecourse variety—is proverbially perverse; and what with this perverseness and the eccentricities of jockeys, the public has a lively time of it. To dabblers in speculation, inconsistency in the racehorse is the unforgivable sin. Grand Flaneur was a marvel of consistency, as he was never beaten; and Carbine during his four seasons on the turf was only once unplaced; only once was he found among the "also ran"—words of ominous meaning to backers of defeated favourites. Poseidon has not been a frequent offender against consistency, having only been beaten three times when he started at odds on. During his career Carbine ran in 43 races; won 33, was six times placed second, three times third, and was once unplaced. Poseidon has run in 32 races; won 19, was second four times, third three times, and six times unplaced.



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STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

JULY 9th and 10th, 1908.

NOMINATIONS for the following events close on SATURDAY, 6th June, at the office of the Secretary, Gisborne, at 9 p.m.:—

- HANDICAP HURDLES, 70 sovs., 1 ½ 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 HAPAI STEEPLECHASE, 100 sovs., about 2 ½ 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.

THE FOOTBALL WORLD.

BRITISH TEAMS' PROGRAMME.

IN NEW ZEALAND.

June.

- 6—NEW ZEALAND, at Dunedin
- 10—South Canterbury Union, at Timaru
- 13—Canterbury Union, at Christchurch
- 17—West Coast and Buller Unions, at Greymouth
- 20—Nelson and Marlborough Unions, at Nelson
- 27—NEW ZEALAND, at Wellington

July.

- 1—Hawke's Bay Union, at Napier
- 4—Poverty Bay Union, at Gisborne
- 8—Manawatu and Horowenua Unions, at Palmerston
- 11—Wanganui Union, at Wanganui
- 15—Taranaki Union, at New Plymouth
- 18—Auckland Union, at Auckland
- 25—NEW ZEALAND, at Auckland

IN AUSTRALIA.

August.

- 5—New South Wales, at Sydney.
- 8—New South Wales Team for England, at Sydney.
- 12—Western Union, at Bathurst.
- 15—Metropolitan Union, at Sydney.
- 19—Northern Union, at Newcastle.
- 22—New South Wales, at Sydney.
- 26—Queensland, at Brisbane.
- 29—Queensland, at Brisbane.

September.

- 2—Queensland, at Brisbane.

Saturday proved an ideal day for football, and, notwithstanding the fact that the Auckland Racing Club's Great Northern meeting was in progress, a fairly large number of enthusiasts journeyed to Alexandra Park to witness the match between the Ponsonby and University fifteens. It was fully anticipated by followers of the Rugby game that victory would rest with the powerful blue and black combination, and such proved to be the case, the Ponsonby men scoring a somewhat easy win. The weighty blue and black forward division were far too solid for their lighter opponents, and the light blues put up a plucky fight under the circumstances, particularly the backs, who at times showed great resourcefulness in countering the Ponsonbyites' determined efforts to score. Though the Ponsonby pack is composed of some real top-notchers, it is evident that the weakness of the formation lies with the front-row men, whose inability to hook the ball from the scrum was a most noticeable feature in Saturday's match. The University pack was successful time after time in beating their burly opponents for the ball in the scrum, while being ably supported by a clever set of backs, the light blues generally managed to make the best of all their opportunities. The Ponsonby forwards, taken right through, were responsible for a willing display, their sweeping rushes being a treat to watch, and to their clever tactics must certainly be accredited the fruits of victory. The Ponsonby backs cannot by any means be said to have given as good an exhibition as the chances afforded them called for, and had they rendered a good account of themselves the score could not have failed to have been higher.

Ponsonby winning the toss took advantage of having a strong sun at their backs. For some considerable time after the commencement of the game the students worked hard in their successful efforts to keep their opponents from scoring, and the greater part of the first half was over before Hall succeeded in registering Ponsonby's first try. The kick at goal failed. Now that the blue and blacks had placed a score to their credit, they appeared to get to work with renewed vigour, the result being that Nicholson got over University's line twice in succession. Both attempts at goal failed, and when half-time was called the score stood: Ponsonby, 9 University, 0.

The second spell proved fairly exciting, play being of a fast character. The Ponsonby men began to wear down the students, and Francis, as the result of a creditable piece of work, notched a try. No goal resulted. Later on Carlaw obtained possession of the ball from a scrum, and, dodging through the light blues, scored. The attempt at goal proved fruitless. Though University, as the outcome of some heady play, looked like obtaining a certain score, the chance was nipped in the bud. Before the call of time Ponsonby obtained a further try, Cunningham breaking over the students' line. No goal resulting, the game ended: Ponsonby, 18 Varsity, 0.

The Ponsonby forwards acquitted themselves creditably, Francis particularly being worthy of individual mention. Gillett, on the wing, played well throughout, but did not shine out so prominent as usual.

Of the backs, McDonald, at half, was not altogether a success. Webb, at five-eighths, was responsible for some tricky work at times. Bater played below his usual form, but was responsible for a rather clever piece of work just on the call of time. Carlaw made few mistakes on the threequarter-line, and at times showed some of his old time dash.

The University forwards were out-classed, but made a good stand under the circumstance. Bamford and Paterson especially putting in some hard graft. Wilkes, on the wing, was always prominent, and displayed a good deal of cleverness.

Of the University backs, W. Gray gave a highly creditable exhibition for so youthful a player. Alan Gray took a hand in a good part of the work, and shone out at times. Wilson was patchy, but now and then put in some smart work.

On No. 2 ground Newton met Grafton, and the game was well contested from start to finish. Grafton livened up from the start, and up till about half-way through the first spell kept the Newtonites busy defending, but were unable to register a score. The red and whites then took a turn at attacking, but the Graftonites soon shifted play into Newton's territory again, where matters remained until half-time was called without any score.

The second spell provided a far more interesting exhibition of football than in the first, play being opened up by both teams. Newton, however, were successful in drawing first blood, Wolfgram securing a clever try. No goal resulted. Grafton being awarded a free kick, Eaton landed a good goal, which, however, was disallowed on account of the ball having been touched in its flight by a Newtonite. Grafton then set to work properly, Marshall obtaining possession of the ball dashed over and registered the black and whites' first try. Eaton piloted the ball over the crossbar. Victory now looked as if it lay with the Grafton men, but the Newtonites, strongly attacking, were able to score two more tries before the call of time. Neither of them were converted, and the match ended: Newton, 9; Grafton, 5.

The Newton forwards were a fairly good lot, and kept hard at it all the time, the most prominent being Freeman and Duval. "Pliny" Lewis' weight proved a boon in the scrum, but want of form prevented him from giving a good display.

Of the backs, Wolfgram played solidly, and rendered no end of service to his side.

Of the Grafton forward division the hard grafters were the famous trio, Pople, McGuire, and Eaton, all of whom played serviceable games.

Of the backs, Kiernan showed some of his old form, and was responsible for a large amount of cleverness.

Marshall, at centre-threequarter, made a good display, while Edwards was a great help to his side.

On the Devonport football ground the City and Shore teams played an uninteresting game, the former securing an easy victory over the local men. An even game was looked forward to, it being generally anticipated that the Shore men would put up a good fight, but the match, however, proved very one-sided. The green and white forwards played far below their usual form, while on the other hand the City team kept matters busy from start to finish, grasping every opportunity that presented itself. City won the toss, and elected to play with the sun behind them. The black and reds made the game willing from the start, and in the first spell tries were scored for them by Walsh (2) and R.

Magee, one of which was converted by S. Magee, half-time sounding with the score: City, 11 North Shore, 0.

The second spell saw the City men showing far superior tactics to the green and whites, who were placed on the defence nearly the whole of the time. Though the Shore men were successful in carrying play into City's 25 on several occasions, their efforts to score always proved fruitless. Waddell broke over from a scrum and registered another try for City, the major points being added by R. Magee. The City men continued to pierce the Shore's defence, and tries were obtained in turn by Gladding and Little, both of which were converted by R. Magee.

The City forwards all toiled hard, the quartette consisting of Walsh, Seeling, Waddell and Herring getting through an immense amount of work.

Of the backs Little gave a good display, while R. Magee played his usual hard game. Gladding was responsible for a good exhibition, while Kean justified his inclusion.

Of the Shore forwards Wells was the most conspicuous. Griffen played solidly, and was always in the thick of it.

Of the backs D. Miller, at full, gave a fine exhibition, his splendid line-kicking and solid defence being of invaluable service to his side. P. Gerard donned the jersey for his old club, but was only able to shine at times, a lack of condition handicapping him greatly. Woodward showed out well, carrying out his fair share of the work in a creditable manner.

NOTES.

In playing in the Shore-City match on Saturday Estall, the City three-quarter, got badly kicked on the arm, with the result that he will be unable to play for a couple of weeks.

It is interesting to note that in the New Zealand team selected to play against the Britishers on Saturday, only three players who took part in the last New Zealand-Britain match are included, namely, Wallace, Stead and Seeling.

Accidents—most of them fortunately minor—were frequent during the Britain-Wellington match, and play was stopped at almost regular intervals to permit the knocked-out to recuperate. Both sides suffered, but the Englishmen the more seriously. "We shall have a team of crocks before the tour has commenced if this goes on," growled Mr. Harnett, the manager, when Jackett was knocked out. His anxiety was not allayed by the future developments of the game.

The Wellington public did not have an opportunity of witnessing the capabilities, or incapacities, of Jackett as a fullback (says a writer in the "New Zealand Times.") The kick he received on the face early in the contest rendered him hors de combat for the greater part of the game. The accident gave J. C. M. Dyke, the reserve fullback, a chance of showing his ability in the position. Prior to the accident he was playing forward, but took up the position of fullback on Jackett retiring. He is a much better fielder than Jackett, but both of them kick splendidly, using the line to advantage.

The Maori facility for nick-names was in evidence at Masterton during the Britain-Wairarapa match. After seeing Jackett's fine performance, the Maoris with one accord christened him "Te Tuna" (the eel) as a compliment to his powers of slipping through his opponents.

It is not generally known that the Inter-island match this season is to be played at Wellington on Wednesday, June 24. This is in view of the test match to be played against the Anglo-Welsh team at Wellington on Saturday, June 27. The leading players from all over New Zealand will be assembled in Wellington for the North Island v. South Island contest, when the team to represent New Zealand in the test match will be selected.

Writing of the Wellington-Britain match, a well-known football authority makes the following complimentary reference to the New Zealand halfback:—Roberts is a "stopper." At this phase of Rugby he is par excellence, and sets an example to younger aspirants, which, if followed, would probably endanger their lives. The way he fearlessly dived for the ball in Wednesday's match when the British forwards were charging at top was surprising. He got knocked out once when several Britishers were precipitated over him, but he was soon up and smiling.

It is very seldom that one sees the forwards place themselves for a line-out right in the centre of the field, but that is what the Englishmen did in the match against Wellington. Laxon, the Wellington winger, always threw the ball in from touch with all his might, and it travelled far out to the waiting forwards. Hardham, on the other hand, simply threw the ball a few feet, right into a bunch of black men. The English way was undoubtedly preferable from the spectators' point of view, and kept the game much more open and interesting than it would otherwise have been.

W. Mackrell, the "All Black" professional forward, arrived in Auckland from the South on Sunday. Mackrell has put on a couple of stone weight since he was last seen in Auckland, and looks every inch a solid stamp of player.

Walsh, the crack City forward, received severe injuries in the match against North Shore on Saturday, but after a short spell continued playing on.

The services of Mr. T. W. Leslie, custodian of the Wellington Town Hall and an ex-champion walker of New Zealand, have been secured as travelling trainer of the British team.

The "New Zealand Times" makes the following interesting comment:—In its critique of the Masterton match the "N.Z. Times" returned Harding and Co. as better stuff than Bedell-Sivright's team, and this conclusion was not nullified by proceedings in the Britain-Wellington match. If any of the provincial teams elect to hold them cheap they will be speedily undeceived, but it seems fairly evident that the visitors cannot stand up to a representative New Zealand combination. Whatever happens, they are sure to make friends everywhere, for a cleaner, whiter lot of sports could scarcely be conceived. And so the curtain may be allowed to fall on a great match and an £1125 gate.

The Wanganui Rugby Union is making arrangements to show the British footballers the attractions of the Wanganui River during their stay there. The team will be taken for a two days' trip up the river to Pipiriki, and then on to the upper reaches.

The Ponsonby team will make their first appearance in Sydney in the early match at the Sydney Cricket Ground on July 25, prior to the concluding New South Wales v. Queensland fixture. They will play again on the Wednesday, and the third and last match on August 1, the date of the play-off for the Sydney Premiership between the four best first grade clubs.

Word has been received from England that it is legal for a player to throw the ball in from touch at right angles, catch it himself, and play on. It has been ruled in this country that this is not legal. Henceforth the new (or rather the old) ruling will be reverted to. It has the merit of not only legal correctness, but of adding to the pleasure and attractiveness of the game. However, the player may not bounce the ball in and play on. This seems contradictory, but no doubt it is due to the fact that the bouncer is generally still in touch when he catches the ball.

There are two threequarters named "J. P. Jones" in the British team. In order to avoid confusion, the Welsh International and Monmouthshire player is known as "Ponty," whilst the man from Kent and Guy's Hospital is known as "Tuan."

The Auckland forwards chosen to play in the test match at Dunedin on Saturday left the Manukau on Monday.

It is generally held in Dunedin that the charge of 5s the N.Z. Union is making for seats at next Saturday's match is excessive. At a meeting of the Otago Rugby Football Union the matter came up for consideration, and the following motion was moved by Mr. G. McLaren and seconded by Mr. W. J. Wilson, "That the New Zealand Rugby Union be informed that the feeling of both the committee and public is so strong that unless the union reduces the ground entrance charge this committee will consider the advisableness of declining to take control of the match." The motion was carried unanimously.

The Maori footballers will play the Northern Union game during their tour in New South Wales. After witnessing a couple of matches, and themselves practising the new Rugby, the team took a vote, which favoured the new, in place of the old, Rugby. In any case they would have had to play it as the League allows no other.

In the first test matches on Saturday next the New Zealand team has been re-arranged owing to the inability of Mynott and Dean to play. Coleman, of Taranaki, goes full back, Wallace wing three-quarter, and Cameron centre-three-quarter.

JUNIOR GRADE MATCHES.

North Shore II. defeated Ponsonby II. by 5 points to 3.

Newton II. scored a win over Grafton II by 26 points to 3.

Marist Bros. and City II. played a drawn game, 3 points each.

North Shore III. beat Marist Bros. II. by 36 points to nil.

Parnell III. won from Newton by default.

Newton IV. defeated St. Patrick's by 6 points to nil.

City IV. beat North Shore IV. by 20 points to nil.

Ponsonby IV. defeated Grafton IV. by 6 points to 3.

COUNTRY MATCHES.

At Waihi a representative match was played between Waikino and Paeroa, the former team winning by 6 points to nil. For the victors Skillen kicked a penalty goal, while Binns scored a try.

In the cup matches under the Thames Rugby Union, the game between City and Suburbs resulted in a win for the latter by 9 points to 5.

In the matches under the Rotorua Rugby Union Kahukura and Waikete played a drawn game—no score—while Whakarewarewa defeated City by 9 points to nil.

In the cup matches under the Hamilton Rugby Union City defeated Suburbs East by 3 points to nil, while No. 1 scored a victory over Suburbs West by 18 points to 6.

At Paeroa a match was played between Suburbs and Western Juniors, the former team being returned victors by 3 points to nil.

THE GAME IN THE SOUTH.

The senior matches at Christchurch resulted as follows:—Sydenham defeated Old Boys by 22 to 6; Albion defeated Christchurch by 14 to nil; Merivale defeated Canterbury College by 19 to nil.

N.Z. TEAM TO PLAY BRITISHERS.

NOTES ON THEIR PERSONNEL.

The team selected to represent New Zealand should give general satisfaction. There are, of course, one or two places where the team may be open for criticism (writes "Harpastum" in the Taranaki "Herald"). For instance, the writer does not think that Cameron should have been included. The Stratford man is good in attack, although I think others could have been found even better. In defence he is poor, and continually needs support. Still, he will have that sterling player, Wallace, behind him, and this may give him some confidence. Wallace has been playing up to his old form, and seems to have lost none of his dash and brilliancy. A better full-back could not have been found in the Dominion. Deans and "Mona" Thompson have also shown that this year they are as good as ever, and thoroughly deserve their places. Three-quarters of international calibre are somewhat scarce this year, and it is

lucky that the two "All-Blacks" have re-entered the field. Coming to the five-eighths, some people may express surprise that Mynott has not secured a place, as he and Hunter know each other's play so well. But Stead is the better player, and this season, according to reports, has been playing quite up to the level of his best form. Of Hunter's claims to inclusion there can be no doubt, and the same applies to Roberts. Time has not dimmed the brilliancy of either. Gillett has not been seen out on the Rugby field so much this season, as he has been taking part in the Australian game. On two or three occasions, however, he has assisted Ponsonby, and has proved that he remains the premier "rover" of the Dominion. In the forwards, Casey, Hughes, Cunningham, Francis, Seeling and McDonald have all played together in New Zealand teams. They are as good as ever. Wilson, the remaining packman, has not yet represented New Zealand, although he deserved to do so on his play for the last couple of seasons. Last year he played for the North Island against the South, acquitted himself well, and scored a try. He is a splendid player. Tall, fast, and brimming over with dash, he is on the ball from whistle to no-side. A splendid tackler, a fine dribbler, good in every department of the game, and heady and tricky withal, he is a man who is always to be reckoned with both in attack and in defence. He plays far above his weight, and thoroughly deserves his place in the team. He is also one of the cleanest and most sportsmanlike players it is possible to find. Taken all round, the team is a fine one, brilliant in attack and solid in defence. Some people might prefer to see more young blood in the backs, but they should remember that the rear division as a whole have the advantage that belongs only to experienced players, of not only knowing every trick of the game as played but also of foreseeing and forestalling new moves by their opponents. The forwards are a fine lot, full of "devil" and untiring.

At the same time it must be remembered that the British forwards have been specially selected to meet forwards of the calibre of the "All-Black" vanguard of 1905-6. They also are doughty, fast, and of the "rip-and-tear" order. The Anglo-Welsh combination has been severely criticised in some places, but I think this criticism was purposely unfair. When the British team of 1904 came out they did so with a great reputation, and heralded with paeans of praise. But they found that their opponents had been under-rated. Is it not possible that the present team has been decried so that if it is beaten the critics may say "I told you so," or, if it is successful, that they may again flaunt their remarks that the "All-Blacks" of 1905 were an exceptionally lucky lot?

THE UBIQUITOUS MESSENGER.

The fact of H. Messenger having played with Queensland against New Zealand on Saturday is sufficient if nothing else were, to make an immense gulf in the public estimate of these matches and similar ones of the Rugby Unions (writes "The Cynic.") Here we are still in May, and yet Messenger has already played for and against the New Zealanders, for New South Wales, and for Queensland. He is sure to yet play against Queensland, and, to complete the absurdity, he might once more don the black or the maroon jersey against his own State. This bidding for the nimble shilling of the public is being overdone, and must tend to a feeling that the Rugby League has only one trump card, and that Messenger. The Northern Union of England would, I feel sure, not countenance such a thing in either international or county matches.

THE N.S. WELSHMEN FOR ENGLAND.

According to the Sydney "Referee" the New South Wales Rugby Union has definitely arranged for the team to leave for England on August 8 by the R.M.S. Omrah, the party to consist of 29 players and a manager. One of the players is to be appointed assistant manager, and to undertake the management in the event of the manager being incapacitated at any time. The manager has not yet been appointed. The names of several Rugby Union officials have been mentioned in this connection. Mr. J. R. Henderson, who has managed teams

to New Zealand, is one of these, but he is not a candidate, having very important business interests to superintend. Mr. James McMahon's name is also mentioned, and it is believed that he will be appointed. New Zealand sent 14 forwards and 13 backs, and South Africa 14 forwards and 15 backs, on the English tour. The New South Wales party will probably consist of 14 forwards and 15 backs, but that is a matter for the Selection Committee to decide. It is likely that one or two of the ablest players will not be able to make the trip. Nevertheless, it is clear that there is no dearth of good talent. How players accustomed to the fine weather and hard, dry grounds of Australian football will fare in the cold and wet English winter is to be seen. The South Africans performed brilliantly under these conditions, and the inference is that the New South Welshmen, if the best team be got together, should not be any more seriously handicapped than the Springboks were.

THE NEW ZEALANDERS IN AUSTRALIA.

QUEENSLAND MAKE A DRAW.

Messenger, who had already played this season for New Zealand, N.S.W., and Australia, turned out for Queensland in the return match at Brisbane on May 23 against the New Zealanders (says the "Town and Country Journal"). He, as usual, played a superb game and was mainly responsible for Queensland, playing a draw—12 all. It was rather a good game, and at its conclusion Messenger was given an ovation by the 1500 spectators. And he deserved it. He obtained a try and kicked three goals (two from penalties). Watson got the other three points for Queensland. For the All Blacks, who played a man short, R. Wynyard and Lile obtained tries, Wrigley kicking two goals and R. Wynyard one (from a penalty).

N.Z. ON TOP AGAIN.

On May 30 the New Zealanders played their second test match against Australia at Brisbane. The following team was chosen to do duty against the New Zealanders:—Full-back, Hedley (N.S.W.); three-quarters, Messenger (N.S.W.), Deveaux (N.S.W.), Cheadle (N.S.W.), Watson (Queensland); halves, Dore (Queensland), Rosenfeld (N.S.W.); forwards, Pearce, Davis, Graves, Lutze, Hennessey (N.S.W.), Fihelly (Queensland). Five thousand turned out to see the game. The visitors commenced the scoring with a try by Rowe, which Wrigley converted. Then Wynyard got going and dashed through the opposing backs. A free kick was given to the New Zealanders for offside play, and Wrigley kicked a nice goal. The Australians attacked and from a free kick, for rounding the scrum, Messenger obtained a goal. The New Zealanders neutralised the advantage quickly, and Rowe scored, Wrigley adding the goal. At half-time the scores stood: New Zealand 15 points; Australia, two points.

On resuming, Rowe marked at the home 25, and Wrigley got a goal. Give-and-take play was the order for a space, and play was brisk. The blues forced down, and Messenger dropped a nice field goal. The scrum half, J. Wynyard, gave the ball to Johnston and he passed to Cross, who scored, and Wrigley converted. Lutze and Hardcastle obtained tries for Australia, and Messenger converted one. Just before time, Wrigley kicked a field goal. New Zealand thus won by 24 points to Australia's 12.

OTAGO DEFEAT THE ANGLO-WELSHMEN BY 9 POINTS TO 6.

Despite bad weather a crowd of 15,000 persons turned out at the Carisbrook Ground, Dunedin, to witness the Otago representatives tackle the visitors from the Old Country. Everyone expected the latter to win, and their colours were freely worn. The teams were as follows:—

THE ANGLO-WELSH TEAM.

Fullback: Griffiths.
Threequarters: Gibbs (Capt.), Vassall, Ponty Jones, Chapman.
Halfbacks: Davey and W. Morgan.
Forwards: Dibble, Oldham, Morgan, Jackson, Smith, Arthur, Dyke, Ritson.

OTAGO.

Fullback: Kindley.

Threequarters: Dwyer, Bennett, O'Sullivan.

Five-eighths: McLeod and Dansey.

Halfback: Eckhold.

Forwards: Casey, Fitzpatrick, Ivimey, Paton, Patterson, McDonald (captain), McKenzie, Tansey (wing forward).

From the kick off it was a hard and even game throughout, and one very largely confined to the forwards. The first score came as the result of a strong attack by the visitors, Vassal getting almost in when tackled. His side got a free kick, however, and Dyke put the leather over the bar. Immediately afterwards another score came to the visitors, Dibble and Arthur dribbling the ball over, the latter touching down. This time Dyke's kick was a failure. Otago then set up a hot attack, and getting a free kick Paton almost landed a goal, the visitors forcing. Soon after Otago rushed the ball across their opponents' line, Fitzpatrick scoring, but Paton's kick failed. At half-time the Anglo-Welsh team led by 6 points to 3.

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On resuming Otago made gallant efforts to put the score even, and ultimately were successful, Paton booting the ball over the bar from a free kick. The Southerners emboldened by this went "all out" for the winning points. Time after time they forced the visitors back. McLeod was almost in at the corner, and then Dryer finely taking a pass dashed across amidst wild cheering. From this out both sides tried hard, the play being of a give-and-take character. When time was called no further scoring had been done, Otago thus winning by 9 points to 6.

The Anglo-Welshmen are apparently scarcely in first-class condition yet, but should very soon be at their best. The forwards are evidently a hard working lot, but the backs are none too sound. Judging from their displays so far the Dominion should have no great difficulty in winning all three test matches.

ROBERTS' OPINION OF THE MATCH AT WELLINGTON.

"It was undoubtedly our forwards who won the match (said the Wellington skipper). They spoiled the visitors' attempts to attack, and broke down their defence. The backs also made the most of their opportunities. In the first spell, as we had everything in our favour we opened up the game as much as possible, whilst in the second spell, with the wind against us, we followed defensive tactics. The tight double line proved very effective. Oh, the Wellington side are at the top of their form. On the other hand, the Britishers are short of work. I think the visitors were heavier all round. In the first place they should not have continued to use the deep throw-out when they saw what they were losing thereby. Secondly, their backs invariably ran across the field instead of cutting in, and, besides, their work was not so clean as it might have been. The team at present in the Dominion will do much better later on in the tour. In my opinion the forwards are better than those of the 1904 team, but the backs are not so good."

A GOOD GATE.

The attendance at the Wellington match was something over 18,000, and the receipts were £1125, with a little ticket money yet to come. Apart from those who paid for admission, there were some hundreds of people who witnessed the match from houses and grounds adjoining the Park, and it is estimated that nearer 20,000 than 18,000 witnessed the game.

The record attendance for the Athletic Park was on the occasion of the match New Zealand v. Great Britain (Bedell-Sivwright's team) in 1904, when 22,000 people passed through the gates.

THE ANGLO-WELSH TEAM V. WELLINGTON.

NOTES ON THE PLAYERS.

In its remarks on the game last week between the Anglo-Welsh team and Wellington, in which the latter proved victorious by 19 to 13, the "Dominion" says that the most noticeable back on the field was Green, the Wellington half, who played with the shrewdness of a veteran. He worked, kicked, ran, and passed in quite the approved style, and although one of the lengthy list of players who were temporarily incapacitated, he stuck to his work through thick and thin, and came out with flying colours.

Both Roberts and Wallace at five-eighths did well at times. Roberts was the more prominent, his dash through the Anglo-Welsh ruck, when he passed to Hardham, was a stroke of genius, and he was plucky in stopping some of the fierce rushes led by J. F. Williams, E. Morgan, and Ritson.

Evenson, Mitchinson, and Thomson were a very even trio in the three-quarter line. All played well at times; still they were patchy. Evenson was responsible for the visitors' first try, when he attempted to kick instead of marking; Mitchinson let M'Evedy pass him very easily when the doctor scored his try, while Thomson showed no great partiality for rush stopping. His try, from Wallace's simple kick, when he beat Williams, was a remarkably fine effort, but he did not appear to show the same pace when he was dragged down from behind by "Ponty" Jones.

Spencer played a very good game as full-back. He fielded at times very well, but he was responsible for J. L. Williams's try through mulling

a big kick, which was followed up fast by J. F. Williams.

Amongst the forwards, Hardham was very prominent on the wing. He followed up very well, and hampered the visitors' halves continually. At one stage he had Dyke opposed to him, and then when Jackett was forced to retire, Dyke went to full-back, and Davey played a half-wing-forward game. In the circumstances, Hardham had much the better of it. In throwing out from the line, the Petone man might have striven to have made the game more loose.

Rush and Dewar were possibly the most conspicuous of a team of forwards, amongst whom there was not a weak man. It must be several years since a Wellington representative forward team gave such a good all-round exhibition.

THE ANGLO-WELSH BACKS.

Had the Anglo-Welsh backs taken advantage of their opportunities in the first half there might have been a different story to tell. That they did not do as they should have done, time after time, proved in some measure their weakness. That they did score, and in such an unexpected fashion, only served to show what they might have done had they followed the ordinary regulations regarding the playing of the game.

In the position of full-back Jackett was unfortunate in being injured in the first ten minutes of the game, and although he returned to the field at intervals he really was not fit to do himself justice. While he was playing, however, he did some very fine punting.

J. L. Williams was the most prominent of the three-quarter backs. He did some very fine kicking and running, and, as at Wairarapa, scored a fine try. M'Evedy played a better game than he did at Wairarapa. He scored a fine try, and tackled well. In company with "Ponty" Jones, he was not too certain at fielding the ball. Gibbs was fairly good on the defence, and on one occasion, when collared by the foot by Spencer, the Wellington full-back, he narrowly escaped racing over the goal-line as he did in last Saturday's match. "Ponty" Jones made several mistakes, and, with the exception of some fine punting, gave a very patchy performance. Laxon and Davy did very well. Laxon did much better than he might have done, for the referee watched him closely, for apparently he found it only too easy for himself to overcome his scruples regarding the right to abstract the leather boldly from the scrum. Davey played a good defensive game.

THE BRITISH FORWARDS.

Coming to the forwards, who were said to average thirteen and a half stone, the most active partisans were J. F. Williams, E. Morgan, and Ritson. Williams was prominent all through the game, especially in the loose and following up. Morgan was perhaps more prominent in the very hard work. He was at times brilliant on the line out. It is hardly likely that the Anglo-Welshmen will have a stronger provincial fifteen to beat than one of the same calibre as Wellington, and there will not be anything much weaker than Wairarapa. With a little more condition, more initiative, and, at the same time, less selfishness amongst their backs, the visitors should go much better, and if they only have the benefit of Vassall and Harding there should be no reason why they should not win the majority of their matches.

THE GAME ON THE CONTINENT.

Rugby football in Germany is not in such a flourishing state as the 'Soccer game, but the Germans are going ahead steadily at the handling code. There are at present over 50 clubs attached to the German Rugby Union, which was founded in 1897. The union authorities are negotiating with their Government in order to obtain a subsidy to help them towards sending a representative team over to England in the autumn to take part in the Rugby section at the Olympic Games. Under any circumstances a team will be sent to London, but, naturally, official support is hoped for. Rugby has been played in Germany since 1870, when English residents at Hanover introduced it. It was not, however, until eight years later that the Germans took it up, for it was in this year that the Hanover students founded the Deutscher Fussball Verein, which is generally credited with being the oldest German club. Subsequently, the universities of Heidelberg and Goettingen adopted the game, in addition to Bremen, Stuttgart, Mannheim, Frankfurt, Worms, etc. French players introduced it later at Cologne. The

game is played principally in the south and north-west, and the great match of the year is held alternately at Hanover and Frankfurt every November, when the North opposes the South. The Soccer authorities of Germany are also taking an active interest in the Olympic Games, and the Government have been approached for support. The Crown Prince has recently given a cup, to be called the National Cup, which will be held by the winning team in a series of inter-district games.

AQUATICS.

The N.Z. Power Boat Association is holding a prize night and social evening to-morrow.

There is no lack of work at Messrs. Bailey and Lowe's yard. Three launches, two of them of the cabin cruiser type, are planked up, and there is also a quantity of smaller work which is keeping the full staff engaged.

The beaches are commencing to wear their winter appearance. St. Mary's, always a popular hauling-up spot, is already crowded with yachts, mostly of the smaller type. A large number are in winter quarters at Devonport and Judge's Bay.

The 24ft launch which Messrs. Logan Bros. have built for Mr. O'Brien, of Waiheke, is just ready for launching. She has a 4 h.p. Standard engine.

Mr. C. Bailey's new launch Alice has been much admired. She slips through the water without making any fuss, and is said to do nine knots. The current number of the "Motor Journal" contains a fine picture of her.

At Messrs. Logan Bros.' loft there is being planked up a 20-footer which the firm is building to a South African order. She is rather fuller forward than Shingani, which may stop her somewhat in a jump of a sea. At the same time she will be able to carry more sail than the South African champion, which she should beat in smooth water.

Webb, the world's champion, has covered R. Arnst's deposit of £100 for a race for the world's sculling championship. The event is set down for December 15 on the Wanganui River.

A race is to be rowed on the Parramatta River on August 1 by R. Arnst and H. Pearce, probably for £100 a-side.

The committee of the Prince Alfred Yacht Club of Sydney are calling for designs, with plans and specifications, for the proposed "one design" small cruiser class. The matter is open to competition, and a prize of twenty guineas will be awarded for the accepted design. The yacht is to be built to Lloyd's scantling rules of the following approximate dimensions: L.w.l. 22ft l.o.a., 33ft; beam 7ft 6in; draught, 4ft 6in; with a sail area of 700 square feet. The cost of the yacht, when in commission, to be approximately £200.

Sir Thomas Lipton's new racing cutter Shamrock is evidently very fast, as in her first race she easily defeated White Heather II., which last season won 23 first prizes in 31 starts, and Nyria, the crack of the season before. This was the first time that Sir Thomas had ever raced in English waters, and I should imagine that he would get far more satisfaction out of the experience than in chasing the American Cup will o' the wisp with its unfair conditions and useless racing machines.

HOCKEY.

Auckland A beat St. George on Saturday by 3 goals to nil. The first spell was very even, no score resulting, but afterwards Mason shot three goals for Auckland.

Ponsonby narrowly defeated College Rifles by 4 goals to 3. Donovan, Noone, and Young (2), did the scoring for the winners. Hesketh got three into the net for the Rifles and came within an ace of getting a fourth.

A very easy game was that on Saturday between United and Varsity, the former winning by 3 goals to 2. Barry, Cathro, and Welham did the scoring for United, while Jacobson and Alderton shot the goals for the Collegians.

Auckland B worsted North Shore on the Domain after a close game by 2 goals to one. Lepine and Wyman hit the goals for the winners, Skipworth doing as much for the Shoremen.

In the second grade competition the following games were played:—

St. George v. Ponsonby A: This match resulted in a win for St. George by five goals to nil, the scorers being Strangemuir (2), Duffy (1), Laird (2). Ponsonby played two men short.

Epsom v. North Shore: North Shore, who were playing two men short, were defeated by 14 goals to nil.

Ellerslie v. College Rifles: Ellerslie won by 12 goals to 3.

Training College v. Varsity: This game was won by Training College by four goals to three. For Training College goals were scored by Turbott (3) and Lorking (1), while for Varsity Brookfield scored two goals.

Auckland A is now in the lead for the Championship with 6 points, University and United following with 4 points each.

Provided the shield is not taken South before, no less than eight inter-provincial matches will take place this season in Auckland. This is a stiff programme to handle.

The first inter-provincial match, that against Taranaki, will take place on July 4.

At the Thames on Saturday, Hau-raki Rifles beat the Young Men's Club by 4 goals to 3, after a very keen game.

In the Ladies' Competition on Saturday the following games were played:—

Moana v. Kopana: Moana proved successful by 2 goals to nil, the scorers being Misses L. Goudie and C. Maris Clarke.

Rawhiti I. v. Kia Tere: The latter won by 1 goal to nil. Rawhiti were three players short.

Rawhiti II. v. Kia Tere II.: This match ended in a draw, neither side scoring.

The following is the draw for the first round of the ladies' hockey championships, commencing next Saturday:—

June 6: Moana v. Rawhiti I., Rawhiti II. v. Ladies' College.

June 13: Ladies' College v. Moana, Rawhiti I. v. Rawhiti II.

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CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

According to the "Australasian," on August 8 the second annual 100 miles road race, promoted by the Victorian Cycle Traders' Association, will be decided over the same course as last year—from Essendon, through Tulla marine, Bulla, Romsey, and Lancefield, then west to Woodend, and back through Gisborne and Keilor to the point of starting. As the members of the trade recognise that the greater the entry the better the advertisement, they have been fortunate in arranging to have the race run as an open event, the league having recognised the expediency, in the present state of the sport, of allowing the members of the several associations to compete merely on payment of a registration fee. By this means the association hopes to secure an entry of about 300, especially as the nomination fee has been reduced to 2s 6d. The prize-list is an abnormally long one, there being some 40 awards, the first prize being £30, plus a five-guinea trophy. The others are of a diminishing value—down to half a guinea—while all classes and members of the various associations have special prizes to compete for.

The figures from the French trade statistics show that for the past eight years France has exported in the aggregate motors and parts to the value of 24 millions sterling, while the figures relating to last year alone were £5,800,000, which places her ahead of all other countries so far as regards motor production. The industry gives employment to no less than 300,000 workmen, while the indirect value of the motor from tourist traffic alone far exceeds that of any other countries, or, indeed, all other countries combined.

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When the motor industry was established in England, there were comparatively few of the Home workmen properly qualified as motor mechanics, but that there has been a great change is demonstrated by some figures supplied by the Napier Company. Five years ago the British workmen employed by the company was only 6 per cent. of the whole staff, while to-day the proportion is 97 per cent. Whenever suitable British artisans could be secured, they were employed to the exclusion of the foreigner, and the firm is pleased to state that the character and quality of the product has steadily improved with the change.

BOUND TO COME.

Whilst there has been a very perceptible increase in the number of motor vehicles in use in the colonies during the past year, and, though quite a number of people are deploring the progress of the new vehicle, in that it is a "danger in the city streets," a "curse on the country roads," as well as many other uncomplimentary things, the fact remains that we are barely out of the embryo stage of automobilism, and that these good people must make up their minds for a big development and greatly extended use of the motor car in the next year or two. If we desire to know to what extent motoring is practised in the old world, the French statistics of the industry will tell us in eloquent terms. Last year the motor exports from France reached a value of £5,800,000, while for the past eight years their value exceeded £24,000,000. The industry gives employment to more than 300,000 workmen in that country and these figures and facts place France ahead of all other nations as a producer of automobiles. Owing to her splendid roads the motor has been of great benefit to outlying towns and districts previously devoid of all means of communication, while tourists from all parts of the world spend or cause to be spent (according to her bankers) upwards of £100,000,000 annually.

BILLIARDS.

Among the matches played just prior to the mail leaving England on April 15, W. Lovejoy (receives 750) had beaten F. H. Weiss by 7000 to 5958.

T. Reece looked like easily defeating C. Harverson in a 13,000 game on level terms. At half way Reece was leading by 1856. Reece made a break of 420 and Harverson one of 369.

STEVENSON ON HIS TOUR.

H. W. Stevenson, who is now back in England, says that "in China and Japan the natives do not take much interest in the game, though it is growing in Japan, but in India many natives play billiards well. The distances in China were too great to allow me to give many exhibitions, and in India the climate, the food, and the long, slow, hot journeys were so trying that I did not do myself justice. I travelled over 9000 miles in trains in India, and the going was not of the best. In the East, too, the tables were not always in good repair, and the

heat causes the cloth to get slack. Still, I found some excellent tables in quite unexpected quarters. In one room I was puzzled at the odd antics of the balls until I discovered that an electric fan overhead made such a draught as to affect a stroke, especially a slow, deliberate one. But the great trouble was due to insects. At Shanghai the mosquitoes were terrible. Fancy seeing a beetle two inches long on the cloth, and fancy another flying about to dash suddenly into your face, which is both painful and disconcerting, especially when you are on the stroke. At Colombo we were afflicted with a plague of sand flies. The tiny insects covered the table, and even the balls were mottled with them. At the invitation of the Gaekwar of Baroda I made a ten hours' journey to His Highness' palace, and was his guest for three days, while I also had the honour of playing His Highness the Maharajah of Gwalior, both princes being expert cueists."

AMERICAN BILLIARDS IN ENGLAND.

AN EXCITING FINISH.

When in a seemingly hopeless position in his attempt to give Dawson 1500 cannons in 3500 up, Luis Vasquez, the Spanish champion, for the first time since his arrival in England, showed something like the form which has gained him a big reputation on the Continent and in America, and was only just beaten by 33 points. When the last day's play was entered upon (says the "World of Billiards") Dawson held a lead of no fewer than 938, the scores being 3136—2198 in his favour, and, for the greater part of the sitting, continued to score almost as fast as the Spanish champion. But, at his last visit to the table prior to the interval, Vasquez got the balls on the rail, and, playing the delicate close cannons in a way altogether unknown to the English professionals, cornered the balls in a run of 407 cannons, which is the highest he has made in this country. At the resumption in the evening the gap had been reduced to 552. The same thing happened in the evening. Vasquez made a moderate start and then suddenly burst forth with a brilliant display, keeping the balls in the corner of the table for a grand 402. It was at this point that those present began to anticipate a close game. A little later their hopes were increased, when the Spaniard contributed 58. Dawson, however, plodded along consistently, and it appeared as good as over when he got to within four of game, while Vasquez yet required 131. But the latter again got the balls into position, and, as he worked them along the cushion and piled up the points, there were few people in the saloon who did not expect to see him win. He, however, failed when he had made 99, and Dawson just won amidst great excitement. Vasquez's performance was indeed a great one. Final scores, C. Dawson (receives 1500), 3500; L. Vasquez, 3467.

DON'T PUT ON SIDE.

In billiards, as in everything else, the person who puts on "side" is foolish. T. Aiken, the Scottish champion, says:—Perhaps the greatest fault to be found among the ordinary run of amateur players is the use of "side" for any and every kind of stroke. Frequently I have been asked how I played a particular shot, and the usual "What 'side' do you use?" has followed on. It is a mistake, this general belief that putting "side" on a ball is required for every class of stroke. Further than that, I must point out it is only the plain-ball contact that brings about the most reliable and accurate running of the cue-ball. The good old-fashioned game, solid and sound, showed the plain-ball shot to the most advantage, particularly as regards the strong "forcer." Therefore, I am certain all grades of players will find it profitable to learn and to practise hitting the cue-ball in the centre for plain-ball movements be-

fore thinking of using the deceptive "side" strokes. Of course, the best results, such as the plain-ball gives, demand precision of stroke. There are not too many players in the professional ranks who can strike the cue-ball truly at or about its centre point. Dawson is the most thoroughly dependable in this direction, and his wonderfully sure stroke-play arises from it. The better the player the more surely will he be found to hit his ball in the centre for all plain-ball strokes, which I class as the most valuable of any for the ordinary player. All should begin by playing these, and nothing else, to gain an idea of the theory of aiming and striking. Indeed, as far as aiming goes, it should always be taken through the middle of the cue-ball, even if the player's position has to be altered to allow him to strike it where he intends. The plain-ball strokes form the corner-stone of all good billiard playing. They must be learned first of all by anyone aspiring to be a useful performer.

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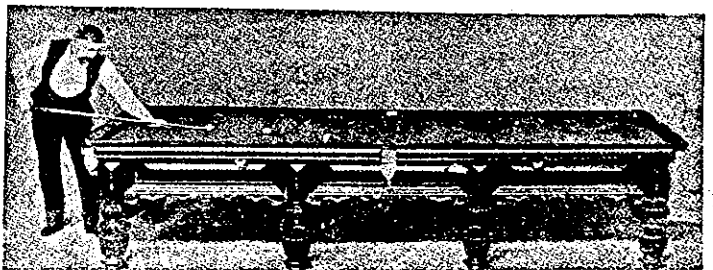
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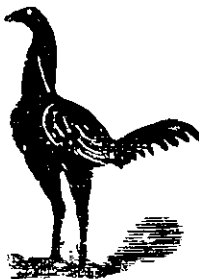
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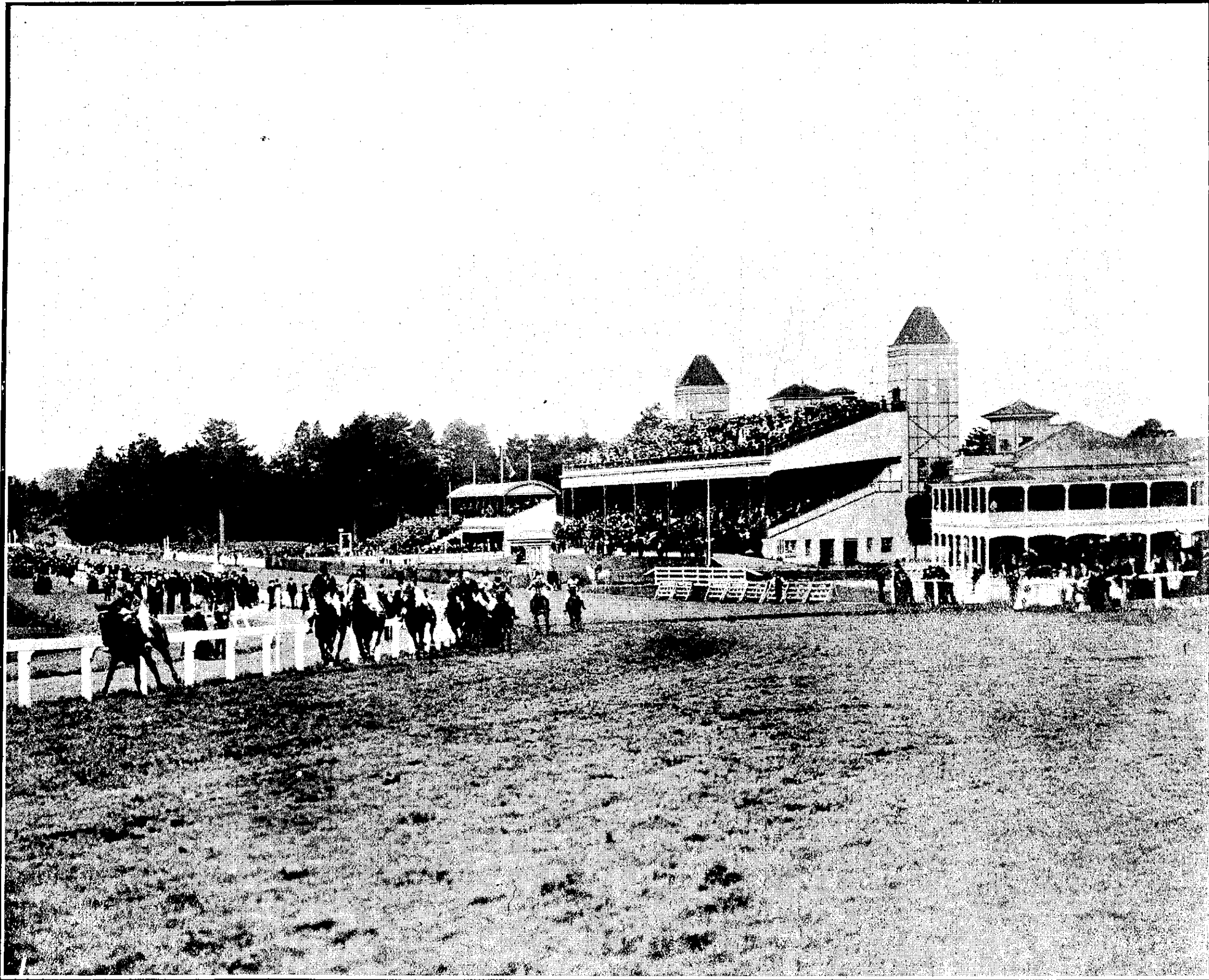
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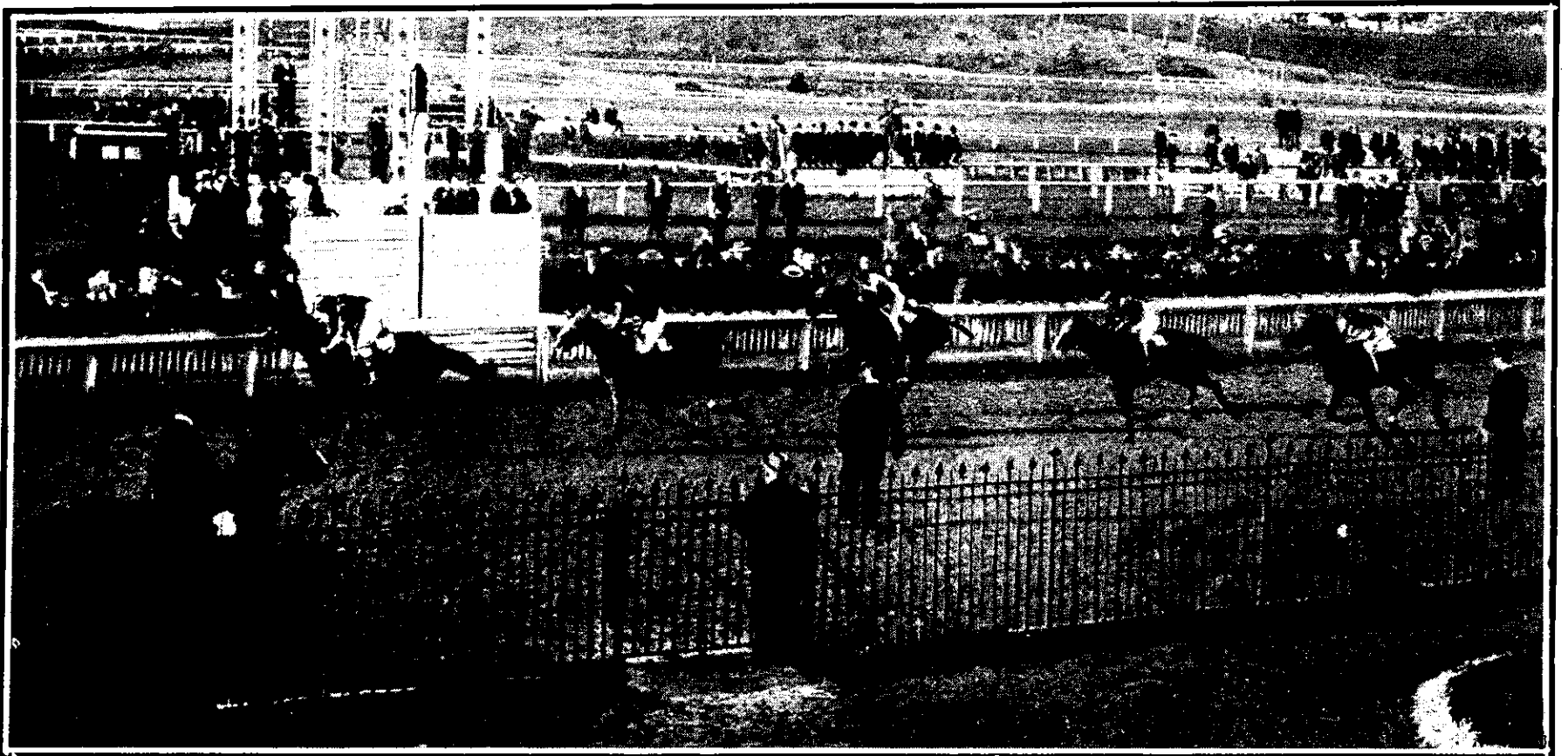
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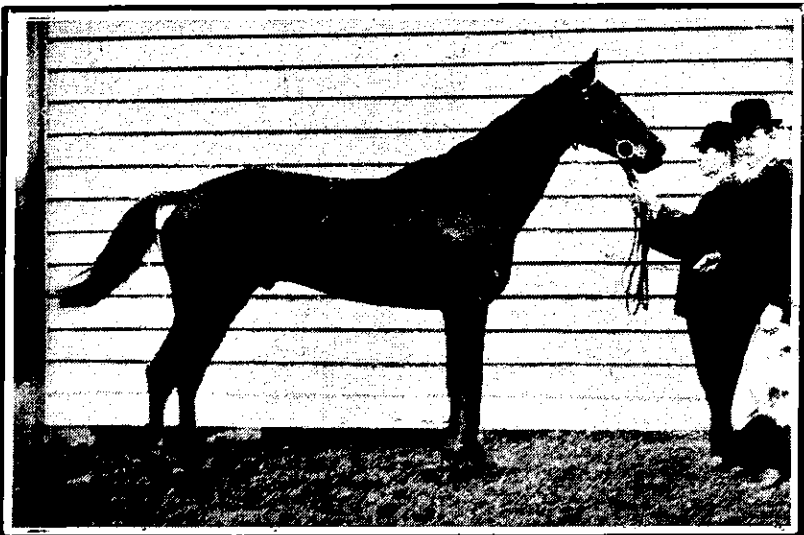


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"THE EARL AND THE GIRL."

After a highly successful run of twelve nights, to say nothing of several matinees, the pantomime "Cinderella" gave place on Saturday night to the very popular musical comedy, "The Earl and the Girl." The piece has been played here before by the Sheridan Company, and therefore it is quite unnecessary to describe it. Its reason to be is simply to produce laughter and, as from the rise of the curtain to the fall, the audience is continually in a roar, there is no doubt a big success is achieved. The outstanding features are the amusing work of Mr Sheridan and the all-round excellence of the chorus and ballet. Jim Cheeze, the dog fancier, is one of Mr Sheridan's best parts. It affords him the fullest scope for showing his powers as a comedian, and of this he takes the utmost advantage. In the scene at the hall when the fancy dress ball is in progress, he is at his very best, the fun being fast and furious, while he is masquerading as the Earl "for one night only." Miss Heba Barlow resumes her old role as 'Liza, into which she throws plenty of energy. There is too great a strain on the voice, however, and this tells against her in the one or two songs she has to sing. Miss Hilda Lane was perhaps hardly chic enough for Daisy Fallowfield, but she sang pleasingly enough. Miss Stella Selbourne made a remarkably imposing figure as Virginia Bliss. Miss Marie Eaton hardly looked the part of Elphin Haye, but acted and sang well, the "rose song" going splendidly. Miss Flo Fanning did some excellent work in Mrs Shimmering Black, a strong woman of the virago stamp. Mr Thomas Curran was Dick Wargrave, as of yore, showing much ability for

comedy of the light and breezy kind. Mr James Hughes threw plenty of force into the role of the fire-eating Bunker Bliss. Mr De Lisle satisfactorily got through the inane part of Gussie Cranbourne. Mr J. Hagan, in an appalling suit, dashed into the role of Downham, the Yankee solicitor, with the utmost vigour, and the others in a long cast he ped things along right merrily. It is hardly necessary to add that the variety turn introduced by Messrs Morris and Willson went with a bang, their tumbling being remarkably clever and amusing withal. It is, however, the well-trained chorus and ballet which so greatly help to make the play. They are not only very strong in point of numbers, but their vocal work is well done and the various marches and ballets most admirably carried out. The piece is very handsomely staged and the costumes are very striking. This evening will be the last occasion "The Earl and the Girl" will be played, and those who have not seen it should certainly not miss the chance.

To-morrow evening the company will bring the Auckland season to a close when will be staged the ever-green "Fun on the Bristol," Mr Sheridan giving us one more opportunity of seeing his immortal creation, the Widow O'Brien. Just how many times he has played it would be a little difficult I should imagine for even the creator of the role to say. It was some twenty-four years ago since I first laughed at the lady, and as "she was no chicken" then the buxom widow must be of most uncertain age. As a traveller, she holds the record, having been all over the world many a time and oft. Probably the theatre will be found too small to accommodate those who wish to accompany the genial widdy on her voyage in the good ship Bristol, and to say good-bye to the company.



LIZETTE PARKES as Nello in "Her Love Against the World."

MESSRS MEYNELL AND GUNN'S COMPANY.

On Monday next Messrs Meynell and Gunn's Company, with Mr Harcourt Beatty and Miss Madge McIntosh at its head, will open a season at His Majesty's, the initial production being the stirring military drama "Her Love Against the World." The story deals with an episode in the war between Ravensburg and Jasonin. It is of the "Prisoner of Zenda" type and centres round the doings of Eric, Earl of Strathmere, who, owing to financial embarrassment, has sought his fortune abroad. The story of his love for the Princess Iris and how he outrivals and revenges himself upon the wicked Prince Ulric, is an intensely fascinating one, holding the attention of the audience closely throughout. Mr Harcourt Beatty, a great favourite here, takes the part of the Earl and makes a manly hero, playing the soldier lover in a most convincing style. Miss Madge McIntosh, who is cast for Princess Iris, comes to us with the highest credentials. She is said to be a particularly fine emotional actress. The company, which arrives from Sydney on Sunday, further includes that fine actor, Mr Gaston Mervale, Mr Norman McKeown, Messrs Irwin, Russell, Beresford, Phillips, Stace, Beckett and Tom Cannam, and the Misses Hilda Meade, Nora Delaney, and Winifred Gunn. The box plan is now open.

OPERA HOUSE.

THE ROYAL PICTURES.

On Monday night the World's Picture Syndicate opened a four weeks' season at the Opera House, in the presence of a large audience. The series of films shown constitute a wonderful set of descriptive and amusing pictures which do not fail to appeal to the audience, as is evidenced by the outbursts of appreciation. The pictures are reflected on

to the screen with remarkable distinctness, while a noticeable feature is the absence of any flickering movement. A first-rate programme is carried out and is made doubly attractive as a result of the excellent musical items rendered by Mr Frank Crowther's orchestra. The films depicting various phases of animal life are decidedly realistic, those of "Farmyard Friends," "The Egg" and "The Owl" being of a very high order. Another excellent film is that of "Scenes in Cornwall," the huge breakers on the Cornish coast presenting a most natural effect. Of the humorous series "Willie's Magic Wand," "Transformation of a Horse," "A Father's Lesson," "The Mummy," "Adventures of an Overcoat," etc., provide an intensely amusing selection. Other pictures of particularly high merit are "The Vestal," "College Chums," "Champagne Industry" and "Many Ways of Smuggling." Altogether the entertainment provided in a really enjoyable one and should not be missed seeing on any account.

"THE PRINCE OF PILSEN."

To be translated into both French and German is not an honour that is paid to many American musical comedies, indeed "The Prince of Pilsen," which went up at the Theatre Royal, Sydney, last Saturday, is one of the very few, if not the only one, to achieve the distinction. It is now being played to big business in Paris and Berlin, has had a very successful season in London, and is still a strong draw in the land of its birth. And it has certainly much to recommend it. For the story of Frank Pixley has turned to very humorous account the brief but glorious career of a Cincinnati brewer who is mistaken for the hereditary German Prince and puts in a brilliant time of it until the error is discovered. Its music is smart, tuneful and bright as all American lyric music is, and its cast is decidedly a strong one.



MISS FANNY PAYNE, a clever dancer with the "Cinderella" Co.

The brewer who is exalted to such a giddy altitude is played by Charles Loder, specially engaged for the part in America by Mr J. C. Williamson. Mr George Whitehead, who made his debut as the real Prince, Mr Edmund Sherras, the brewer's son, and Miss Amy Murphy, the brewer's daughter. Miss Olive Godwin and Miss Alma Barber have also important singing parts, while Miss Fanny Dango and Miss Daisie Wallace are well suited as a French chambermaid and a bell boy. The cast is completed by Messrs Myles Clifton, Parkes, Stirling and Lissant—altogether a strong combination.

AUCKLAND SKATING RINK.

At the skating rink, in Coburg Street, devotees of this fascinating pastime merrily pursue their way, tortuous though it be at times. Beginners under the patient direction of the management are showing good headway, and with commendable perseverance are making themselves masters of their "understandings." Enthusiastic crowds attend each session, and rinking is evidently going to more than hold its own this winter. With crisp weather, excellent floor and a good band, there is every factor to attract large attendances, and the numbers are increasing daily. A special inducement is offered ladies, every Thursday evening being devoted to them, when they will be admitted free.

MRS WIGGS ON HER WAY.

The daily papers last week announced the departure from Vancouver of the complete company J. C. Williamson has engaged to play the delightful comedy "Mrs Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" through Australia and New Zealand. The steamer is due to arrive in Sydney on June 10. It is a strong combination that has been selected to present it, including in its ranks many players who possess the distinction of having created their respective parts, or of having successfully appeared in them either in America or England during one or other of the seasons the piece has had in those countries. Miss Ada Dwyerm, an experienced and very popular actress, is to be Mrs Wiggs, and Miss Jennie Reiffart, well known on this side of the world, the heroine's friend, Mrs Schultz. Among the "originals" are Miss Helen Lowell, who plays the important part of Miss Hazy, a shy and simple spinster whom Mrs Wiggs insists in mak-

ing a match for, Miss Helene Raymond (Mrs Eichom), Argyll Campbell (Billy Wiggs, A. W. Maffin (Deacon Babsby), and Joe Smiley (The Sheriff).

BIG RETURNS.

The New York returns for "The Merry Widow" season there are truly startling. When the last mails left it had just finished its twenty-fifth week there, and with the booking still solid for three months ahead, it was plainly apparent that it was to last out the year—a thing very seldom accomplished on Broadway.

Never during the whole of that time did the receipts fall below £4000 per week so that on a conservative estimate the total sum taken in the box office for less than six months, reached the amazing total of £100,000.

MODERN MAGIC.

Our old friend Mr Henry Hayward, an entrepreneur who will be remembered in connection with "West's Pictures and the Brescians," has booked an Antipodean tour of Maskelyne and Devant's Mysteries, and the large company, numbering 26 people, and carrying a great amount of valuable plant, has opened with brilliant success in Sydney, the audiences standing three deep behind circle stalls and gallery. The chief magical sketch, "Will the Witch and the Watchman," came as an absolute novelty to Australians—folks down under, and an interested committee from the audience nightly goes on the stage to watch closely the comedy, with Mr Maskelyne's extraordinary box trick as a motif. "The Artist's Dream," a pathetic little spirit romance, has proved very popular. Gintaro, the greatest of modern jugglers, Owen Clark, a brilliant young conjurer, and Mr Barclay Gammon, a humorist, the chief musical monologist of London, are included in the programme. The entertainment, whilst breathlessly exciting and at times very funny, is one of immaculate refinement.

MARGARET ANGLIN.

The Australian tour, under the J. C. Williamson management, of Margaret Anglin, which commences in Sydney at the end of next month, promises to be of exceptional interest as regards the repertoire. In it will be included "His House in Order," Pinero's latest and best piece; "The Thief," by Bernstein, which created such a sensation in London last year, the same author's "The Thunderbolt"; "Diana of Dobson's," with which Lena Askwell has made another triumph in London, and "The Awakening of Helene Ritchie," a dramatisation of Miss Deland's study of a young girl who, through suffering and sorrow comes at last to realise the truth of life and love.

The "Cinderella" Pantomime Company leave for Gisborne by the Monowai next Saturday.

Mr Ben. Fuller is in Australia booking new artists for the circuit. During his stay in Sydney he engaged the following artists for the New Zealand circuit:—Maud Fanning (coon soubrette), Arthur Elliott (comic singer), Elliott Sisters (song and sketch), Carlton and Sutton (sketch artists), and Scott and Beresford (sketch artists). They were due in Wellington yesterday.

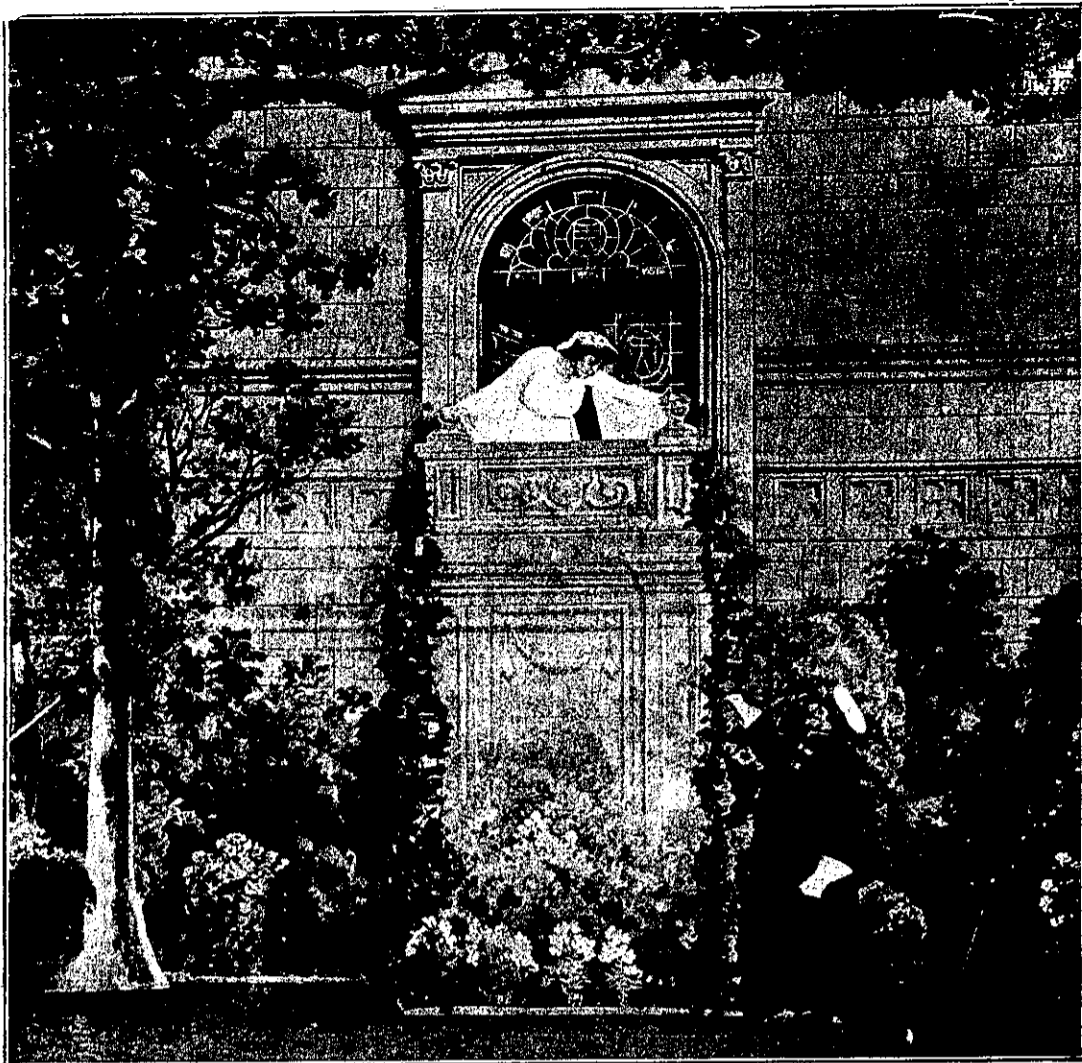
There will shortly arrive in Australia Mr and Mrs Albert Mallinson, two of the most notable figures in the musical world at the present time. Mr Mallinson is the famous composer of songs known in every part of the world, where musical culture has spread, and has over 300 to his credit. His wife is Madame Anna Steinhauer, the celebrated Danish soprano, who is considered by her country folk to be their leading singer. Their recitals, which are under the immediate patronage of Queen Alexandra, have been a feature of the London Musical world for years. The New Zealand tour will open at Auckland on July 15, the Wellington season commencing on September 2, Christchurch 12, Dunedin 26. The following centres will also be visited: Gisborne, Napier, Hastings, Dannevirke, Wanganui, Marton, Hawera, New Plymouth, Stratford, Feilding, Palmerston North, Masterton, Ashburton, Timaru, Oamaru, and Invercargill.

Of Maskelyne and Devant's Mysteries now running to big business in Sydney, the "Bulletin" says:—"The English magician's creations at the Palace filled that charming theatre to the brim. 'Will the Witch and the Watchman' is an amazing illusion, and this writer gives it up. As an illustration of the ancient statement, said to have been made upon oath before a J.P., that things are not what they seem and visions are about, Maskelyne and Devant's Mysteries hold a high place."

Athos, the comedy and trick skater, well known over here, is in the bill at the Melbourne Gaiety. Afterwards he goes to Newcastle.

On May 30, the Brewster's Millions Company opened for a brief season in Newcastle and then make a trip half way round the Continent to Perth, opening there on June 20th. They pay a fortnight's visit to Adelaide on the way back.

The Reverend Worrall, of Bendigo, is never happy unless condemning some amusement—it may be horse-racing, dancing, or other sport, but in his eyes any and every kind of recreation is a sin—a double dyed, deadly, grievous sin. Now the advertising gentleman has turned to the stage, and at a sermon in his city recently, warned parents not to allow their children to enter the doors of a theatre, on the grounds that the great majority of actors and actresses were of very low moral standard. Is it any wonder that men stay away from church when such utter and un-Christianlike rubbish is talked from the pulpit? Faugh! it makes one sick to think that such people are allowed to so slander better than themselves and that under the cloak of religion.



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THE NEW THEATRICAL FIRM.

MR. CLYDE MEYNELL'S EXPERIENCES.

Mr Meynell is one of "The Big Four," the new theatrical firm which promised to give Australia its best, and which has made an excellent beginning in Sydney, Melbourne, and Newcastle, and whose dramatic company opens here next Monday. Its component parts are Sir Rupert Clarke, Mr John Wren, Mr Clyde Meynell, and Mr John Gunn, surely a very formidable combination!

"I was not born in the profession or bred in it," said Mr Meynell in the course of an interview with a "Town and Country Journal" scribe. "I came into it because very many of my friends were on the stage. As a matter of fact, I was intended for the medical profession. I began as an actor in one of the old stock companies. That was in 1885. I gained a lot of valuable experience, because we played six pieces a week. I received a very small salary, twenty-five bob a week, in fact, and did four times the work the young fellows do now who get a fiver a week to speak six lines. But that was the school to learn's one business, and that variety used to prevail in Australia some years ago. The young fellows we get now do not have that chance. We played all kinds of things, even burlesque. The company was a sort of touring stock company, and did all the towns in the south of England, such as Bristol and Plymouth. I remained with this combination for 18 months; then I went to London to play small parts with the Compton Comedy Company. It was in that show that Mr Harcourt Beatty, the leading man of 'The Beggar on Horseback,' and I met. We were playing about six lines apiece. My experience next included an engagement with Madie Beatrice, an actress very well-known in England. Her repertoire included all Frank Harvey's plays."

Mr Meynell remained an actor for some five or six years, and then the recollection of the fact that he was originally intended for a doctor became so acute, and played so much upon his mind, that he forsook the stage and hied post-haste to Edinburgh. There he studied pathology instead of powder-puffs, materia medica instead of grease paint, and skeletons instead of clothes and the art of dressing, so successfully that he qualified in three years and nine months.

Having qualified, I obtained several public appointments as a medical man, and then I returned to my first love—the stage.

I entered into partnership with Horace Lingard, the well-known comedian—well known out here, too—who was running companies in the English provinces; next I dropped acting and went in for business management, having accepted that position with Miss Fortescue.

"Then I joined Messrs Morell and Mouillot, who were big caterers for the English provinces. Their line was mostly musical comedies, though they included in their repertoire all kinds of attractions. I next became resident manager of the Theatre Royal, Bournemouth, and also built the Grand Theatre at Southampton. I also ran 'My friend, the Prince,' in partnership with Mr Cotton, Ada Reeve's husband.

"From that I became associated with Mr Beerbohm Tree, and when he decided to send a company to Australia in association with Mr J. C. Williamson, I accompanied it as stage producer."

The company, which was known as the Beerbohm Tree Company, it will be recollected, had for its leads Miss Maud Jeffries and Mr Julius Knight, the plays being "Resurrection," "The Eternal City," and "Monsieur Beaucaire."

"I became associated with Mr John Gunn, and nephew of the celebrated Michael Gunn, of Dublin, and in partnership with Mr J. C. Williamson formed the Knight-Jeffries Company. This association was remarkably successful for nine months, and then, as you will remember, Mr Knight was seized with typhoid fever, and his absence from the casts proved very disastrous to the addition column of the treasurer's sheet. We were not disheartened by this setback, for we brought out J. J. Dallas and Florence Lloyd, who appeared in 'The J.P.' and 'There and Back.' After this we secured 'The Fatal Wedding,' which proved a very big money spinner.

"Theatrical management," said Mr Meynell, "is purely a commercial business, and it does not do to speculate. There is nothing at which one can make money quicker, but there is nothing at which money may be dropped so quickly. In the event of our accepting a local play, the chances are it would cost about £1000 before the curtain went up. That is our risk, which the writer does not take into consideration. The manager to-day says: 'Let's buy something that has made money somewhere else, and which has the hall mark of another man's production.' We want success, for it is a shade of odds on that if a play has made money elsewhere it will do so here too. It is no use buying a pig in a poke.

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It is no use buying a piece because you think it is good and should make money. I remember after 'Monsieur Beaucaire' had proved so good in London, there came along a play called 'His Majesty's Servants.' Every one thought it would be another 'Beaucaire,' but the people would not go to see it. It ran for a week at the Princess Theatre, Melbourne. The public did not patronise it, and it was not put up in Sydney. That was when I was associated with Mr J. C. Williamson. The public will have tried successes.

Speaking of the new firm, Mr Meynell said that they had very greatly improved the Theatre Royal, Melbourne. Their attractions are "Miss Hook of Holland" and "The Belle of Mayfair." With the exception of the chorus, which consisted of picked local voices, the entire company is new, lock, stock and barrel.

The firm also has "The Girl Behind the Counter." Then there is the Beatty-McIntosh Co., which commences its New Zealand tour at Auckland on June 8, and the combination at Newcastle, which produced "The Stepmother," by Arthur Shirley, with Beatrice Holloway and Conway Wingfield leading. This company plays at Brisbane.

As for Mr Meynell himself, he will soon be in England looking after the business of the firm.

A NEW OPERA FOR THE COLONIES.

Messrs Meynell and Gunn have secured the Australian rights of the New Comic Opera by Paul Reubens and Austin Hurgon (the composer and author of "Miss Hook of Holland"). It is called "My Mimosa Maid," and is shortly to be staged by Frank Curzon at the Prince of Wales' Theatre, London, where it will follow "Miss Hook." It will be added to the repertoire of the Comic Opera Co. at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne. "My Mimosa Maid" must be on original lines. The scene is laid on a Mimosa plantation on the shores of the Mediterranean, the heroine being the chief flower girl, and the lover a sweep—but he is said to be a clean-sweep. G. P. Huntley will play the latter part in London. Meynell and

Gunn have also bought the rights for Australia of "The Prince and the Beggar Maid" which is to be staged for the first time at the Lyceum, London. It will be done in Australia by the Harcourt Beatty-Madge McIntosh Co.

A GREAT VIOLINIST.

Few players have flashed into prominence in the musical world with greater swiftness than Jan Kubelik, who commences his N.Z. tour at Auckland on June 22. It is only six seasons ago since he made his London debut as a pale-faced youth just out of his teens. No one knew him, and he was practically unheralded. He is described as having made his appearance with modesty and shyness—not the result of nervousness, but from humility. At the end of his first season he had won London; at the termination of his second season he was acclaimed one of the most accomplished violinists the world had ever seen. He has gone on making steady progress with his art, and he comes to Australia at the very zenith of his fame. Kubelik, who has just concluded his third tour of America, was an emphatic success in that country from the beginning. So well had his fame preceded him that the sum total at the end of his first tour of the United States exceeded even the receipts of the famous first Paderevski tour. Americans testified to his popularity in the manner characteristic of the race. There were Kubelik hats, Kubelik boots, Kubelik cigars, and Kubelik musical instruments, even unto mouth organs. He was made the subject of caricatures, newspaper romances, and music-hall songs.

According to Allan Hamilton, the Klos Sisters—the most wonderful aerialists ever seen in this country, to be seen here on August 6—are engaged at a salary of £120 per week, while the Artois Brothers, with their bar act, earn £100, and the Stavordale quintet (brought direct from America) are paid a similar amount. Among the other artists are two or three who draw as much money as the "stars" of ordinary dramatic companies.

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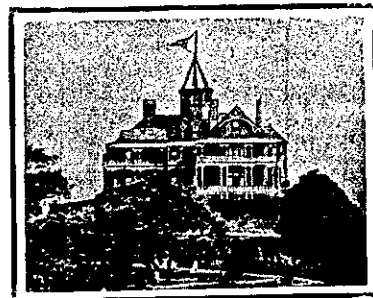
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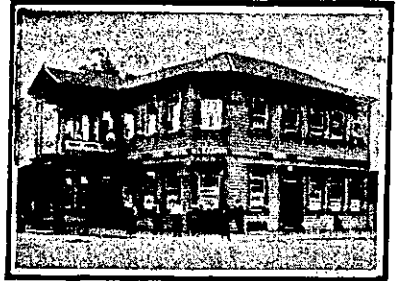


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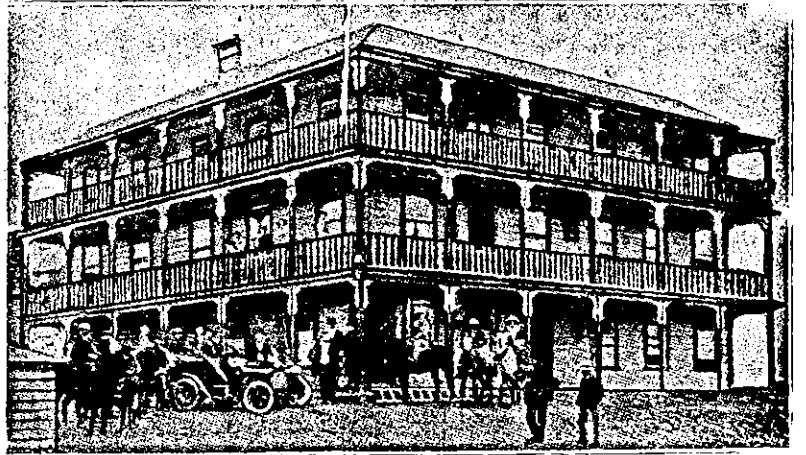


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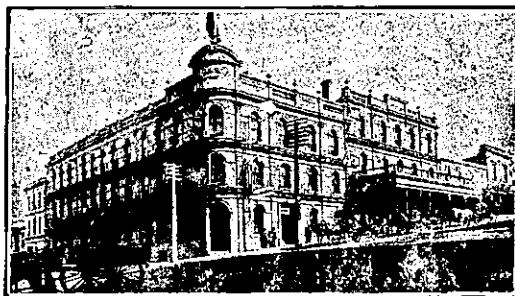


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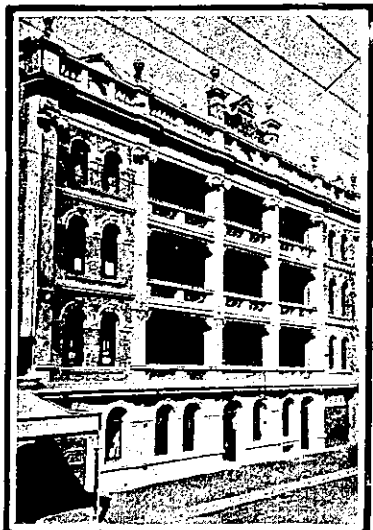
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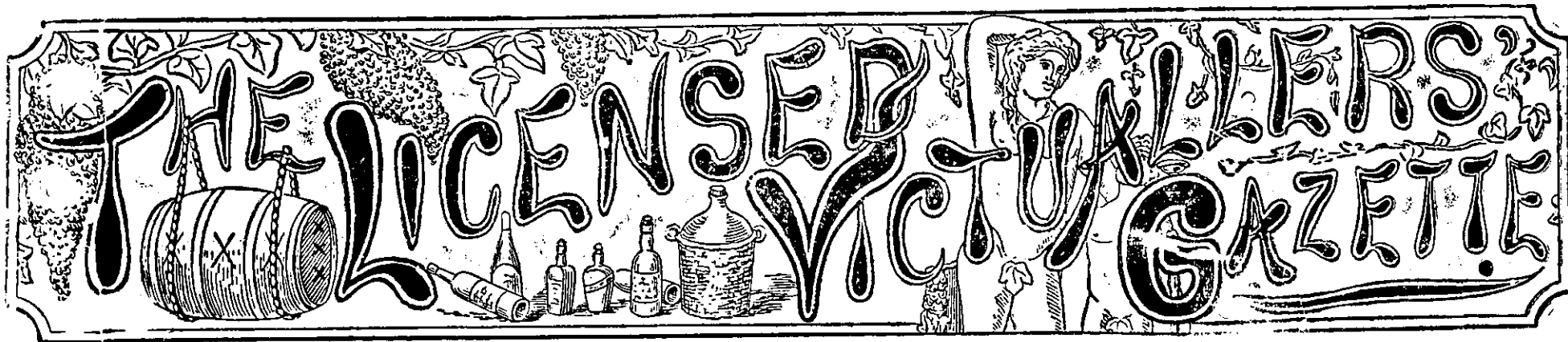
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THE NEXT MOVE.

For some little time past it has been apparent that the No-License Party have been preparing to have another go at the Licensing Act this session. While some of them talk of a Dominion option, the majority talk of going for bare majority to replace the present provision of a three-fifths majority. As the time draws near for the meeting of the last session of the present Parliament, the views in this connection are becoming more pronounced, and if any importance may be attached to these views, we may take it for granted that we will have before us this session another Licensing Act Amendment Bill. Always crediting our opponents with the wisdom of the serpent, it is natural to conclude that they have sounded their way, before indicating the course which they intend to steer, and being satisfied with the result of these soundings they are coming out a little more into the open. And if we may judge from many signs, then we unhesitatingly declare that the next move will be in the direction of asking our legislators to substitute the principle of bare majority for that of the three-fifths majority. A few nights back the Hon. George Fowlds, in answer to a question, stated that he was in favour of bare majority in regard to the local option poll. No doubt he is one of the sounded, on an unsound question. And if he, as a member of the Cabinet, holds such views, then we may suspect at least, that other members have been similarly tested.

As we have remarked before in reference to the possibilities of licensing agitation during the coming session, there is no doubt that the no-license party deem the present the opportune time to put the question to members of the legislature. As they well know, and we all know, there are many members, however regrettable it may be, who are prepared to sail into the House under any conditions, so long as they get there. This last session presents the opportunity where members will have to be all or nothing. If the patronage and support of the no-licensors is to be secured at the next general election, now, and during the coming session, is the time to make a bold bid for it. What ever peculiar attractions there are in connection with being an M.P., are perhaps not clearly discernible to the average voter. They are, however, apparently strong enough to cause men, who are usually regarded as level-headed business men, to abandon the ordinary precepts of right and wrong as regards property, and by the mere cast of a vote, reduce valuable securities to almost worthlessness.

The ever-increasing nonsensical talk about bare majorities being applied to other questions, as reason enough that it should be applied to the licensing question also, is no argument. Any decision that affects property and businesses to the extent that no-license does, should have a substantial backing of public decision. The question is one that is far too serious to be decided by bare majority vote. It savours too much of the "heads I win, tails you lose" aspect. The no-licensor has nothing to lose, the liquor trade have a valuable commercial asset. Wherein, then, can the no-license party, with any degree of fairness, ask of our legislators that the principle they seek to demand be made law?

In the three-fifths majority we have a substantial decision which acts as fairly on the one side as on the other. Should that majority decide that hotels in any district be closed, then it again takes a similar majority to reopen the hotels again. If we descend to the bare majority, we will be faced with the ridiculous possibility of hotels being opened or closed every three years. A possibility which we feel sure commends itself to a small section only.

So far the polling has revealed that in most places, not only a three-fifths

majority desire the hotels to remain open, but a good number more do too. To what then shall we attribute this threatened next move in the direction of a bare majority? Is it with a desire to make politicians toe the mark? Is it with a desire to introduce contentious questions during the last session, or is it that the hopelessness of ever subjecting the majority to the will of the minority is becoming too apparent? To the latter opinion we incline, and any attempt to force the question of bare majority must surely be received as an indication of great weakness.

Mr B. R. Sceats, late of the Warkworth Hotel, has left for England on a holiday trip. Mr Sceats made himself very popular at Warkworth and his many friends wish him an enjoyable tour and a safe return to the Dominion.

We understand that the negotiations between Mr H. Shepherd and Mr C. T. Gibson, of the Criterion Hotel, Paeroa, for the purchase of the latter's interest in this house, are not being completed. The people of Paeroa will be pleased to learn that Mr and Mrs Gibson will remain with them for some time to come.

A number of spurious two-shilling pieces are in circulation in Sydney.

At a conference held in Perth (West Australia) it was decided to form a federation of the liquor-sellers of Australasia.

In connection with a recent theft of liquor from the Masonic Hall at Dannevirke, two men were last week sentenced to six months' imprisonment. They had several previous convictions.

Pat was invited to a wedding. He turned up "with them all on" and was shown upstairs to the gentlemen's dressing room. Shortly after a commotion arose in that quarter, and Pat came down the stairs rapidly and without dignity. Asked the cause of his hasty retreat Pat said: "When I went in the room above there was a felly there wid a lot of shyle about him an' no civility. I axed him who the divil he thought he was at all. 'I'm the best man' sez he, an'—well—begorra he was!"

"Hotel" is a French word, but a thoroughly British institution. If its great hotels were suppressed, London would no longer be London—that is to say, the London of society, the theatre, literature, politics, art, and fashion. The hotel is one of the essential factors of London life.—"Corriere della Sera," Milan.

Thirteen million four hundred thousand Bank of England notes are issued yearly.

A magistrate in Wellington has decided that the keeping of liquor for sale by an unlicensed person is not an offence against the Act.

The bad weather that prevailed all Empire Day made business bad for the holders of the licensed booths at Takapuna races. We hope that their next venture will be attended by brighter days, and extra good business.

It is said that alleged roll-stuffing has taken place at one of the City of Christchurch electorates. A number of applications for enrolment have been handed in, all of which are in the same hand-writing, and the signatures to all of which were, in the absence of expert evidence, and of proof to the contrary signed by one person. The matter has been referred to Wellington.

After a month's inquiry concerning 47 hotels in Ballarat and the surrounding districts, the Licensees Re-

duction Board last week announced that 26 hotels were to be closed.

Dr Wohlmann speaks very favourably of the hot mineral springs at Whangape, about six miles from Rangiriri.

A general advance in premium rates among insurance companies doing business in New Zealand is predicted.

Among the many inconveniences which the law compels the hotel-keepers to suffer, is that in which a hotelkeeper is compelled to receive dead bodies into his house, in districts where a morgue does not exist. This matter received special emphasis last week, when an unfortunate young man was killed on the railway near Penrose one evening. The police removed the body to the Manukau Hotel, where it remained for two days, awaiting the arrival of the district Coroner. As the remains had to lie in the same condition as when carried from the scene of the fatality, it is needless to say that Mr W. J. Brewin, the proprietor of the hotel, was put to most painful and discreditable inconvenience.

In reply to a question at his meeting last week, the Hon. George Fowlds, member for Grey Lynn, said he was in favour of an absolute majority rule on the liquor question, also that he would support a Bill for the abolition of barmaids.

In the Police Court last week, before Mr C. C. Kettle, S.M., John Shields, licensee of the Alexandra Hotel, was charged with serving a person already under the influence of liquor with drink, and, alternatively, with permitting drunkenness on his premises. Mr Selwyn Mays appeared for the prosecution, while the defendant was represented by Mr F. E. Baume, K.C. Evidence having been given, Mr Kettle said he did not consider it a bad case. The maximum penalty for the offence was £10, but he would fine the defendant £5 on the second charge, so that the prosecution might act as a warning. The report of the police on the conduct of the hotel was a very satisfactory nature, and taking that into consideration, he would not order the license to be endorsed. The charge "serving liquor" was then withdrawn by Mr Mays, with His Worship's consent.

In the Wangarei Police Court last Thursday, Benjamin Robert LeClerc, a wine maker, was prosecuted for supplying liquor for consumption off the premises at Helena Bay to three Maoris. Sergeant Drake said the defendant supplied wine in quantities from two to eight gallons, and it was taken by the Maoris to a camp at Matapouri. Judgment was reserved till the 16th inst.

In the cable news from Melbourne last Thursday we are informed that in the Senate Mr Bent said the Government was aware of the arrangement between Cape Colony and New Zealand for the introduction of Cape wines at specially reduced rates, adding that in the draft reciprocity treaty of 1906, between the Federal Government and Mr Seddon, prefer-

ence was promised the Australian wines. New Zealand statistics did not show that Australian trade with New Zealand was suffering by South African competition.

At Dannevirke last Thursday a case in which Walter Mends, barman at the Masonic Hotel, was charged with assaulting Peter Hemingsen, and dislocating his elbow, came before Mr McCarthy, S.M., the other day, at the previous hearing of which decision had been reserved. The evidence showed that Hemingsen went into the hotel, and asked for a drink. The publican considered that he was not fit to be served, and refused it. Hemingsen became abusive, and refused to leave, and when the barman went to call the police, he assaulted him with a stick. The barman wrenched the stick away, and Hemingsen threw himself on the floor, and refused to move. The magistrate held that a licensee was bound to remove a disorderly and abusive man, and that no undue violence was used. The claim for £72 damage was dismissed.

In a case at Dannevirke last Thursday, the Magistrate held that a licensee was bound to remove a disorderly and abusive man from his licensed premises.

Speaking at the opening of the Cosmopolitan Club in Gisborne, Mr A. L. D. Fraser, M.P. for Napier, made some interesting remarks upon the influence of clubs on the life of the members and the people among whom those members mixed. The visitor (to quote from the "Gisborne Times") said they had built their club and formed their membership, but their duty was only beginning. He thought that club life should be a lesson to the outside world. They would soon have to face another general election, and it would be for the people to say whether they would have licenses or not. He hoped the club would let the people feel its pulse working at that time, for he felt sure every member would work for the good of the town of Gisborne. It should be a pleasure to be a member of a club, and their influence should be far-reaching. The members should not be selfish, but should let others share their pleasures, and, as time went on, provide in the club buildings afternoon tea rooms, reading-rooms, and such places to which they could take their wives in comfort and honour. The older members of clubs had a duty to the younger members, not to let them see the evils of the curse of drink, to encourage them in sports, music, and educational advancement, and to make club life but exaggerated home life.

NO OFFENCE.

In Wellington the other day one of the peculiarities of the Licensing Act was revealed in a decision given by the magistrate. While the licensed dealer is subjected to every pain and penalty that law can devise, it would appear that in dealing with the unlicensed dealer, or sly grog-seller, as he or she is commonly known, a certain looseness or want of finish occurs in the Act. The defendant in this instance had been



ined for selling without a license, but another charge of keeping liquor for sale was held over, on this latter.

His Worship delivered his reserved judgment in the case of Herman Sigurd Pearson, who was charged with keeping for sale certain liquor (whisky) which he was not authorised to sell. The defendant is a fruiterer carrying on business at Wellington, and on May 16 was convicted of selling whisky without being licensed. On the same date he was charged with the present offence, and his counsel argued that as there was no such offence contained in the Licensing Act, the information should be dismissed.

Section 159 of the Licensing Act, his Worship said, makes the selling or exposing for sale of any liquor which the person charged is not licensed to sell, an offence, and provides a penalty for each act. But the section does not refer to keeping for sale as an offence in any way. That is referred to in section 186, which empowers any Justice of the Peace to issue a search warrant for the detection and seizure of liquors kept for sale contrary to law, and again in section 187, which states that in the event of the owner or occupier of premises being convicted of selling, exposing, or keeping for sale any liquor which he is not authorised to sell, the liquor so seized and the vessels containing such liquor shall be forfeited. The section seemed to infer that keeping liquor for sale by an unlicensed person was an offence, but in no part of the Act was such a fact actually stated. It was clear that the defendant kept liquor for sale, which he was not authorised to sell, but the Act did not, in his Worship's opinion, make this an offence, and the defendant could not be convicted.

Mr Wilford appeared for the defendant.

HALF-HOLIDAY DECISION.

At Christchurch the other day the magistrate gave judgment in the case of the Inspector of Factories v. Maurice Lyons, licensee of the United Service Hotel.

The defendant was charged with failing to give an employee, a night porter, a weekly half-holiday. The magistrate (Mr Bishop) had followed the decision of Mr Riddell, S.M., in which the latter said the holiday must start from 2 p.m., and as a night porter was employed at night that provision did not affect him, and dismissed the case. The Inspector of Factories appealed against the decision, and the appeal was allowed.

Mr Bishop, S.M., said it appeared to him that when the first case was decided by Mr Riddell, S.M., the department sat down under an adverse decision, and took no steps to test its validity. The magistrate in the second case followed the decision in the first case, believing that all the points had properly been considered. The case was reported throughout the Dominion, and by the Labour Department itself, and he thought that if the magistrate was justified in acting on the decision, surely the defendant was entitled to act similarly. Looking at the matter in that light, he thought it was not a case for a heavy penalty. Defendant would be convicted and fined 1s and costs.

TAXING CLUBS.

Clubs having come in for some little attention recently, it is interesting to note how these institutions are regarded in other lands. Not long ago the Tasmanian "L.V. Gazette" remarked that further evidence is forthcoming that in the coming session of the Tasmanian Parliament an effort is to be made to bring clubs under the operation of the Licensing Act. At the local option deputation in Hobart the other day, Mr W. R. C. Jarvis, M.H.A., said he desired to see clubs dealt with in the same manner as hotels, and later on Premier Evans remarked: "As to the control of clubs, the Government was also determined that these institutions should come under the operation of the bill. The lines upon which they should be included had, however, not been definitely settled, beyond that they should be subjected to the payment of a license and be under inspection." This is the only reference on that occasion that will meet with the unqualified approval of the trade. The increasing popularity and

strength of these institutions have resulted in a serious loss of business to licensees, who very naturally believe that as the clubs compete so considerably against them, with establishments should pay a larger tax than at present, and be subjected to some of the restrictions under which they themselves pursue their calling. Moreover, the evidence adduced in other countries where severe restrictions are placed on the sale of liquor proves that new clubs inevitably spring up, thus defeating a chief object of the legislative action. No doubt the same would happen here.

HOTEL SALES.

Messrs Dwan Bros., Willis Street, Wellington, report having made the following hotel sales:—Mr A. M. Gow's interest in the lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Central Hotel, Lambton Quay, Wellington, to Mr S. J. Flewellyn, late of the Club Hotel, Lambton Quay, Wellington. Mr T. P. Firman's interest in the lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Club Hotel, Carterton, to Mr Oliver Mosen, late of Mahora, Hastings. The late Thomas Wilkinson's interest in the lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Alhambra Hotel, Cuba Street, Wellington, to Mr George Adams, late of the Club Hotel, Martinborough. The lease, furniture, and goodwill of the Brunswick Hotel, Willis Street, Wellington, to Mr P. J. Corby, late of the Shepherd's Arms Hotel, Tinkori Road, Wellington. Mr H. Shotlander's interest in the lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Inglewood Hotel, Inglewood, to Mr Martin Bergin, late of the Oxford Hotel, Christchurch. The lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Central Hotel, Hawera, to Mr Barclay Harrington, of Wellington, on account of Mr D. Barry, Hawera. The lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Terminus Hotel, Picton, to Mr Watson. Mr Thos. Kelly's interest in the lease, goodwill and furniture of Barrett's Hotel, Lambton Quay, Wellington, to Mr A. M. Gow, late of the Central Hotel, Lambton Quay, Wellington. The lease of the Clyde Quay Hotel, Clyde Quay, Wellington, to Mr Sellars Contract, of this city. The lease, furniture, and goodwill of the Ship Hotel, Nelson, to a local buyer on behalf of Mr William Fitzgerald. The lease, furniture, and goodwill of the Normanby Hotel, Normanby, to Mr A. G. Kimpson, late of the Post Office Hotel, Picton. Mr William Pacey's interest in the lease, goodwill, and furniture of the Pier Hotel, Kaikoura, to Mr R. J. Hickson, late of the Family Hotel, Foxton. The lease and goodwill of the Tavistock Hotel, Waipukurau, Hawke's Bay, on account of Mr R. Coneys, to Mr A. McLeod, of Wellington.

ILLICIT STILLS IN CHICAGO AND NEW YORK.

TACTICS OF THE MOONSHINERS.

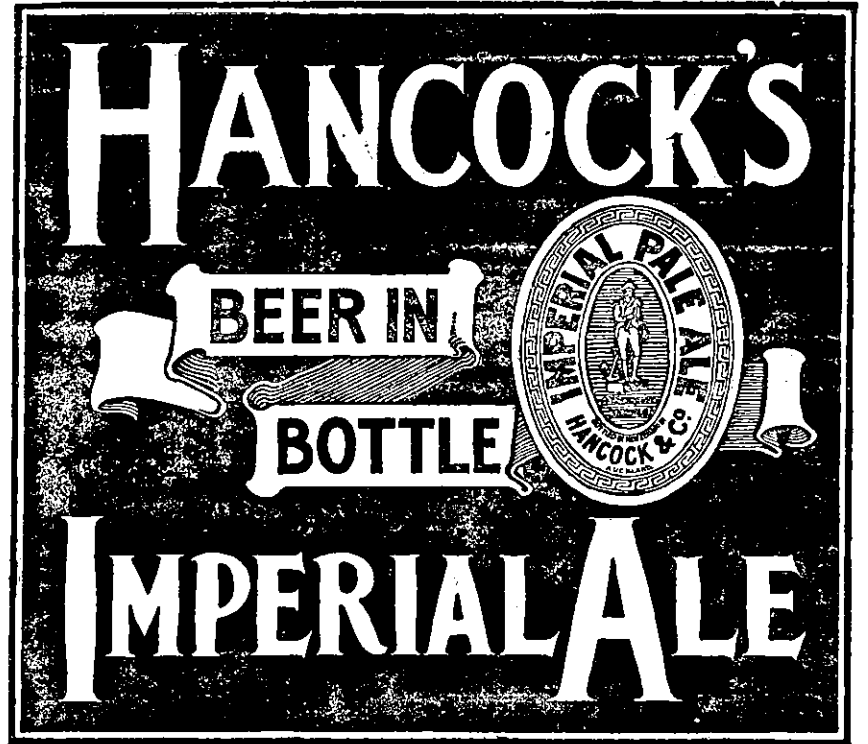
"Moonshine" was the term originally applied to illicit liquor made in the mountains, but it now signifies any liquor made where there is an evasion of the Government tax. In the cities of Chicago and New York making moonshine is a profitable game, and those engaged in it adopt all sorts of schemes and ruses to elude the vigilance of the revenue officers, but nine times out of ten the lawbreakers are brought to justice.

Whisky is seldom manufactured by the moonshiner unless he has unusual facilities for disposing of the malt that is left over after the process of distillation. The stuff cannot be run into the sewer, as it would soon clog it up. Rum is the usual thing made, molasses and sugar being employed.

The revenue service occasionally discovers a plant through purchases of molasses, sugar, and yeast by the moonshiners. Often an agent, whose sense of smell is keen, succeeds in lighting on a moonshining establishment, and in other cases revenue officials, under the guise of gas inspectors or city builders, secure admission to suspected houses for the ostensible purpose of inspecting the premises, whereas in reality, they only want to get a sniff of the peculiar grainish odour inseparable from the manufacture of spirits.

In many instances the "mash problem" is overcome. One firm in New York removed the mash in barrels, and this was possible from the fact that their capacity was small. Another firm of moonshiners concealed their operations by giving it out that

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they had established an incubator farm. Large quantities of grain were frequently ordered to feed the chicks, that had what seemed to be voracious appetites. At length people began to wonder how it was possible for young chicks to go on devouring tons and tons of grain. Crow nor cluck had never been heard to come from the incubator farm; not a fledgling fowl had ever been seen about. At last the revenue officers became suspicious

and called at the farm to see the chickens, but found instead a flourishing plant for the making of illicit liquor.

A short time ago the first Chinese moonshiner ever caught was trapped in a village near San Francisco. He distilled spirits from rice, and, bottling it, he sold it bearing the title "Elixir of Life." It realised a dollar a bottle in the Chinese quarters of the Californian city. The still the

Chinaman used was the first of its kind ever discovered in the states. No worm was used in the cooling and condensing of the vapour, but a drumhead, apparently used for that purpose, was installed, having been imported from China.

Chinamen and Christians are not the only individuals who try their luck at the game, for some of the lower-class Jews do a little moonshining as well. During certain Hebrew holidays, the Jewish religion teaches the children of Israel to avoid drinking anything save "kosher" liquors made in new vessels from selected grain and absolutely pure. Liquor of this kind would be hard to purchase and of course high in price. Consequently the "kosher" moonshiner springs into existence and does a profitable business, and, while fulfilling the requirements of religion in making the spirits, he overlooks the trifling formality of paying the Government tax.

Scouts of the revenue department are always on the qui vive to raid the moonshining establishments. The city moonshiner does not fight like the old mountaineer moonshiner; he is content to let lawyers fight his battles in court. But sometimes the revenue man, shadowing a suspected house, falls in for a warm time, and is often arrested by a policeman on the beat for not obeying the injunction to "move on." As he cannot reveal the nature of his business he must submit to arrest, and even fines, in order that the work he is seek-

ing to accomplish may not fall because of premature exposure. Then, again, they are often set upon by gangs of toughs, who suspect them of being local detectives or "stool pigeons," and must suffer a beating rather than show their badges or draw a revolver in their own defence.

A peculiar method of distributing illicit-made liquor was discovered during the peregrinations of the revenue man. An old woman, armed with a market basket, was in the habit of making six or eight trips a day to and fro from a certain place where liquor was manufactured in an illicit way. Under her garments she wore around her waist a belt that held three or four gallons of whisky, and the old woman on each trip would have the belt replenished, and would deliver the stuff to various small dealers to the extent of 18 or 20 gallons a day.

SOME TOBACCO FACTS.

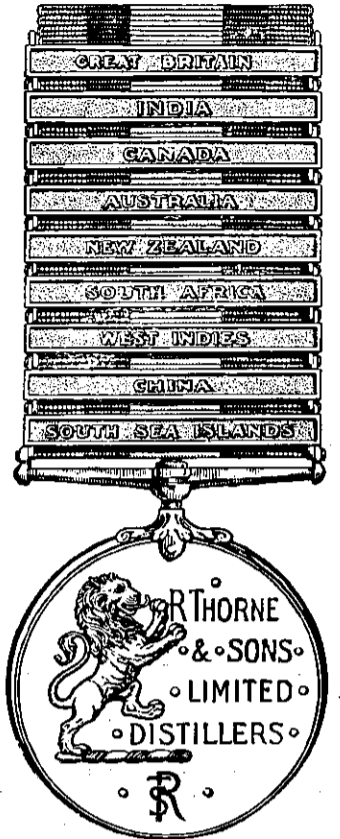
The so-called "nicotineless" tobacco, which though a novelty, has already obtained much popularity in France, does in reality contain a small amount of the objectionable alkaloid. Most of the latter, however, has been removed from the manufactured article by washing the tobacco in water. Thus rendered comparatively harmless, it finds favour with smokers who are suffering from weak nerves or heart trouble. In this country (says the "New York Saturday Evening Post") a number of patents have been grant-

ed within recent years for methods by which tobacco may be made harmless. The process in one case consists in soaking the "fillers" of cigars in a fluid extract of pine needles, the nicotine having been previously carried off by exposing the material to alcohol vapour. In this way the cigars are not only rendered innocuous, but acquire what many persons consider to be a most desirable aromatic fragrance. A patented substitute for plug tobacco consists of saffras bark, gentian root, and prickly ash bark, with extract of locorice for a "binder." It is recommended as harmless, and will satisfy the craving for the noxious "weed." Another idea in the same line is for cigars of eucalyptus leaves. The inventor (who, it is needless to say, is a woman) says that "unlike tobacco they leave a clean and pleasant flavour in the mouth." Cigarettes are flavoured with essences of various plants, such as vanilla, stramonium, coffee, and valerian, and occasionally a few tea leaves are mixed with the tobacco. These flavours appeal to individual fancy, especially with women who smoke. Tobacco is adulterated to a considerable extent with the leaves of the cabbage, the turnip, the potato, and the beet, which, after being steeped in solutions to deprive them of their natural flavour, are subjected to a bath of extract of tobacco stems. Cleverly manipulated and treated with the flavouring "sauces," the recipes for which are secrets of the trade, such artificial tobacco seems to be acceptable enough as a commercial article.

WHAT IS WHISKY?

Sir Victor Horsley, the eminent surgeon, is among those who are expected to give evidence shortly before the Royal Commission that is attempting to solve the vexed question, "What is whisky?" He stands quite, as everyone knows, in the front rank of living pathologists. His only club (says "P.T.O.") is the Athenaeum, and here he perpetrated a neat little joke the other afternoon on the subject of this present inquiry. Entering the club, a friend said to him, "Hullo, Horsley! Can you tell us what whisky is yet?" "The most popular poison in the world, my dear sir," was the prompt

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retort. This will not be Sir Victor's first experience of a Royal Commission, since some years ago he acted as secretary to the Commission on Hydrophobia. During the sitting of that Commission rather a testy old doctor, now dead, who was a member of it, objected to the constant use of the words "a mad dog." "A mad dog, indeed!" he snorted, "who can tell me what a mad dog is, I should like to know?" "I think if one entered the room just now, Dr. — would not wait to be told what his precise condition was," interjected Sir Victor, quietly.

Says "Truth":—The persons suffering from beerophobia in the South have worn their voices down to a husky whisper yelling about the prosperity of Oamaru under prohibition and the absence of crimes attributable to swill. Timaru "Her-



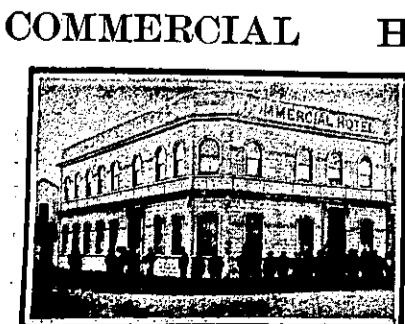
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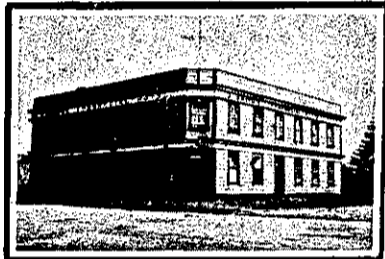
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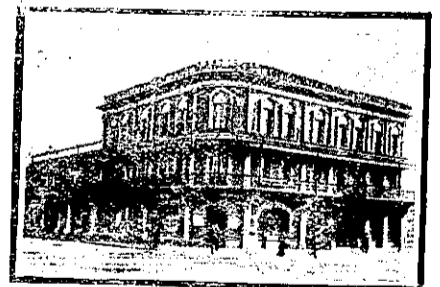
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ald," on the other hand, quotes the astounding progress of Timaru under beer and the bar, and marks the foolishness of putting a rise in values down to either beer, drought, or license to liquor. Moreover, Oamaru's record for serious offences has gone up, and the Timaru paper pertinently remarks: "Are we to blame No-license for the increase in the number of cases of cruelty to animals, of common assault, of malicious injury to property, even of murder. And what are we to say of the increase in the opium cases, and of the failure to support near relations, including illegitimate children? Are we to understand that all these items are the fruits of No-license? If so, and we have to make a choice of two evils, we are inclined to think No-license comes off second best."

STAGE ITEMS.

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Meynell and Gunn's "Little Bread Winner" and "Stepmother" Co., which is having an enormously successful season in Queensland, opens a New Zealand tour at Christchurch on August 6, the remainder of the bookings being:—Invercargill, August 18; Dunedin, 22; Timaru, 31; Wellington September 2; Palmerston North, 23; Wanganui, 25; New Plymouth, 28; Auckland, 30; then short seasons in Napier, Hastings, Dannevirke and Masterton.

A GREAT HIT.

Some indication of the way in which "The Merry Widow" has captured the taste of Melbourne audiences (writes Mr George Tallis), may be gauged from the fact that the returns for the second Saturday night exceeded those of the first, despite the extraordinarily heavy booking that occurred for the opening performance, and Lehar's beautiful opera, with its bewitching music, its fine strain of sentiment and comedy interwoven, its exceptionally haunting melodies, its magnificent mounting and dressing, deserves the great triumph it has achieved. Especially may this be granted when the all-round excellence of the cast is noted. There have been scores of playgoers who have seen the piece in London or elsewhere among the 300 or so theatres where it is now being played, and who have returned to Melbourne to find that the production here equals the best in the old world, and in many respects is superior. With the principal solos in the hands of Miss Carrie Moore and Miss Florence Young, Mr Andrew Higginson and Mr Reg. Roberts, with Mr Victor Gouriet as the delightfully quaint and peppery Baron Popoff, with Mr Fred Leslie revelling in the part of Nisch, messenger to the Embassy, with Messrs C. R. Bantock, W. S. Percy and Arthur Hunter all contributing to the fund of laughter, and with a chorus never before at such a high level in the history of the Royal Comic Opera Company, the general result could not well be different.

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With last Saturday evening's performance "Humpty-Dumpty," which has been delighting Sydney for the past six weeks, enters upon the final four weeks of its sojourn in that city. For six months, excepting for a brief visit to Adelaide, the pantomime has been engaged in the congenial task of ministering to the merriment of the two principal cities of the Commonwealth, and henceforward an extended tour will be its portion. Brisbane and Newcastle are to be visited during July, and at the end of that month the New Zealand trip will be commenced in Wellington to take up the preparation of the pantomime for next Xmas.

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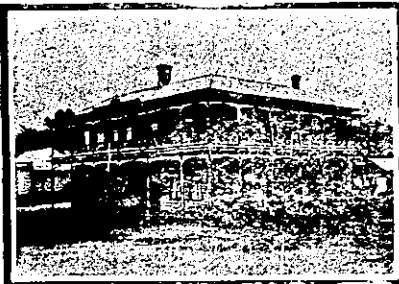
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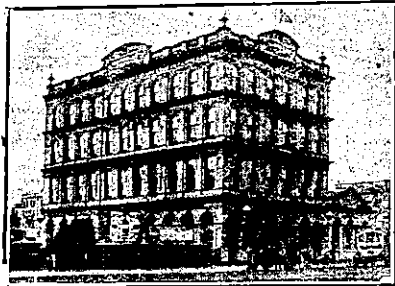
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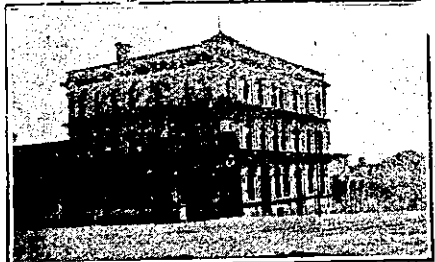
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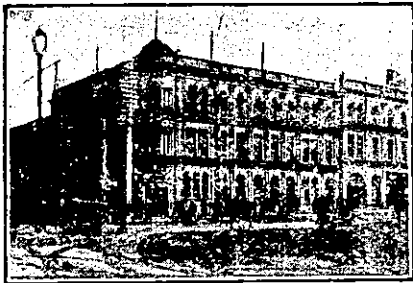
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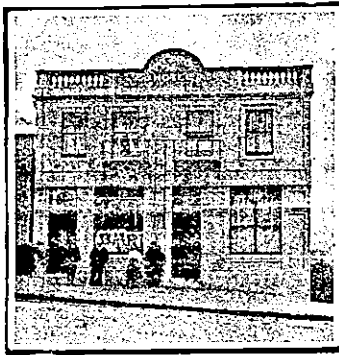
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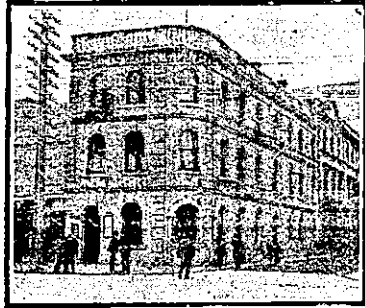
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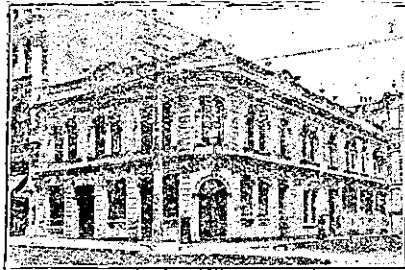


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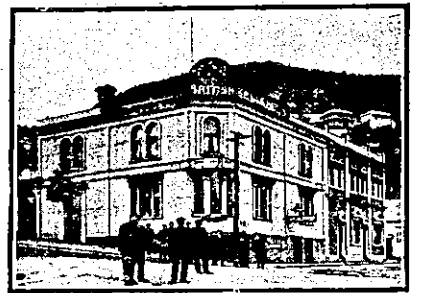
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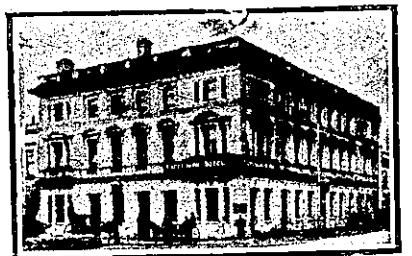
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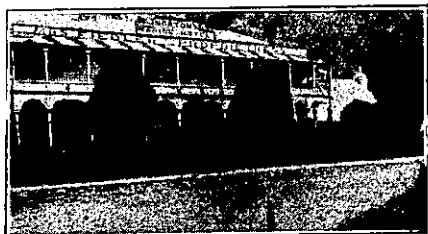
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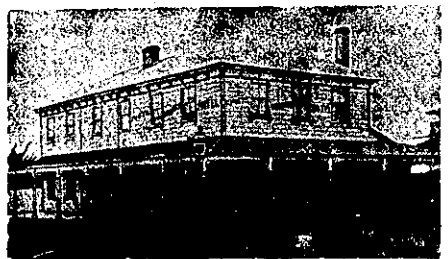


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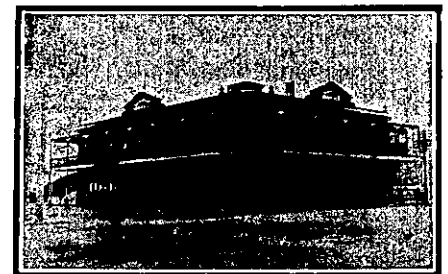


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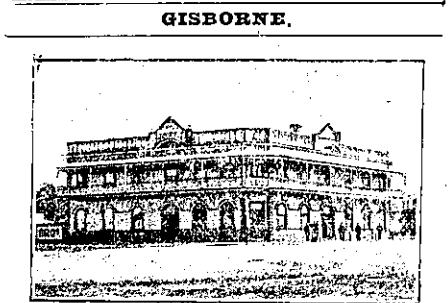
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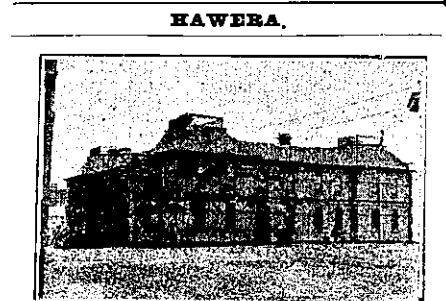


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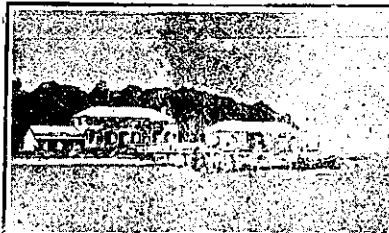
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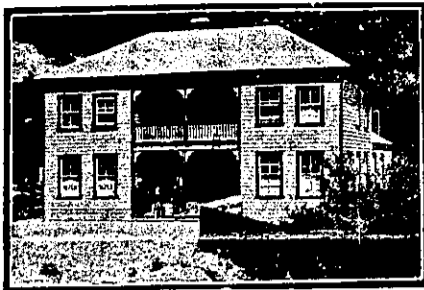
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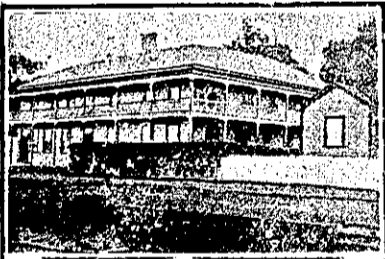
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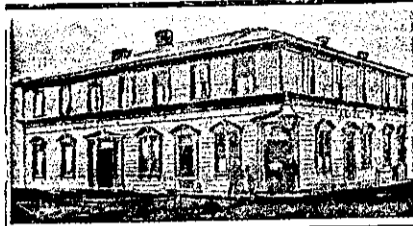
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J. A. PAWSON Proprietor. Mr. Pawson begs to intimate that he has taken over the above Hotel, and the travelling public can rely on First-class Accommodation at a moderate tariff. Only the Best of Ales, Wines, and Spirits kept. Tariff: 4s 6d per Day.

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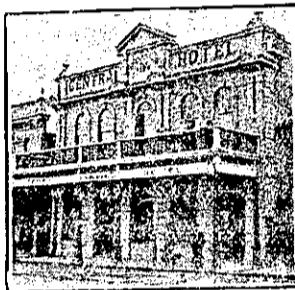


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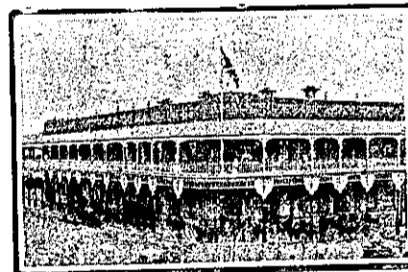
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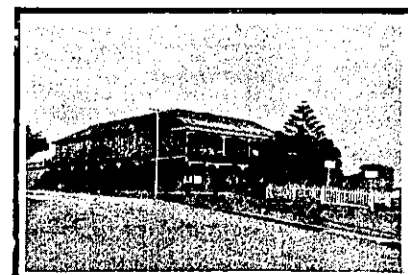
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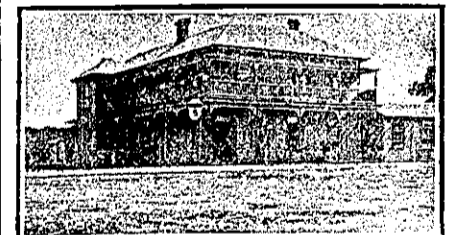


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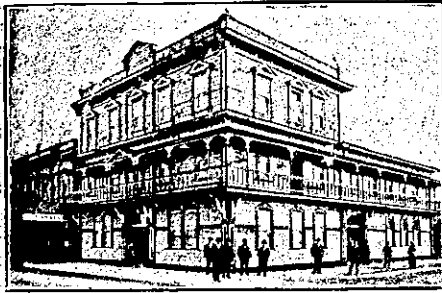
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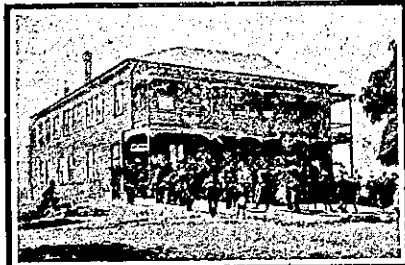


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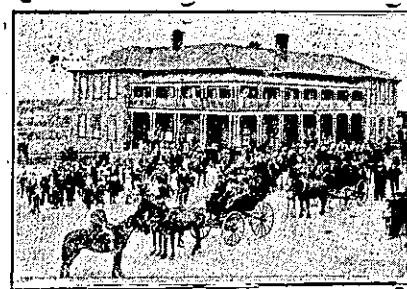
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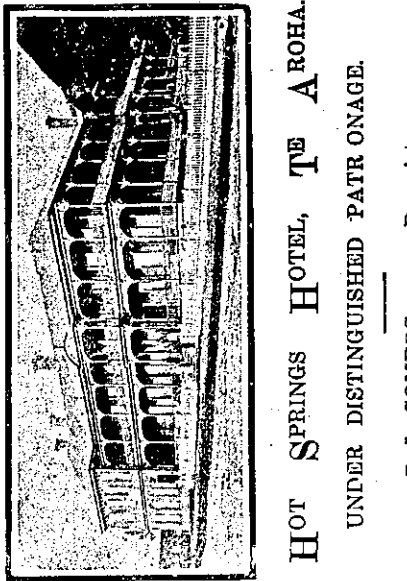
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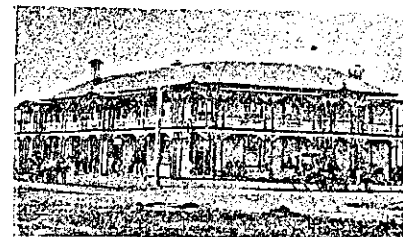


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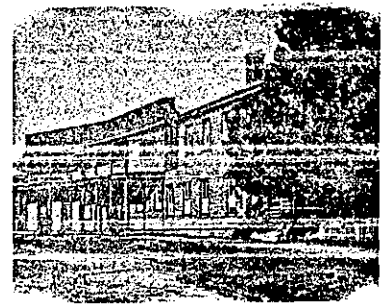


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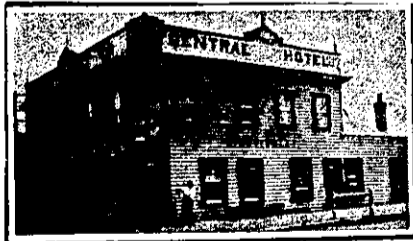
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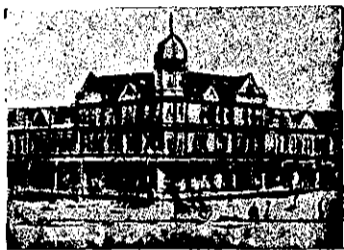
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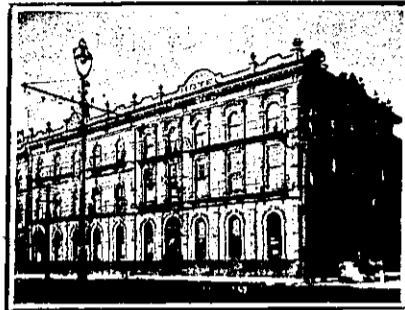
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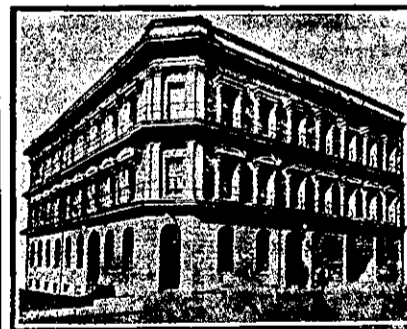
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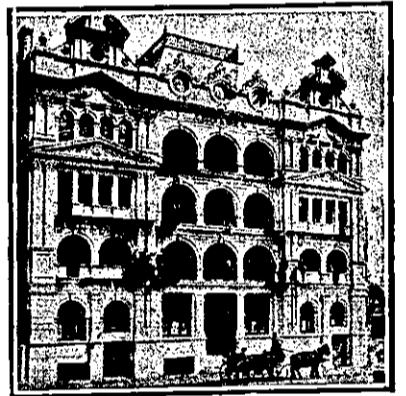
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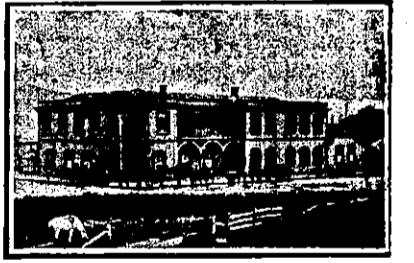
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