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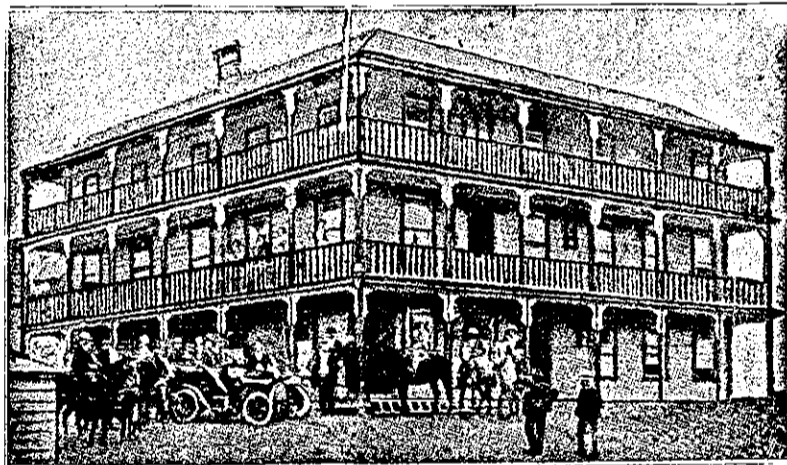
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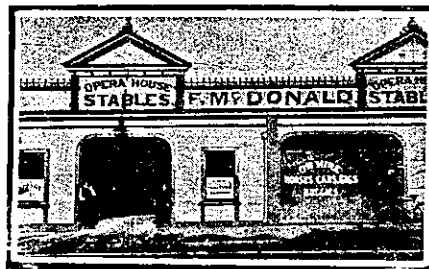
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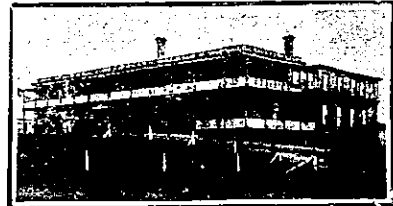
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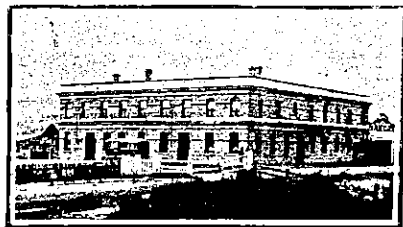
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FIXTURES.

July 9, 10.—Gisborne R.C.
July 18, 22, and 25.—Wellington R.C.
July 20.—Hawke's Bay Hunt Club
July 30.—North Canterbury J.C.
August 12.—Special Fleet Week Race Meeting at Ellerslie
August 11, 13, 15.—C.J.C. Grand National Meeting

NOMINATIONS.

July 17.—Fleet Meeting

HANDICAPS.

July 27.—Fleet Meeting

ACCEPTANCES.

July 1.—Gisborne R.C.
July 31.—Fleet Meeting

THE FLEET WEEK RACE MEETING.

A GOOD PROGRAMME ARRANGED

In our last issue there appeared a synopsis of the programme for the special race meeting to be given at Ellerslie in honour of the visit of the United States fleet of battleships. This programme will be found in our advertising columns, and is of a nature calculated to prove popular with owners. The races on the list are as follows:—Welcome Hurdle Race of 125sovs, one mile and a-half; the Admirals' Handicap of 110sovs, five furlongs; the Roosevelt Handicap of 300 sovs, one mile; the Sperry Steeplechase of 250sovs, three miles; the Connecticut Steeplechase for hunters of 150sovs, two and a-half miles; and the Fleet Handicap of 200sovs, five furlongs. Mr. O'Connor will act as starter, Mr. Lusk as judge, while Mr. R. Wynyard will do the handicapping. Bookmakers will be charged a fee of £20 for licenses to bet, with 10s for a clerk. There is one little point which has been possibly overlooked. It is possible that among the American officers there may be some fine horsemen who would not only enjoy a ride over such a course as the Connecticut Steeplechase provides, but would do thorough justice to their mounts. One of the very finest amateur riders we have ever seen in the colonies was a naval officer, a lieutenant on H.M.S. Orlando, who is said to have been the original of Patterson's famous poem, "The Amateur Rider." America is noted for its horsemen, but should such a one be there ought he to be barred out? The point is a small one, but it is worth noting.

It is perhaps a little unfortunate that the meeting should clash with the Grand National Meeting of the Canterbury Jockey Club, but this, of course, was entirely unavoidable. The committee to manage the Fleet Week meeting will be the A.R.C. executive, together with the chairmen and secretaries of the Avondale and Takapuna Jockey Clubs. Owners should note that nominations will close with Mr. J. F. Hartland at the A.R.C. office on Friday, July 17, at 9 p.m. Weights will appear on Monday, July 27, while acceptances close on Friday, July 31. Given fine weather on the eventful day, this special meeting should prove one of the most popular ever held at Ellerslie.

PENALTY CONDITIONS IN NEED OF ALTERATION.

It would seem that the Canterbury Jockey Club is not desirous of seeing the Wellington R.C. go ahead, at least so it would appear from the altogether absurd conditions imposed in the way of penalties at the Riccarton fixture. For instance, in the N.Z. Grand National Steeplechase the winner of any steeplechase of the value of £300 is penalised to the extent of 14lb, and the same applies to the big hurdle event at Riccarton. Now this must tell very hardly indeed on the Auckland brigade, such as Klatere, Loch Fyne, Shrapnel, or Lady Hune. If any of these were to race at Wellington and win, say, the Winter Hurdles or the Wellington Steeplechase, they

would immediately be mulcted in a 14lb penalty, when the only thing to do would be to send them straight home again instead of going on to Christchurch. If a horse has a light weight, an additional stone on his back for winning may be no great hardship, but a very different tale has to be told when the original handicap comes in the 11st or 12st list, as will probably be the case with the Auckland horses. Therefore owners must either race at Wellington and take the risk of being crushed out of the Riccarton events, or else pass Wellington altogether and miss the chance of winning some nice stakes. This seems manifestly unfair to owners who are willing to incur the risk and anxiety, to say nothing of the expense, of sending their horses so far afield in the middle of winter. It also seems to mean that the C.J.C. does not wish that the interest in its big winter fixture should be any way imperilled by the success of the Wellington gathering.

As our Wellington correspondent points out, a far more equitable plan would be to adopt the Victoria Racing Club's sliding scale of penalties. These run as follows:—Winners of a hurdle race after the declaration of weights if handicapped at 9st 10lb, 7lb extra; 10st 11lb to 11st 6lb, 5lb; 11st 7lb or upwards, 3lb. An even better plan would be to allow the weight adjuster to re-handicap winners if thought necessary. Suppose a horse like Klatere were handicapped at 12st 10lb for the G.N. Steeplechase. If he succeeded at Wellington he would have to carry 13st 10lb at Riccarton, which is simply farcical, whereas if rehandicapped Mr. Henrys would not allot him more than 13st. The conditions put such a bar on our best horses being sent South that the wonder is they have not been altered before. But we trust before the next meeting this will have been done.

NOTES ON THE NAPIER PARK MEETING.

(By Our Hawke's Bay Correspondent.)

Though the weather was unpromising on Wednesday, heavy rain falling in the early morning, followed by an occasional shower as the forenoon advanced, the stewards of the Napier Park Racing Club decided to brave the elements and proceed with the programme of their winter meeting. This determination on their part not to disappoint the public and to keep faith with those to whom a race meeting has attractions no meteorological conditions can wholly destroy, was duly rewarded. The sky was overcast and threatening for the greater part of the afternoon, but fortunately the rain held off, and, with the exception of a little dampness under foot, no unpleasantness was experienced. Naturally the course was heavy and against any records being broken, but still the racing was good and the times far from discreditably. All things considered. The attendance was good, and the club is to be congratulated on the results.

Six horses faced the starter for the first of the big events in the Stewards' Stakes, Ballyneety being scratched. White Lie started favourite, but was easily disposed of in the straight by Mussel, who won by a comfortable length.

The Napier Steeplechase was a capital race for the greater part of the distance, but in the end proved a comparatively easy thing for Fretwork. In this event Valima, one of the favourites, ran off at the sod wall, and Post Haste came down at the seven-furlong brush fence, both horse and rider escaping practically unhurt.

The Ladies' Bracelet fell to Hinupai, who won a good race by a long neck, the favourite (Espantero) running second.

The other events were all well contested, and were also productive of lively interest. The sum of £6343 was invested on the totalisator as compared with £7835 on the first day of last year's winter meeting. Twelve

bookmakers were on the ground, seven inside the enclosure at a fee of £20 10s each, and five outside at £10 10s, the total derived by the club from this source of revenue being £196.

SECOND DAY.

The winter meeting was brought to a close on Thursday, the weather, though dull, remaining fine. There was a large attendance. The first big race of the day—the Winter Oats Handicap—saw all the acceptors go to the post on a heavy course. Erl King was made a hot favourite, and he justified the confidence reposed in him, getting home by a length after a good race.

In the Waohiki Hack Hurdles Hatley fell at the hurdle at the bottom bend, and his rider (T. Pritchard) had his shoulder dislocated.

The big event of the day—the Park Steeplechase—brought forth seven runners, Valima being made a slightly better favourite than Fretwork. The first favourite did not see the course out, being pulled up along the back the second time round. Fretwork, who was slow off the mark, never left the issue in doubt once. He settled down to his task, and, taking all obstacles in splendid style, ran home an easy winner from Baltic, who just managed to last long enough to beat Nogi for second honours, the latter coming with a strong run up the straight and getting within a long neck of the second horse. Fretwork and his rider (W. Higgins) came in for an ovation on returning to scale with the double to their credit.

The Ladies' Bracelet saw eight horses go to the post, four of the acceptors declining engagement. Waikaraka was sent out a big favourite, but the winner turned up in Oakbourne, who led practically from the start, getting home a couple of lengths to the good from Ancycle. Waikaraka was the second horse into the straight, but was no nearer than fourth at the finish.

Commander was the only withdrawal from the Poraita Hurdles, and The Stake was the general fancy. He was only prominent, however, on one occasion. Defeat, one of the lightly-backed runners, who always held a good position, proved to be the winner. Pretty Maid, another well-backed one, filled second place.

The totalisator figures for the day reached £6266, a decrease of £1495 over the corresponding day last year.

For the two days the sum handled was £12,609, a shrinkage of £2987. Twelve bookmakers took out licenses, five inside and seven outside. The amount received from the bookmakers more than makes up for the decrease in the machine figures.

THE AUSTRALIAN SPRING HANDICAPS.

Writing on the subject of the big spring handicaps in Australia, "Martindale" says:—"Now that the weights are out for the important spring handicaps, those who are keen on finding out what is well in will have their time fully engaged. Taking them as they are run, the Epsom comes first, the date of running—October 3—Derby Day—at Randwick. Mr. Daly has elected the New Zealander Gold Crest as the best in the race, and he gets top weight (9st 7lb). To properly overhaul these handicaps would take up columns of space; and, what is more, figures are dry reading. To my thinking, Mooltan has been harshly treated by all the handicappers. He is no doubt a good horse, but an increase of over 20lb for running second in a race is a great rise. The Acolyte also appears to have got all that he is entitled to. Still, the handicappers could no doubt show figures for their adjustments; but it appears strange that The Acolyte should have to give weight away to Peru, winner of such important races as the Australian Cup and Champion Race. In the Epsom, Iolalre and Fille Fugi appear to have fair weights, and others that may run well, if they see the post, are Legation, Decollette, Heiro, Gaby, Sir Aymer, Seddon, Mas-

ter Foote, Maranui, Rose Ray, Malt Rose, Parsee, Exsul, Ale, Alibi, and Antonina. Poseidon, at 9st 13lb, is fairly weighted in the Metropolitan, as also Peru, Lord Fitzroy, Welcome Trist, Putty, Seddon, The Brewer, Master Foote, and Pharos. Parsee is one that appears to have a very fair chance, and in the light-weight division those that may run well are Florance, Exsul, Woolloomooloo, and Antonina.

Though the Victorian handicappers are well agreed respecting top-weights with the Randwick adjuster, there are several marked differences in the Caulfield and Melbourne Cup lists. Of course, Poseidon is top in each, and not badly treated at 10st in the Melbourne Cup. In each Cup I think Mooltan has been rated too high. May King is well placed at Caulfield, also Waipuna, Destinist, Dyed Garments, Legation, and Welcome Trist. If Seddon can stay he has a good chance, as also Kyeaderie, Parsee, Golden Slipper, and Eric. More than half the horses nominated are weighted with only 7lb between them. It may be that in this lot of over 100 horses the winner may be found. Perhaps the most likely ones are Exsul, Love Lord, Enchanted States, Electron, Argea, Diabolo, and Antonina.

There are 199 horses in the Melbourne Cup, and, seeing that 111 of them are weighted from 6st 13lb down to 6st 7lb, it cannot be said that they are handicapped at all. The fact is in all the big handicaps the horses are really classed, not handicapped. For instance, if half the lot weighted in the Melbourne or Caulfield Cups below 7st were nominated for some minor event, we would find that the handicapper would make a difference of about 3st between what he considered the best and worst. It is a long while between now and the first Tuesday in November, when the Melbourne Cup is run, and the form of many may be improved. As they stand at the present time, the best seem to be Waipuna, Dyed Garments, Welcome Trist, Prophecy, Kyeaderie, The Brewer, Pharos, Putty, Seddon, Alawa, Eric, Woolloomooloo, Parsee, Diabolo, Lord Nolan, and Exsul.

ADVICE TO THE MOUNTED RIFLES.

In this issue a picture is published showing the camp of the Second Regiment Auckland Mounted Rifles at Te Papa. When the camp was broken up, Major Allen Bell, in his parting address, said that the camp had been a most pleasant one for the regimental staff and squadron officers, and this was largely due to the splendid manner in which all ranks had endeavoured to carry out their duties. The absence of drunkenness, bad language, and disorderly behaviour in camp was a source of the greatest satisfaction and pride to him as officer commanding the regiment. Unfortunately, under the present conditions, it was impossible to make efficient soldiers of them; they must look upon themselves as being in the position of "stopping the gap" until the majority of the people of the Dominion and the Empire recognised their duties and responsibilities, and the day arrived when we had universal training, and every able-bodied man throughout the Empire would become an efficient defender of his country. Until that day arrived, he urged the men under his command to do their best to make themselves as efficient as possible under the circumstances, and whether in uniform or out to behave in such a manner as would command the esteem and respect of the public. His aim had been to raise the regiment to such a status that he would be proud to meet any member of it no matter what position in life he occupied, and to feel that that member was honoured and respected by his fellow men. He fully understood and appreciated the self-sacrifice that prompted them to rough it in camp during the winter months, while others remained comfortably at home. The regimental staff had done their best to alleviate these condi-

tions, and he was glad to see, by the cheerful manner in which all ranks set about their duties, that their efforts were appreciated. He hoped that every man would act as a recruiting agent, and get others to join, and that the regiment would go into camp next year with a further increase in numbers.

NOTES.

(By The Judge.)

Entries for the Fleet Week Race Meeting at Ellerslie are due on July 17.

The Gisborne R.C. Steeplechase Meeting takes place on the 9th and 10th inst.

Mr "Bob" Wynyard has been appointed handicapper for the Fleet Meeting.

Lady Hune, Scotty and Shrapnel, represent the Auckland contingent in the Grand National Hurdles, and Loch Fyne, Le Beau, Pierre, Kapakapa and Kaitere in the G.N. Steeplechase.

We see some very bad handicapping from time to time by Australian weight adjusters. The latest is giving Waipuna 8st 11lb in the Melbourne Cup. When it is remembered that the son of Soutl could not win the Auckland Cup under 7st 5lb, the farcical nature of his Melbourne Cup allotment is the more apparent. One would like to hear Bill Lyon's opinion of the matter. No doubt it would be terse and to the point.

The death was reported recently of that great jumper Red Leap, who, in 1892, won the V.R.C. National Hurdle Race, Grand National Steeplechase, and Caulfield Grand National Steeplechase, in each case under tremendous imposts.

The V.R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race takes place on Saturday. Waipu, 10st 3lb, will be New Zealand's chief representative and he ought to have a chance.

That once speedy little mare Avalanche has a promising filly by Gluten. If the youngster is as good as her dam she will do.

The Messrs Duders' bay filly by Soutl, from Queen Anne, has been named La Reina, not Loraine or Le Reine as given elsewhere.

The acceptances for the Avondale Stakes and Avondale Guineas to be run at the Spring Meeting were published in our last issue and are quite satisfactory. Seventeen remain in the former and twelve in the latter.

Kremlin has been retired from the track owing to rheumatism, and after a spell will be used as a buggy horse.

The Wellington Racing Club's winter meeting will take place on June 18, 22 and 25.

Shrapnel has 11st 10lb and Lady Hune 11st 5lb in the Wellington Hurdle Race. When they last met at Ellerslie on the concluding day of the winter meeting, there was only 2lbs between them and the mare fairly lost the Workman gelding.

Kiater will have to show better form than he did recently at Ellerslie to win the Wellington Steeplechase under 12st 11lb. In the Winter Steeplechase, with a pound more in the saddle, he ran absolutely last.

Kapakapa has been entered for the Grand National Steeplechase. This seems a trifle ambitious.

Handicaps for the big events of the C.J.C. National Meeting are due on the 10th inst.

Mr R. S. Sievier is in trouble again. This time he is accused of attempting to levy blackmail on Mr Joel. Bob Sutton's career has been a remarkable one, and it will be interesting to note how he meets the latest allegations against him. The prosecution is apparently the outcome of an article which appeared in Sievier's paper "The Winning Post."

Aorangi, who appeared to have had luck to lose the G.N. Hurdle Race at Ellerslie, has been entered for the big Riccarton events. Evidently he has got over his fall.

The smart light-weight A. Whitaker sailed for Sydney on Monday.

The Auckland Matakokiri broke a fetlock the other day at Randwick and was destroyed.

The Anglo-Welsh Football team easily defeated Hawke's Bay yesterday by 25 to 3.

I hear that the well-known horseman Mark Ryan was married during the week. Let me offer congratulations.

Marangi and Cinque leave for Gisborne on Saturday in charge of W. G. Irwin.

Scotty had a go over the hurdles on Tuesday morning, his companions being Dogger Bank and Mark Time. The veteran shaped pleasingly.

I have to thank Messrs Pyne and Co., the well-known Christchurch auctioneers, for the catalogue of the big stock sale, which is to take place on August 12, when the whole of the late Mr G. G. Stead's racing and breeding stock is to come under the hammer. Very full particulars are given of the seventy-two lots to be submitted, and the catalogue contains a wealth of information as to breeding, engagements, etc., which will make it invaluable to intending buyers.

Keen judges gave the King's horse Perrier no chance in the Derby owing to the course being down hill. He may run better in the St. Leger.

I understand a number of Auckland sportsmen intend going down to Gisborne to assist at the Steeplechase Meeting there on July 9 and 10. The fixture is a well managed one and should prove a great success.

"Javelin," of the Melbourne "Leader" writes as follows:—His Majesty the King, in naming a colt by his famous stallion Persimmon after the maker of a celebrated brand of champagne, has put the hall mark in a system of trade advertising, which owners of horses, encouraged by the Royal example, will no doubt freely follow. It will be remembered that for several years the first horse nominated for the Melbourne Cup was Leeming's Boots. If Perrier had won the Derby the only hope of the other French makers of champagne would have been to have secured, by purchase or otherwise, nominations for the Grand Prix of future seasons. If once the big manufacturers and traders of the world get on to this system of advertising—which, by the way, is worth consideration—we may expect some day to see in the cabled news from England something like the following:—"The Derby was run at Epsom to-day, and resulted as follows:—Pear's Soap, 1; Beecham's Pills, 2; Lipton's Tea, 3. Clark's Cotton and Horrock's Longcloth were equal favourites, and Keen's Mustard, Sunlight Soap and Guinness' Stout were also well supported." "Javelin" falls into the error of supposing that the King's horse Perrier was named after a brand of champagne. As was pointed out some time ago in these columns, a perrier was a soldier who worked a sort of huge sling for hurling rocks at the enemy. "Javelin" should have made sure of his facts before waxing sarcastic.

In referring to some riders who are in the forefront in England, a writer alluded to Hewitt, and, continuing said:—"Mention of Hewitt reminds me that this colonial is very delighted with England, and has thoroughly settled down. He lives with Bernard Dillon and Lyne at Newmarket; the three of them keep house. Hewitt is well educated and extremely intelligent. He can talk Australian politics, give his ideas about things in general in a most lucid way, and is altogether a most amusing travelling companion. Certainly, last year enough criticism was levelled at him to cause him to be much discouraged, but he is one of those natures who fight against all rebuffs, as he was determined to 'get there.' Those who have seen Hewitt ride admit that they never saw a better jockey at the gate; it is simply wonderful the way he gets away. Certainly some of his finishing displays are not quite 'orthodox,' and on more than one occasion last year it was considered that he did not display that artistic style which one is accustomed to in many of our other horsemen. There are two sides, however, to this question. On Nightfall, in the Queen's Prize last Easter Monday, it struck me that he was not at his best, but it must be remembered that this

very moderate mare ran extremely badly on subsequent occasions, and that she was alongside a very great horse in Bridge of Canny. With another jockey in the saddle she might not have been where she was. Hewitt will get all the riding he wants, and his ability over sprint distances is extraordinary."

The London "Live Stock Journal" gives some figures which English horses have won for their different owners. They are:—For the late Colonel McCalmont, Isinglass secured £57,456, including "the Triple Crown" of classic events—the Two Thousand Guineas, Derby and St. Leger. Donovan, who failed in that accomplishment, winning but the Derby and St. Leger, however, won £55,154 for the Duke of Portland. Lord Lyon (£25,600), Ormonde (£28,465), Galtee More (£27,019), Diamond Jubilee (£31,885), Flying Fox (£40,096), and Rock Sand (£45,618), all won "the Triple Crown," and carried off the sums mentioned after their names. Sceptre accumulated £38,283, Ayrshire £35,915, Pretty Polly £35,312, and Persimmon £34,706.

One sign of the good times that Australia has been passing through lately is the rush for brood mares (says the "Town and Country Journal." New studs are springing up all over the place, and any mare of a fashionable family is worth three figures as a minimum, and probably double as much. Breeding is an expensive amusement, and a return of bad seasons or bad markets will soon damp the enthusiasm of those who are now spending money freely in the purchase of mares. Anyone with mares to sell, therefore, had better get rid of them now, as he will probably be able to buy them back for much less money in a year or two. Stallions, on the other hand, are a regular drug in the market, such a lot having been imported from England lately.

The Trotting Horse-breeders' Association, Boston, Mass., has announced a trotting handicap, one mile and a quarter, for horses than can go in 2.15 and better. The race will be worth £10,000. First horse receives £6000, second £2000, third £1000, fourth £500, fifth £300, and sixth £200.

Book form, as a rule, works all right. People are apt to think it does not when the horse of their choice gets beaten, but (says the "Special Commissioner" of the London "Sportsman") nine times out of ten they have not the form sufficiently in their minds, and the book would supply an adequate reason for their disappointment.

It is doubtful if any important race can show such a number of dead heats as are recorded in connection with the Ascot Gold Cup, as there are five dead heats recorded, and one that would interest Australians was that of 1863, when Buckstone ran a dead heat with Tim Whiffler, and beat him in the run off. Tim Whiffler afterwards came out to Australia. Another winner of the Gold Cup—the second time in succession—was the mighty Fisherman. His wins were made in 1858 and 1859. In 1845 the race in honour of the visit of the Russian Emperor was called the Emperor's Plate. The previous year it had been won by a horse named The Emperor, and as the same horse won it again the name was appropriate, but it was afterwards changed to the old title.

If some of the Australian trainers were treated the same as Austrian trainers are, the ranks would be thinned to a considerable extent. The Austrian and Hungarian Jockey Clubs have decided to prohibit trainers from backing even their own charges, otherwise than through the agency of the owners of the horse. It appears that a trial between Kristaly (winner of the Przewit Handicap) and another horse leaked out, and was traced to the trainer's son (a jockey), who enabled a backer to obtain £4000 about him at a better price than the owner. The jockey has been warned off all racecourses under the jurisdiction of the two clubs.

The New Zealand performers Fredrick and Hughie were offered for sale last week in Sydney by W. Inglis and Son, but failed to find new owners, when bidding ceased at 200 and 145 guineas respectively.

At one time the V.R.C. invariably lost over all their race meetings held at Flemington except in the spring. Things have changed, as they are reported to have come out with a profit of £700 over their last Birthday meeting.

The added money at Moscow, St. Petersburg, and Warsaw has been considerably diminished, as also the revenue of the different racing societies. Prior to the war fine weather enabled the Warsaw Race Committee to turn over some £30,000 at the totalisator, but last year a tenth part of that sum was the average, and a Derby was only worth £300.

COURSING.

THE NORTH N.Z. COURSING CLUB'S JUNE MEETING.

The June meeting of the North N.Z. Coursing Club was commenced on Saturday at the Otahuhu enclosure. For some days prior to the gathering the weather had been very wet, and with heavy showers falling up to the time of making a start it was only to be expected that the attendance would suffer. As a matter of fact there were a very considerable number of people present, and these were rewarded by seeing some very fine trials, while the rain held off until the programme had been concluded. Mr. C. R. Tapper, the energetic secretary, helped to make things go smoothly, and he was assisted by Messrs. Jas. Tapper, W. C. Griffiths, C. Hannigan, and J. Coulson. As usual, Mr. F. W. Coombes occupied the judge's chair, giving his decisions with the utmost promptitude. Mr. G. Stevens' slipping came in for warm praise, the despatches being very even.

The opening round and first ties of the Railway Maiden Stake were run off, twenty-eight trials being decided. The best of those in the first round were when Multiform led Honeywood, the bitch doing some smart work before the dog beat her; when Lady Nelson all but outworked Romany Lass after being easily led to the hare, and when Ruth outstayed Clyde after a gruelling course all over the enclosure.

In the first ties a fine trial was that between Lord Ranfurly and Fleetfoot, when the former led up and just killed in time to beat the bitch, who outworked him. A tremendous course was that between Romany Lass and Fireman, in which no less than 26½ points were scored, the Lass just getting her flag. Cerito and All Night had a no-course owing to being unsighted. Slipped again Cerito, although unsighted from slips, led to the hare, but All Night getting in wrenched twice and picked up a very weak hare, this bringing off the judge's cup for an undecided. In the third attempt All Night led and killed, winning a fairly even trial. Multitude led Heather Bell two lengths, but the hare staying out he went to pieces, and was narrowly beaten. The particulars were as follows:—

RAILWAY MAIDEN STAKE of £50: first dog, £25; runner-up, £12; third dog, £8. Two dogs at £3 10s.

First Round.

Mr. J. Coulson's blk and w d Ropata (3) beat Mr. W. P. Knight's brdl d Slippery Don (nil).
Mr. J. Smith's brdl d Multiform (6½) beat Mr. F. Baker's r and blk b Honeywood (4).
Mr. T. Higgins' brdl and w d Lord Ranfurly (5) beat Mr. A. Macready's blk and w Glen Retreat (2).
Mr. R. Levy's blk and w b Fleetfoot (3) beat Mr. C. Carter's blk b Bella Cole (nil).
Mr. J. Porter's brdl d Fireman (3) beat Mr. E. Baker's f and w d Better Land (nil).
Mr. E. Morrow's w and f b Romany Lass (5) beat Mr. W. Crisp's rd b Lady Nelson (4).
Mr. S. Barnes' blk and w d Lochnagar (5) beat Mr. C. Charlton's blk and w b Miss Ebony (3).
Mr. J. Smith's w and rd d Inspan (4) beat Mr. P. Russell's brdl and w d Kiater (1).
Mr. M. Taylor's f and w b Cerito (3) beat Messrs. Sheeran and Gillespie's blk and w d Goldbearer (1).
Mr. D. Howard's blk and w d All Night (6) beat Mr. A. J. Searle's brdl and w d Mutiny (3½).
Mr. H. Wilson's rd and w d Glenloth (4½) beat Mr. A. Wallace's brdl and w b Miss Mona (2).
Mr. R. Levy's brdl d Loyal Sport (9½) beat Mr. S. Barnes' rd d Disowned (nil).
Mr. W. Hunt's w and brdl b Billet Doux (5) beat Mr. D. Howard's w and brdl d Master Pat (1).
Mr. F. McReynold's blue d Blue Boy (9) beat Mr. A. Julian's rd and w d Coronet (4).
Messrs. Tapper Bros.' brdl and w d Multitude (6) beat Mr. T. Buckland's f and w d Unlander (1).
Messrs. Martin and Tomlinson's w and brdl b Ruth (9½) beat Mr. D. Howard's rd and w d Clyde (6).
Mr. A. Menzies' brdl and w b Heather Belle, a bye.

First Ties.

Multiform (9½) beat Ropata (3).
Lord Ranfurly (5½) beat Fleetfoot (4½).
Romany Lass (14) beat Fireman (12½).
Lochnagar (3) beat Inspan (1).
All Night (6) beat Cerito (4).
Glenloth (7) beat Loyal Sport (2).
Blue Boy (4) beat Billet Doux (1).
Heather Bell (6) beat Multitude (5).
Ruth, a bye.

SECOND DAY.

The meeting was continued on Wednesday afternoon, when there was a very fair attendance considering the very wet weather which had prevailed during the morning. It was found on arrival at the ground that a number of the hares had escaped from the enclosure, and it was therefore impossible to run all the trials. A commencement was made with the first round of the Sylvia All-aged Stake, Bally-e-Gren narrowly winning the opening course. There was also a close go between Black Nose and Garrycough, the former getting the verdict by a point. One of the best courses ever seen on the enclosure was that between Mikado and Glenore. There was a great hare which, after leading the dogs a lively dance all over the ground, got away, Mikado just winning by 13 to 11½.

In the first ties Blacknose led Bally-e-Gren to a racing hare, and won handily. Lady Rosette led Don, and, picking up very smartly, beat the white dog pointless.

In the second ties of the Railway Maiden Stakes Multiform narrowly beat Lord Ranfurly, and Lochnagar easily defeated Romany Lass. In the go between All Night and Glenloth, some dissatisfaction was expressed at the judge raising the red flag for the former, as from the stand it appeared that Glenloth had won by 3 points to nil. As a matter of fact in the run up he had not been on the line of his game at all, and, losing the points for the lead up, lost him the course. Heather Bell led and easily beat Ruth.

The results were as follows:—

SYLVIA ALL-AGED STAKES.
Mr. Baker's Bally-e-Gren beat Mr. George's Prodigal, 4—3.
Mr. J. Honies Blacknose beat Mr. Smith's Garrycough, 4½—3½.
Mr. J. Harper's Don (an accidental bye, Gavotte withdrawn).
Mr. P. Gordon's Mikado beat Mr. Barnes' Glenora, 13—11½.

First Ties.

Blacknose beat Bally-e-Gren, 3—1.
Lady Rosette beat Don, 4—0.
Mikado, a bye.

RAILWAY MAIDEN STAKE.**Second Ties.**

Multiform beat Lord Ranfurly, 2—1.
Lochnagar beat Romany Lass, 3—0.
All Night beat Glenloth, 2—1.
Heather Bell beat Ruth, 6½—3.
Blue Boy, a bye.

The concluding trials will be run on Saturday afternoon, when the ground will be thrown open free of charge.

Mr. Brice continues to judge at most of the meetings in England, Mr. Dodd taking the others. The veteran E. Wilkinson still does the bulk of the slipping, although J. H. Skinner officiates at a few meetings.

After assisting at most of the big Southern fixtures, Mr. Martin Taylor, the well-known coursing enthusiast, got back to Auckland in time to attend Saturday's reunion of the North New Zealand Coursing Club.

Dr. Stopford, the newly-elected president of the Kennel Club, is giving a prize for the best greyhound in the coming dog show. As a rule entries in this class are poor, but this should induce owners to bench their dogs. The only drawback is that the show will probably take place during Fleet Week, when the Coursing Club will be probably holding a big meeting.

INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, July 1.

Northern Chief, by Day Star, hailing from Taranaki way, recently purchased by Mr D. Rutherford, has arrived at Riccarton. The gelding is being trained by W. Clarke.

Catalogues giving full particulars of the Yaldhurst sale, on August 12, are now ready and are being eagerly snapped up from the auctioneers—Messrs Pyne and Coy.

Several horses have been schooled over hurdles and big country during the week. Whether it was due to the state of the going or some other causes, I cannot say, but there were far too many spills of older horses. Southern Cross fared worst. He was working in company with Grand Stand, but blundering badly at one of the early fences, came down heavily, giving his rider, G. J. Pine, a bad shaking. The horse is still showing signs of soreness as the result of the mishap.

**No. 18.—THE HON GEORGE McLEAN.**

The news that another St. Simon stallion has just arrived in the Dominion having been purchased by the Hon. George McLean focusses attention on the well-known Dunedin sportsman. He belongs to the older generation, having, indeed, exceeded the allotted span of "three score years and ten," but is yet well to the fore in racing matters in the South, although he has not favoured Ellerslie with a visit for a very long time. It is hardly necessary to say that he came originally from Bonnie Scotland, having been born in Elgin in 1834. At the age of eighteen he came out to Melbourne, where he joined the Oriental Bank. Promotion was more rapid in those bygone days, and in 1863 we find young McLean managing the Dunedin branch of the Bank of New Zealand. Political aspirations were not wanting, and he successfully contested the Waikouaiti seat, representing that constituency for many years. In Parliament his shrewd business ability was highly esteemed, and eventually Major Atkinson offered him the portfolio of Postmaster-General. Neither were his abilities overlooked in commercial life, for he became chairman of directors to the Union S.S.C., and chairman of the Colonial Bank, besides holding other appointments.

Mr. McLean's racing career goes back to the early eighties, when he ran a horse called Voltigeur. That good sportsman, Sir Hercules Robinson, was then Governor of New Zealand, and he went into partnership with Mr. McLean in a racing stud. Sir Hercules had raced horses in Australia, and by his advice Gitana, Lady Emma and Legerdmain were brought over from Australia. Gitana was a bay mare by Rapid Bay from the Yattendon mare Gipsy. After winning a few races she was put to the stud, but her three foals were of not much account. A better speculation was Lady Emma, a brown mare by Yattendon from My Fancy, by Blair Athol. She was a particularly smart mare, among her successes being the Great Autumn and Easter Handicaps of 1881, the Dunedin Cup, D.J.C. Handicap, and Forbury Handicaps of 1882, the Forbury Handicap of 1883, the Dunedin Cup, Provincial Handicap and D.J.C. Handicap of 1884. At the stud she produced a number of foals, the best of these proving to be Lord Rosslyn, who was got by St. Clair in 1893. Legerdmain was a bay mare by King Cole from the Daniel O'Rourke mare Skittle Sharper, and she won a race or two, but her stud contributions

Grand Stand got through his task in a satisfactory manner.

Storm, a recent arrival from Dunedin, is shaping well over steeplechase fences, and the other morning got through a couple of rounds without making a mistake.

Slimmer and Virtus have been jumping the hurdles and are showing some improvement, but they are only beginners with fair prospects.

Canton, who came to grief in one of the steeplechases at Wanganui, is back among the active brigade. His enforced retirement will throw him back a lot, but Mcracken hopes to get a race or two out of the gelding at the National Meeting.

Kelp and Farley Grove had a spin together over hurdles on Saturday. A solid pace was set from the start and the pair finished up their task after jumping six hurdles in good style.

At the annual meeting of the South Canterbury Jockey Club, reference was made to the fact that the Club had spent £2250 in improvements during the past five years. A resolution framing regulations under which bookmakers may ply their calling, and providing for exclusion of unlicensed bookmakers and undesirable persons was carried. The Club will spend £350 on improvements next season and increase its stakes by £250.

were not very remarkable. When Sir Hercules left the colony Mr. McLean continued to race on his own account, and has done so ever since.

About twenty-five years ago Mr. McLean founded the Warrington stud, at which many fine horses have first seen the light. Euroclydon, the New Zealand Cup winner of 1895, was one and that fine sprinter Blazer was another. One from the stud who knew how to gallop was Vladimir, as also was Pampero, winner of the Otago Cup of 1901 and the C.J.C. Easter Handicap, but the list is too lengthy to give them all.

The Zetland spots were always dangerous down Dunedin way, and a glance down the list of big events in the Southern capital shows that the squire of Warrington has placed most of them to his credit at one time or other. Thus he won the Dunedin Cup in 1884 with Lady Emma, in 1890 with St. James, and in 1897 with Lord Rosslyn. In 1884 he captured the D.J.C. Handicap with Lady Emma, winning again three years later with St. Clair, in 1897 with Lord Rosslyn, and in 1901 with Pampero. With the aid of St. Clair he carried off the Dunedin Birthday Handicap in 1888, taking it again in 1906 with Sychem. Twice he secured the Dunedin Champagne Stakes, once with Lady Evelyn in 1884, when I remember seeing Cotton pilot the brilliant daughter of Perkin Warbeck to victory, and once with Vladimir in 1902. The Dunedin Forbury Handicap has on two occasions fallen to the bearers of the Zetland spots, Lady Emma getting the verdict in 1883 and Apollodoris in 1906. The list of minor events which Mr. McLean's horses have taken are too numerous to mention.

A number of years ago Mr. McLean paid a visit to America, and while there effected the sale of Maxim to Mr. J. B. Haggin, the celebrated horse ranch owner of California. Maxim was a great stud success in the States, siring winners of some of the biggest events run in the land of the multi-millionaire.

Mr. McLean's latest importation from the Old Country is Sarto, a son of the great St. Simon from Miss Mildred, by Melton from Merino, by Young Melbourne from Braxy, by Moss Trooper. He has won over all kinds of country himself, and with such unimpeachable breeding should be a valuable addition to the bloodstock in the South. In wishing the president of the Dunedin Jockey Club good luck with his new purchase, I can only express regret that the Zetland spots are not seen at Ellerslie. Assuredly they and their straight-going owner would be warmly welcomed.

The Ashburton Racing Club has wound up the year very satisfactorily. £2000 has been spent on improvements in eighteen months. Last season stakes had been increased by £285.

The Winter Cup this year has attracted sixty-nine nominations, including several N.Z. Cup candidates. Quality is well represented, and the field is sure to be a large one.

Contrary to expectation the Grand National Steeplechase has filled well, there being twenty-eight nominations as against twenty-four last year.

The Grand National Hurdle Race entries show a falling off of twenty-two as compared with last year. All the hurdle races have drawn a smaller entry than last year; but the flat events promise to show an all-round increase in the size of the fields.

Rosemorn, the winner of the South Canterbury Point to Point Steeplechase, is in the sale list, as also are Cannie Chiel and Clanchattan.

The Clanranald mare Teshera, is shaping well in her essays over hurdles. So far she has not made many mistakes.

Mr Wilfred G. Stead, the eldest son of the late G. G. Stead, will in future, use the well-known colours—yellow jacket and black cap.

The connections of Cross Battery and Sea King consider both these horses badly treated in their A.J.C. engagements.

HAWKE'S BAY.

NAPIER, July 1.

Waikaraka has been turned out.

Sir Single, a half-brother to Gold Seal, by Sir Lancelot, has been handed over by Mr. S. Beatson to T. Wilson for a course of studies. Sir Single is without doubt one of the finest of his sire's productions, and if his pace and determination is in keeping with his good looks a prosperous time is ahead of the intended bearer of the bird's-eye jacket and scarlet cap.

Asteroid has quitted the post for the paddock, and her future address will be the brood mares' paddock.

Mr. H. H. Pharazyn owns a half-brother by Merrimee to Fretwork. I refer to Comedian, a gelding whom I have always thought would make a real good hurdle horse if ever he does take on the business. There is not much appertaining to the leaping game that his trainer, W. Stone, does not know about. Stone, it will doubtless be remembered, used to pilot Hopeful for the Hon. J. D. Ormond, when that horse was successfully carrying the all-cerise in hurdle events.

When T. O'Brien returned to the paddock after steering Full Cry in the Waiohiki Hack Hurdles last Thursday he met with a great rally from his brother professionals, some of them remarking that they were glad to see him back again all serene, others ejaculating, "I suppose you are glad it is all over?" Probably they fancied that O'Brien was having his first leg up in an obstacle race. Such an idea was, however, fallacious, for he made his debut over the battens on the other coast of this island.

A. (Paddy) Raynor is handling the San Fran—Alo youngster, who is proving an amenable scholar.

Ballie is under orders to leave for Gisborne on Friday night.

Mr. C. O'Donoghue was not present at the Park on Thursday to see his horse, Top Rose, settle the opposition, a severe attack of quinsy confining him to bed.

Previous to starting at the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Meeting, Mr. F. Armstrong purchased Hinupai. There was a proviso attached to the deal, and that was that he was to run in the interests of Mrs. A. G. Palmer through the two local meetings. Hinupai will in the future be used as a ladies' hack.

Judging from what the president of the club has told me, pressmen will have room to attend to their duties when future fixtures of the Napier Park R.C. takes place. It is quite time something was done in the matter of keeping the press room and stand available only for those whose work requires them to use them. On several occasions last week it was absolutely impossible for several of the scribes to see anything of the events owing to the front of the stand being packed with people who had no right whatever to the positions they had taken up.

White Lie coughed very badly after she had finished up in both of her races last week, and it did not seem at all humane to ask her to carry silk in the condition in which she was. That she is game there is no denying, struggling on the way she did when not herself by any means.

Separator has joined J. Quinlivan's band of workers, who are now domiciled in J. Griffith's stables.

J. Webster, Mr. H. H. Galsford's private trainer, has just broken in a four-year-old gelded son of Captain Webb and Miss Irwell.

The other day I noticed Replete, a four-year-old daughter of Jet D'Eau and Countess, being used as a ladies' hack.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, June 30.

P. Keith, a trainer well known on the West Coast of the North Island, has taken stables at Trentham, and will throw in his lot with public trainers. "Mr A. Liskirk" has placed King Post and Hiro in Keith's hands, and the pair will race under his mentorship at the W.R.C. Meeting.

The Trentham training tracks are reported in really fine order, and visitors to the W.R.C. winter meeting can rely upon their horses having every facility afforded them in the way of convenience for training.

With the exception of C. Pritchard the whole of the trainers who have in the past used the old Hutt Park course for training purposes are now settled at Trentham. Amongst them they have quite a number of pretty and commodious establishments.

Arrangements have been come to whereby the train service halts at the racecourse when required. This has proved a great convenience to those residing in the neighbourhood of the course. When the Hutt railway line

has been straightened and a double line of rails laid the journey between Trentham and Wellington will not occupy much beyond 35 minutes. The needful improvements, it is expected, will be completed by the end of the year.

J. W. Lowe scored a couple of nice little wins at Napier Park meeting with Sir Frisco and Iranui. Lowe is a very painstaking man, and devotes his whole time to the horses placed in his charge, with the result that quite a number of small events has fallen to horses trained by him this season.

Aeolus, one of Lowe's team, has been engaged in the C.J.C. Grand National Hurdle Race. The son of Euroclydon made a meritorious beginning at the illegitimate game by winning on his very first attempt at the Wairarapa R.C. Easter Meeting. He subsequently raced at Wellington and Wanganui, but did not jump as cleverly as on his first attempt, and failed to add further to his fame, although he was close on the winner's heels in both of his Wanganui essays. There is every hope of Aeolus developing into a good hurdler when more matured at the game.

Ghoorka is another well performed flat racer that now figures amongst the list of horses engaged in hurdle events. The son of Lochiel was placed hors de combat through a kick which he received when last saddled up for a race. His owner subsequently sold him to Mr R. Weller, of Porirua, who used him for stud purposes during last season. Since then he has been hacked about and indulged in schooling work, and his owner has every hope of getting a hurdle race or two out of him.

Letherin is another well performed flat racer that gives every promise of becoming proficient over hurdles. This gelding made his first effort at the Hawke's Bay Winter Meeting, when he was observed to jump very well for a novice. His next attempt was at the Napier Park meeting, where he won carrying top weight, and on the following day put up a capital performance by running second with 11.10 in the saddle.

It is a noteworthy fact that riders whose duty it is to school horses for hurdle racing, declare that the thoroughbred horse is the one that becomes most quickly proficient at hurdle racing. They are both more courageous and clever than mongrel-bred animals, and many instances are quoted where thoroughbred horses have jumped like practised hurdlers on the very first attempt. Exmoor, Shrapnel, Paritutu, and Record Reign are instances.

Last year a number of horse owners took strong exception to the penalty conditions imposed by the C.J.C. on horses that might win a race prior to the Grand National Meeting. It was pointed out that a winner at Wellington would be penalised 14lbs in both the G.N. Steeple and Hurdle handicaps. This it was contended was unjust to owners who wished to race their horses at both meetings, as no horse other than a phenomenal lightweight could be expected to prevail with an additional 14lbs, and in the case of a heavily weighted horse winning at Trentham his chance at Riccarton would be extinguished. The V.R.C. Grand National conditions are fixed on a sliding scale, viz., winners of a hurdle race after declaration of weights if handicapped at 9st to 10st, 7lb extra; 10st 1lb to 11st 6lb, 5lb; 11st 7lb or upwards 3lb extra. The Steeplechase conditions read, "winner of any handicap Steeplechase after the declaration of weights value 100sovs, 7lb extra, of two or more such races, 10lb extra. Had the C.J.C. adopted similar conditions all owners could have raced their horses at both Trentham and Riccarton.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, July 1.

The Patea Racing Club intends to take steps to have its course put in first-class order for its next meeting. The Taranaki Metropolitan Club has intimated that unless some improve-

ment was made in the condition of the course the question of granting a permit for next meeting would have to be seriously considered.

Fretwork's dual win at the Napier Park Meeting was well received here, both on account of the owner and also the rider (W. Higgins). The son of The Workman—Variety was bred by Mr. G. M. Currie, who owns him. He was expected to run well forward in the big steeple here, but was brought down when Canton fell at the second fence, and thus lost any chance he may have had. He is likely to run well at Wellington, where another Wanganui candidate in Lull is also expected to show up well in the steeplechase.

The Manawatu Racing Club has appointed Messrs. R. S. Abraham, C. A. Loughman and H. Cooper a sub-committee to visit Wellington when the Racing Conference is sitting, with the view of placing their views fully before the Conference with regard to the club's affiliation for the Metropolitan Stakes. The general opinion here is that the club's request is not at all likely to be acceded to.

Immolation and Lingerer are both engaged at the Wellington meeting next month. The aged son of Apremont showed very promising ability just prior to the Wanganui meeting, but over-reached himself and sustained a severe fetlock wound prior to the racing here, and has been spelling in consequence until quite recently. Immolation is engaged in both flat and hurdle races, and is having the work slipped into him in view of the coming engagements.

I understand that Mr. Tom Quinlivan, sen., intends applying for a trainer's license again shortly, and it is quite on the cards that he will start operations here if successful in getting his license, of which he is very confident.

It is probable that Helen Portland will be raced again during the approaching season. The daughter of Dorchester has been fired, and is progressing well now. It is to be hoped that she will stand a preparation again, as she is very fast when really well.

Ma Mie Rosette, the dam of Signor, has produced a colt foal to Lupin, and Melinite a brown colt by San Fran. Both of these youngsters are racy-looking, and should win a race or two for their owner (Mr. G. F. Moore, of Bushy Park).

There is some talk of Armistice being mated with the imported horse Charlemagne II., a sire which the late Mr. G. G. Stead purchased at Home. Both Colleen and Polycaste are in foal to Sweet Simon, and Swift is in foal to Conqueror.

Maniapoto is shortly to be put into work again. The son of Souit has had a very long spell, and may possibly be got back to form again by the spring.

Prior to the Wanganui Steeplechase Meeting, the opinion was expressed in these columns that Fretwork was likely to make a name for himself over country very shortly, and he has done so, as is proved by his performance in winning the double at Napier Park. He fenced splendidly each day, and was admirably ridden by Mr. W. Higgins, whose many friends were delighted to hear of his success. Harry Alexander had the gelding in tip-top form, and he fully deserves the success he has scored since he has taken so much trouble with the horse.

Fretwork is bred to jump, being by The Workman out of Variety, whose pedigree fairly bristles with jumping blood, she being by Natator—a sire of many fine jumpers—from the Painter mare Last Chance. Moifaa and Gobo could both boast a combination of Natator—Painter blood, and Painter's progeny included Ahua, Chemist, Odd-fellow, Denbigh, Artist, and others.

Mr. G. M. Currie received a cheque for £295 as the result of Fretwork's double win at Napier Park.

Mahoe and Irish Rifle will both be taken to Trentham for the Wellington winter meeting. The former does

not figure in anything the first day, but Irish Rifle is in the Stewards' and Parliamentary Handicaps. Jimmy Peachey has the Musketry gelding in good nick.

A TOTALISATOR ADVOCATE.

Sir Walter Gilbey is in all respects an admirable example of what used to be called a "Merchant Prince." By his unflinching devotion to work and shrewd business capacity he has earned wealth and a baronetcy; indeed, he is a model to be pointed out to industrious youth as one whom they could not do better than sedulously imitate. I suppose (says an English writer) there is no Sunday school teacher, however strict his principles may theoretically be, who would not agree with this estimate of Sir Walter's character—and he thinks it a matter for much regret that the pari mutuel is not introduced into this country, and drawn upon to supply funds for the development of the horse-breeding industry. In 1907 the sum of £12,280,000 passed through the pari mutuel in France. Eight per cent. was deducted by the Government, with the result that, half having been allocated for working expenses, £245,600 went to various charities and hospitals, £122,800 to prizes for the breeders of winners, and a similar amount was at the disposal of the Minister of Agriculture.

Sir Walter is of opinion that if the pari mutuel were legalised in this country, "the percentage would certainly be not less than it is in France, and probably a very great deal more." That means that something like £300,000 would be provided for charities, hospitals, etc., and the same amount for the encouragement of horse-breeding. This is the rooted conviction of our model Merchant Prince, who declares that "it would be impossible to suggest a method of raising revenue in favour of which there is so much and against which there is so little to be said."

What is there to be said against it. The parrot cry that it would be "the legal recognition of gambling" is the only obstacle. We will not stop to argue over terms, as to whether backing a horse is "gambling." Many people do not so regard it; but what solid and tenable objection is there to the familiar suggestion which Sir Walter Gilbey once more puts forward?

I was discussing the subject a few days ago with one of our (possibly) heaven-directed rulers, a distinguished Radical. He shook his head when I talked to him about Sir Walter's letter, and declared that "it would never do!" "Putting politics aside," I inquired, "don't you think it would be an excellent thing?" "Of course I do!" he answered. "But you'd vote against it, I suppose, if it were brought forward?" I continued, and he replied that "Of course he should." "Perhaps you would speak against it, too?" I went on, and he said that he might very possibly do that. "But don't you think that even some of your straight-laced constituents would have the sense to see that the country is sacrificing a handsome revenue, which would be supplied willingly by people who could afford and would gladly furnish it for charities and other most desirable objects?" I proceeded to ask, and he entirely agreed. "It isn't what I think, my dear fellow," was his somewhat abstruse explanation of his attitude; "it's what other people think that they ought to think."

THE AMATEUR RIDER.

In a recent article on this subject the "Melbourne S. and D. News" says: Complaint is often heard about the scarcity of capable amateur riders, and yet is it any wonder that there are so few horsemen of this class worthy the name. As we have repeatedly pointed out, the amateur does not get nearly the number of opportunities to figure in the saddle that he is entitled to. It is true that during the winter months chances are held out to him, especially if he is "useful" at the cross-country game, but with the season over, he is rarely wanted again to figure in his own company until the winter comes round again. Under these circumstances, it is not surprising that young fellows with a taste for the saddle soon find their enthusiasm on the wane. To be left comparatively idle for three parts of the year is scarcely the sort of thing to encourage and develop amateur talent.

If we want to bring out the material that must in a country like this always be ready for the "making," it will be necessary to promote races all

the year round for the purpose. It is not difficult to see that there would soon be no dearth of amateur riders of the first rank if the young men of the day with a liking for the business were given a little assistance by the different race clubs. Or, better still, the amateurs themselves might band together and form a strong club, and thus make their own opportunities, instead of depending on others to do it for them. It is scarcely likely that the Government, in the matter of licensing, would throw any opposition in the way of such an organisation. Let the amateurs race on the "picnic" principle, which has been found to answer so well all over New South Wales, and, properly conducted, this class of sport would be bound to flourish on this side quite as well as over the Murray. Here is a way out of the present difficulty for the amateurs, and they should take it, for, as they have learned from experience, it is useless to expect much from the regular clubs. We should say that if a good, strong, genuine, amateur club were formed in Melbourne, it would not take long to unearth a fair number of "gentlemen riders" capable of taking care of themselves in the field, either on the flat or over jumps. Something of the sort might not be a bad thing over on this side, where barring a few races by the A.R.C., the amateur gets no encouragement.



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NOMINATIONS.

V.B.C. SPRING MEETING.

MELBOURNE CUP.—Two miles. (Run on November 3.)

Poseidon 10.0, Dividend 9.7, Mooltan 9.2, May King, Peru 8.12, Waipuna 8.11, Tuikeroo, Dyed Garments Melodrama 8.9, Grenadie, Destinist, Emir 8.7, Post Town 8.5, Alias, True Scot 8.4, Booran Welcome T.ist, Frisco 8.3, Legation 8.2, Prophecy, Mazarin, Yeulba, Olivaster 8.0, Lady Reunai, Karranaud, Gaby 7.12, Kyeadergie, Virtu, Svalin, Dr. Shimose, Blight Steel 7.11, Plus, The Brewer 7.10, Ak m Foo, Pharos, Mira, Putty, Kingberry, Seddon 7.9, Iolaire, Apa, Walter Young, Mcryweather 7.8, Maranui, Malt Rose 7.7, Cross Battery, Jack Smith, Kingdove, Blue Book 7.6, Prior, Saraband, Alawa, Mother Goose, Golden Slipper, Sir Aymer 7.6, Windlestrae, Thackeray 7.4, Bendigo 7.3, Dowdings-Thackeray 7.4, Bendigo, Dowdings-Baw Bee, Fairy Star 7.3, Knox, Er.c, Borodino 7.2, Eft, King's Cross, Mont Pelee, Lady Trist, Woolloomooloo, Argea, La Bastille, Seal K.ng, Orcus 7.1, Le Jeune, Rangatira, Boidol, Flora Mac., Enchanted States, Moonbi, Rouvray, Rhebus, Demolition, Carnarvon, Lithgow, Parsee, Berriedale 7.0, Duke of Clarence, Electron, Lady Bobadil, Kuban, Kimbolton, Vocal Marmion, Aberdeen, Leuderberg, William Wallace, Distillery, Paspalum, Trafalgar, Perkoo, Ariki, King Bee, Orzil's Daughter, Verance, Sergeant Brue, Moam, Martagon Crosse 6.13, Carl Dour, Proportion, Delenda, Vavasor, Lady Diffidence, Elkhorn 6.12, Barina, Lovelord, Diabolo, Pantheon, Sokinsa, Florance, H.C., Lord Desmond 6.11, Sequent, Carron, Nobel, The K.ite 6.10, Trenchmore, Margo, Delaware, Modestus, Distraction, Winteriga, Peterhof, Wai Ila, Malteur, Aie, Atillerie, Flavel, Kumalo, Posito, Bomb, Pyers Mostyn, Call Boy, Lord Nolan, Azurine, Sim nton, Chamade, Idyll, Exsul 6.9, Trelo Voum, Shimose, Host, Rocklight, Glue, B'rrebyne, Ring, Off Chance, Sonnambulist, Sea Gem, El Ourar, Conge d'Esilie, Natalia, Cashmore, Lady Joan, Mollent, Detonate, Socialist, Stirling, Ulonga, Snowy River, Otrra, Last Mistake, Puzzle, Boboll, Plentitude, Kilbride, Noonday, Maltese Cross, Thistlebrook, Even Time, Pendil, Bobby, Snow Shoes, Perilous, Heat Wave, Kerlie, Arba, Loyal Scot, Gunpowder, Sinderby, Tom Tom, Adriatic, Emerald Isle, Salvador'a, Monobel, Antonina, John Peel, Mentmore 6.7.

THE CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

WINTER CUP of 500sovs, one mile.—Merrie Zealand, Wharekura, Swimming Belt, Scotty, Sea K.ng, Simplex, Restless, Truce, Don Orsino, Martyrium, North Head, Rose Noble, Silken Rein, Leonator, Contender, Seaman, Uenuku, Haldane, Douche, Hilarity, Hinetitama, Ahel, Penates, Rangipapa, All Red, Celtic, Maid of Astolat, Erl King, Comedian, Ellerton, Nancy Star, Maharani, Kairoma, Rawinia, Spinning Flight, Clanchattan, Golden Cairn, Rescued, Recreation, Harvert, Irish Rifle, Medalist, Probable, Moota, Armamento, Dusky Morn, Taitoko, Kurawaka, Cross Battery, Mystification, Golden Gate, Field Gun, White Cockade, Wallethe, Sir Frisco, Dawn, Lone Star, Aboriginal, Red Rain, Lady Disdain, Landwern, Lupulite, Mussel, Paragon, Cavatina, Ard Reigh, Zetland, Tupono, Chicane.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE of 1000sovs, three miles and a-half.—Exmoor, Aorangi, Fretwork, Papatu, Nadador, Canton, Loch Fyne, Le Beau, Eurus, Storm, Ghoorka, Tilson, Faro, Nogi, Pierre, Creusot, Gold Seal, Lull, Reay, Bullworth, St. Amelia, Kalpetipeti, Kapakapa, Klatere, Albury, Starlight, Slow Tom, Evenlode.

GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE of 1000sovs, two miles.—Exmoor, Strathcona, Snip, Black Reynard, Paritutu, Whatakura, Creusot, Southern Cross, Pretty Maid, Ability, Stronghold, Prospector, Forest, Ghoorka, Sen-Sim, St. Amelia, Full Cry, Immolation, Aeolus, Gold Dust, Lady Hune, The Stake, Letherin, Virtus, Defeat, Aorangi, Scotty, Stormont, Compass, Shrapnel, Top Rose, Cyrus, Douche, Showman, Eurus, Reay, Repulse.

HANDICAPS.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—Lupulite 11.4, Dusky Morn 11.4, Irish Rifle 10.10, Martyrium 10.9, Aboriginal 10.3, Seaman 10.2, De Witte 10.2, Simplex 10.0, Lady Disdain 10.0, Erl King 10.0, The Seer 9.13, Zetland 9.12, Waikaraka 9.10, Immolation 9.10, Landwern 9.9, Golden Gate 9.9, Haldane 9.8, Kurawaka 9.8, Merrie Zealand 9.8, Hiro 9.8, Tupono 9.8, White Cockade 9.8, Mussel 9.7, Wharekura 9.7, Goldfield 9.3, Duart 9.0, Buoyant 9.0.

MIRAMAR HACK HANDICAP, seven furlongs.—California 10.4, Rangiheta 10.0, Vasa 10.0, Sand Stream 10.0, Iranu 9.12, Illustrious 9.10, Monkey Puzzle 9.10, Spinning Flight 9.10, Diplomatic 9.9, Blue Ribbon 9.9, Cavatina 9.9, Research 9.8, San Jose 9.4, Skye 9.4, Truthful 9.4, Gentul 9.0.

FIRST HACK HURDLE HANDICAP, one mile and three-quarters.—Letherin 11.5, Ghoorka 10.11, Scotty 10.11, Stronghold 10.11, Rookby 10.11, The Stake 10.11, Snip 10.8, Top Rose 10.8, Whatakura 10.5, Grandstand 10.5, Defeat 10.4, Full Cry 10.0, Pierre 9.13, Strathcona 9.12, Noteorini 9.12, Ruzbon 9.11, St. Amelia 9.10, Papatava

9.10, Gaelic 9.10, Hatley 9.6, Sherlock Holmes 9.4, Cyrus 9.4, Dulcinea 9.3, Jolly Roger 9.3, Tonderghie 9.3, Concussion 9.3, Hutwai 9.0, Waiheka 9.0, Otaroa 9.0, Oakbourne 9.0, Lingerer 9.0, First View 9.0, Forrest 9.0, Virtus 9.0.

PARLIAMENTARY HANDICAP, one mile.—Motoa 11.2, Dusky Morn 11.2, Multifid 10.13, Paritutu 10.12, Mystification 10.11, Truce 10.9, Irish Rifle 10.9, Dawn 10.9, Penates 10.8, Sir Frisco 10.2, Aboriginal 10.2, Wallethe 10.2, Seaman 10.1, Ellerton 9.13, Lady Disdain 9.13, Medalist 9.12, Simplex 9.12, Celtic 9.12, Probable 9.11, Clanchattan 9.10, Swimming Belt 9.10, Paragon 9.10, Star Rose 9.10, Landwern 9.8, Rangipapa 9.8, Merrie Zealand 9.7, Haldane 9.7, Maharani 9.6, Comedian 9.6, Silken Rein 9.4, Chief Lochiel 9.4, Mussel 9.4, Motukawa 9.0.

WINTER HURDLE HANDICAP, two miles.—Shrapnel 11.10, Lady Hune 11.5, Exmoor 11.5, Black Reynard 10.11, Sen-Sim 10.7, Ability 10.5, Miss King 10.5, Le Beau 10.2, Prospector 10.2, Aorangi 10.0, Eurus 9.12, Rookby 9.12, Stronghold 9.12, Scotty 9.12, Showman 9.6, Compass 9.5, Loch Fyne 9.5, Omati 9.5, Southern Cross 9.4, Top Rose 9.4, Whatakura 9.2, St. Amelia 9.0, Snip 9.0, Cyrus 9.0.

TE ARO HACK HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Naumai 11.9, Sir Frisco 11.7, Wharekura 10.5, North Pole 10.2, Silk Web 10.2, Tumult 10.2, Yosami 9.13, Conquer 9.13, Illustrious 9.13, Lochiela 9.11, Cavatina 9.11, Ma'ora 9.9, Glen 9.5, Rangina 9.5, Royal Maid 9.3, Hutwai 9.3, Mania 9.3, Cohort 9.0, Sir Antrim 9.0, Pronoun 9.0, Vinco 9.0, Dr. Shimose 9.0, Fidelis 9.0.

WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP, three miles and a-quarter.

—Klatere 12.11, Loch Fyne 11.7, Slow Tom 10.11, Eurus 10.10, Faro 10.8, Nadador 10.7, Tilson 10.7, Fretwork 10.5, Lull 10.3, Le Beau 10.1, Pierre 9.13, Pushful 9.12, Miss King 9.11, Kapakapa 9.9, Nogi 9.7, Valima 9.7, Hekairua 9.7, Papatu 9.7, Roseplot 9.7, Forrest 9.7, St. Amelia 9.7, Kuranui 9.7, Clarabelle 9.7, Bullworth 9.7.

ACCEPTANCES.

THE VICTORIA RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE. Three miles.

Run July 4.

(First Acceptance.)

May King 12.3, Florin 12.3, Bribery 12.1, Enchanted States 12.1, Superstition 11.6, Tatterdemalion 11.5, Red Fly (including 5lb penalty) 11.5, Lion Heart 11.2, Waratah 11.0, Paraloch 10.12, Garches 10.12, Concave 10.11, Blue Streak 10.10, Philip Worth 10.7, Wester'a 10.5, Dagoba 10.5, Waipu 10.3, Budgeree 10.2, Atahua 10.0, Woolara (including 7lb penalty) 10.0, Cachuca 10.0, Zalski 9.12, Choir Boy 9.12, Topaz 9.12, Aringa 9.10, Sea Gem 9.10, Lady Quiz 9.10, Cardinal 9.9, Mercury 9.7, Snob (including 7lb penalty) 9.7, Vernier 9.3, Zali 9.3, Sienna 9.0, Fascinator 9.0, Charlemagne 9.0, Lochino 9.0, Liberator 9.0, Jack 9.0, Sharpshooter 9.0, Look Out 9.0.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE. About three miles and a furlong.

Run July 11.

(First Acceptance.)

Bribery 12.10, Kuala Lumpur 12.7, Superstition 11.12, Napier 11.11, Seymour 11.11, Tarpon 11.7, Eclair 11.5, Ally Sloop 11.5, Cardinal 11.2, Alcine 11.0, Eucambene 11.0, Boisdale 11.0, Federal Court 10.12, Abdallah 10.10, Quail 10.8, Swimmer 10.7, Boomerang 10.7, Tact 10.6, Dalny 10.6, Wolsey 10.3, Novik 10.2, Blend 9.12, Confederate 9.12, P.M.G. 9.12, Charlemagne 9.9, Zali 9.7, Maine 9.5, Reveale 9.5, No Trouble 9.5, Mayo 9.5, Post Boy 9.3, Middlewise 9.3, Comus 9.0, Outcast 9.0, Level Lyne 9.0, Sufferer 9.0, Albert 9.0, Storm 9.0, Roma 9.0.

TURF RESULTS.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The first day of the Napier Park Racing Club's Winter Meeting on Wednesday was well attended, when the weather was dull, cold, and threatening. The sum of £6343 was invested on the totalisator, as compared with £7835 for the first day last year. Twelve licensed bookmakers were on the ground—seven operating inside the enclosure at a fee of £20 10s each, and five outside at £10 10s each. The results of the racing were as follows:—

MOTEO HACK HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. One mile and three-quarters. Mr. J. O'Meara's b g Letherin, aged, by Letha—Culverin, 10.12 (C. O'Neill) 1 Mr. J. Hathaway's Hatley, 9.7 (J. Pritchard) 2 Mr. C. O'Donoghue's Top Rose, 10.6 (E. O'Brien) 3 Also started: Whatakura 10.11, Whakawhi 10.0, Oasis 9.13, Ruabon 9.13. Won by three lengths. Time, 3m, 29 3-5s.

PETANE HACK HANDICAP of 90sovs. Seven furlongs. Mr. M. Moore's b c Sir Frisco, 3yrs, by San Francisco—Waitemata, 10.12 (W. Ryan) 1 Mr. H. Limmer's My Darling, 9.8 (D. Kemp) 2 Mr. G. H. Hope's Merry Tiger, 9.3 (O'Brien) 3 Also started: Waikaraka 11.9, Sand Stream 9.9, Robin Link 9.0, Northern Star 9.0. Won by four lengths. Time, 1m, 37s.

STEWARDS' STAKES HANDICAP of 125sovs. One mile. Mr. L. McKenzie's ch g Mussel, aged, by Lakeshell—Novelty, 9.0 (D. Price) 1 Mr. J. Gelhor's White Lie, 9.10 (S. Reid) 2 Mr. W. J. Douglas' Polyanthus, 10.8 (O'Brien) 3

Also started: Gazeley 10.7, Millennial 9.5, Goldfield 9.2. Won by a length. Time, 1m, 52 2-5s.

PARK STEEPLECHASE of 150sovs. About two miles and a-half. Mr. G. M. Currie's br g Fretwork, 6yrs, by The Workman—Variety, 10.11 (W. Higgins) 1 Mr. A. McDonald's Baltic, 9.7 (F. Whitehouse) 2 Hon. J. D. Ormond's Nogi, 10.3 (J. Delaney) 3 Also started: Aroha 9.9 (carried 9.11), Kurunui 9.8, Valima 9.7, Moonlight 9.7. Won by five lengths. Time, 5m, 40 3-5s.

LADIES' BRACELET of 70sovs. One mile. Mrs. E. J. White's br g Oakbourne, 5yrs, by Waiuku—Georgina, 10.8 (Mr. A. Best) 1 Mrs. D. Ross' Ancycle, 10.8 (Mr. A. Hyde) 2 Mrs. J. Armstrong's Prize Bloom, 6.11 (Mr. Herrick) 3 Also started: Hinuyai 12.10, Waikaraka 12.8, Espartero 12.2, Illustrious 10.13, Concussion 10.8. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m, 53 3-5s.

PORAITE HURDLES of 120sovs. One mile and three-quarters. Mr. J. Maher's b g Defeat, aged, by The Officer—Queen of Trumps, 9.3 (J. Lyford) 1 Mr. F. Tong's Pretty Maid, 10.9 (F. Whitehouse) 2 Mr. J. Munn's Gold Dust, 11.2 (J. O'Connell) 3 Also started: Black Reynard 11.5, The Stake 10.2, Te Kainui 9.0, Monarque 9.0 (carried 9.1). Won by two lengths. Time, 3m, 27 1-5s.

NEWSTEAD HACK HANDICAP of 80 sovs. Seven furlongs. Mr. J. G. McNeill's b g Highden, 5yrs, by Merriwee—Balm, 9.8 (R. Hatch) 1 Mr. A. Hyde's Ancycle, 9.2 (S. Reid) 2 Mr. J. T. Jamieson's San Jose, 9.9 (R. Cameron) 3 Also started: Waipunehu 11.1, Merry Tiger 9.5, Rose Letha 9.3. Won by four lengths. Time, 1m, 37 2-5s.

SECOND DAY.

The Napier Park Racing Club's Winter Meeting was concluded on Thursday. The weather was dull and the going heavy. The amount put through the totalisator was £6266, and for the two days the machine handled £2987 less than at the same meeting last year. Twelve bookmakers took out licenses. The results of the racing were as follows:—

HACK HANDICAP of 80sovs. Six furlongs. Mr. H. Frederickson's b g Sand Stream, 3yrs, by San Fran, 9.12 (J. Griffiths) 1 Mr. E. Kirk's Niwaru, 9.8 (W. Kirk) 2 Mr. J. T. Jamieson's San Jose, 9.8 (R. Cameron) 3 Also started: Waioriki 9.0. Won by three lengths. Time, 1m, 22s.

WAIOHKI HACK HURDLES of 90 sovs. One mile and a-half. Mr. C. O'Donoghue's b g Top Rose, aged, by Torpedo—Primrose, 10.9 (J. Hall) 1 Mr. J. O'Meara's Letherin, 11.10 (C. O'Neill) 2 Mr. F. King's Commander, 10.7 (T. Pine) 3 Also started: Whatakari 10.8, Noteorini 10.4, Full Cry 10.2, Hatley 9.13, Rawhiti 9.13, Hutwai 9.0. Won by two lengths. Time, 2m, 58s.

WINTER OATS HANDICAP of 125sovs. Seven furlongs. Mr. C. Kingston's b g Erl King, 4yrs, by Birkenhead—Dryad, 9.10 (W. Holmes) 1 Mr. F. Martin's San Fernando, 9.10 (A. Olliver) 2 Mr. J. Gelhor's White Lie, 9.12 (S. Reid) 3 Also started: Polyanthus 9.13, Mussel 9.11, Chrysope 9.5, My Darling 9.0, Phooka 9.0. Won by a length. Time, 1m, 36 4-5s.

NAPIER STEEPLECHASE of 200sovs. About three miles. Mr. G. M. Currie's br g Fretwork, 6yrs, by The Workman—Variety, 9.11 (W. Higgins) 1 Hon. J. D. Ormond's Nogi, 9.13 (carried 10.1) (J. Delaney) 2 Mr. J. Clark's Faro, 11.3 (J. Hall) 3 Also started: Pierre 10.10, Post Haste 10.6, Haerekimoa 9.9, Valima 9.7. Won by six lengths. Time, 7m, 5 3-5s.

LADIES' BRACELET of 70sovs. One mile and a-quarter. Mrs. A. G. Pilmer's br g Hinuyai, 6yrs, by Petroleum—Kotiri, 11.11 (Mr. A. G. Pilmer) 1 Mrs. W. J. Douglas' Espartero, 11.6, carried 11.11 (Mr. G. Hirst) 2 Mrs. G. George's Highden, 10.11 (Mr. Hopkins) 3 Also started: Dan Leno 11.2, Prizebloom 10.13, Concussion 10.11, Oakbourne 10.11, Olympic 10.8, Ancycle 10.7, Minister 10.7. Won by a neck. Time, 2m, 26s.

AHURIKI HURDLE HANDICAP of 130sovs. One mile and three-quarters. Mrs. F. Tong's br m Pretty Maid, aged, by The Officer—Norsemaid, 9.13 (F. Whittaker) 1 Mr. J. Munn's Gold Dust, 11.0 (J. O'Connell) 2 Mr. J. Maher's Prospector, 10.10 (J. Lyford) 3 Also started: Asteroid 10.5, Showman 9.7, Te Kainui 9.0. Won by two lengths. Time, 3m, 29s.

SETTLERS' HACK HANDICAP of 80 sovs. Six furlongs. Mr. F. Hall's br m Iranu, 3yrs, by Soult—Tauhel, 9.5 (W. Ryan) 1 Hon. J. D. Ormond's North Pole, 10.10 (F. D. Jones) 2 Mr. J. Jamieson's Waipunehu, 11.4 (R. Cameron) 3 Also started: Hutwai 9.7, Waioriki 9.0. Won by half a length. Time, 1m, 21 3-5s.

FLEET RACE MEETING.

To be held at ELLERSLIE RACECOURSE On WEDNESDAY, 12th AUGUST, Under the JOINT MANAGEMENT of the Auckland, Avondale, and Takapuna Clubs.

COMMITTEE. The Committee of the Auckland Racing Club, together with the Chairman and Secretary of each, the Avondale and Takapuna Jockey Clubs.

Judge: Mr. R. B. Lusk, Starter: Mr. C. O'Connor, Clerk of Course: Mr. A. Selby, Clerk of Scales: Mr. F. W. Marks, Handicapper: Mr. R. Wynyard.

PROGRAMME:

- 1. THE WELCOME HURDLE RACE (Handicap) of 125sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a Hurdle Race of value of 100sovs, or Hurdle Races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Over six flights of hurdles. One mile and a-half.
2. THE ADMIRALS' HANDICAP of 110sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a Flat Race of the value of 100sovs or Flat Races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Entrance, 1sov and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 9st. Five furlongs.
3. THE ROOSEVELT HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov and acceptance 2sovs each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 9st. One mile.
4. THE SPERRY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap) of 250sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. About three miles.
5. THE CONNECTICUT STEEPLECHASE FOR HUNTERS (Handicap) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs and third horse 20sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 10st 7lb. Entrance 1sov and acceptance 1sov each. For horses the bona-fide property of members of any recognised Hunt Club, and which have been duly qualified during the season of 1908 by a lady member of any such Hunt Club, or by a gentleman member of any such Hunt Club who is eligible as a Gentleman Rider under the Rules of Racing. No horse will be eligible which has won a race of any description of the value of more than 25sovs (Hunters' races excepted). Horses to be ridden by members of Hunt Clubs who are eligible as Gentlemen Riders under the Rules of Racing, and who must hand to the Clerk of the Scales a Certificate from the Master of the Hunt Club that they have hunted during the current year. Owners must hand to the Secretary a Certificate of qualification of their horses at time of nomination. About two miles and a-half.
6. THE FLEET HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov and acceptance 1sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight, 9st. Five furlongs.

CONDITIONS.

- 1. All races to be run under N.Z. Rules of Racing.
2. FEES MUST, IN ALL CASES, BE PAID AT TIME OF NOMINATION AND ACCEPTANCE.

DATES.

Nominations close at the office of the Auckland Racing Club on FRIDAY, 17th July, at 9 p.m. Weights will appear on MONDAY, 27th July. Acceptances close on FRIDAY, July 31st, at 9 p.m.

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THE FOOTBALL WORLD.

BRITISH TEAM'S PROGRAMME.

IN NEW ZEALAND.

July.

- 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.

AUCKLAND E.U. FIXTURES.

- July 4: Auckland v. Thames.
- July 11: Representative trial match.
- July 18: Auckland v. British team.
- July 25: Third test match, New Zealand v. British team.
- August 1: Auckland v. South Canterbury.
- August 8: Auckland v. Marlborough (suggested).
- August 15: Auckland v. Wellington
- August 22: Auckland v. Taranaki.
- August 29: Auckland v. Southland.
- September 5: Auckland v. Otago

The first inter-union match to be played at Alexandra Park this season took place on Saturday between the Goldfields' fifteen and the Auckland representatives. The ground was in a sodden state as a result of heavy rains having fallen throughout the week, while the afternoon of the match was attended with showery weather. Despite the unpleasant conditions, about 3000 Rugby enthusiasts journeyed out to the Park in anticipation of a close game, and in this their expectations were realised, the match being evenly fought out from beginning to end. With the ball wet and greasy it was impossible for the teams to give anything like a brilliant display, but nevertheless the game was far from being uninteresting, flashes of exciting play being of frequent occurrence. Though victory rested with the Goldfields' players by a very small margin, viz., three points, their win was a deserving one, as taken right through they were responsible for a better display than the Auckland representatives. Though there was little or no difference in the strength of the forwards of either team, the Goldfields' back division showed superiority to the local men, their fielding of the ball being of a more certain character. The Auckland backs, particularly in the first spell, failed lamentably to gather in the slippery leather, and with one or two exceptions gave a very disappointing exhibition. The Auckland forwards rendered a good account of themselves, but met with strong opposition from a weighty lot, all of whom appeared to be in splendid condition and eager for plenty of graft. A feature of the match was the fine dribbling rushes engineered by the Goldfields' forwards, who played with excellent combination. On the whole the match was as good as could be expected under the disadvantageous circumstances, while both teams showed a desire to open up play to some extent. Had the game, however, been played on a fine day, there is little doubt that the result would have been totally different.

The teams lined out as follows:—
Auckland: Fullback: D. Miller. Three-quarters: Carlaw, F. Wilson, Hogan. Five-eighths: Bater and Murray. Halfback: Kiernan (captain). Forwards: McDonald (wing), Herring, Peterson (front row), Walsh, McGuire, Kinder, Hall, Griffen. Goldfields: Fullback: Field. Three-quarters: Dillamore (captain), Skillen, Johnson. Five-eighths: Lennard. Halfback: Brenan. Wing-forwards: Silcock and Vincent. Forwards: Capill, Corbett, Young, Hamilton, Grace, Dare, and Millar.

The Aucklanders won the toss, but there was little advantage in weather conditions, the sun being obscured by clouds, while the faintest breeze was

blowing. Shortly after the commencement of the game a delay occurred owing to the leather being burst, while a new ball was requisitioned. The first quarter of an hour proved all in favour of the blue and whites, who seemed to easily hold the advantage over their opponents, and judging by the opening stages of the play it looked as though the Goldfields' men would suffer a fairly bad defeat. The first incident to raise the onlookers to a pitch of excitement was an excellent opportunity of scoring for the blue and whites made by Bater, who cut in, and beating several men reached the fullback, and gave Wilson a well-directed pass which he failed to take, thus losing an almost certain try. A period of play then followed in which the unsuccessful attempts of the different players to grasp the mud-coated oval proved a general source of merriment to the amused spectators. An attack by the Auckland men saw the Gold-



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fields' fullback in difficulties, with the result that he made a poor return, the ball bounding along the ground. Wilson and Hogan sprinted up to the leather with the chances of a certain score in view, but both failed to pick up the slowly-moving ball, which found its way into touch. Soon after the Goldfields' men indulged in a pretty passing run which earned prolonged applause from the onlookers, the ball being handled by half-a-dozen players, the last of whom knocked-on and grounded the oval over the line, with the result that a scrum was ordered. While in close proximity to the blue and white's line, the Goldfields' men made several creditable attempts to score, but Auckland were finally successful in shifting play into the red's territory. A spell of open play then followed until the Goldfields' forward division commenced a rush which brought matters into Auckland's 25, where Silcock, obtaining possession of the leather from a blue and white back, passed to Grace who dashed over the line and drew first blood for the reds. Dillamore was entrusted with the shot at goal, but made a fruitless attempt. After a period of give and take play, the blue and white forwards attacked hotly, and Walsh, snapping up the ball passed to his backs, who handled it in turn, Wilson getting over and registering Auckland's first try. Murray took the kick at goal, but was unsuccessful. Just before the

bell sounded for half-time, Miller, the Auckland fullback, distinguished himself by breaking up a determined forward rush by the reds, and the spell ended with the scores equal—3 points each.

In the second spell the Goldfields put Morpeth, an emergency back, on the three-quarter line in the place of Field, who through an injury sustained to his knee in the first spell was unable to play in the second half, while Skillen took up the position of fullback. The game had not been long in operation before the Goldfields' backs secured the ball from a scrum in Auckland's 25, and as the result of a fine passing bout, Morpeth obtained a clever try. Dillamore made a good, though unsuccessful attempt at goal. Not long after a heavy shower of rain fell, and the players were seen slipping and sliding about in the thick mud, bent on putting forth their best efforts in the interests of their respective sides, many of them being unrecognisable in their coating of mud. The taking of the ball cleanly was a difficult matter indeed, and neat catches were hailed with great applause from the spectators. The Goldfields' forwards commenced a powerful forward rush, which ultimately ended in a number of them breaking over the line in pursuit of the ball, together with several of the blue and whites. The result was that the leather was touched down by Capill, thus making the Goldfields' third dry. Dillamore again took the shot at goal, but was unable to add the major points. The Auckland men then made repeated attempts to score, and Carlaw securing the leather, cut in towards the centre of the field and passed to Bater, who, with a tricky run outwitted the red backs and scored a highly creditable try. Murray had the shot at goal which was unsuccessful, the ball hitting the crossbar. The remainder of the game was played in semi-darkness without a further score being registered by either side, and the game ended with the Goldfields' representatives victorious by 9 points to 6.

The Goldfields' forwards all worked like Trojans, Capill, Grace and Young forming a trio that would do credit to any team.

Of the backs Brenan, at half, shone out both on the attack and defence, and was responsible for a pleasing exhibition. Lennard, at five-eighths, got through a large amount of serviceable work in a capable manner. Johnston, on the wing three-quarter, gave a faultless exhibition, his taking of the ball being particularly creditable. Skillen, at centre, was a tower of strength to his side, and played solidly throughout.

Walsh and Maguire were the most prominent of the Auckland forwards, both playing useful games. Kinder was also responsible for some solid toil. McDonald, on the wing, was always in the thick of it, and put plenty of vim into his work.

Of the Auckland backs Kiernan, at half, showed out well on the attack, but his defence was poor. Bater played a heady game throughout, though at times he showed an inclination to hang on to the ball too long. Murray appeared to be out of his place at five-eighths, and failed to acquit himself with anything approaching his brilliant form of the previous Saturday, when he was the best back on the ground in the City-Ponsonby match. The three-quarter line did not show up as well as might have been the case. Wilson, at centre, was hardly up to his usual form, and despite the fact of having played in that position for the University team in the district club competition, gave one the impression he would render a better account of himself on the wing three-quarter. Hogan, on the wing, got few chances to distinguish himself, while Carlaw rendered good service on several occasions. Miller, at full, was extremely safe, and his gathering in of the wet ball was remarkably clever.

NOTES.

The Newton and City fourth grade teams who drew in the first match at the beginning of the season play off for the championship on Saturday, when it is expected a very keen contest will take place.

Ponsonby thirds may now be regarded in the light of "morals" for the third grade competition, since they are a win and a draw ahead of North Shore III. B, who are runners up for the championship. With few exceptions, the Ponsonby third fifteen is composed of players who won the fourth grade competition under the same colours last season.

The second round of the junior grade competitions will be commenced on Saturday.

"General" Booth, the New Zealand "All Black," who is now residing in Sydney, is a member of the New South Wales "rep." team which defeated Queensland by 13 points to 8 last week. He is playing full back.

There is some difference between the preparations made for training the New Zealand team against Bedell-Sivright's combination in 1904 and what was done to make the "All Blacks" effective for last Saturday's game (says the "Dominion"). In 1904 the New Zealanders were taken over to Day's Bay, where they were subjected to a large amount of physical work in the daytime, and blackboard exercises by night. They were almost treated as close prisoners. Last week the change was great. The team which was selected never met together once until a few minutes before the game. Half of them resided in one hotel, half in another. They had no manager to look after their interests, and they roamed the city at will. At the dressing shed they were not really allowed to form a scrum before they were hurried on to the field. At half-time they found no towels nor anybody to rub them down.

The following team has been selected to represent Wanganui against Taranaki on July 4:—Full, Smith; three-quarters, R. Meuli, Abbott (captain), Reid; five-eighths, Mitchell and A. Seeling; half, Dowe; wing, Souter; forwards, Murray, Leahy, Guscott, Milne, Gillespie, Irvine, Dustin. Emergencies: Back, C. Champion; forward, Paton. The Wanganui representatives to meet the Anglo-Welsh team will be chosen after the match with Taranaki.

A youngster born in Bush districts on the day that Harding's Anglo-Welsh team landed in Wellington has been named Cymru by his footballer father in honour of the occasion. If he lives the lad should always be an unimpeachable authority as to the date of the arrival of the British team in this Dominion, where the Rugby sun never sets.

The following dates have been fixed for the Otago team's tour:—Southland, September 2; Canterbury, September 5; Auckland, September 12; Taranaki, September 16; and Wellington, September 19.

By representing New Zealand on Saturday in the match against the Britishers, Wallace, the Wellington back, has established a record as a New Zealand international. Wallace has represented New Zealand in five distinct years, counting the tour in Great Britain as one season. The next on the list are Cunningham, Seeling and W. Mackenzie ("Off-side Mac"), who have each represented New Zealand for four years.

Among numerous congratulatory messages received by W. J. Stead, the captain of the New Zealand team, in the initial test match, was a letter from a little boy, who is at present

an inmate of the Naseby hospital. The lad mentioned that he was ten years of age, and was a member of his school team prior to his illness, and wound up with congratulatory wishes and the confident assertion that "New Zealanders can beat Britishers at football." It is needless to say that a special acknowledgment to this spontaneous greeting of an enthusiastic but helpless young Ruggerite was sent.

Seeling, the crack Auckland forward, was indisposed previous to and after the inter-island match on Wednesday of last week, and had to be attended by Dr. McLean. Seeling was confined to his room after Wednesday's game, but donned the jersey again on Saturday, to do battle for the New Zealand team.

The New Zealand University team which left last Friday for Australia is considered to be strong both in the forward and back divisions. Of the original selection only two players were unable to make the trip, namely, Wilson, of the Auckland University, and Hitchings, of Victoria College—and the vacancies were filled by Brosnan, of Victoria College, and Goodbehere, also of Victoria College. Dr. Hunter, of Dunedin, accompanies the team as manager.

The takings at the second test match between the Anglo-Welsh team and New Zealand amounted to over £1100, a very fair return considering the weather was wet.

After a very fast game the Maori team now in Australia defeated Queensland by 19 to 16. Haera, Asher, Ririnui, Tao, and Ratiti scored tries for the visitors, Asher kicking two goals.

The North v. South Island match last week was something of a fiasco, so far as good football was concerned. Heavy rain had made the Athletic Ground at Wellington in a fearfully sodden condition, and as a result the game proved an exhibition of mudlarking rather than one of scientific football. The Northern team were much the stronger, and although they only won by 12 to 5 it is probable the difference would have been much greater had the backs been able to hold the ball. Mitchinson (2), Cameron, and Coleman scored the tries for the North, no goals being kicked, while Mahoney got over for the South, Hamilton adding the major points.

Mr. Robert McKirtheny Jack is taking proceedings against Albert Asher, the manager of the Maori team in Australia, claiming a share of the profits of the tour in Australia. Asher's contention is that Jack was only promised 2½ per cent. of the gate at the first match. The case will come on in Sydney in about a fortnight's time.

At the last meeting of the executive committee of the A.R.U. a player named Lindsay, a member of the City second grade team, was disqualified for the rest of the season for striking a member of the North Shore second grade team during the currency of a match between the clubs. A North Shore player, for attempting to retaliate, was cautioned by the committee, the chairman giving some wholesome advice about the necessity of players keeping their tempers.

J. A. Lavery, a prominent member of the team of N.Z. professional footballers that toured England last year, has just signed on to the Leeds (Northern Union) Football Club.

JUNIOR GRADE RESULTS.

Parnell II. beat Grafton II. by 9 points to nil.

Newton II. defeated City II. by 15 points to nil.

Ponsonby II. scored a win over King's College Old Boys by 24 points to nil.

North Shore II. beat Marist Bros. by 3 points (a goal from a mark) to nil.

Ponsonby III. defeated Parnell III. by 17 points to 5.

North Shore III. B had a win over Marist Bros. II. by 17 points to 5.

City IV. beat Alexandra by 12 points to nil.

Newton IV. defeated Grafton IV. by 6 points to nil.

St. Patrick's and Parnell played a draw, neither side scoring.

COUNTRY MATCHES.

At Whangarei a match was played between Whakapara and Kiripaka, the former team winning by 16 points to nil, while South Ward played Mid-Harbour and won by 6 points to nil.

At Rotorua a match was played between the local fifteen and a team from Matata, with the result that the latter were defeated by 3 points to nil.

An A and B match was played at the Thames with a view of picking the representative team to meet Auckland at Alexandra Park on Saturday. The game ended in a draw, each side scoring eight points, while the following team was picked to represent the Thames:—Fullback, A. Newdick; three-quarters, Harrison, L. Smith, L. Snowling; five-eighths, R. Keating and C. Rockley; halfback, C. Winder; wing, F. Hayward; forwards (front row), Ike Smith, R. McKeown; lock, R. McDuff; supports, J. Griffin, J. Crawford; back row, H. Hayward, G. Clark. Emergencies: Back, R. Dufty; forward, W. Doyle.

In the cup matches under the Hamilton Rugby Union, No. 1 scored a win over Suburbs East by 20 points to nil, while City defeated Suburbs West by 17 points to nil.

A match was played under the Coromandel Rugby Union between the Coromandel representatives and a Mercury Bay fifteen, and resulted in a draw—six points each.

THE GAME IN THE SOUTH.

The senior grade matches at Christchurch resulted as follows:—Christchurch beat Old Boys by 9 points to 6, and Linwood beat Canterbury College by 35 points to 3.

AUCKLAND v. THAMES.

The big match on Saturday at Alexandra Park will be that always interesting encounter between Auckland and Thames.

The following team has been chosen by Mr. D. Gallaher to represent Auckland:—

Full back: D. Miller.
Three-quarters: Renwick, Murray, Carlaw.

Five-eighths: Bater, Stuckey.
Half-back: Kiernan.
Forwards: McDonald (wing), Her-ring, Peterson, Walsh, McQuire, Kinder, Hall, and Griffin.

Mr. Thomas Cooper has chosen the following to represent Thames:—

Full back: A. Newdick.
Three-quarters: Harrison, L. Smith, L. Snowling.
Five-eighths: R. Keating and C. Rockley.

Half-back: C. Winder.
Wing: F. Hayward.
Forwards: Front row: Ike Smith, R. McKeown; lock, R. McDuff; supports, J. Griffin, J. Crawford; back row, H. Hayward, G. Clark.
Emergencies: Back, J. Dufty; forward, W. Doyle.

AUCKLAND RUGBY UNION.

SUGGESTED ALTERATION OF RULES.

The following alterations to the rules have been drafted at a conference between the Auckland Rugby Union and the Auckland Rugby Referees' Association. The proposals are to be forwarded to the conference which is to be held between Mr Harnett (manager of the British team) and the New Zealand Union authorities. The following are the principal suggestions:—

1. That in future 14 players constitute a team, instead of 15, as at present.

2. That the following words be added to the rule relating to a knock-on:—"Except in the case of a player knocking on and regaining possession before the ball touches the ground."

3. That in addition to the referee, power shall be given to officials of any union to detect and report on cases of misbehaviour or foul play occurring on the field.

4. That instead of each side playing an equal time from each "in goal";

The boy stood on the school-house step
When the master opened the door.
"Hello!" said the master; "you're first
at last!
You were always behind before!"
"I'm early because," replied the lad,
"I've taken the health-renewer,
To cure the cough that was so bad—
It's Woods' Great Peppermint Cure."

"That they play two spells of equal time from each 'in goal.'" This will mean that the game will be played in four quarters, with one spell, instead of two halves, as at present.

5. That a goal from a mark or penalty kick shall count two points.

6. To add to the offside rule: "An offside player is placed on side when a player, running behind one of his side who has last played the ball, has run in front of him.

7. To delete all the words referring to the charging allowed in the case of a free kick.

8. To give the non-offending side the option of taking a scrummage or free kick.

9. A player does not become part of a scrummage by merely placing his hand on the scrum. This is to do away with the wing-forward.

10. A player shall be considered offside if he advances beyond a line drawn through the back row of the scrummage.

11. That on a throw-in the ball shall be thrown out at least 5yds at right angles from the touch-line.

In addition to the above a number of minor alterations are suggested, the most important of which are: The allowing of a goal from a place kick or drop kick, even if the ball touches an opposing player; the allowing of a mark for a fair catch; and the making of it optional for the referee to stop the game if the player or ball touches him during play.

THE ANGLO-WELSH TEAM PLAY A DRAW WITH NEW ZEALAND.

THE VISITORS SHOULD HAVE WON.

Ten thousand spectators rolled up at the match on Saturday at the Athletic Ground, Wellington, to see whether the Anglo-Welsh team could make a better showing against the N.Z. reps. than was the case at Dunedin. That the visitors did so was proved by the fact that they managed to make a draw of it, a draw which would have been a victory had Harding kicked a goal from the easiest possible position. The teams lined out as follows:—

BRITAIN.

Fullback:

Jackett.

Three-quarters.

McEvedy, "Ponty" Jones, Vassall, J. L. Williams.

Halves.

"Tuan" Jones and W. Morgan.

Forwards:

NEW ZEALAND.

Fullback:

Wallace.

Three-quarters.

Fryer, Mitchinson, Cameron.

Five-eighths:

Hunter and Gray.

Halfback:

Burns.

Wing-forward:

Hamilton.

Forwards:

Murray, Ready, Cunningham, Wilson, Francis, Seeling, Patterson.

The weather was wet and the ground in very bad order, so that really scientific football was more or less an impossibility. Instead it became a game of what a Southern scribe calls the strenuous order, which in plain English means that it was a rough game. In this it would appear that the New Zealanders were the chief offenders, which is more than a pity, for Dominion players have not got too good a name in this respect, and the less of the so-called strenuous play, the better for the popularity of the pastime. A detailed description of the play would prove uninteresting at the time. The first half was very even there being a series of attacks and counter attacks, each side being forced on several occasions, but no score resulted.

In the second half New Zealand's score came as the result of a smart bit of work by Cameron who got close to the British back line. Jackett in trying to save the score kicked over his own line and in the resultant five yards' scrum Britain was penalised for off-side and Francis kicked a goal. This reverse put the Britishers on their metal and a fierce attack saw Ponty Jones get over the N.Z. line between the posts. Fortunately for N.Z. Harding was beaten by the greasy ball and the kick at goal was a failure. Fairly revelling in the mud the Britishers attacked again and again, but could not break through the impregnable line of defence. Still it was a very close call for the Do-

minion players, the Britishers coming within an ace of getting through on more than one occasion. When the whistle sounded, the score stood at 3 all.

UNIVERSITY TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA.

The following team has been selected to represent the New Zealand University in Sydney:—Backs: Wilson (Auckland), Hitchings (Victoria College), Gray (Auckland), Rhodes (Canterbury), O'Leary (Victoria College), Young (Canterbury), Dancesy, Lomas and Ongly (Otago). Forwards: Wilson (Canterbury), Fenwick, Lang, Tansey, and Potter (Otago), Delamere and Lynch (Wellington), Collins and Wigley (Canterbury).

Of all the silly proverbs one
Whose vogue should be diminished,
Is: "Woman's work is never done!"
It should be: "Never finished!"
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CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

The Onehunga Touring Club's 16 miles race for the Bagley medals, has been postponed for a fortnight owing to the inclement weather experienced recently, making racing an impossibility.

In fining a motorist for exceeding the legal speed limit, an English magistrate adopted a formula as novel as it is new. After allowing two seconds beyond the time stated by the police as that occupied in passing through their "trap," a fine at the rate of £1 for every mile in excess of the speed limit was imposed.

It is said that London is being filled with the taximeter cabs propelled by mechanical power, and that "the growler is being lost sight of, while the hansom is going to its doom." The "taxi-cab" has also made its appearance at seaside resorts, but there it is not welcome, and in many cases licenses have been refused.

For months past motorists have been waiting for the big motor match for £500 aside between the Fiat (Italy) and Napier (England) Companies. The result is now to hand by cablegram, and is distinctly disappointing from a sporting point of view, for whilst Nazzaro, on his 90 h.p. Fiat, registered a fine performance by covering 26½ miles at the rate of 94¼ miles an hour—and even touched 120 an hour for one lap—the Napier car (probably in the hands of F. Newton), failed to do itself justice, the result being an easy victory for the Italian crack. As the Napier in previous runs had touched 112 and 116 miles an hour (according to meter on car), it is a great pity that a breakdown should spoil what promised to be one of the greatest motor speed events of the year. Full particulars of Nazzaro's great ride will be awaited with interest.

For the first time in the history of the Dunlop Race from Warranbool to Melbourne, amateur riders will be able to compete in the great Australasian road event, the controlling amateur authorities having decided that their riders may compete in open road race, provided that an undertaking be given by the promoters that trophies be substituted by cash in the event of an amateur rider proving a prize winner. In all probability, a special prize will be donated by the Dunlop Rubber Co., open only to riders belonging to any recognised amateur sports body or club. The prize to be won by the first amateur rider to complete the 165 miles course.

AUSTRALASIA'S GREATEST ROAD RACE.

The great road event of the year in Australasia, the Dunlop Road Race from Warranbool to Melbourne—165 miles, will this week engage the attention of road riders throughout the Commonwealth and New Zealand. The prize list totals a value of £180, including seven bicycles. As usual, the event, which is set down for running on Saturday, October 3rd, 1908, will be held under L. V. W. rules and handicapping. Following are full particulars of prize list and conditions issued by the Dunlop Rubber Co.:

LIST OF PRIZES.

- First Prize—Cheque £30, and £5 5s Gold Medal, by the Dunlop Rubber Co.
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 Third Prize—Charleston Cycle, donated by Mr D. Charleston.
 Fourth Prize—Barb Cycle, donated by Messrs Finlay Bros.
 Fifth Prize—Globe Bicycle, donated by Mr Ellis Kitchen.
 Sixth Prize—Cheque £3 3s, donated by Messrs Edean and Wilson, Ballarat.
 Seventh Prize—Cheque £2 2s, donated by the Acme Cycle Co.
 Eighth Prize—Cheque £2 2s, donated by Mr Syd. Day.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

- Fastest Time—Massey-Harris Bicycle, donated by the Canada Cycle and Motor Co., Ltd., and Australasian Road Championship Blue Ribbon and Badge, by the Dunlop Rubber Co.
 Fastest Unplaced Competitor (receiving over 10 minutes' start, not winning any other bicycle)—Hartley "Special" Bicycle, donated by Messrs Hartley Bros., Bendigo.

Fastest Unplaced Competitor, meaning 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th (not winning another bicycle, receiving over 20 minutes' start)—Lonsdale Cycle. Donated by Messrs Ernest Leitch and Co.

Fastest Unplaced Competitor, meaning 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th (not winning any other bicycle) receiving over 35 minutes' start—Hampton "Special" Cycle. Donated by Mr A. G. Hampton.

Country Rider, residing outside a 20 miles radius of Melbourne (receiving over 20 minutes' start, and not winning any other bicycle), Hercules Cycle, donated by Mr H. E. Jackson.

No outside pacing allowed. Contestants must ride the machine they start on throughout the race. Cycles will be sealed at Warranbool to prevent changing. Use of single tune racing tyres is not permitted.

An artistic bronze and enamel medal will be presented to all Competitors who cover the course in 10½ hours and under. Time limit is subject to extension by the promoters in the event of unfavourable weather or strong head wind. The race will start about 6 a.m.

Special arrangements will be made by the Dunlop Rubber Co. for providing contestants with suitable food gratis at Camberdown (45 miles), Colac (73 miles), Winchelsea (96 miles), and Geelong (119 miles), and at other points en route. Cheap railway fares and hotel tariffs will also be arranged for competitors. Nominations will be received by the Dunlop Rubber Co., 108 Flinders-street, Melbourne, up to Friday, 4th September. Special entry forms supplied on application. Youths under 18 years of age are not eligible to compete. Handicaps will be published in the Daily Press on Monday, 14th September. Entrants placed in any important road event subsequent to issue of handicaps may—at the discretion of the L.V.W. handicapper—be re-handicapped.

Acceptances close at the above address on Wednesday, 23rd September. Entrance fee, 2s 6d; Acceptance, 2s 6d. Any changing of machine will disqualify. The promoters reserve the right of refusing any nomination.

BOWLING.

THE AUCKLAND CLUB.

There was an excellent attendance of members at the annual meeting of the Auckland Bowling Club on the 28th inst. The annual report stated that the present club had been fairly successful in the competitive events for which it entered. Six inter-club matches were played, and in five of these the club was victorious. Mr J. Gilmour won the club championship, the runner-up being Mr E. F. Black. A number of improvements had been made during the year, notably to the tennis courts, the president having contributed about £50 towards the outlay. The committee had tendered the club's resignation from the Northern Bowling Association in accordance with a resolution of September 11 last.

The treasurer's report stated that the club had now a credit balance of £119 5s in hand, as compared with £95 0s 7d at the conclusion of the preceding seasons; £33 13s 7d had been deposited in Savings Bank to meet entertainment expenses. A levy of £58 was made on the club in connection with the N.I.B.A. tournament.

It was resolved to make Mr Edward Lewis, who has been for many years an active member, a life member of the club. It was also resolved to send a letter of thanks and appreciation to Mr Arthur Myers for the manner in which he entertained the visiting bowlers of the Dominion team, and also at the time of the

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North Island Bowling Association's tournament. A vote of thanks and appreciation was passed to the retiring president (Mr J. M. Mennie) for his generous contributions towards the improvement of the tennis lawns.

The officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:—President, Mr Wm. Elliott; vice-presidents, Messrs P. Oliphant and J. J. Thornes; hon. treasurer, Mr James Carlaw; hon. secretary, Mr S. Coldcutt; general committee, Messrs B. Buttle, J. B. Donald, T. Tudehope, G. A. Buttle, W. Lambert, H. W. Wilson; match committee: Messrs James Carlaw, J. B. Donald, J. M. Mennie; sole selector, Mr James Carlaw; green superintendent, Mr A. G. Barnard; hon. auditor, Mr George Eaton. Votes of thanks were passed to the ladies who had assisted at club functions, last year's prize donors, and the retiring officers.

Prize donors for the ensuing season are as follows:—The president, £4 4s; Messrs Oliphant, Thornes, Gilmour and Tudehope, £2 2s each; Mr J. B. Donald, £3 3s; and Mr Hindmarch, a pair of bowls, trophy for first-year players.

PONSONBY CLUB.

Mr M Casey presided at the annual meeting of the Ponsonby Bowling Club held on the 23rd inst.

The report stated that the past year's operations were most satisfactory, the membership, which was 118, having increased by one. The club matches resulted in Mr A. Parsons winning the championship, Messrs F. Leighton and A. Parsons the pairs, and Messrs F. Leighton, A. Kahn, T. C. Clarke and C. Osmond the club fours. In the Northern Bowling Association's tournament the club won nine out of 10 matches it played, while Messrs W. Smith and A. Parsons won the final in the pairs' match. At the Te Aroha tournament the team skipped by Mr C. V. Langsford won the champion rink match. In the Auckland Bowling Association's pennant competition the club was very successful, but suffered defeat in the final after a close game with Mount Eden. The club's finances were also satisfactory, £100 having been paid during the season off the existing mortgage, which now stood at £140. The winter green had been availed of, the sum of £21 8s 3d having been received in fees. The total receipts were £483 11s 11d and the expenditure £457 12s 3d, while the club's assets were £260 19s 8d in excess of liabilities. It was decided to raise the annual subscription from £2 10s to £2 15s. The following officers were

elected:—President, Mr J. Hodgson; vice-presidents, Messrs H. Hemus and A. N. Snedden; hon. treasurer, Mr J. Edminston; hon. secretary, Mr P. H. Harris (P.O. box 273); committee, Messrs T. C. Clarke, S. G. Lee, J. McLeod, and E. White; selector, Mr C. V. Langsford; auditor, Mr J. Veale. Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring officers, the ladies assisting at club functions, and the caretaker.

AQUATICS.

The Government has given an order to Messrs Bailey and Lowe, of Auckland, to build two 30ft launches for Wellington harbour. A 40ft launch for the same purpose will be constructed by Messrs Briggins and Bailey of Wellington.

On June 3, a long distance ocean race was to have commenced, the course being from Marblehead to Bermuda. The entries, when the mail left, were the schooners Rerirsh, Esperance, Lubrah and Edith Anna, the cutter Marchioness, and the yawls Lila and Chaos. A race for power launches on the same six hundred and fifty miles course, was to have started three days later.

At latest advices a provisional crew to represent all England at the Olympic Regatta was in practice on the Thames, and contained among others the veteran Guy Nickalls. It does not say much for the advance of English rowing if a man who was in his prime in the late eighties and early nineties, after being some years practically out of the sport, has to be called upon. Still it may be a case of a "triton among minnows." The "Sporting Life" has the following description of the crew:—"It is manned as follows: H. A. Steward (bow), H. M. Goldsmith (Cambridge), J. R. K. Fenning (London R.C.), Guy Nickalls (Oxford), C. D. Burnell (Oxford), J. S. Burn (Cambridge), F. J. Escombe (Cambridge), R. B. Etherington-Smith (Cambridge). On paper this is a strong combination, including as it does six old Oxford and Cambridge Blues, mostly of outstanding fame. Steward rowed for Radley when at school, and was also bow of the Leander Grand Challenge crew of 1898. Fenning, who is vice-captain of the London R.C., is also a tried oar.

A FLEET REGATTA.

Some time ago it was suggested in these columns that when the American fleet arrives in the Waitemata, something in the nature of a regatta should be held. Of course Auckland yachts would be unable to participate as they are all, or nearly all, in winter quarters. But the Americans are very fond of rowing races, so that a regatta for the boats belonging to the warships would be sure to please our visitors. A good afternoon's sport could be easily arranged, and if the weather proved fine a regatta of the kind would prove very popular. A race for power launches, one for steam pinnaces, and sailing races for ships' cutters would be included. There seems considerable likelihood of the suggestion being acted upon.

NORTH SHORE YACHT CLUB.

The North Shore Yacht Club held their 13th annual smoke concert in the Foresters' Hall, Devonport, last week, over 250 members and friends attending. The following clubs were represented:—Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, Manukau Yacht Club, Ponsonby Cruising Club, Victoria Cruising Club, Richmond Sailing Club, Otahuhu Sailing Club, and North Shore Rowing Club; also visitors from Waiheke and Kawau. The chairman referred to the continued prosperity of the club, which now numbers 280 members, owning 92 yachts. The prizes totalled 97 trophies (covering two large tables), in addition to cash prizes, amounting to £47 17s 6d. After the toast of "The King" was duly honoured, the prizes were presented. The numerous prizes won at the club's picnic, Kawau Regatta, and Awaroa Regatta, were also distributed. Various musical items were rendered, and additional toasts were given and responded to, as follows:—"The Donors," "The Visitors," "The Club," "The Press," and "The Commodore." During the evening a valuable piece of jewellery, suitably inscribed, was presented to the club's secretary, Mr W. Sinton, as a mark



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of esteem. The points "cup" for highest points in cruising races, presented by Watson's Whisky Company, was won by Merlin.

KARORO'S INTERESTING CRUISE.

On June 19 Messrs. Montgomery and Alexander's fine power yacht Karoro sailed for the North, the objective being a visit to Messrs. Cook Bros' whaling station at Whangamumu. The weather was very fine when the little vessel got away, and so it remained all night. After a twelve hours' run along the coast Whangamumu was reached and the anchor dropped. Sunday was spent quietly in port, but on Monday morning the news that whales were in sight created great excitement. The Wairiri and two whaleboats were manned by the whalers, the visitors being lucky enough to obtain seats in the launch. To those who had not seen it before, it was a moment of intense suspense when the first bomb was fired and the monster too late dived for safety. The excitement of the chase left nothing to be desired, the stricken whale spouting volumes of blood. Two whales were captured and towed into harbour. Next day another was brought to bay, and then the weather took a hand, a hard easterly gale blowing up, soon raising a bad sea. All operations were perforce suspended, but fortunately it did not last, and the following day, with more whales in sight, the boats were again manned. The wind then veered round and blew hard from the nor-west, and before long off Piercy Island a mountainous sea was running, huge breakers raising their towering crests. In the height of the bow a whale was struck, and for the next half-hour matters were lively indeed. With the utmost difficulty the leviathan was secured and got back to port. With a good haul of four whales, trying-out operations were soon in full blast, and a couple of days were spent by the visitors in watching this somewhat malodorous operation. All the time the Karoro had been lying snugly in Whangamumu, but the anchor was then weighed and a course shaped for Auckland. It was a very pleasant run down the coast. Something in the nature of a race was provided when the Northern Co.'s s.s. Paeroa was sighted five miles ahead, but the white-funnelled boat was gradually overhauled, and before Kawai was reached was a long way astern. Moorings were reached on Sunday evening last, all on board being agreed that the last voyage of the season had been the most enjoyable of them all.

Karoro was hauled up on Tuesday for the winter. This season she has cruised for over 3850 miles, the 20 h.p. Union engine having run without a hitch throughout, a very fine performance indeed for all concerned.

BOXING.

The Northern Boxing Association will have an evening at His Majesty's Theatre on the 13th inst., when Jim Ross, of Auckland, will have a fifteen rounds' go with Tim Tracey, of Wellington, for a purse of £50 and the professional light-weight championship of New Zealand. Ross has a good list of wins to his credit and he should give the present holder of the title a good go.

On the same date, Jim McCarthy, of Palmerston, and Blewden of Auckland, will box six rounds for a trophy. Both are clever amateurs. Two bantams, in Montague and Menzies, will have a go, while Fulton and Leslie will wrestle for the light-weight amateur championship. This is something like a programme and should pack the house.

BURNS' MATCHES IN AUSTRALIA.

Bill Squires has signed an agreement to fight Tommy Burns, the world's champion, in Sydney; and also Lang, if required. Squires sails for Australia on the Orient R.M. steamer Oruba, which left London on June 28.

The Australian champion says the fight in Paris convinces him that, if he is in slightly better condition, he has a great chance of beating Burns. Bill Squires has cabled the Sydney Syndicate to lodge £400 of the sum guaranteed him with the Sydney "Referee."

Lang is to receive £600 to meet Burns in an encounter of 20 rounds, one to win, and if the contest should take place in Sydney, Lang will receive £25 additional for expenses.

It is understood that Squires will receive £850 for his appearance against Burns in Australia, plus travelling expenses from England (says the "Referee"). Burns is to receive £2000 to come to Australia, and in addition £1000 for each of two contests—£4500 in all, and £500 for saloon passages for two. It has not yet been definitely settled which match will take place in Sydney and which in Melbourne, but there will be one contest in each city. Contracts have been signed by all three men, and it is understood that the syndicate's contract with Burns binds him to fight in Australia only, and wholly under the syndicate's management, and that when his series of matches is concluded he must leave Australia. Although there is no possibility of Johnson and Burns fighting here—owing to Burns drawing the colour line—Johnson will probably return to Australia on the off-chance of Burns being beaten, in order to challenge the winner.

HOCKEY.

In the ladies' matches Moana had a runaway victory on Saturday, winning from Rawhiti A. by 9 goals to nil.

Ladies' College defeated Rawhiti B by 2 goals to nil, after a very close game.

In the Thames matches, the Young Men's team is ahead with 6 points, Rifles having 5 and Hauraki 5.

Auckland A. is leading in the club competition with 12 points, United have 10, 'Varsity 8, St. George 7, Ponsonby 5, Auckland B. 3, College Rifles 3, North Shore 1.

It is anticipated that the match against Canterbury on July 11, will tax the powers of the Auckland players to the utmost as the Southerners are said to be a hot lot. The game will be played at Victoria Park. The Canterbury players are:—Goal-keeper, C. Bellamy; backs, P. Campbell and G. Ford; halves, N. Goldsbury, H. Oram, and H. Throp; forwards, D. Jones, W. Harrington, E. Halbert, H. Jacobs, and E. Green. Emergencies—Forward, G. Hulston; back, J. Mahar.

The Hockey Association's big dance at the Albert Hall takes place on July 30.

Senior players engaged in a trial match on Saturday with a view to selecting a team to play Taranaki next Saturday. Not a great deal of interest was shown and the sodden state of the ground prevented fast play. Ultimately the A. team won by 4 goals to nil.

More interest was taken in the junior match. In the second grade United A. defeated the hitherto unbeaten Training College, by 4 goals to 3.

Y.M.C.A. beat College Rifles by 7 goals to 1.

Ellerslie were too good for Epsom, winning by 4 goals to 1.

Ponsonby A. beat North Shore by 5 goals to 4.

'Varsity defeated Ponsonby B. by 8 goals to 2.

It looks as though North Shore and College Rifles will have to play off for the "booby" prize. Which will break their duck?

THE MATCH AGAINST TARANAKI.

The first of the long list of inter-provincial matches will come up for decision on Saturday when Taranaki will meet Auckland. The game should be fast and even, but I like the local men's chance best, as the team looks a very solid one. It is as follows:—

- Goal: C. Howell (Auckland).
- Full-backs: F. S. Shirriffs (United), E. G. Whitley (Auckland).
- Halves: Badham (St. George), D. K. Porter (United), V. C. Kavanagh (Auckland).
- Forwards: O. Welham (United), R. W. Barry (United), F. R. Mason (Auckland), Jacobson ('Varsity), W. Brooke-Smith (Auckland).
- Emergencies: Forwards, R. B. Young (Ponsonby) and Alderton ('Varsity); half, Spear (Auckland); full-back, H. Speight ('Varsity).

BILLIARDS.

When the Sydney mail left Inman and Smith were engaged in a match of 10,000 up, Smith receiving 3000 start. Inman was in great form, having strung together such breaks as 369 (in 29 minutes), 216, 203, and several centuries. The scores stood at Smith 4585, Inman 2986, so that the Englishman looked like winning comfortably.

Mr. B. Ford's big tournament at the Waitemata saloon is well under way. The prizes for this are as follows:—£15 for the winner and a silver cup presented by Mr. James Watson, of Scotland; second prize, £5; third prize, £2 10s. No less than 64 players have entered, and so far some fifteen heats have been disposed of. The first round terminates on July 21, when the players left in will be handicapped by Mr. Ford. The result looks very open.

The Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron has a tournament under way at their rooms. This is the second of the season, and although two rounds have been played, the result looks as open as when it commenced.

Tournaments are all the go just now, being in full swing at nearly all the clubs. The Travellers' Club, the Sports Club, Smith and Caughey's, and others have arranged matches, and some good games have been shown.

A NOVEL MATCH.

T. Reece and C. Harverson were in the middle of a big match of 15,000 up when the mail left London on May 20. The novel feature of the match was the provision, instead of the stipulated stake, that the loser should pay one shilling for each point of his defeat, with a limit of £75. It may be remembered that the last time they met Reece made a runaway game of it, and this match looked like a "soft snap" for him. He would appear to have gone a bit stale, and at half-way Harverson had a very substantial lead, the scores being: Harverson 7303, Reece 6416. If Reece struck form in the second half the game must have had an exciting finish.

LINDRUM EASILY BEATS INMAN.

"Inman's attempt to concede Lindrum a third of the game in 9000 up resulted in failure, as most of those who have studied their previous meetings on the cloth of green anticipated (says the "Referee.") After the first day's play, when the table was new to him, Lindrum pegged the start-giver back, until on the final day he came out victorious by no less than 2308 points. During the second day's play, when Lindrum was behind his points, he scored 1309 points to his opponent's 1085, and ever after that period played in such solid fashion that Inman did not appear to have a look-in.

"The attendance was excellent throughout, on many occasions the public being turned away.

"In the matter of breaks Lindrum did well, breaks such as 248, 240, and 238 coming from his cue, while on two occasions he had an average greater than 36. Such figures speak eloquently of the powers of this youth, who will not be 21 until February next.

"During the week Inman issued a challenge, in which he said he was prepared to concede any Australian player 6000 in 18,000. Those conditions have been accepted by Lindrum, but how Inman can hope to come out successfully after last week's game is a poser."

A FINE PERFORMANCE BY YOUNG GRAY.

Master George Gray, who is still in his teens, was pitted last week against

Mr. Muir, of Dunedin, who is generally credited with being the best amateur in the Dominion. The game was played at Mr. Theomin's private residence, and was witnessed by a large number of enthusiastic billiard players. The boy led off with a 24 break, then in his next two cues made 23, which took his total up to 47. Following these preliminary skirmishes, the lad put up a magnificently-completed 224, and then completed the game of 300 with a nice run of 33 unfinished. The boy averaged 75 per innings, and the talented youngster got a great reception, which, of course, he thoroughly deserved. Mr. Muir, meanwhile, only succeeded in securing 11 points. While certainly Mr. Muir had few chances, he played streakily and without that finish he is popularly supposed to have.

The Gray billiard combination, of which the boy is the leading light, is expected to arrive in Auckland at an early date, and will give exhibitions at several of the leading local clubs. They are touring the Dominion under the auspices of Messrs. Alcock and Co., Wellington.

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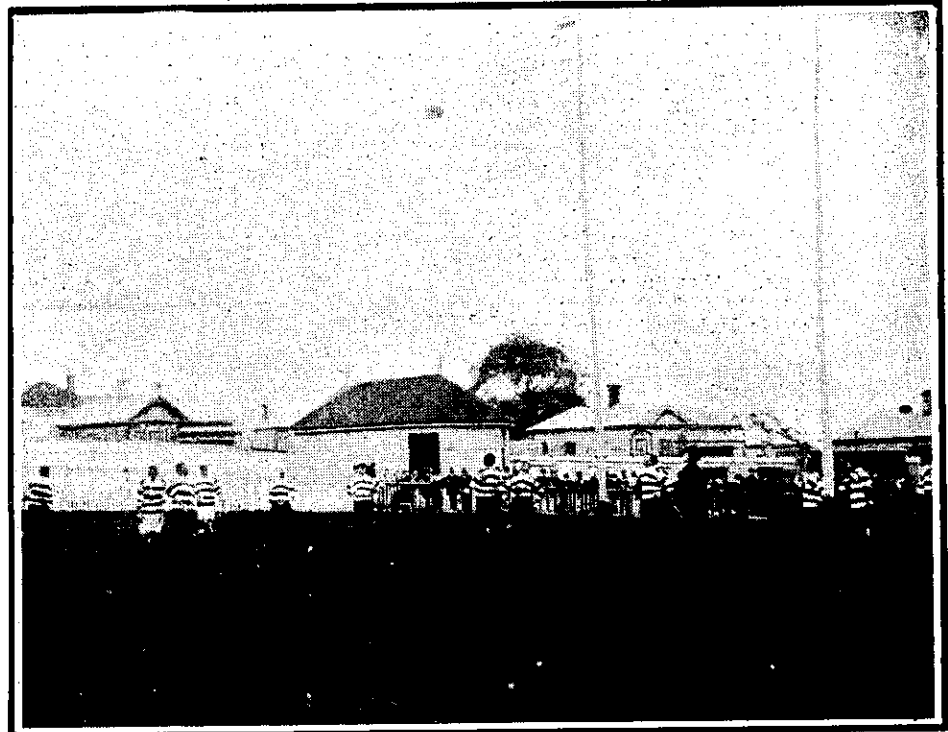
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"THE TEA GIRL."

Theatre-goers in Auckland have been looking forward for some time to the production by the Australasian Musical Society of the musical comedy, "The Tea Girl," and when this took place at His Majesty's on Monday evening there was a crowded house to welcome this fresh effort of a local composer. "Mr. Thomas Humphreys" did good work in the "Lady Typist," and it was rumoured that he had gone one better in the present production, while Mr. G. D. Grahame's book was said to be both original and clever. Whether these rumours were well founded may be a matter of opinion, and it has been much discussed during the week. Mr. Humphreys has composed some dainty melodies, one or two being quite beautiful. Also the chorus effects are well harmonised, this being especially the case in the finale to the first act, which is a very fine piece of work. The introduction to the second act is indeed really beautiful. What is lacking is the sparkling effervescence and the brightness which one usually expects in pieces of the kind. There is a want of variety in the themes, all being of the somewhat mournful order, and this naturally causes an absence of light and shade, so absolutely essential to success. Mr. Grahame's book is capable of improvement. His humour must be too subtle for the average member of the audience to grasp, and these are apt to label it dull. The piece on Monday night took nearly four hours to play, and it badly needed cutting down and the action accelerating. When this is done and the players, through having more confidence, are able to put some life into their work, then a very great improvement will have been effected. Doubtless the remaining nights of the season will show a wonderful advance in this respect on the opening night. It is always unfair to author and composer to criticise too severely a first night's performance. One is so apt to mentally compare it with some great London success, overlooking the fact that the latter, before it reaches the colonies, has been rewritten, revised and altered so that it is hardly the

same piece as on the opening night. Presumably this will be done with the book, which at present is quite unworthy of the music.

Musical comedy does not demand a plot, therefore one is not supplied. The first scene is a tea room in the Earl's Court Exhibition, where there is a large assemblage of tea girls and their customers, but why most of the men wear Varsity caps and gowns is not obvious. This is a mistake, because not only would these not be worn, but, what is far worse, so many black gowns give the dressing a sombre effect. As "The Tea Girl" is a semi-military play, it would have been better, for the sake of the colouring, to have made the students soldiers. It is a little difficult to gather what happens next, but apparently a despatch from the War Office arrives, and all the characters are hurried off to Japan, where the love-making at the Exhibition is resumed and everybody marries everybody else at a Shinto temple, a most remarkable thing to do even in musical comedy. The change to Japan has the effect of brightening the piece wonderfully, and the act is by far the better one.

Miss Agnes Smith took the role of Enid Marmont, and was fairly successful, although there was a want of vivacity in her acting, while she was apparently suffering from a cold. Her best song, "My Love, My Emperor," was well rendered, but the "Butterfly" solo was ruined by the laughter caused through the peculiarly limp butterflies. Miss Smith will doubtless improve as the season progresses. Miss J. Little scored quite a hit in the role of O Numi-Numi San, and she is to be warmly commended for much good work, her make-up, gestures and singing being capital. Miss R. Hamilton was a very pretty Maud McAllister, and her song, with chorus, "It's a Funny Little Way," was one of the best things in the piece. In the second act she was less convincing, but withal the performance was a graceful one. Miss Emily Holmes made a lively coster girl, Mary Louise, playing up well to the Bobs of Mr. Ned Fort. Miss Kate Best was somewhat inaudible, but sung nicely as Lady Brookford. Miss S. Little made a dainty little Japanese maid, O Tsubaki.



MISS AGNES SMITH as Enid Marmont, and MR. PERCY ADAIR as Capt. Clyde Burke in "The Tea Girl."



THE SISTERS KLOS, one of the "star turns" with Rickards' Vaudeville Company, opening at His Majesty's on Monday, July 6.

Mr. Percy Adair was well cast in the role of Capt. Clyde Burke. His acting was natural, although the walk hardly suggested the swagger of the cavalry officer. He has a baritone voice which, although not very strong, is of very pleasing quality, and his three solos, "Coleen Asthore" (in too low a setting), "O Ayami San," and "My Little Queen," were rendered with much expression. Another successful impersonation was the Hon. Rev. Algy of Mr. L. Abrahams. It was not his fault that his stories in "The Times Song" were so long drawn out, and his make-up, facial expression and all-round comedy business was excellent. As much can hardly be said for Mr. Ned Fort, who was inclined to overdo the part of the soldier servant Bobs, while his singing, especially in the duet, "Patronised by the Nobility," was not always in tune. Mr. J. F. Shanley was a singularly youthful-looking Colonel McAllister to have a grown-up daughter, for he seemed not a day older than twenty-four. Mr. Arthur Cooper appeared even more juvenile as Lt. Colonel Hope. Mr. Owen Pritchard, Mr. A. Borrodale, Mr. F. Constance, and Mr. W. Aulsebrook all helped to complete the cast. The latter gentleman, indeed, made the vocal success of the evening, his fine voice being heard to great effect in the song, "A Priest of Japan." The choruses were well done, and left but little to be desired. The dresses also were very fine indeed, and the whole mounting of the piece deserves nothing but the warmest praise. Mr. Beck had painted two fine sets, the Japanese scene during the cherry blossom season being quite beautiful, and this was enhanced by an excellent effect of breaking day. Mr. Humphreys' music as an introduction to this formed the gem of the whole score. Dr. de Clive Lowe conducted a large orchestra, whose fine playing caused considerable applause.

"The Tea Girl" has drawn big houses since the opening night, and should do so until the close of the season on Saturday. It should most certainly be seen.

THE BEATTY-McINTOSH COMPANY.

The Auckland season of this company came to a close on Saturday. On Thursday that morbid play "Camille" was staged, there being a very large house to witness Miss McIntosh's impersonation of the Frenchwoman. It has always been a matter of wonder with the writer where the fascination

of Camille, which undoubtedly exists for the fair sex, comes in. Primarily the idea of going to the theatre at all is to be amused, and it is somewhat difficult to see how this end can be achieved by watching a harrowing death-bed scene which usually takes some three-quarters of an hour to conclude. Still, we don't all think alike, and such a scene may prove attractive, as it causes tears, and tears are one of woman's greatest luxuries.

On Friday and Saturday "The Midnight Wedding" was staged, and this proved deservedly the most popular in the repertoire, as it suited the company best. After resting on Sunday and Monday, the company left for Gisborne on Tuesday. A Southern tour will follow.

RICKARDS' VAUDEVILLE COMPANY.

A fact which bears ample testimony to the success of the Rickards' Vaudeville Company seasons in the four cities of New Zealand—the only towns which the organisation can visit owing to the immense expense of sending such a constellation of star artists on tour—is exemplified by their press reports, which show that every seat and every point of vantage in the huge auditoriums have been occupied in each city every night, and patrons of vaudeville who have wended their way thitherwards, excepting at an early hour, have been doomed to disappointment, as no seats have been available. The company commence a short season of six nights at His Majesty's on Monday next. Speaking of the second Wellington performance, the "Evening Post" (Wellington) says:—"A great audience that occupied every seat greeted Mr. Rickards' company, and it is safe to say that not a single person was disappointed with the entertainment. On the contrary, everyone appeared to be particularly well pleased and not a little surprised at the variety and all-round excellence of the programme. As 'star' artists, the Sisters Klos, of course, shine with amazing brilliancy. It is not necessary to particularise the gymnastic grace with which the trio executes feats of physical endurance which would try the stamina of the strongest man; that has already been done; but it is due to a great combination to say once again that the exhibition is in every way extraordinary. It is in itself worth the price of admission. New Zealand audiences, when they see a good 'turn,' are not slow to

express their appreciation, but something characterised by special excellence is required before an audience is moved to cheering. That is what the audience in the theatre did when they witnessed the performance of these daring lady aerialists. The gymnastic specialties of the Brothers Artos are distinctly meritorious, and quite out of the ordinary run of triple horizontal bar work. In addition, their 'business' is clever and extremely amusing. The Miles-Stavordale quintette of musicians were enthusiastically applauded for their excellent contributions." The box plan is at Wildman and Arey's, where an extra fee of 1s is being charged for booking owing to the enormous demand for seats. A special matinee will be held on Saturday, July 11.

OPERA HOUSE.

THE WIDE WORLD PICTURES

Convinced of the great popularity of the excellent biograph films being shown at the Opera House by the World's Picture Syndicate, by the good attendances that have been attracted nightly, the management extended their month's season to another week, the closing night being on Saturday next. The new series of pictures contains some remarkably fine specimens which undoubtedly are as good, if not better, than any films ever shown in Auckland. "In Cupid's Realm" is a picture of the highest artistic merit, while "The Story of a Foundling" is another gem of the cinematographic art. Of the sentimental films, "A Redskin's Justice" and "The Love of Slaves" are two extremely fine examples. The pictures depicting motor boat racing at Monaco are of the greatest interest, the very high speeds attained by these crafts propelled by marine engines being little short of marvellous. The humorous taste is well catered for by the presenting of such amusing films as "A Would-be Hero," "Storm and Sunshine," "A Vigilant Police Commissioner" and "A Tale of a Shirt." Another splendid film is that of "A Visit to a Public Nursery." Mr Frank Crowther's orchestra renders a most enjoyable musical programme which comes in for a large share of appreciation.

THE AUCKLAND SKATING RINK.

Now we are in July, the very depth of winter so far as New Zealand is concerned. Winter suggests cold, cold suggests ice, and ice suggests skating. Well, we have no ice skating in Auckland, but there is a capital substitute in the rink. Mr. Forrest's hall in Coburg-street is certainly worth a visit, and when once the roller skates are donned, and the difficulties overcome, then the fascination of the pastime will prove irresistible. A look in at the Auckland Rink will speedily certify to the truth of the assertion. The floor is good, the skates the best, and the management quite up-to-date. Small wonder that the evening sessions, as well as the Wednesday and Saturday matinees, are well patronised.

THE LONDON MUSIC HALLS.

Mr. Fred. Elton kindly forwards me programmes of the London Alhambra and Palace Theatres. At the former the star attractions on May 4 were the Zancigs, Edouard Garceau, the spectacular ballet "Les Cloches de Corneville," "La Belle Leonora," the De Toma troupe of acrobats, L'Incognita, and Mr. Robert Hilton in "The Betrayal."

At the Palace (the finest music hall in Europe) there were Belle Davis and her Piccaninnies, Sam Eiton, the Juggling Mr. Bans, R. G. Knowles, Marion Winchester, Maud Allen, Arthur Prince and his boy Jim, and the Bioscope. It is somewhat interesting to note the prices charged for admission. These are as follows:—Boxes, £1 11s 6d to £4 4s; fauteuils, 7s 6d; stalls, 5s; box stalls (unreserved), 5s; balcony (reserved), 3s; balcony, 2s 6d; pit stalls, 2s; pit, 1s; amphitheatre, 1s; gallery, 6d.

MARK HAMBURG.

According to the programmes he has sent to Messrs. J. and N. Tait, Australian music lovers may contemplate a rare treat when Mark Hamburg visits the different centres of the Commonwealth and New Zealand in the course of the tour upon which he embarks in Sydney next month. They are of the most varied character. In nearly all of them the brilliant young pianist indicates his love for the classics by including works by Bach, Beethoven, Handel and Mendelssohn, and

one concert will be entirely a Beethoven one, comprising the 32 variations in C Minor, the Rondo in G Major, the Polonaise and the E flat and Waldstein sonatas. In another the composers listed are Handel, Beethoven, Scarlatti, Paderewski, Henschel, Grieg, Schumann and Liszt—surely a wide enough choice, and in others Sgambati's arrangement of an air by Gluck, pieces by Bolbrooke, Gabrilowitch and York Bowen make their appearance, besides, of course, Chopin, Rubenstein, Leschetichky and Hambourg himself.

TAFFIES TO THE FORE.

As before stated, Welshmen all over Australia are already agog with interest in the touring of the Royal Welsh Male Choir, and have written in from all parts to Messrs. J. and N. Tait for particulars of the visit. Melbourne has gone even further than this, however, and last week a meeting was held (at which more Welshmen attended than had ever before been the case) to discuss the best means for entertaining their countrymen in a fit and proper manner when they visit here. All sorts and conditions of functions have been planned and evidently national pride and national hospitality are to run high during the tour.



MISS EMILY HOLMES as Louisey, Mr. ADAIR as Capt. Burke, and MR. NED FORT as Robs in "The Tea Girl."

A MAMMOTH HOUSE.

Since the days of Rubenstein no pianist of any note had ever attempted to give a piano recital in the huge Albert Hall in London until Mark Hambourg did so just before his departure for Australia. From the press reports of the performance his faith in his own powers as an executant was abundantly justified. The 10,000 people who filled the immense auditorium were quite carried away by the brilliancy of the performance. "The pianist," says the "Daily Telegraph," "owing to his excellent touch, was heard even in the softest passages. He put forward a splendid programme and aroused special enthusiasm for his Chopin studies."

A SENSITIVE ARTIST.

Paderewski, on closing his American tour, during which he had played in 64 cities and harvested a quarter of a million dollars, made easily a record achievement in a season mainly distinguished by financial panic. Afterwards he played for two hours in the Plaza ballroom in the presence of New York's "Four Hundred" for the benefit of an East-side charity. The great pianist did not seem to be enjoying himself, and the company became restless as Schubert succeeded Beethoven, and Chopin swiftly followed. The ladies insisted upon audibly discussing "The Merry Widow" hats, or the latest shade of Copenhagen blue. Paderewski frequently stopped playing, turned on the stool, and surveyed

the audience with a cold and reproachful stare. The ballroom had been brilliantly lighted, but he ordered all the electric globes to be turned off save those on one chandelier. He also insisted that the glass doors should be kept shut, and all curtains drawn. At the close a child student advanced to the platform surcharged with a magnificent laurel wreath and a presentation speech. To everybody's astonishment the pianist abruptly fled through the side door, leaving the embarrassed child to drop the wreath on the stage and beat a precipitate retreat. A few minutes later the pianist's manager issued the following statement: Paderewski never accepts flowers on the stage. There might be wires in these offerings which would prick his fingers. Besides, such tributes are unnecessary, and anyone should know it.

It is interesting to note that "The Mikado" is again being revived in London by D'Oyley Carte. On its first production in 1885 it ran for 672 nights, and had prosperous revivals in 1888, 1895, and 1896.

Leo, Jan, and Mischel Chernivski, the three Russian musicians, who have created such wonderment amongst the musical public of England by their clever performances on the piano, violin, and cello, will visit Australia in August. They have started on a tour of the world, and are

for some years. He next joined Miss Vanbrugh (Mrs Bouchier), and later became a member of the companies of Mrs Kendal, Mr George Alexander, Forbes Robertson and Mrs Patrick Campbell.

Tasmania is to be visited by "The Merry-makers" this week, and early next month Messrs J. and N. Tait are sending the clever organisation to New Zealand.

The remarkable total of £2500 was earned in one year as fees for engagements by the Royal Welsh Male Choir after they had given up winning first prizes at National Ristedd-fods and devoted themselves to concert work.

It is not an uncommon thing for a London company to give a matinee at Brighton, 51 miles from London, and then play the same evening in the metropolis. Mrs. Langtry did it quite recently with her latest success, "A Fearful Joy."

The Melba matinee benefit for the poor of the East End of London resulted in a box office return of no less than £2000. As much as a hundred guineas was given for a box.

Here is a list of what's doing theatrically in the Commonwealth. In Sydney at His Majesty's "Mother Goose" is in the bill; at the Criterion "The Morals of Marcus;" at the Tivoli, Rickards' Company; at the Palace, West's Pictures; at the National Amphitheatre, Bain's Entertainers; at the Haymarket, "Hands Up." In Melbourne: At His Majesty's, "The Merry Widow;" at the Opera House, Rickards' Company; at the Royal, "The Belle of Mayfair;" at the Gaiety, the National Entertainers; at the Olympian, West's Pictures; the New Bijou, "A Modern Adventuress." In Adelaide: Theatre Royal, "Peter Pan"; Tivoli, Brandon-Cremer's All Star Co..

The theatre (says Mr Shorter in "The Sphere") has gone through many agonies. For generations it was wicked; to-day, the great mass of English people regard it as a sheer amusement and managers conduct it like a business. Only a very small percentage of the English people regard it as an art.

Miss Anglin is said to be one of the most brilliant young actresses on the American stage. According to the "Green Room Book," she was a pupil in the Empire Dramatic School in New York, which is run in connection with the Empire Theatre, when she attracted the attention of Charles Frohman, who immediately offered her an engagement to play the part of Madeleine West in "Shenandoah," which he was just about to send on tour. The offer was accepted, and the young actress made her first appearance in this part at the Academy of Music, New York, in 1894. Afterwards she became a member of E. H. Sothorn's, Richard Mansfield's and other companies, and in 1899 returned to Charles Frohman's management to play leading parts.

Sarah Bernhardt is giving a series of flying matinees of "La Dame aux Camelias" through the English provinces, and also at a few London and suburban theatres. The tour was to commence on Monday, June 1, at the Kennington Theatre. After visiting the Coronet Theatre on the Thursday of that week, Mme. Sarah Bernhardt travels northwards to the principal cities of England, Scotland, and Ireland. She will play in eighteen towns in as many days, which is an eloquent tribute to her indomitable energy.

On one occasion, when a play he produced at the Alexandra was hooted by the gallery, the late Alfred Dampier came to the footlights and said: "Ladies and gentlemen, I can understand your indignation; but I have caught the author of the play, and if you will keep still till the performance is over I will liberate him from the side door, and you can do what you like with him." The audience enjoyed the idea, and heard the play through. The few who waited for the author were disappointed, however.

At the conclusion of their engagement with Mr Rickards, the clever Klos sisters journey to France, where an extensive season has been arranged for them. Two of the sisters have been associated in their work for 10 years, while the third has been performing with the combination for nearly five years. The Klos sisters are natives of different countries, one being born in Germany, another in Austria, and the third in Scotland.

at present in South Africa, and the large houses they are drawing there have only been equalled by Paderewski. The combined ages of the three boys only total 38 years, yet their playing compares favourably with the greatest artists.

Miss Irene Ainsley, the New Zealand contralto, will begin a tour of Australia and New Zealand in July. Her first concert will be given in the Sydney Town Hall on July 13.

West's Pictures have now no less than five distinct shows going in Australia—at Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, and Kalgoorlie—while Adelaide will follow. They employ in all upwards of 300 people.

On July 3rd the Julius Knight Company will open in Dunedin for a brief stay.

On June 20th "Brewster's Millions" opened to an enthusiastic house in Perth, and judging by indications it seems highly probable that the Western season is going to prove quite as successful as those which attended the comedy in the Eastern States.

Mr. Roland Bottomley, the bandmaster in "Miss Hook of Holland," now being played in Australia, was a prominent boy actor. He first appeared in "Olivia" as one of the children, with Irving and Ellen Terry, and was a member of their company

MRS WIGGS' COMPANY.

It is only occasionally that Australian audiences have the opportunity of seeing a play interpreted by a company which contains so many originators of the respective parts as does the cast of "Mrs Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." Several of the principals created their respective studies when the comedy was first produced five years ago in America. Miss Helen Lowell, for example, has played Miss Hazy throughout the whole of that time, and Mr A. W. Maflin has done correspondingly with Deacon Bagsby, while the initial run of the piece has also the benefit of Miss Helene Raymond's talent as Mrs Eicorn and Argyle Campbell's briskness as Billy Wiggs. Miss Ada Dwyer, who is Mrs Wiggs, can look even further back than the premiere, for it was on her representations that the comedy was constructed. Like every one of the million people it has made happy, she was charmed with Alice Hegan Rice's novel. More than that, she saw the great theatrical possibilities in it, and her faith in its stage appeal has been abundantly justified. Miss Lottie Alter (Lovey Mary), Miss Florence Bushby (Miss Lucy), and Mr Richard Allen (Hunkerdunkus Jones) were all in the London production last year. Most of the other members, even if they did not actually originate their characters, have been long enough in them to claim recognition from that standpoint. Such for example as Mr J. N. Smiley, the stage manager of the company, who also plays the Sheriff, Mr John Webber, the lean lank and lazy Mr Stubbine and Miss Jennie Reiffarth who comes back once more to play the old German woman, Mrs Schultz, a part in which she excels.

ON BOARD THE AORANGI.

There were no less than four J. C. Williamson companies represented on the Aorangi coming out to Australia this time—Margaret Anglin, Mr Henry Kolker and Miss Eugene Besserer made one, "The Mrs Wiggs" Company a second, Mr John Ford ("The Red Mill" Company) a third and Mr Charles Waldron—on a holiday trip with his wife, a fourth. As a natural consequence the ship fairly hummed with activity. They used up all the ordinary shipboard amusements very quickly and then began to seek fresh outlets for their energy. A masked ball was one and a real scenic production of Neptune's visit

another, the players keenly entering into the fun of "making up" the sailors. But the most novel entertainment of all was a boxing tournament with a hatchtop for a ring roped off and banked with seats in the orthodox way and with referee judges, ten seconds check and so on all complete.

MARGARET ANGLIN IN SYDNEY.

The drama in which Miss Margaret Anglin made her first appearance before an Australian audience at Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, on June 27, is one which is calculated to give full scope for that talented actress' emotional powers. "The Thief" is a powerful present-day drama, by Henry Bornstein, who weaves the story round the strength and weakness of the woman who forms the central figure. She is devotedly attached to her husband, and it is the very strength of her devotion which tempts her to go beyond her means in the matter of dress, wherewith to make her even more charming in her eyes. Worried on account of the bills she cannot meet, she finally appropriates money from her host, and for a time escapes detection through his son who, because of his youthful adoration for the young wife, allows the crime to be attributed to him. But in an intensely thrilling scene the husband eventually discovers the truth. Other strong intense scenes occur before the piece draws to a conclusion. Miss Anglin justified her reputation as a leading emotional actress in the role of the erring wife, the cable stating that she achieved a great success before a crowded house.

PINERO'S LATEST.

Mr A. W. Pinero's latest play "The Thunderbolt," has quite failed to please some of the critics. The "L.V. Gazette" says of the characters that "they are only animated puppets, and never men and women. He puts clever dialogue into their mouths, he groups them effectively, but he never makes them live. Even had he endowed his figures with life, I fear that they would not have been worthy of the evident labour which has been expended in their moulding. The play is intended to be essentially one of character studies rather than of action, and the studies are in some instances undeniably clever, the figures are drawn distinctively, but they are drawn from uninteresting models; and when the

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last curtain has fallen a query as to whether the story is worth the time and skill bestowed upon its narration inevitably intrudes itself. My own answer to the question is, no. The play is not faulty from lack of material but from abundance of poor material, and because otherwise good situations are spoiled by being too long persisted in. The characters are drawn with laboured precision, when they might have been delicately sketched, and heaviness is the result. There are some points in the production deserving of favourable comment. The dialogue is literary and natural at the same time, a consideration only attainable by a master hand. The stage requirements in the matter of curtain and grouping are unerringly fulfilled, but the result is only staginess and affection; and although there are many critical playgoers to whom the play will appeal because of this effort, and in spite of its failure, I regretfully record the keen sense of disappointment I experienced, not only on account of the inherent weakness and artificiality of the play, but from my knowledge that Mr A. W. Pinero has not in this instance given us of his best."

EFFORTS IN NOMENCLATURE.

The "King's Theatre" is in big golden letters over Mr William Anderson's new Melbourne playhouse, and looks well (says Melbourne "Punch"), but some of the names sent in by aspirants for the prize offered for a suitable name were funny. "The Emu," "The Jackass" (after the sender, apparently), "The Kangaroo" and "The Wallaby" all came to hand, and prominent political men were honoured, for "The Kington," "The Reid" and "The Deakin" all had votes. "The Hope-toun" and "The Dudley" had a legion of admirers, and loyal Australians voted quite heavily for "The Boomerang," one flatterer declaring that anyone seeing an Andersonian production was sure to come back. Several suggested that the new theatre be called "The Theatre Eugene," after Miss Eugene Duggan. Mr An-

derson himself considers that next to "King's" the best suggestions were "The Southern Cross," "The Theatre Australia," "The Federal Theatre" and "The Commonwealth," whilst the most astonishing proposal was "The Boshter Theatre."

The magic power of "The Merry Widow" at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, is as strong as ever, although the opera enters upon the seventh week of the run there this evening (June 27) writes Mr George Tallis, and on Monday night next will register its fiftieth performance. But it is one of those attractions, the full extent of whose charms cannot be grasped in one visit and consequently enthusiastic admirers go again and again so as to absorb to the full the many delightful features with which the piece abounds. Under the circumstances it seems highly probable that the run of "The Merry Widow" will at any rate, double the figures quoted above and register a run that will take a good deal of beating.

"The Prince of Pilsen" is the reigning attraction in the Sydney Theatre Royal at the present time. The production is a series of bright effects both of mounting and chorus and tuneful catchy melodies, while the comedy element is responded to by a constant bubble of laughter. The run of "The Prince of Pilsen" will, however, be limited as the J. C. Williamson management proposes to stage "The Red Mill" during the present Sydney season.

"Mother Goose" has been the draw at Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, this week, and it was in a six nights' revival of that favourite production that the Sydney people bid farewell to the Pantomime Company after a season of over two months. Brisbane is the next stopping place for the Company.

The "Peter Pan" season in Adelaide finished on Friday (June 26), and the company have started on their journey to the West where they open at the Theatre Royal, Perth, on July 3.

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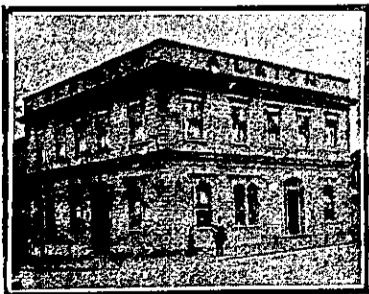
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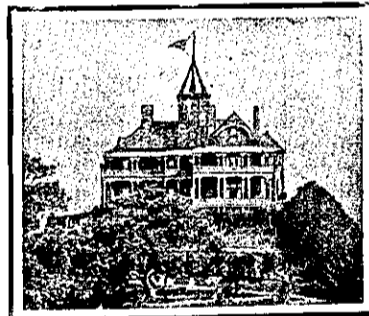
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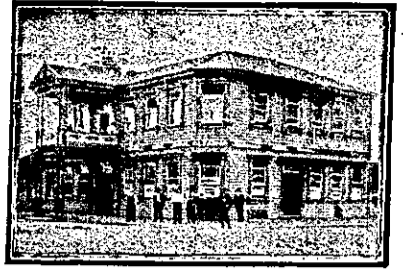


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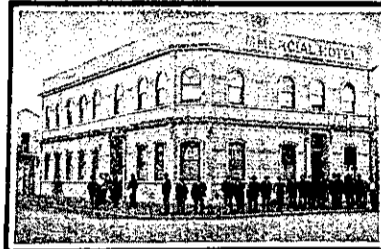


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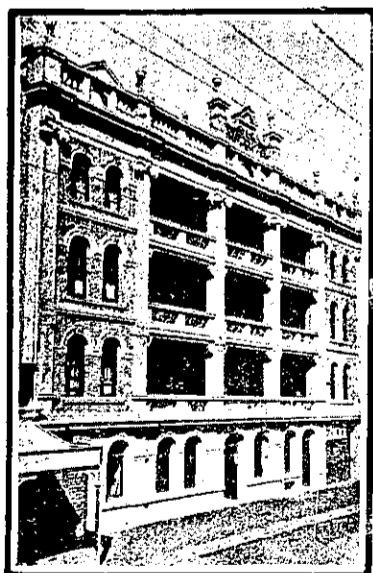
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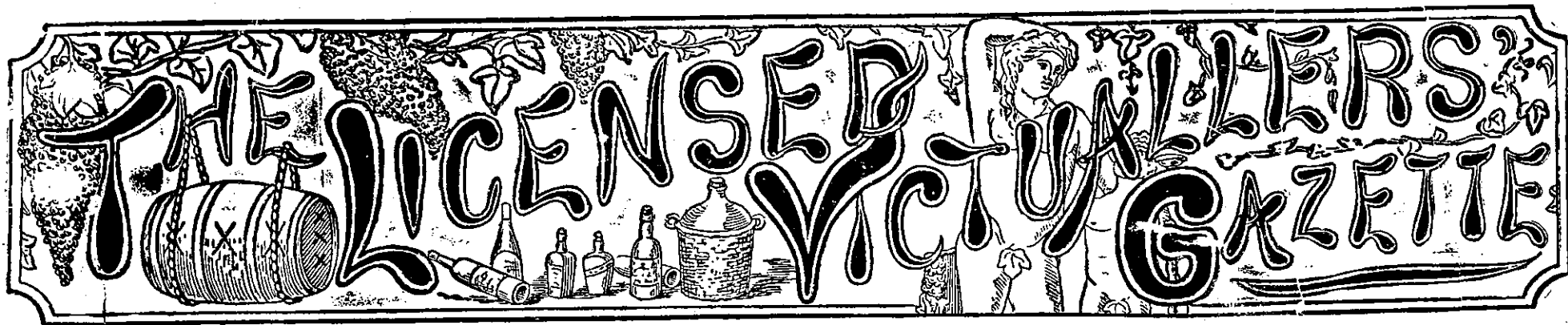
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THE LESSON FROM INVERCARGILL.

We wonder if the recent disclosures at Invercargill, which brought to light the wholesale manner in which sly-grog selling is carried on, will have the effect of opening the eyes of those prohibitionists who are frantically appealing to the Dominion people to do as Invercargill did, and vote No-license. These self-imposed alleged reformers have so enwrapped themselves with their own views as to what is good and what is not good for the world in general, that they will not, in fairness to the average man, look at any side of the situation except that which pleases them. In view of the condition of affairs that exist in Invercargill, the repeated references to that electorate, and the prayers offered up in thanksgiving that it had gone dry savours entirely of the ridiculous, and could never emanate from any party except one composed of self-righteous bigots. How dry this electorate has gone one can well imagine from a perusal of the sly-grog cases that have cropped out since the hotels were closed. Coming to a case in point, we may refer to the last big case that was brought before the court in that place, where a man and woman pleaded guilty to the offence of sly-grog selling. No defence was offered, the case being deliberate and systematic. It was no haphazard case, as both defendants had been repeatedly warned, but the nefarious trade they were carrying on was of such a highly profitable nature that the warning had not the slightest effect. The female defendant had openly stated that she in one day had sold four cases of whisky and twenty gallons of beer. Police evidence proved the fact that one hundred and seventeen gallons of beer and eighty cases of whisky had been sold since April 18th, and, they added, that was probably only half or a quarter of the amount sold. Truly an appalling state of affairs. And it is to these people and their like that the prohibitionists would hand us over.

Much has been made from time to time of statements from leading citizens, clergymen, and even from the Inspector of Police himself, of the delightfully reformed state of Invercargill under no-license law. The plain, unvarnished, though disgraceful tale, as evidenced by this last court case, must come as a rude awakening to those who are wont to point to Invercargill as the city wherein all is peace, owing to its being a no-license area. The police supervision required for many public-houses would be insignificant as compared to that required for even one such as carried on by the defendants in the last case. And it may be taken for granted that if these people found the business such a lucrative one, they are not by any means alone in the sly-grog trade of Invercargill.

It is to be hoped that such cases will open the eyes of the electors to the fact that prohibiting legislation is hopeless. The prohibitionists, in their avowals, make it clear to the public that they are anxious to impose any condition of public or social life, however degrading, humiliating, or law-defying, so long as they attain their end of no-license. Very little imagination is required to picture the awful state of affairs that would result from no-license being carried in a large seaport like Wellington or Auckland. We have seen from the police courts the conditions in other places, and such conditions would be intensified and multiplied in the larger cities.

It is incredible in view of what goes on in no-license areas, that the prohibitionists have the audacity to even suggest, let alone to ask, that we should put ourselves under the no-license ban. We are asked, pressed, and preached to, to exchange a system of police-supervised licensed houses, which meet in an open and respectable manner the demands of the public, for one of plying, lying, and

spying in a form which can only pervert a respectable citizen into a drink sneaker, and one which in itself is lowering and degrading to honesty and common sense.

THE DISTURBING ELEMENT.

It is still persistently rumoured that the present session will be disturbed by efforts on the part of the prohibitionists to have our licensing laws still more altered to meet their views. Insatiable as they always are, they have not yet arrived at the stage of prohibition made easy that they desire. The success which has hitherto been theirs in the handling of politicians and the foisting of nobodies on to electors, as members, has, we have no doubt, turned their brains just a little bit more. We understand that the programme for this session is to have a shot at the members, many of whom are on their last political legs, with a double-barrelled gun, one barrel being the bare majority, and the other Dominion option. While no doubt one or both barrels will make an effective bag from the number of already tottering politicians, we do not think that the House will stand any nonsensical tinkering with the present Licensing Act. Should the prohibitionists in their blind bump-tiousness seek to have either or both of these provisions passed into law, then we not only predict for them positive failure, but foresee a strong reaction against them. The bare majority, as applied to other people's property, is so outrageously unfair that the politicians who espouse this suggestion will be brave indeed. The spectacle of any district being handed over for three years to be wet or dry on a bare majority vote is too ridiculous for discussion. More so, indeed, is the one which embraces colonial option, which would mean, if carried, that the sale, manufacture, or importing of liquor of any description would be absolutely prohibited. Our Dominion would then be dry with a vengeance. It is well that the Alliance has shown to the people the insatiable appetite for alleged reformation that they possess. All along the line, from the time of the first enactment of local option law, have these prohibitionists been pandered to, their wishes have been given effect to, and they have had practically their own sweet way. And yet they are not satisfied. Behind the specious plea to give no-license a trial, lies the intention of wiping all liquor clean out of the Dominion. Electors would do well to awake to this fact, and find out from each no-license pleader what the intentions of the prohibitionists are, if they once gain the upper hand.

We hear that Mr. T. B. O'Connor will shortly take over the City Club Hotel, Shortland-street, he having purchased Mr. M. H. Walsh's interest in that house. We are pleased indeed to welcome Tim back again to the ranks of the trade, it being a safe assertion that there is no more popular landlord in local circles than Mr. T. B. O'Connor.

The New South Wales police have found it necessary to again issue a circular warning business people that forged bank notes are again in circulation.

In reference to the agitation that has been going on in England lately over the importing of foreign hops, a London paper remarks that American hops are raised for the most part by cheap Chinese or Japanese labour on the Pacific slope of the United States, and that these hops are being dumped into England at a price which seems to show a determination to starve the English grower and drive him out of the field.

Speaking at a mass meeting at Birmingham recently, Mr. Asquith said he staked his own political fortunes, and as far as he could the fortunes of the Government and party, on the Licens-

ing Bill. Mr. Asquith added that he had been told he was foolhardy, but his own belief was that he had never done a wiser thing.

A man who was convicted of bigamy at Hastings the other day, pleaded that he was drunk at the time. It is surprising the number of offences that are alleged to have been caused by drink, but we imagine that the one of bigamy is quite the very latest.

In a recent interview with a press representative in Wellington, the Prime Minister stated that it was not intended to make any new appointments to the Legislative Council.

The greatest agitation continues in England against the Licensing Bill. At a monster meeting held a few days ago, Mr. Balfour declared that the bill was one of spoliation, and hopelessly doomed to failure, since it was impossible to gain a great moral end by grossly immoral means.

Last Saturday morning Mr. Justice Edwards gave his decision in favour of plaintiff, in the case of Mr. E. B. Dufaur v. Messrs Smiths and Kenaley, in connection with the Te Puke Hotel. The hearing of the case was a lengthy one, occupying five days, and necessitating some 150 volumes being referred to on law points. Stay of execution with respect to damages and costs has been allowed, and fourteen days allowed to find security in the event of an appeal.

Mr. Harry Parker, late of Wellington, and who was well known in various Societies in the Empire City, has taken over the Empire Hotel at Feilding, and will be pleased to see all old friends, who will be assured of a hearty welcome.

Those who are accustomed to travel through New Zealand cannot but be struck with the marked improvement which has taken place during the last few years in the way of hotel accommodation. This improvement is general right throughout the Dominion, but nowhere is it more noticeable than in the Empire City. Old and out-of-date buildings are constantly being replaced by modern structures, where every convenience is provided to ensure the comfort of the travelling public. One of the finest of the newer hotels in Wellington is Barrett's. The new landlord, Mr. Gow, has made wonderful improvements since he took over the business. The place has been thoroughly renovated throughout and visitors will find the appointments are excellent, every comfort and attention being paid them by the proprietor and his staff.

The renowned Mr. Dooley says, "the best the prohibitionists have done so far is to make drink wrong to take, hard to get, and terrible bad when you get it."

Governor Hoke Smith, of Georgia (U.S.A.), a "dry" State (much boasted of by the Prohibitors) is considering the question of issuing a call for a special session of the Georgia Legislature to consider "the failure of Prohibition."

Says a writer in the "Daily Mail":—Mr. Birrell, at Eastbourne, said—

"They saw the brewers purchasing hundreds and hundreds of houses, and tying them, thus condemning the population to drink their beer—and not their best beer." The allegation that the beer supplied to tied houses is inferior beer is untrue. The practice of brewers is to supply their best to their own houses, and for this very simple reason a tied house bears conspicuously upon it the name of the firm providing the beer. If inferior beer is supplied at one house, all the other houses owned by the same firm suffer in repute and in profit. No brewer would be such a fool as not to give of his best to his own houses.

At Balclutha last Friday the premises occupied by Geo. Fisher, boarding-house keeper, were raided by the police, and in a well under the floor of the chaff-house 56 bottles of whisky were found.

So small was the quantity of arsenic in hops, said a witness before the British Parliamentary Committee on the hop industry, that a man would have to drink 36 gallons of beer a day for many years before it would harm him.

Sir Thomas Dewar stated that there is at present enough whisky in the world to meet the consumption for four and a-half years, though not a gill more is made in the meantime.

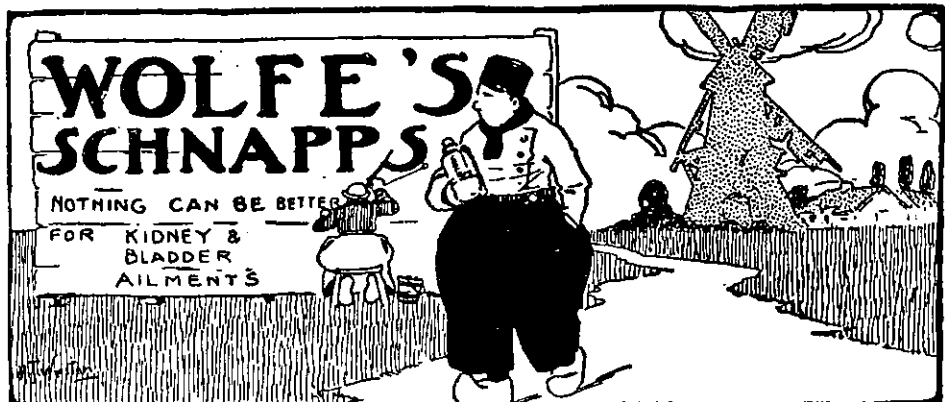
The teetotallers of Boston are quite convinced that claret is a non-intoxicating drink. They drink it without so much as a twinge of the corner of their conscience at the mayor's annual dinner, and when during Lent their ranks are temporarily swelled by those who try to mortify the flesh, the latter draw the line of mortification at claret. That, at any rate, they think, does not minister to the pleasures of the palate or induce drunkenness.

In connection with the charge against the chief steward of the Moeraki of selling wine to a passenger after the steamer had berthed at Sydney the Court found that though the Moeraki was registered in New Zealand defendant was liable to the local liquor law, and the Court had jurisdiction. The Court fined him £30, or, in default, two months' imprisonment.

John Currin, a resident of Oamaru, for giving an order to a publican to send liquor into a no-license district without supplying the latter with his name and address, was fined £10, and costs 12s.

Mr. F. A. Andrews, formerly a resident of Picton, and now employed as head malster by an English firm, induced the firm to introduce New Zealand hops into his place of employment. Previous to this, English hop factories held the opinion that New Zealand hops, generally speaking, lacked condition, but a consignment was received there at 95s a hundredweight, and they were subsequently declared equal to the best Californian.

Packet Licenses caused considerable discussion at the meeting of the Kaipara Licensing Committee last week. The local No-License League lodged a petition against the granting of these licenses to the passenger steamers trading on the Kaipara River.



Considerable evidence for and against was heard by the Court, the hearing of which resulted in Mr R. W. Dyer, S.M., granting the licenses, stating that his firm conviction was that there would be less drunkenness and better control and comfort for the travelling public, if the licenses were renewed.

An application for a wholesale license at Dargaville was refused by the Licensing Bench last week.

Three firemen belonging to the steamer Waikare were before the Court in Wellington last week on charges of stealing beer from the ship's cargo. They were found helping themselves by the can full from a barrel of beer, and maltreated a quartermaster who endeavoured to stop them. Each defendant was fined £5, or in default 21 days' imprisonment.

The no-license district of Gore furnished an instance last week of liquor being plentiful within its boundaries. A quarrel arose among three men and a woman, during which some gun shooting, fortunately without fatalities, was indulged in. Subsequent searchings brought forth eight bottles of whisky and a quantity of other liquor. Six bottles of whisky were also found buried in the garden. The Prohibs are having bad luck with their example districts of late. Only a week or two ago, Gore was held up as a district to be admired and copied owing to its state of no-license.

PROHIBITION ORDER.

In connection with the difficulty of dealing with unknown persons, the "New Zealand Times" recently remarked that the great difficulty of identifying prohibited persons was referred to during the hearing of a case at the Magistrate's Court in Wellington. Mr Cooke, who was defending a barman charged with having supplied liquor to a man against whom a prohibition order was in force, said that there was really no chance at all for a stranger to the bar to know who was prohibited and who was not. The only thing to go by was the name, and that was not very much. Mr Riddell, S.M., agreed that the English practice of supplying photographs and descriptions of prohibited people along with copies of orders had much to commend it, and could be followed here with some advantage. At present, the orders were often laid on one side, and but little attention was paid to them. Sub-Inspector O'Donovan remarked that the police were trying to ensure that when an order was issued it should not become a dead letter.

AUCKLAND LICENSING COMMITTEE.

FITZROY HOTEL LICENSE.

The adjourned meeting of the Auckland Licensing Court was held last Saturday when a new application was made for the license of the Fitzroy Hotel by Chas. George Taylor. The police offered no objection. The Magistrate questioned whether the application had been lodged in the prescribed time, and whether the clause giving the Bench power to waive the time limit would cover such a wide case. On it being advanced that the meeting was in reality the annual one, and that, therefore, the matter was brought up well within time, it was decided to grant the application. It was also reported that improvements to the sanitary arrangements of the Empire Hotel and the lighting of four bedrooms at the Britomart Hotel, had been effected.

ALEXANDRA HOTEL.

Mr Singer, on behalf of the licensee of the Alexandra Hotel (Federal-street), intimated that he had filed a petition which he desired the chairman to peruse.

Mr R. W. Dyer, S.M., explained that the meeting had been adjourned only to hear one particular application, and they had no power to reopen a case which had been previously decided.

"But," said Mr Singer, "I have filed the petition, and paid no status whatsoever for addressing the Bench any more than one of the public. We are only hearing you on indulgence."

Mr Singer asked for a police report before next quarterly meeting, when he would lodge a petition and call evidence in favour of a fresh application.

Mr Dyer stated in reply that they could not pre-empt such cases. He would also point out to Mr Singer the question of whether a petition could be lodged for a licensee.

The matter was then dropped.

TE PUKE HOTEL.

PLAINTIFF AWARDED POSSESSION AND £350 DAMAGES.

His Honor Mr. Justice Edwards delivered judgment last Saturday morning in the case of Ernest Brothers Dufaur v. Timothy Kenealy, Arthur A. Smith, and Ernest J. R. Smith. This was an action for the recovery of possession of the Te Puke Hotel, with consequential relief and damages. The hearing of the evidence occupied three days, the argument by the counsel on the points of law two more days. His Honor's judgment was a very lengthy one, and occupied slightly over three-quarters of an hour to read.

To sum up, said His Honor, in concluding his judgment, the relief which the plaintiff would have in the action was: (1) Judgment for possession of the hotel and premises; (2) a decree declaring that the plaintiff was entitled as assignee to the term granted by the lease from the defendant Kenealy to C. A. Martin, and ordering Kenealy to do all things necessary to enable the lease and the transfer to be registered; (3) a decree declaring that Kenealy was not entitled to refuse his consent to the transfer of the lease from Martin to the plaintiff, and to a sub-lease from the plaintiff to Adolphus Montgomery, on the ground that the lease had been forfeited, and that the transfer of the lease from Martin to plaintiff might be completed and registered, and that the plaintiff might sublet or sub-lease the hotel to A. Montgomery without any further consent of Kenealy; (4) judgment against the defendants for £350 damages. The plaintiff must have his costs against the three defendants as on a sum of £1000, according to scale.

Mr. Reed, one of the counsel appearing for the defendants, asked for a stay of execution, as it was proposed to take the case further.

After some argument His Honor allowed a stay of execution with respect to the damages and costs, 14 days being allowed to find security in the event of an appeal.

KAIKARA LICENSING COURT.

At Dargaville last week the annual meeting of the Kaipara Licensing Court was held Mr Dyer, S.M., presiding. Renewals of licenses were granted to M. O'Connor, Aratapu; H. Dyer and W. Montgomery, Dargaville; T. Hewitt, Mangawhare; G. Barkett, Tangiteroia; G. Meale, Kaihu; J. Ryan, Pahi; T. McEwen, Helensville; S. Stretton, Helensville; H. Melton, Kaukapaka; J. McLeod, Helensville; F. Greenfield, Tokatoka; and G. Macdonald, Maropiu, the owners of the latter house to effect improvements before August. The police reports in all cases were favourable.

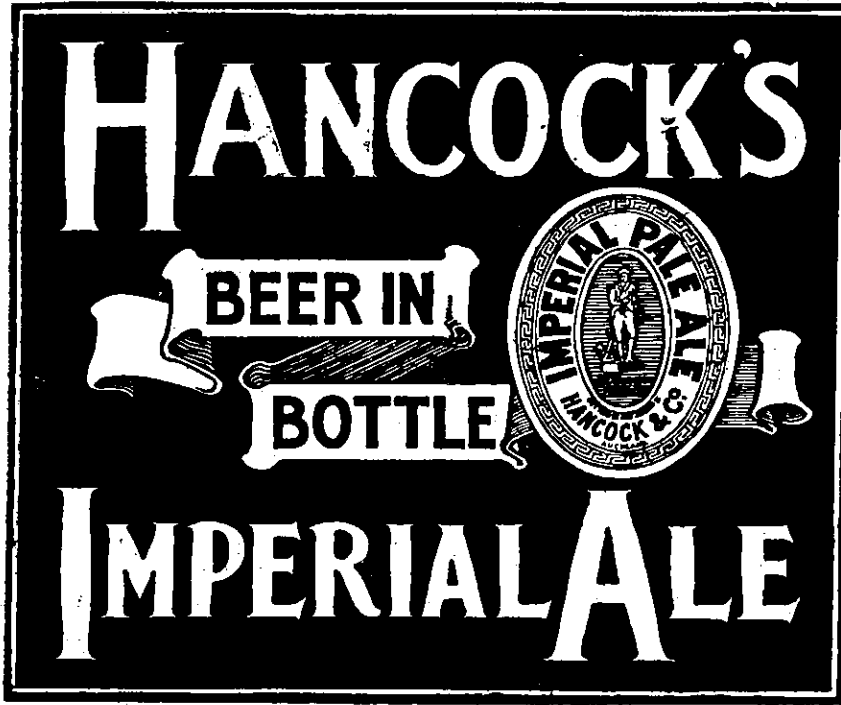
An application for a wholesale license for Dargaville was made by Mr T. Lowrie, solicitor, for Mr G. Fisher, who argued that the development of the district warranted it. Petitions against the granting of the license were lodged by the Kaipara No-License League. The Court, dealing with the application apart from the petitions lodged, was unanimous in refusing the application.

In the matter of the packet license considerable interest was aroused. Mr Coates appeared for the No-license League, and opposed the granting of them. After comprehensive evidence had been taken, the chairman gave his deliberative and casting vote in favour of the issue, stating that he honestly believed, on the evidence adduced, that it would be in the interests of sobriety and good conduct on the steamers.

THE CONVICTION CURE.

Referring to a sly grog-selling case at Invercargill the "Times" remarks:—"The telegraphed report does not explain how the police came to allow the defendants to establish an extensive illicit trade under their very noses without taking earlier action. To dispose of 300 or 400 gallons of beer and 200 or 300 cases of whisky every month they would require to serve 200 or 300 customers every day of the week, and it would

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be absurd to contend that such a number of people would keep the traders' secret. We are inclined to think that there would be a great deal less sly grog-selling in prohibited districts if the present Minister for Justice would adopt a very simple plan that was employed by Sir Wm. Russell when he was in charge of the Police Department. Sir William explained this plan when he was speaking on the motion for the second

reading of the Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act in 1893.

"A tunnel was being made near Reefton," he said, "and I was pestered by deputations, by letters, and, I may say, by members of Parliament with requests that I would stretch my powers as Minister, and give a special license for the small aggregation of people engaged in the construction of that tunnel. I refused to do so, and I was told that it was impossible to put down sly grog-selling. The in-

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pector was communicated with, and he said it was impossible to put it down. I turned down the corner of the official letter and minuted it to the effect that if there were not convictions at once I would change the inspector and police officers. There were nine convictions within a month, and if we had the courage to execute the law we could make the licensing law effective."

A STATESMAN'S PRONOUNCEMENT.

Cardinal Gibbons, the head of the Catholic Church in the United States, when interviewed at Baltimore recently, expressed himself as opposed to prohibition and local option in large cities. The Cardinal expressed himself as follows:—

Local option should under no circumstances apply to this city. Liquor would be sold here quite as abundantly under prohibition laws as under well-regulated license. The consequence will be that liquor will be dispensed contrary to law, instead of being sold in accordance with law. Then, too, the city will be deprived of a large revenue which is so much needed for the government of this community.

When a law is flagrantly and habitually violated, it brings legislation into contempt. It creates a spirit of deception and hypocrisy, and compels men to do insidiously and by stealth what they would otherwise do openly and above board.

You cannot legislate men into the performance of good and righteous deeds. If we are to improve the morality of our city and make our citizens more temperate, let the virtue of temperance be proclaimed in the churches; above all, let it be enforced in the family, that parents both by word and example, may inculcate their children with temporal and spiritual blessings which spring from a life of temperance and sobriety

THE LIQUID MAIL ORDER BUSINESS AND THE PROHIBITION STATES.

Georgia, which became a prohibition State last year, and where the anti-liquor laws are executed rigidly, has become the best market for the whisky by mail firms. What rushing business they are doing, mostly from Chattanooga, Tenn., can be seen from the following statement of the manager of a Chattanooga whisky firm:—

"Chattanooga, Tenn., is doing such a rushing mail order business into Georgia that the post office there had to petition Washington for additional clerks to attend to the mail orders, and arrangements had to be made to get enough money in the city to pay the post office orders sent in from Georgia. The mail order business of one company averages from 5000dol. to 7000dol. out of Georgia alone.

"The Southern Express Company has established a branch office on the main steet in Atlanta for the sole purpose of handling the whisky shipments, and it's a sight to see the consignees calling for their packages. None of them are less than a quart, and most of them are four quarts for the distillers prepay the express when an order is for a gallon. No package can be shipped c.o.d."

TO MAKE PROHIBITION PROHIBIT.

THE BUG UNDER THE CHIP.

Very naturally those who favour prohibition are suspicious when Greeks come bearing gifts. For that reason they are slow to accept the proposition of the United States National Model License League to amend the prohibition laws so as to provide a heavy penalty for the purchase of alcoholic beverages, or for having them in possession in prohibition territory. The National Model License League is opposed to prohibition, and when it offers to help make prohibition effective, those who favour prohibition begin to look for the bug under the chip.

Nevertheless, the proposition of the Model License League appears to be both sensible and reasonable, whether there is any ulterior motive behind it or not. The object of prohibition is to stop the consumption of intoxicants. If it is right that the law should prohibit the sale of liquor, why should it not also prohibit the purchase of it? It is on the same principle that the man who accepts a bribe is just as guilty as the man who offers it, or vice versa. If the

drinking of liquor produces a long train of ills, and it is deemed best to abolish its sale, it should also be a good idea to prohibit anyone having it in his possession, on the same principle that the carrying of concealed weapons is deemed a menace to the peace.

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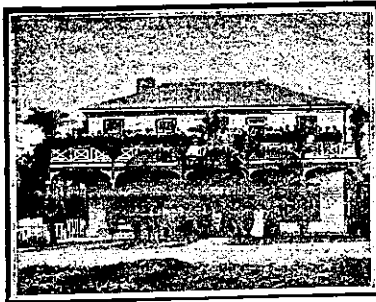
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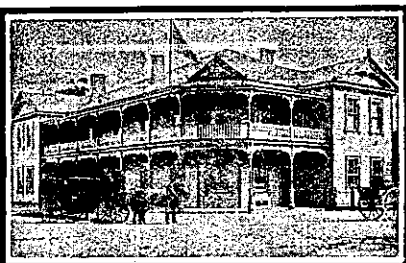
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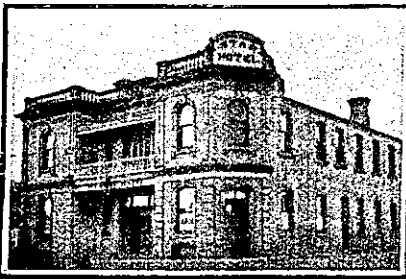
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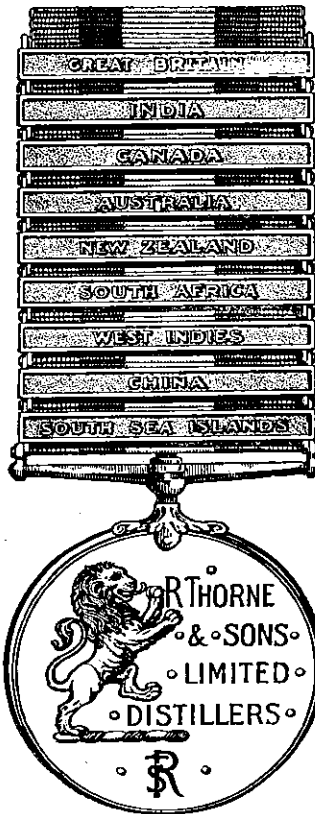
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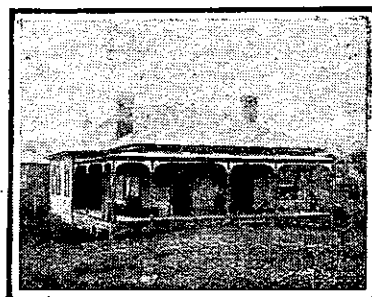
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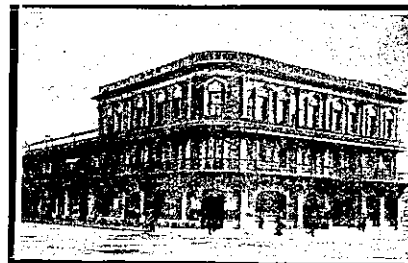


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mum or stopped it altogether. This will be impossible as long as liquor is manufactured and its consumption legalised. Those who favour prohibition hope ultimately to see the manufacture of liquor stopped in this country. Then it will be necessary to prohibit its importation from other countries. But to stop its consumption it will be necessary to enforce drastic laws against any person having it in his possession, even though he makes it himself for his own private use.

In the meantime there has to be a lot of experimenting, and it might not be a bad idea to follow the suggestions of the Model License League in order to prove that prohibition can be made effective.—Shreveport (La., U.A.), "Times."

A TYPICAL PLACE OF RUIN.

The "Daily Chronicle," England, has shown lamentable weakness, as well as ignorance, in replying to a typical case of publican's ruin should the Imperial Bill go through in its present form. Mr A. C. Fort, of Fort Brothers, placed his case fairly and squarely before the editor. For the sixty years' lease of his house at £140 a year ground rent, he paid several thousands of pounds. Without the license the house, which has been in existence for over 100 years without a single complaint of any kind, is not worth £40. In estimating the price he would pay, due allowance was made for repayment of the amount borrowed with interest over nearly the entire period of 60 years. Now, as he points out, his mortgagees have a perfect right to demand principle and interest as if the lease was only fourteen years, and supposing he should survive these fourteen years, and his license should be taken away from him by the state without any compensation, he would be still saddled with the unexpired term of 46 years at £140 ground rent. The case is, of course, typical of many others. Practically all that the "Daily Chronicle" can tell him is that he was a very foolish man, and that he has no more right to expect immunity from loss than a man who bought London General Omnibus shares at 216 or Consols at 114, and that at the end of fourteen years, if the license is still in existence, he will only have to pay monopoly value, and will get a reasonable trade profit. Mr Fort must be sorry that he wasted pen and ink over the matter.

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With characteristic recklessness, Governor Hughes, of New York, has defined the sinister results of the Fairbanks cocktail. At the recent executive reception in Albany there were two punch bowls in full and unashamed display. One of them contained the flatulent lemonade that neither cheers nor inebriates, but the contents of the others were "wropped in mystery," like James Yellowplush's pedigree. As to its general nature, its basic principle, so to speak, there was no doubt whatever but its precise composition defied even the skilled examination that was brought to bear upon it. News of the invention spread rapidly throughout the rooms, and many who had never before been balked in such a matter, whose experience was unrivalled, and whose judgment indisputable, now admitted that they had met their Waterloo. Not readily did they confess defeat, not until no further experiment was possible, and the angel's face beamed with heavenly smiles from the bottom of the bowl. They did their best and failed ingloriously, but the ultimate analysis and classification of the "Hughes Hummer" continues to be one of those things that "no fellow can find out." The Governor risked a great deal, and can hardly escape by an ingenious anonymity. But at least his guests cannot say, as Secretary Everts said after a White House dinner under the Hayes regime: "Water flowed like champagne."

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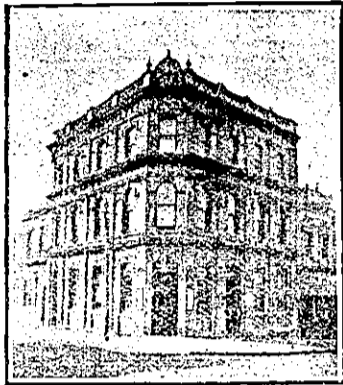
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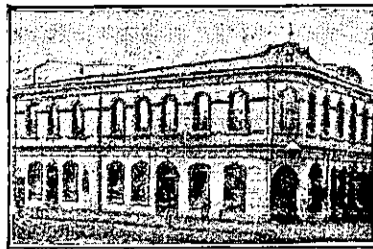
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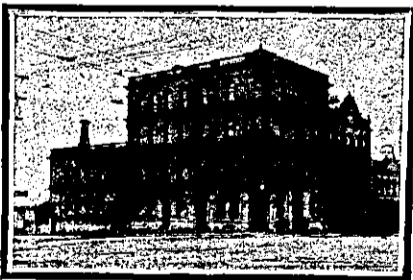


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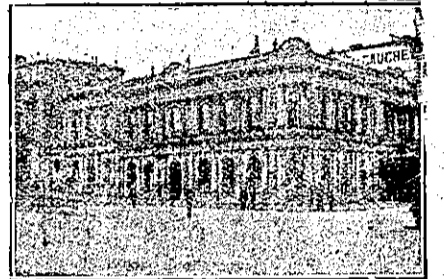
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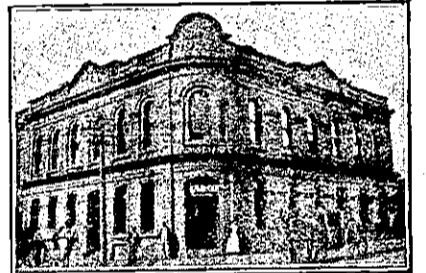
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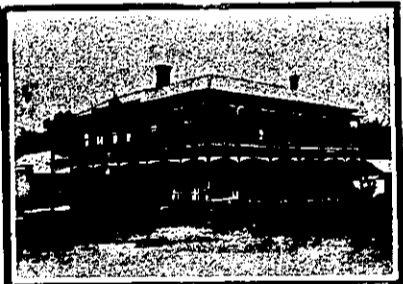
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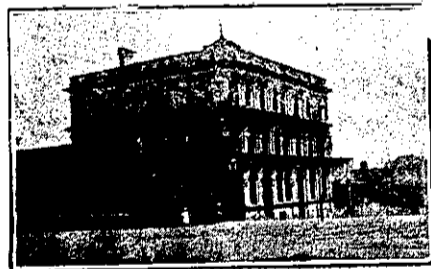
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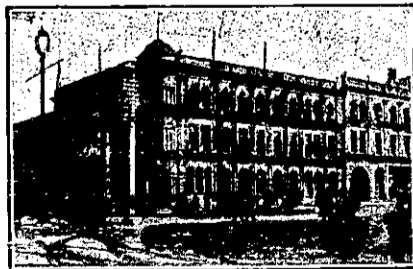
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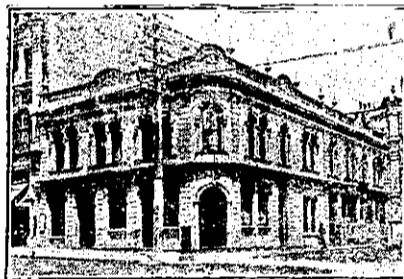
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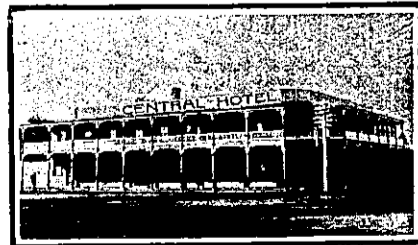
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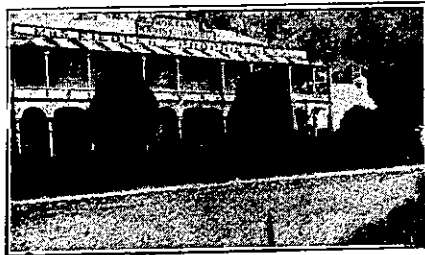
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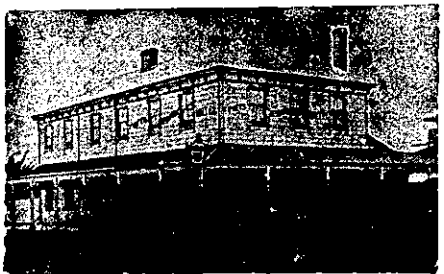
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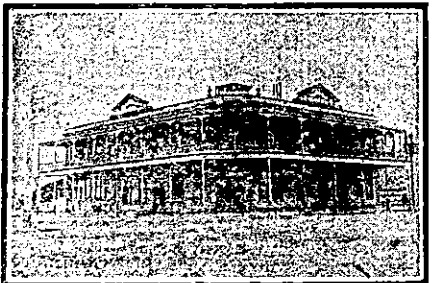
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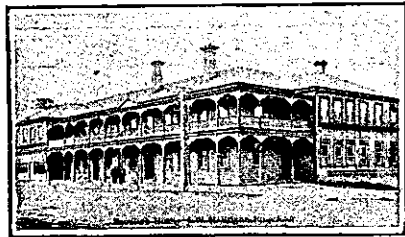
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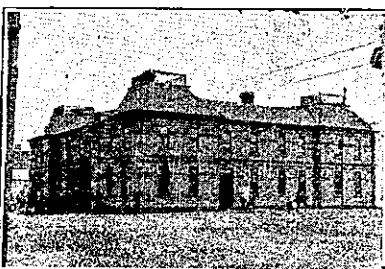
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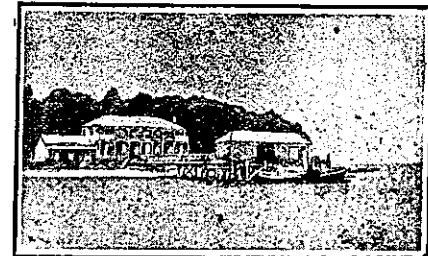
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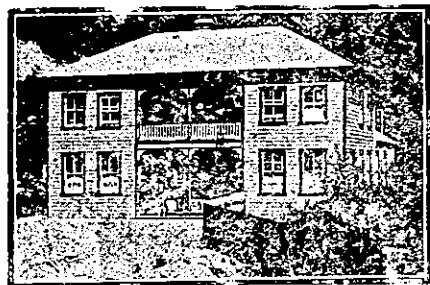
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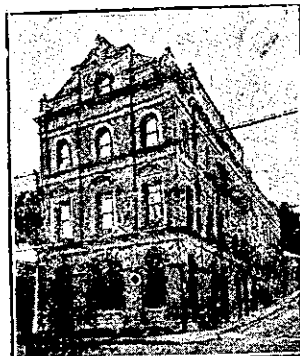
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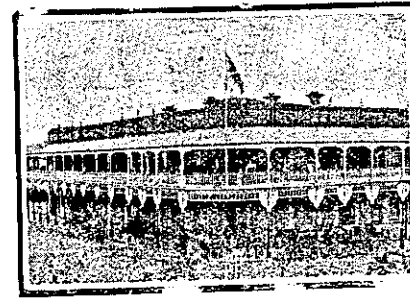
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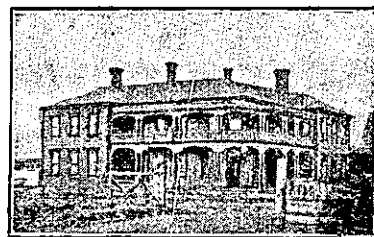
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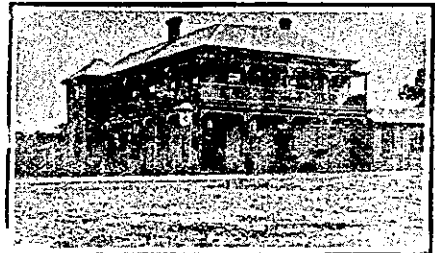
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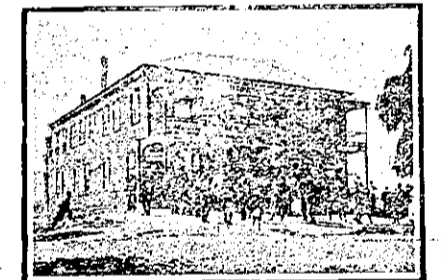


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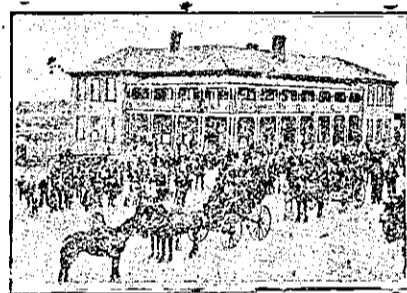
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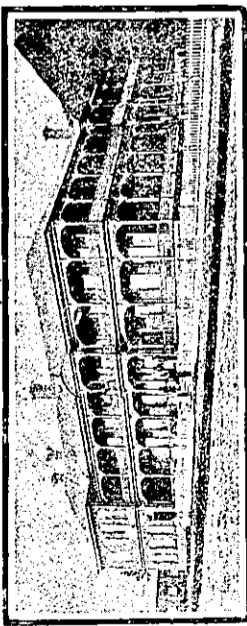
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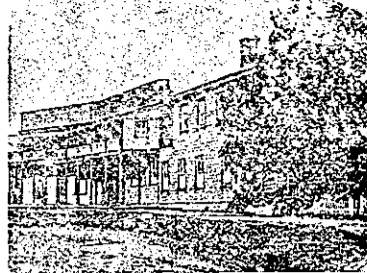


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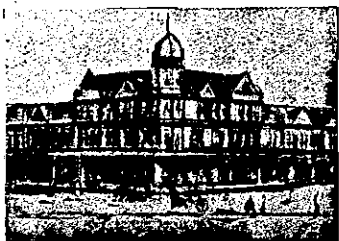
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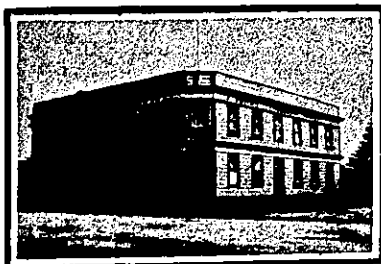
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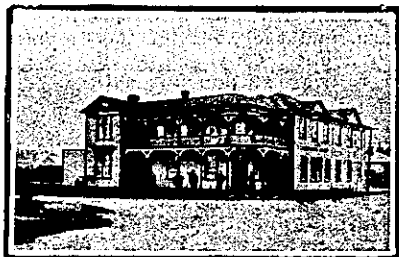
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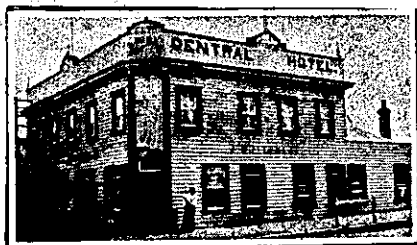
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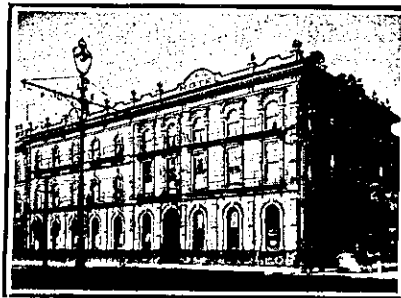
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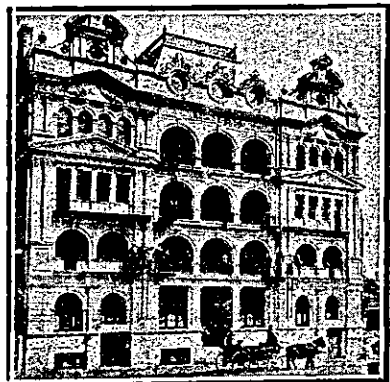
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