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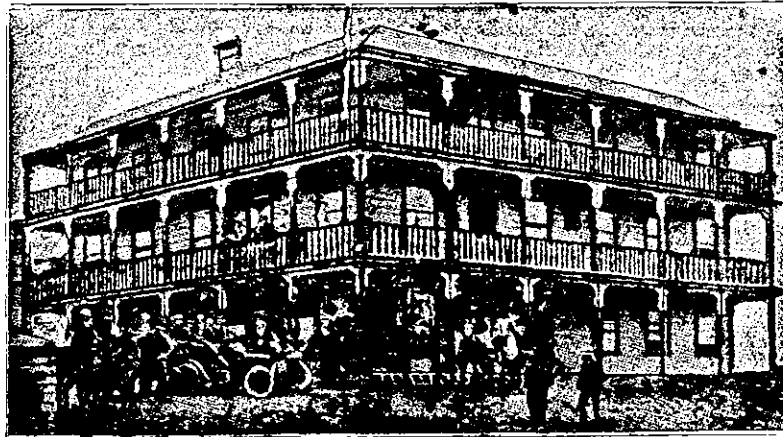
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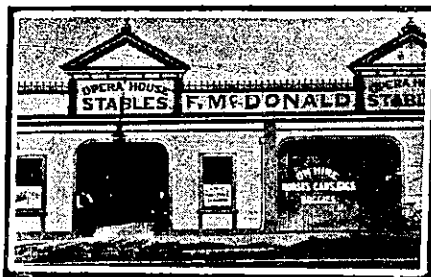
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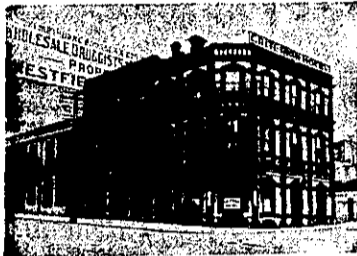
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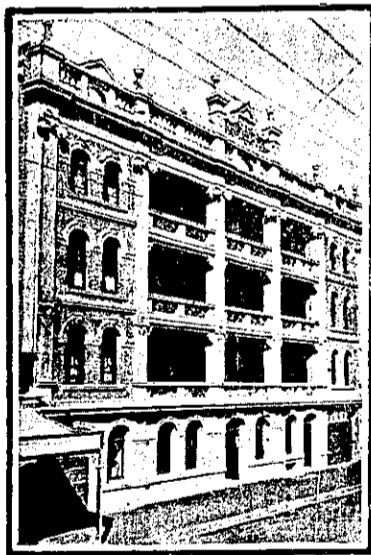
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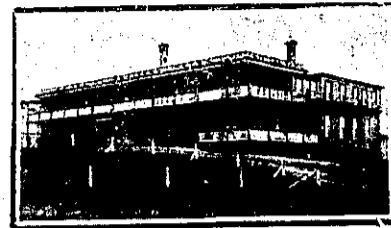
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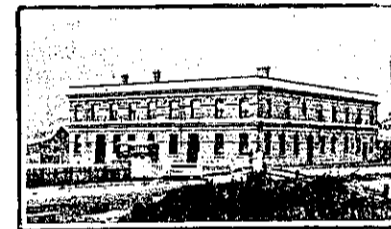
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#### FIXTURES.

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 31.—Fleet Meeting

## THE FLEET RACE MEETING.

Owners must not lose sight of the fact that nominations for the Fleet Race Meeting must be lodged with Mr. J. F. Hartland not later than 9 p.m. on Friday, July 17. Although it is too much to expect a heavy nomination list, yet, as the prize money is fixed upon a very liberal scale, sufficient entries should be received to provide some excellent sport. Some doubt has been expressed upon this point, but there should be little anxiety on the matter, for there are a very fair number of horses yet in commission, and there should also be a sprinkling from the outside centres. The very strong executive intends making a special effort to make the gathering a success, and it is fairly safe to assume that everything that can possibly be done in this direction will be duly carried out. One thing may be taken for granted, and that is if the weather proves fine the attendance will be enormous. It is to be hoped that owners will do their share to help towards the success of this special meeting, and thus give pleasure to the hosts of visitors to Auckland next month.

## THE RICHMOND THOUSAND.

### VICTORY OF AN AUCKLAND PONY.

The Richmond Thousand, the biggest stake ever offered for competition among ponies, was run on Monday on the Ascot course, Melbourne. There was a splendid entry, ponies being nominated from all the principal centres. Little Dod, Miss Mayfield, Fuse, Skylark, Lorraine, Lady Clare, Taree, and Clarette represented New South Wales. New Zealand was represented by Mighty Atom, Hopscotch, Balgonie, and Zoraya; and Tasmania by Glimmer; while, of course, the cream of the Victorian contingent were in commission. Unfortunately the weather was very bad, and the heavy going affected the top weights. From the meagre particulars to hand, it would appear that the Sydney pony Little Dod (7st 13lb) made strong play, and looked like winning, but at the distance Balgonie (8st 3lb), who had a bad passage, got through, and, finishing in great style, defeated Little Dod. That smart Aucklander Mighty Atom had the big impost of 9st 10lb, Hopscotch had 8st, and Zoraya 7st 10lb. Balgonie, the winner, was bred in Auckland, being got by the defunct Phoebus Apollo from Balbirnie, a mare who used to race here in the all black colours of Mr. J. Marshall. Balgonie more recently has been in Wellington, where a race or two has gone to her credit.

## PAID STEWARDS.

The near approach of the annual Racing Conference draws attention to the business which that body proposes to deal with. There are quite a number of points of but little importance included, but the order paper does not, unfortunately, include the question of having stipendiary stewards. Much has appeared in these columns

and elsewhere on the subject, and one would have expected by now some move would be made in the matter, but members seem to prefer a *tailho* policy. In an editorial on the subject, the "Australasian" says:—

"That the stipendiary steward system must be right in theory no one can deny. Who would advocate an honorary handicapper, an honorary judge, or an honorary starter in these advanced days? Public opinion has forced racing clubs into selecting the best men available for the positions mentioned, and paying them a reasonable salary. Is the position of steward of so little importance that any man elected to the committee is considered good enough to fill it? We think that if racing is to be conducted to the satisfaction of owners, trainers, jockeys, and the public, the stewards should be men chosen for their fitness as stewards. The reason for paying them, and paying them well, is manifest. They should see all the racing—not just the meetings they are interested in as committeemen, owners, or punters—and they should not bet nor have any interest in horses. It stands to reason that men who know the horses just as the judge does must have a far better chance of seeing what goes on in a race, than the casual amateur. There can be no two opinions about the value of the professional as against the honorary steward, and if members of committee do hold the opinion that any one of their number is good enough to be a steward, we can assure them that that is not outside opinion. The pony men were the first to test and prove the value of the starting-gate, and it has been left for Mr. John Wren to lead the way in Victoria as regards paid stewards. He is the sole proprietor of his courses, and he knows the value of securing the goodwill of his patrons. To do this he aims at keeping the racing as straight as it is possible to keep racing, and to ensure this he pays his stewards. He certainly gets good value for his money. The only other courses in Australia in which the paid stewards get full play is in West Australia. There they act on all the leading courses, and there is no appeal from their decisions. Perhaps this is going a little too far. On matters of fact they should be absolute judges, but there can be no harm in allowing an appeal where points of racing law are concerned." Are we in the Dominion to be the last to adopt this wise course?

## THE YALDHURST SALE.

The more one looks at the catalogue of the late Mr. G. G. Stead's racing and breeding stock the more one is convinced of the great value of the horses to be submitted. For instance, take the racing stock; there are twenty-four eligible to race during the coming season, twenty of which are in hand at the present time, and the majority in forward condition for early racing. Count Witte and Los Angelos represent the four-year-old contingent, and possibly there is a good race in that fine galloper Boniform. Then in the three-year-old class, or what will be three-year-olds at the date of sale, Golden Slipper, Armlet, Sunglow, and Sweet Angelus are four beauties, the first-named being a veritable champion. Then there are Idyll, Soprano, and Nobel, who have yet to race. Add to these Coroniform and the imported filly Perolina (by Persimmon), and the filly by the Derby winner Ladas from Flying Fox's sister Vane, and the powerful three-year-old list is complete.

Among the coming two-year-olds there are three filly and two colts by Multiform, including Golden Slipper's sister Perle d'Or. Stepniak claims a nice colt for a full brother to Munjeet, and also a sister to Elysium. Royal Artillery has five fillies from Bluespur and Malster's sister Barley Brae. Pilgrim's Progress is represented by a gelding from Zingara, a daughter of the Auckland Cup winner Anita. Then there are the imported fillies Ringdove, by Collar; Ormula, by Orme; and the colt Cheshire, by Tarporley.

The list of brood mares is a long one, and comprises some of the most blue-blooded in the colony, as a glance at the names will show. This is a rare chance for breeders to get something a bit out of the ordinary. As for the stallions, it is very certain there will be keen bidding when Multiform comes into the ring, while Boniform and Royal Artillery should each run to a good figure, for they are stallions who should do great things at the stud. Altogether the sale on the 12th August ought to prove a memorable event in colonial turf history.

## THE ENGLISH DERBY AND OAKS.

Further particulars of the English Derby and Oaks show that Perrier did not start favourite for the former race, that position being filled by the American-bred colt Norman III., next in order coming Vamose, Sea Sick II., and Mountain Apple, while Perrier was at fairly long odds. Of the eighteen runners the only one standing at a longer price than Signorinetta was the French representative Azote, who was at forlorn odds. Mountain Apple and Sir Archibald in turn flattered their supporters, but at the end Signorinetta fairly ran over everything, winning easily by two lengths from Primer, who beat Llangwm a neck, with Mountain Apple fourth, Eaton Lad fifth, Sea Sick II. sixth, and Royal Realm seventh. The time, 2min 40 sec., was 4sec. faster than when Orby won the previous year, but 3 1-5sec. worse than that recorded by Spear-mint in 1906.

After her Derby win one would have looked to Signorinetta to start favourite for the Oaks; but such was not the case, Mr. R. Croker's Rhodora being sent out at a very short price, while Chevalier Glistrell's filly was at twice the odds. Signorinetta had everything settled a quarter of a mile from home, and could have won by several lengths. However, W. Bullock, who rode her in both races, contented himself by beating Courtesy by three-quarters of a length. Unfortunately the race did not prove a test of the respective merits of Signorinetta and Rhodora, the latter falling as a result of getting on the heels of French Partridge, who also came to grief. Bullock, who rode Signorinetta, went from India to Ireland to ride for Mr. Croker, but after being on Orby in most of his work for last year's Derby, L. Reiff was substituted when it came to the race. Recently Bullock and his ex-employer were engaged in a lawsuit, the outcome of which was that Mr. Croker had to pay him £150.

## CLOSE FINISHES.

Those who, as it is termed, "live on the game," that is, make a living by following racing, are always opposed to weight-for-age racing (says an exchange), from the fact that the fields are never very strong, consequently they have no chance of getting on early, as in the case of handicaps, and then retail it out through their favourite bookmaker to the public at a profit. The genuine racing man, on the other hand, admires w.f.a. racing, and so do the public—generally. Very often do we see a keen contest between the cracks at Randwick and Flemington. Was there ever a finish for any handicap that has aroused the enthusiasm at Randwick as did the great race for the Craven Plate between Carbine and Megaphone, when the equine champion defeated the Queenslander by a head on the post. Many other keen contests could be mentioned, the most sensational, perhaps, being the dead-heat between Reprise and Dagworth in the Randwick Plate (and, so far as Auckland is concerned, the memorable go between Seahorse and Explosion). For a series of close finishes, I should say that the Newmarket Stakes, run for at the second spring meeting of the English Jockey Club at Newmarket, has proved a remarkable record of late years. In 1890, according to "Ruff," there was only a head between Memoir and Blue Green, and in 1892 Curio only beat St. Angelo a

head, while a similar distance separated second and third. In 1895 The Owl defeated Solano by a neck, and the judge returned a similar verdict the following year, when Galezzo was returned the winner. The race, it may be remarked, is for three-year-olds, run over 1¼ miles, so that it is not a sprint event by any means. That the close finishes have continued since the dates mentioned is another curious fact, as in 1900 Diamond Jubilee only beat Chevening a head, and William the Third was only the same ahead of Doricles the next year, and after a great race Ard Patrick defeated Fowling Piece a head, in 1902. Henry the First's victory was only a head over John o' Gaunt in 1904. Lally beat Malua a head in 1906, and Accraire was a head in advance of Linacre in 1907. The score is of 19 races, eight have been won by a head and two by a neck. No handicap can show such a record.

## SHOULD MEN BET?

The recognition of the fact that men will find a way to gamble so long as their inclination tends that way, despite any legal attempt to oppose them, appears to be more generally and broad-mindedly acknowledged every day (says the "Referee"); but the increased attendances and consequently more extensive speculations at race meetings should be accepted as proof of the desire on the part of those who will bet to do so without infringing the laws of the country. When all is said and done, betting is not the heinous offence that some people would make believe, and is a method of both amusement and speculation which is indulged in all over the world by people who are easily as capable of caretaking their moral welfare as are a great number of those whose daily bread appears to be earned by holding forth against it. The Governments of the various States appear to have risen to the occasion and done their best to minimise gambling so far as in their power lay, evidently realising that any further attempt to curtail the freedom and will of the voter with regard to these matters might result in a reaction which would land us back in a worse position than we had been before. A New York writer attributes a deal to the anti-betting movement in that State to Mr. Hearst, who is of opinion that his defeat for the position of Governor was due to the sporting element. It being a recognised fact that people have gambled in some form or other from time immemorial, and will instinctively continue to do so, why not accept the inevitable and allow them to gratify that desire under the least harmful of all conditions, which has been provided by the combined Legislatures of the country, who, under their new Gaming Acts, control and limit the days set apart for racing in this as well as other States?

## CHEAP SIRE PROGENY.

In England, even nowadays, a horse who proves useful as a sire is occasionally picked up at a low figure, and, touching on the success of Mr. R. Sievier's four-year-old mare Teofani in the Stewards' Handicap at Kempton Par, of £875, on May 15, a recent London exchange says: "Her sire Black Duck, stood at the low fee of 8sovs in 1903 when he was mated with Cigarette (Teofani's dam). In the following December Black Duck himself was put up at auction at the Newmarket sales, and realised the trifling sum of 11 guineas. Yet in the next season (1904) one of the despised stallion's offspring Romer, then a three-year-old, won three good handicaps, inclusive of the Derby Gold Cup, of the total value of £2205. As a two-year-old Romer had won a race worth 259sovs on the first day of the Kempton Jubilee meeting. Teofani, who likewise scored her first success at Kempton, did not run as a two-year-old, and only twice last season, while prior to last Friday she had this season run second to Gold Sand at Epsom. It should be added that after

Romer's successful essays for his joint owners, Messrs. Joseph Davis and A. Knowles, Mr. Davis purchased Black Duck from his owner, Mr. Westgate, for 50sovs. Black Duck was foaled in 1889, and being by Galopin out of Call Duck, by Macaroni, it is not surprising that he has got stock to gallop, although given very few chances. It may be added that he is bred on the same lines as that successful stallion, St. Angelo, who was also by Galopin out of a Macaroni mare."

**THE TOP WEIGHTS IN THE MELBOURNE CUP.**

It is interesting to note that 10.0, the top weight awarded to Poseidon in this year's Melbourne Cup, is not often exceeded as the starting point in the handicaps for the big V.R.C. two-mile event. During the last 20 years the respective top-weights for the Melbourne Cup have been:—1889, Carbine, 10.0; 1890, Carbine, 10.5; 1891, Carbine, 10.12; 1892, Strathmore, 9.8; 1893, Strathmore, 9.10; 1894, Portsea, 9.12; 1895, Patron, 9.12; 1896, Wallace, 10.0; 1897, Wallace, 9.13; 1898, Amberite, 9.11; 1899, Bobadil, 9.10; 1900, La Carabine, 9.7; 1901, La Carabine, 9.12; 1902, San Fran, 10.5; 1903, Wakeful, 10.0; 1904, Abundance, 9.8; 1905, Emir, 9.8; 1906, Dividend, 9.5; and 1907, Tartan, 9.9. Though Carbine's weight in 1891, 10.12, seems stupendous enough, it is not the record for the race. In the sixties The Barb was weighted at over 11.0.

**NOTES.**

(By The Judge.)

The Wellington R.C. Winter Meeting takes place on July 18, 22, and 25.

The well-known rider A. Julian left for the South by the Talune on Tuesday. He will ride at Gisborne, Trentham, and Riccarton.

The annual meeting of the members of the Auckland Racing Club will take place on August 3. Nominations for committee must be in by Saturday next.

The late Mr. Geo. G. Stead's colours have been claimed by his eldest son, Mr. W. G. Stead.

The recently deceased old-time jockey, Henry Custance, who won three Derbies and innumerable other big races, left estate valued at £3081. In their respective days George Fordham left £19,903, and another famous jockey in Fred Archer £66,662.

In yesterday's football match between the Anglo-Welsh team and Manawatu the visitors won a well contested game by 12 points to 3, the score having been level at half time.

Mr. O'Connor went South on Tuesday, to do the starting at the Gisborne meeting.

The Wellington Pony and Galloway Club intend holding a meeting on August 22 and monthly thereafter.

As Celtic has not been accepted for at the Wellington meeting he may not be sent South as was anticipated.

In reviewing the English Derby prospects none of the turf writers even so much as mention the name of the ultimate winner.

The Perth Cup winner Post Town is a strong fancy for the Melbourne Cup. He belongs to "lucky" P. A. Connolly.

The New Zealander Waipu ran badly in the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdles, and as he failed in a race just prior to this it looks as though he was out of form.

Entries for the Fleet Race Meeting at Ellerslie are due to-morrow week.

The tracks at Ellerslie are very soft owing to the continuous rain.

The Gisborne Racing Club's Steeplechase Meeting takes place to-day and to-morrow. The acceptances appear in another column.

The Takapuna Jockey Club is making a strong effort to sift what is known as the Tauriki case to the bottom. Some sensational results are expected as the result of the exhaustive enquiry.

Rumours have reached Auckland that at the Napier Park Meeting, the out-for-an-airing brigade were very much in evidence, several of the runners most palpably waiting for the coming bye-and-bye.

Le Beau has been shaping very well at Ellerslie, but it has not yet been decided if he will be sent South or run at the Fleet meeting.

The Carbine colt Cargill is evidently more than useful, as prior to running second in the Princess of Wales Stakes of 6000sovs., he won the Newmarket Handicap of 1000sovs. at the Newmarket Second Spring Meeting.

Many people consider Scotty to be well treated in the C.J.C. Grand National Hurdles, and give the veteran a good chance. He may be a competitor at the Fleet meeting instead.

Sir George Clifford has been elected an honorary member of the English Jockey Club.

Readers of racehorse history have often seen mention made of "The Prophet's Mares," but perhaps have not happened across their origin. It is said in the East that Mahommed set great store by the readiness of horses to obey any signal to which they had been accustomed, and he selected mares for breeding purposes by a test of their obedience. He shut up a drove of mares within sight of water, and kept them without a drink till they were almost famished with thirst. Then the drove was released, and naturally started at a gallop for the water. When they were in full flight a trumpet sounded the "halt." Only five, some say three, obeyed the call and stopped, the rest being bent on assauging their thirst. The obedient ones were chosen as dams, and honored by the title—"The Prophet's Mares."

Owing to varicose veins, D. Maher was out of the saddle for some days in England, with the result that W. Higgs passed him in the winning jockeys' list. The figures for the leading quartette up to May 22 were as follow: W. Higgs, 159 mounts, 25 wins; D. Maher, 93 mounts, 22 wins; W. Griggs, 141 mounts, 18 wins and F. Wootton, 99 mounts, 16 wins.

The chestnut gelding Lion Heart was brought back to New Zealand by his owner a few days ago. During his stay in Australia Lion Heart won two jumpers' flat races and two hurdle races in Melbourne, and a jumpers' flat race and a Canterbury Handicap while in Sydney.

A New Zealand-bred sire represented on the list for the Grand Prix at Paris was Carbine, who was responsible for Mr W. Hall Walker's Caradoc, whose dam is the Galopin mare Warrior Queen. A couple of candidates from Australian-bred mares were among the nominations—the colts Ballymacmoy, by Winkfield's Pride from Beanba, and Shillelagh, by Le Roi Soliel (winner of the Grand Prix, 1898) from Seclusion. Beanba is by Wallace from Emmie, by Robinson Crusoe from Olga, by Piscator, and among her turf successes is the V.R.C. Oaks, 1901, which she won under the livery of Mr D. Smart. Seclusion was bred by Mr J. Wilson, jun., at the Bonny Vale stud, Victoria, and is by Carnage from The Nun, by First King. Seclusion was not raced until five years old, when she won three small races in Victoria, and the following season she captured a similar number of races for her breeder. These two mares were purchased in 1902 by the late Mr James Hennesey, of brandy fame, who bred and nominated the colts aforementioned.

I had a mournful reminder of the late Mr G. G. Stead the other day (says the special commissioner of the London Sportsman), when R. J. Mason, who is on a visit to England, presented a letter of introduction to me which his old employer had given him just before he sailed from New Zealand. The following extract from the latter will be read with interest.—"Mr R. J. Mason, who has been exclusively my private trainer for the past 21 years, is paying a visit to England for the first time. He has trained something over 400 winners for me of races exceeding £100,000 in value, which are fairly large figures for a small place like New Zealand, and as he trained Noctuniform and Multiform you might be interested in having a chat with him. My present team is weak, both in numbers and quality, but since my return from England I have won the biggest two-year-old race in New Zealand, as well as the Great Northern Derby at Auckland. The latter was won by Boniform, the

third son of Otterden. I have some nice young ones coming on, which I hope will be ready for Mason on his return. The above-mentioned Otterden, I may explain, is a mare I sent out to Mr Stead in 1908. She was then covered by Martagon, to whom she produced the great stayer Martian, to English time. Her second foal was Sun God, a very good colt, and the third, Boniform. The mare herself is of the Sunshine family, being by Sheen out of Springmorn, by Springfield.

In Russia there is a popular idea that billy-goats are essential to a healthy stable. It is said that the idea that goats keep away disease is quite as strong among Russian stable owners as is the flavour of the goat's presence.

Ampier, winner of the A.J.C. Epsom Handicap of 1900, was sold in Melbourne the other day for five guineas.

After failing to distinguish herself on the English turf, the New Zealand-bred mare Nightfall, by Multiform—La Notte, is to be retired to the stud.

At Paris in May the Prix Lupin, a three-year-old race of £4114, was won by Viscount d'Harcourt's Holbein (Winkfield's Pride—Hurry), from a field of eleven.

In his always interesting notes in the "Referee," "Boondi" writes:—Custance, the old-time English jockey, made a very good starter when Mr. McGeorge decided to "stand down," but poor Cus, recently died at the age of 60 years, and it was in 1860 that he won his first Derby on Thormanby in a field of thirty-five horses, of which John Scott's favourite, The Wizard, went out favourite at 3 to 1, but could only get to the second place. That was a memorable Derby, too, for in addition to my winning my first wager of 6d on the "boy in yellow," two of the best-backed horses, St. Albans and Buccaneer, had been either partially or wholly incapacitated from doing their best. St. Albans, in fact, did not face the flag at all, but Buccaneer was so cruelly "nobbled" a fortnight before the race that his chance was settled, and he came in down the course with the ruck. The betting was the heaviest ever known, Thormanby, at 4 to 1, The Wizard, Horror, Mainstone (owned by Lord Palmerston), Nutbourne, Tom Bowling, High Treason, Wallace, and Umpire each being backed to win a sackful of sovereigns. Umpire had been specially brought from New York to "knock the spots out of the derved Britishers" by his plucky owner, Mr. R. Ten Broeck, who had engaged George Fordham, the best jockey of his day, to ride him, and money came over in shiploads to put on the brave little chestnut, which I think got third. The start was delayed a long time, and when the flag had at last fallen, and the field had travelled 100 yards, it was seen that one horse was fully fifty yards behind everything else, he having fallen on his nose and knees the moment the flag fell. Fred Swindell, the great turf agent, who owned Wallace, and his friend Mr. Thornhill, had their glasses trimmed on the field from the stand when Fred, watching the last straggler, said: "I pity the poor beggar that owns that 'un, laad. What is it?" Thornhill took a long look and replied: "Why, dang it all, Fred, it's yours!"

If it should ever happen that Turf annals come to be finally compiled no jockey's name is likely to be more closely associated with the Derby than that of Archer. There can be no doubt, indeed, that he is the hero of the most remarkable Derby ever decided, for how he managed to get up on Bend Or and win by a head in 1880, after it had looked a guinea to a gooseberry on Robert the Devil, only the gods and the late Judge Clark will ever know. Apart from being a fine jockey, Fred was also a splendid judge of racing, and he was so keen in the pursuit of his profession that he was always on the look-out for the best mount. "What makes Fred so thin," said a brother jockey on one occasion, "is that he frets because he can't ride two winners in one race." Very seldom did Archer make a mistake when he "begged off" one horse to ride another, and we well recollect his chagrin when, in 1886, he failed to be relieved of the mount on Saraband for the Two Thousand in order that he might get up on Ormonde. As Archer very well knew, Saraband was not himself in the spring of his three-year-old career, while as the result of riding him in his exercise gallops he had come to the conclusion that Ormonde was "a horse and a half."

In pursuit of his onward policy, Mr. J. Wren announces a series of mammoth racing events for discussion at the pony racecourses in Melbourne. On Monday, 6th July, the Richmond Thousand, of £1000, five furlongs, was decided. The Ascot Five Hundred, of five furlongs, is a feature for Tuesday, 1st September, and on the day after the Melbourne Cup the Ascot Thousand, of £1000, five and a half furlongs, is the attraction. These three events represent the largest series of races yet submitted on any racecourse outside registered auspices in the world.

The V.R.C. Grand National Steeplechase will be run for next Saturday at Flemington. The following made the first acceptance:—Bribery 12.10, Kuala Lumpur 12.7, Superstition 11.13, Napier 11.11, Seymour 11.11, Tarpon 11.7, Eclair 11.5, Ally Sloper 11.5, Cardinal 11.2, Alcine 11.0, Eucambene 11.0, Boldsdale 11.0, Federal Court 10.12, Abdallah 10.10, Quail 10.8, Swimmer 10.7, Boomerang 10.7, Tact 10.6, Dalny 10.5, Wolseley 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, Revealer 9.5, No Trouble 9.5, Mayo 9.5, Post Boy 9.3, Middle-rise 9.3, Comus 9.0, Outcast 9.0, Level Lyne 9.0, Sufferer 9.0, Albert 9.0, Storm 9.0, Roma 9.0.

**COURSING.**

**CONCLUSION OF THE JUNE MEETING.**

The North N.Z. Coursing Club brought another meeting to a close on Saturday last, when, taking into consideration the bad weather conditions which prevailed, there was an excellent attendance. Mr. Coombes occupied the judge's box, probably for the last time, and his decisions were promptly given, while Mr. G. Stevens' slipping was excellent. Although there were but few trials run, those provided some excellent sport, the finals being particularly close.

In the third ties of the Railway Maiden Stake, Lochnagar led Multiform four lengths to a splendid hare, but the brindle had come within a point of working this off when puss escaped. Blue Boy, although unsighted from slips, led Heather Belle three lengths, and in a pretty trial won handily.

In the fourth ties the go between Blue Boy and All Night was a very even one, and with a stronger hare the black would have about won.

In the deciding course Lochnagar led Blue Boy three lengths to a grand hare. Once in Blue Boy got very busy, refusing to allow the black to use the hare. Had puss gone to cover a trifle sooner Lochnagar must have won, but as she kept out Blue Boy had a single point in his favour when the hare reached home.

In the second ties of the Sylvia All-aged Stake, Mikado led Blacknose two and a-half lengths, but once in the brindle got busy, and killing smartly, just got the verdict.

The deciding course was a desperately close thing for the judge to decide. A great hare came out of the box and the slipper got them away well together, but unfortunately Blacknose was unsighted for the first fifty yards, Lady Rosette leading him some three lengths. The bitch failed to show the dash she had exhibited in earlier courses, and Blacknose, working grandly, had a point in his favour when puss went to cover.

The particulars were as follows:—

**RAILWAY MAIDEN STAKE** of £50. First dog, £25; runner-up, £12; third dog, £6; two dogs at £3 10s.

**Third Ties.**

Mr. S. Barnes' blk and w d Lochnagar (5) beat Mr. J. Smith's brdl d Multiform (4).  
Mr. F. McReynolds' blue d Blue Boy (6) beat Mr. A. Menzies' brdl and w b Heather Bell (2½).  
Mr. D. Howard's blk and w d All Night a bye.

**Fourth Ties.**

Blue Boy (5) beat All Night (3½).  
Lochnagar a bye.

**Deciding Course.**

Mr. F. McReynolds' blue d Blue Boy (6), by Equipoise—Blue Girl II., beat Mr. S. Barnes' blk and w d Lochnagar (5), by Glenore—Waireka, and won the stake.

**SYLVIA ALL-AGED STAKE** of £20. First dog, £12; runner-up, £5 10s; third dog, £2 10s.

**Second Ties.**

Mr. E. J. Honiss' brdl and w d Blacknose (4½) beat Mr. P. Gardon's blk and w d Mikado (3½).  
Mr. Martin Taylor's brdl and w b Lady Rosette a bye.

**Deciding Course.**

Mr. E. J. Honiss' brdl and w d Black-nose (5½), by Goldbeater—Welcome, beat Mr. Martin Taylor's brdl and w b Lady Rosette (4), by Lord Roberts—Rosette II., and won the stake.

Mr. Coombes, who, for the last ten years has acted as judge for all coursing meetings around Auckland, has sent his resignation to the North N.Z. Coursing Club. At the conclusion of the meeting on Saturday, all present gathered, and a resolution was carried expressing entire confidence in Mr. Coombes. The speakers made many eulogistic remarks about the judging at Middlemore, some going so far as to say that it would be the death blow to the sport in Auckland if Mr. Coombes persevered in his decision to retire. In a brief speech the judge thanked those present for their kindly remarks, and promised to give every consideration to the request to continue to act.

With reference to the All Night v. Glenloth at the recent Middlemore course, in which there was a good deal of comment, Mr. H. Wilson, the owner of Glenloth, against whom such verdict was given, has written to the judge urging him to withdraw his resignation, and expressing entire confidence in his ability. Mr. Wilson was much annoyed at the action of a small section of the crowd in hooting the judge, who he trusts will be in his old position when the next meeting rolls round.

Mr. Martin Taylor, the well-known coursing enthusiast, leaves for Sydney on Monday to witness some of the big coursing fixtures.

The Australian Waterloo Cup takes place this week at Moonee Valley, the deciding course being run to-morrow. It is for 64 dogs at 6 guineas, with £75 added money.

The Gore C.C. is holding a meeting on the Gore Racecourse, which concludes today. The prize money is liberal, as the Ladies' Bracelet provides for £76 exclusive of the trophy.

Amongst the many comicalities in the way of queries that reach the secretary of the National Coursing Club of Victoria in the course of a season (says a Melbourne paper), the latest may be cited as one of the most amusing, and, at the same time, a fitting illustration of the views of some people concerning the sport of coursing. The question asked, which was couched in the following terms, came from a country correspondent:—"If a greyhound gives a yelp in the first turn, would she be disqualified on the plumpton?"

In describing the big Commonwealth Stakes Meeting in Victoria, the well-known coursing writer "Blakemere" says:—Mr. John Caple was judge, but I regret to say he did not give that great satisfaction we generally look for. Was Mr. Caple wrong in any single decision? I don't think so, although I doubted one or two until I had chatted with him on the various courses in dispute, and then I came to the really just verdict that position was the reason of the crowd disagreeing with him. When we are broadside on to the dogs we are unable to determine if the hare be keeping a straight line or favouring either dog; the judge is very much closer to his dogs, and can see what puss is doing; hence the diversity of opinion. If these critics would only speak to and ask Mr. Caple the reasons for his decisions when such are in doubt, I am sure they would be certain that he had reasons for his verdicts unknown to the spectators. This might have almost have been written of Middlemore.

The South Australian Waterloo Cup was run recently at Hill River, and only 32 nominations were forthcoming as against 46 last year. The meeting, however, was a most successful one. In the deciding course Harkaway and Euro provided a slashing spin (says the S. and D. News). The latter showed superior pace in the run up, and was into double scoring points before Harkaway got placed. He then took slightly more than his share of the exchanges which followed, but bringing his teeth into play too soon, was beaten by a point and a half. The judge's decision was questioned by some, but on the other hand many experienced coursers fully acquiesced in the official verdict.

At the last Kensington Meeting at Sydney hares ran grandly, only five being pulled down in sixty-five courses. This is a splendid record.

**KNIGHTS OF THE PIGSKIN.****Some Famous Horsemen of Other Days.**

(By "THE JUDGE.")

To the few of us whose earliest racing reminiscences go back a long way into the last century, the equine heroes of other days always seem, whether rightly or wrongly—and perhaps it is but a case of distance (of time) lending enchantment to the view—to stand upon a higher plane than the horses of to-day. And so it is with the horsemen who rode them. Those of the older school, who witness at Ellerslie feats of horsemanship, good, bad, or indifferent, mostly the latter, are apt to let the mind wander back to other and earlier scenes and to contrast the riders of to-day with those of bygone years, a contrast from which it is to be feared the present school of horsemen do not always emerge triumphant.

Years ago, when riding in the Old Country, I had the pleasure of knowing some of the great English riders of the seventies and eighties, such men as Fred. Archer, George Fordham, Tom Cannon, Harry Constable, Charley Wood, and others. The former, who took the keenest interest in his profession, was at times wont to wax enthusiastic about his predecessors, riders of the still older school, and from him and from many of the older turf celebrities of the time, such as the late Judge Clark, have I heard as a boy tales of bygone days which, although now but a memory, were then full of real live interest.

Taking the horsemen who have figured before the public during the last century and who was the greatest. Well, probably poor Fred. Archer was the king, but it is hard to say, for there have been many "giants of the pigskin" in that long period of turf history. One of the earliest was the elder Chifney, a great horseman in his day, but improvident to a degree. He died in the Old Fleet Debtors Prison in 1807. As a matter of history he should have ended his days in comfort, for the King made him an allowance on account of his fine horsemanship, but this was handed over to importunate creditors. I have seen Sam Chifney's grave at Hove, a plain stone recalling the fact that below lie the remains of "Mr. Sam Chifney, of Newmarket."

A greater than either of the above was Frank Buckle. He must have been a rider in a thousand; and as straight as a gun barrel. He was to the fore for nearly fifty years, and during all that time kept an unspotted reputation for always riding to win. Five times did he ride the winner of the Derby, and eight times the winner of the Oaks. At Long Orton, near Newmarket, he takes his long sleep, but his record of unswerving honesty and great skill in the saddle still lives on.

Jim Snowden was another fine horseman of the old school. He it was who, in answer to Tom Green's question after the finish of a race, "Why didn't you come away at the bend as I told you," naively replied, "How could I come without the horse?"

Who has not read of William Scott, or Black Bill, as he was generally called? He was a brother of that great trainer John Scott, known far and wide as "The Wizard of the North." Four Derbys and no less than nine St. Legers went to the credit of Scott. He won the Blue Ribbon on St. Giles in 1832, on Munding in 1835, on Attila in 1842, and on Cotherstone a year later. I think it was Harry Constance who recalled the fact that when a visitor went to Highfield when Black Bill was dying he found the old horseman sitting up with a bottle of medicine in front of him, and in answer to the query as to how he felt, replied: "This morning I was all for hedging, but now I feel like winning another Leger yet." Next day he died, and lies buried in the Meaux Church cemetery, in Yorkshire.

Another great horseman of the past was Frank Butler, a rider indeed among riders. He rode Daniel O'Rourke to victory in the Derby of 1852, and next year was on the back of that great horse West Australian when he came home in front of twenty-seven others over the Epsom course. Six times did he ride the winner of the Oaks, the last time on that fine mare Songstress, who won

the Ladies' Race for old John Scott in 1862. It is almost needless to add that Butler was up on "The West" when that champion won the Two Thousand Guineas and St. Leger. He came within an ace of being killed in Merry Monarch's Derby. Mentor fell at Tottenham Corner when in the lead, bringing Butler's mount (Paris) down, and as there were thirty-one horses in the field, it can easily be imagined what a mix up there was. At All Saint's, Newmarket, he takes his long rest, while almost beside him lies another famous horseman, Nat. Flaxman, who rode Orlando first past the post in the Derby of 1844. Also on three occasions did he ride the winner of the Two Thousand, his mounts being Idas, Hernandez, and Fazoletto, while in the Leger he scored the same number of victories. For forty years he was before the public, and never had an accident. Another talented horseman of those days was Job Marson, who was on the back of the flying Voltigeur when Lord Zetland's colt won the Derby of 1850, and was also up on the winner, Teddington, the following year. Marson also won the St. Leger with Voltigeur, Nutwith and Van Tromp.

Coming to the horsemen of a later date there was Fred Archer, "the noblest Roman of them all." A fine finish was "the Tinman's" speciality, and at times in his efforts to win and no more he cut things marvellously fine. Unfortunately for himself he was a rather tall man, and this meant a great deal of wasting to ride the weight he had to. If Archer could have been induced to go in for walking exercise all might have been well, but he never would. As a result it meant physic and Turkish baths, baths and physic, until I have seen him so weak that he could hardly climb into the saddle, a spectre horseman indeed. Archer's first Derby win was on Lord Falmouth's Silvio in 1877, and three years later he followed it up with a victory on the Duke of Westminster's Bend Or. Next year he rode the American Iroquois to victory, and was also on that fine horse Melton when he won for Lord Hastings in 1885. Archer's last Blue Ribbon success was on the mighty Ormonde, the horse of the century, ridden by the jockey of the century. Shall we ever see such a combination again? Archer won the Oaks on Spinaway, Janette, Wheel of Fortune, and Lonely, and countless races besides on all classes of horses. He accumulated a fortune of over £200,000, but some disastrous speculations reduced this by more than half. Still he was able to leave his daughter so much money that, after a long minority, when she came of age not so very long ago she was heiress to nearly a quarter of a million. It was partly the loss of so large a portion of his capital, but far more as a result of long-continued wasting, that caused poor Fred to end by his own hand the most brilliant career in the annals of turf history.

Another very fine rider of his day was George Fordham, who rode Sir Bevys to victory in the Derby of 1879, and was also up on Summerside, Formosa, Gamos, Reine, and Thebais when those fillies won the Oaks, twenty-two years elapsing between his first and last success in "the Ladies' Race." On his gravestone is cut the well-remembered line: "Tis the pace that kills."

Charley Webb was another clever exponent of the art of race riding, who won the Derby on St. Blaise, and next year piloted St. Gatten when Mr. Hammond's colt ran the celebrated dead heat with Harvester. That desperate battle between Wood and Loates, and the great scene of excitement it caused, remains in the memory as one of the most memorable incidents of a fairly long connection with turf affairs in two hemispheres. Webb was a keen lover of a greyhound, and ran many good dogs.

Space, or the want of it, rather, prevents me from doing ought but merely mentioning other fine horsemen of that time, but of those I either knew personally or have admired in the saddle, the best, perhaps were Harry Custance, the hero of many a hard-fought race, including Thormanby's,

Lord Lyon's, and George Frederick's Derbys; Harry Constable, whose skill brought him much wealth; Fred. Webb, a very clever artist in the pigskin; Watts, George and Fred Barrett, Jimmy Osborne, one of the old school and a very noted rider of his time; T. Loates, Tom Cannon, a skilled rider, the father of another good man in Mornington Cannon. These were horsemen indeed, veritable princes of the profession they ornamented. Have we any worthy of standing in their shoes to-day? Present-day turf goes in the Old Country will say yes, and point to a Sloan or a Maher, and possibly they may be right, but somehow the older turfite will always be inclined to give the palm to the riders before mentioned.

In the colonies there have been scores of fine horsemen, but the names which will stand out in the after years are those of Tom Hales in Australia and Bob Derrett in New Zealand. I think Hales was one of the finest judges of pace that I have ever seen. None knew better than he the difficult art of "waiting in front," and how often have I seen him come round the bend at Randwick half a length ahead of the field and nicely placed on the rails, ready to strike for victory at the distance. Those were the days when the late Hon. James White's stable was carrying all before it. Days when the blue jacket, white sleeves, and blue and white cap were seen so constantly victorious on such great horses as Martini-Henry, Trident, Ensign, Dreadnought, and the mighty Abercorn. Hales won the V.R.C. Derby seven times, but one he did not win on, yet the greatest horse he ever bestrode, and it is saying much, was Abercorn. When really himself I always have thought the gallant chestnut was a greater than Carbine. The question has been often debated, and the record is slightly in favour of the son of Musket with five wins against his rival's four on the nine occasions on which they met, but having seen every encounter, my opinion still remains that Abercorn was the more brilliant horse, although "old Jack" was perhaps the more reliable. Tom Hales' name will ever be thought of as a rider who stood above his fellows at a period when Australia boasted the possession of the greatest racehorses and the finest riders in her history.

Of Bob Derrett it may be said that his history is the history of the turf in New Zealand. He commenced riding in the sixties, and he has ridden ever since. Repeatedly has he headed the list of winning horsemen, and he has piloted successfully the winner of every important race in the Dominion and in countless smaller events. Three times has he won the New Zealand Cup, six times the Canterbury Cup, twice the C.J.C. Easter Handicap, four times the C.J.C. Welcome Stakes, seven times the C.J.C. Oaks, nine times the C.J.C. Derby, four times the C.J.C. Champion Stakes, five times the A.R.C. G.N. Foal Stakes, three times the A.R.C. Royal Stakes, the Auckland Cup on Foul Play, the Derby on Disowned, the Dunedin Cup on Fishhook and Vanguard, the Timaru Cup four times, and the Wanganui Cup three times. It would be tedious to go on, for Derrett's wins have been on every course in New Zealand and over all distances. He it was who rode Carbine in his first race, the Middle Park Plate, and after the famous bay had been left at the post he got up in time to win. Truly, although some of Derrett's riding feats are of yesterday, yet his exploits go back over a period of forty years, and his name is well worthy of inclusion among the ranks of the great horsemen of other days referred to in this article.

Racing men in England are awaiting with considerable expectancy the appearance on the turf of the filly by Cyllene from Sceptre, who is to race this season. The sire and dam of this youngster were sold for a total of £50,000, so that the first of their progeny is naturally a precious piece of horseflesh. Sceptre has this year been mated with Australia's old equine idol, Carbine.

Here's an instance of rapid scoring at billiards by Mr. W. E. Stephenson, the well-known player of Christchurch, last week, when playing Mr. Fred Farrell, manager of the Gray Combination, now touring New Zealand. They took the table at ten minutes to ten p.m., and Mr. Stephenson scored 832 points, making rapid breaks of 134 (including 102 off red), 127, 69, 50, 55, altogether averaging about 40 per cue. Mr. Farrell made 169 all told, and he is not bad. The time taken over this remarkable game was one hour ten minutes.

## INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

## CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, July 8.

There are only six South Island horses in the Grand National Steeplechase. Kattere 12.8, and Paritutu 11.9, are top weights in the two Grand Nationals to be decided at Riccarton next month.

Eurus is getting through a solid preparation for his Grand National engagements, and is a likely starter at the Wellington meeting.

Stronghold is showing decided improvement in his jumping, but critics say he will never be among the first fighters, even providing he becomes proficient in his jumping. I see no reason why he should not win some good hurdle races. He is engaged in the hurdle events at Wellington, and from what I can gather his trainer intends to give him a run.

Slow Tom has not done much jumping so far this season, but being an expert at the game perhaps there is no necessity to give him much schooling. Slow Tom has been doing plenty of hard work, and may be ticked off as a starter in the Wellington Steeplechase.

Heavy rains have been falling all the week, and there is very little doing at Riccarton. Most of the horses have been restricted to steady pacing, with an occasional sprint at the wind up of the gallop.

Storm, Starlight, and Pacific were sent for a round over the big fences on Saturday. The trio shaped up very creditably, but Storm showed most pace. The other pair gave the best display of jumping. Starlight won a race at the last National meeting and is evidently a capital fencer.

Lady Disdain, Probable, and Paragon have been pushed along in their work in view of Wellington engagements, this trio are also engaged in the Winter Cup.

Walpu was backed in Christchurch on Saturday for the Victorian R.C. Grand National Hurdle Race.

Sant Ilario, sire of Sea King, Gwendolina and Ilarita, is for sale.

The news has been received that the Stepniak—Maddera mare Munjeet reached India safely and in good condition.

Kelp and Farley Grove had a spin together over hurdles during the week, both giving a good display.

Contender, Mango, and Tremulous are in regular work, and should be ready to take part at the National meeting.

According to the Caulfield Cup weight adjuster, Golden Slipper is the best three-year old in Australia, and there should be some spirited bidding for this filly at the Yaldhurst sale.

Cross Battery and Sea King both appear to have caught it fairly hot in the Melbourne Cup, as also has Dr. Shimose.

Ability and Medallist are both suffering from soreness, and have as a result been restricted to easy work.

## HAWKE'S BAY.

NAPIER, July 8.

Fred Whitehouse will steer Baltic in his engagements at Gisborne.

Mr. A. McDonnell, who owns the Crackshot gelding, left by the Wai-kare last night for Gisborne to witness his horses efforts.

Mystification has been moving very scritchily in his work of late.

Kildonian, Armada's two-year old son by Kilcheran, is in active commission, he is now being one of T. Quinlivan, junior's pupils.

A. Raynor has finished breaking in the coming two-year-old son of San Fran and Aio.

Cauldron has been satisfying his mentor by the excellent manner in which he has been accomplishing his tasks. He is a full brother to Merri-wai and gives promise of carrying the blue and white racing banner of Mr E. J. Watt with credit.

Last week the Hon. J. D. Ormond sold Mistime to Mr. S. Lindsay. Birkenhead's daughter will carry her new owner's colours at the Gisborne R.C. Steeplechase Meeting.

T. Quinlivan, junr., has sold Mottle (Torpedo-Honeysuckle) to Mr. H. Gaisford. It is the latter's intention to mate her with Stepniak this term, and as the association of Tortulla with Musket's son produced Diabolo, it appears as if Mr. Gaisford had made a suitable selection as regards a stallion for his newly acquired property, who is a full sister to Tortulla and Ngaio.

Owing to T. Wilson having no spare room at his establishment at present, Sir Single is quartered at W. Rayner's stables, where he will remain until after the National fixture.

Gazeby's many disappointments to his connections has resulted in his being turned out. It is possible that during the fast approaching season he may be made use of as a lord of the harem in connection with some of his owner's mares.

Harry Jackson, Mr. Moore's (of Wanganui) private trainer, intends to take on the starting business after he secedes from his present employment, which will be at the end of the month.

The appellation of Centuar has been claimed for the three-year-old full brother to Probable and Prize Bloom.

Mr. J. Allen, one of the local amateur horsemen, left for Gisborne by the Talune last Friday night for the purpose of steering Aroha in his goes over the country at the Gisborne R.C. Steeplechase fixture.

California has been striding along well in his work at Hastings during the past week.

## OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, July 8.

The local horse, The Seer, is in the Stewards' Handicap at the coming Wellington Racing Club's Meeting, his weight being 9st. 13lb.

The month of June is usually a good one for training purposes at Wingatui, but it was very wet this year. In former years our candidates at the C.J.C. Grand National Meetings have been fairly forward in condition, but

this year we have only Lupulite to rely on, and he is worked at Forbury.

The defunct Quarryman fortunately left several mares in foal at Warrington.

The Hon. Geo. McLean expected to return to Dunedin in September, so he will be in time for the D.J.C. Spring Meeting.

C. J. Rutledge has in training, at Wingatui, at the present time a string of six horses—viz., two Stepniak two-year-olds, Grafton, Loch Sommoreo, Jack Ashore, and Imaginary.

Old Forbury patrons will remember the once celebrated trotting mare Nea, owned by the Moutt family. She was perhaps the best trotter of her time. John Moutt, who trained and rode her, is at present on a visit to Dunedin, after an absence of 18 years, during which time he has been in South Africa.

The annual report of the Dunedin J.C. states that the result of last season's transactions was the best since the Wingatui course opened. The statement of accounts showed that at the commencement of the year there was a credit of £580 17s 8d; and after increasing the stakes by £1000 and expending £265 8s 6d in permanent improvements, the year closed with a credit balance of £1656 14s 2d. To this has to be added the sum of £180 due from the Government Railway Department to credit the winter meeting. The figures show a profit on the year's transactions of £1235 16s 6d. The Hon. G. McLean was proposed for re-election as president.

## WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, July 8.

Judged by the acceptances which have been received by the secretary, a big muster of horses may be expected to assist at the Wellington Racing Club's Winter Meeting. Already the whole of the club's boxes have been engaged for the accommo-

## "FOLLOWING" FAVOURITE RIDERS.

Many "systems" of betting have been tried in the hope of breaking the Ring from time to time, and amongst them can be included the following through thick and thin, of leading riders of the day. Experience, however, teaches that there is no royal road to fortune on the Turf this way. If a backer happens to catch a horseman "doing a trot," as the saying is, a fair profit can be shown, perhaps, by sticking strictly to his mounts; but even the most successful jockeys get their bad meetings, and when the luck changes "following" them must prove expensive.

We once read of a front-rank English jockey, with a big army of supporters, riding no less than 40 losers in succession, and when at last he broke the spell it was on a 10 to 1 chance! It would be interesting to know what his followers—if he had any left—thought when, after such a disastrous series of "outs," they were faced with a long odds chance, through which they might recover their losses. We rather imagine that it would have taken a tremendous investment of money to get them even at the price.

But when all is said and done, there may be something in sticking to any one of the crack horsemen of the moment. It may be as good a way as any other of losing your money! Seriously, though, there is something to be said in favour of the "system" referred to, though, mind you, we do not suggest that this, or any other "system," for that matter, should be experimented in to any extent. Take a Burn or a Barden, for instance (says the "S. and D. News.") A man who goes to the races with no special knowledge of the game, but with some capital to "play up," might get the worth of his money by supporting the mounts of such men, for being first-class, reliable riders, always in the pink of condition, they are sought after by owners with well-tried horses, and thus they rarely ride a "duffer." As a matter of fact, the Burns and the Bardens of the day can almost choose their own mounts, and though their judgment may sometimes be at fault, they are in a position to select the best material available at the time. We are afraid, though, that even the Burns and the Bardens mean bankruptcy if they are persevered with far enough, and we must repeat that "following the riders" is scarcely, at best, a profitable enterprise.

dation of horses engaged at the meeting. Amongst others that have secured quarters are:—T. Williams and W. Moberly of Auckland, V. Colello, R. Gooseman and S. Waddell of Hawke's Bay, F. Holmes, T. Cotton and J. Taggart of Riccarton. The local trainers, J. Prosser and C. Pritchard, have booked boxes for ten and six horses respectively. McGrath, Garrett and K. McKenzie, will put in an appearance with teams from Wairarapa, whilst Short, Goodwin, Goddard and Nicholls will be here to represent Taranaki.

The training tracks and schooling fences are in readiness for visiting trainers and next week should find training operations in full swing at Trentham.

The appearance of the C.J.C. Winter Handicap a week in advance of their due date, has supplied a fruitful topic of conversation in sporting circles. The Canterbury weight adjuster has been charged in the past with dealing somewhat harshly with the top weights. On this occasion he has gone to the other extreme, and each of his handicaps is started on a lower scale than those of the Wellington handicapper. On the last occasion Mr Henrys weighted Kattere, he allotted him 13st 4lb and he finished third to Slow Tom and Nadador. The latter, it will be remembered, was awarded the race owing to an alleged cross on the part of Taggart's horse. Nadador has been dropped 14lb, whilst Kattere, who finished behind her, comes down 10lb. Eurus, although he has not raced in the interval, has fallen in Mr Henrys' estimation, since he issued his Hawke's Bay steeplechase handicap. Eurus then conceded Le Beau 5lb and received but 2lb from Kaipetipeti. In the G.N. Steeple Le Beau receives but 1lb, whilst Kaipetipeti is set to give Eurus 6lb. None of the horses mentioned have raced since the Hawke's Bay steeplechase weights were issued, nor has the C.J.C. handicapper witnessed either of them race this season. Those who witnessed how well Eurus was galloping in the Grand Steeplechase at Wanganui and how comfortably his rider was taking matters as he approached the last jump, where Eurus dislodged W. O'Connell and thus lost the race, express the opinion that the big steeple at Riccarton will prove an easy thing for him bar accidents. Those horses on the list below Eurus can have but little chance, whilst Kattere, at his best, might account for those weights above Eurus. Mr Rutherford's 'chaser will not, considering his rosy Grand National prospects, court earning a 15lb penalty by competing at Wellington. The North Island 'chasers may, under the circumstances, race at Trentham where, although the stake is of less value, the race looks fairly open and quite a number of horses appear to have a winning chance.

## WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, July 8.

A Marton syndicate has purchased Saltpetre, who will probably make his appearance at the Marton Spring Meeting.

Mr G. S. Fulton, of Hunterville, has purchased Speciosa, who, together with Saltpetre, is trained by T. Lloyd, at Crofton. Lloyd also has Mahuta under his charge. The black son of Mohaki is having a quiet time of it at present, but is expected to be given a race at the Marton meeting, in view of his engagement in the N.Z. Cup. A two-year-old named Projectile, another inmate of this stable, is highly spoken of, and it is thought he will figure amongst the winners early in the coming season.

Though it has been freely stated that Martello had been returned to his owner and was not now an inmate of the Fordell stable, the son of

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## BRITISH TEAM'S PROGRAMME.

### IN NEW ZEALAND.

July.

- 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 R.U. FIXTURES.

- 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 second inter-union match of the season was played at Alexandra Park on Saturday, when the Thames representatives tried conclusions with the Auckland fifteen. Perfect football weather prevailed throughout the afternoon, and about 3000 enthusiastic Rugbyites assembled at the Park to witness the contest between the two old rival teams. Owing to the slippery state of the ground the game proved rather uninteresting, being a repetition of the match of the previous Saturday when Auckland met the Goldfields, play consisting for the most part of a struggle between the forwards, back play being brought into operation on but rare occasions. Despite the fact that the Auckland team had suffered defeat at the hands of the Goldfields representatives, blue and white barrackers were fairly sanguine of them placing a win against the Thames, and as regards this score they did not disappoint their supporters, the game ending in favour of the home team by 13 points to 6. Taken throughout there was not a great deal of difference in the relative sides, Auckland being a trifle stronger in the forwards, while the Thames back division showed out slightly better than the local men. A noticeable feature of the game was the want of combination exhibited by either side, any brilliant work that was brought off being mostly confined to individual efforts. The back divisions of both teams were a bit on the weak side, and consequently were responsible for only a fair exhibition, although little fault could be found in their fielding and kicking of the ball. A disappointing feature which characterised the play of both the home team and the visitors was an apparent failure on their part to make use of the opportunities afforded them, there being something clearly wanting in this respect. This was particularly noticeable on the part of the Thames men during the first spell when several excellent chances were lost as the result of players falling when an opportunity presented itself to put it to advantage, while the same may be said of the Auckland men during the earlier stages of the second half.

The teams lined out as follows:—Auckland: Fullback, D. Miller three-quarters, Renwick, Murray, Carlaw; five-eighths, Bater, Blakey; halfback, Keirnan (captain); forwards, McDonald (wing), Herring, Griffen, Walsh, McGuire, Waddell, Hall, and Hooper. Thames: Fullback, L. Smith; three-quarters, Harrison, J. Duffy, L. Snowling; five-eighths, R. Keating and C. Rockley; half, C. Winder; wing, F. Hayward; forwards, W. Doyle, R. McKeown, R. McDuff (captain), J. Griffin, J. Crawford, H. Hayward, G. Clark.

Thames winning the toss took advantage of the strong breeze blowing,

and were able to make good use of the line. Shortly after the commencement F. Hayward headed a forward rush carrying play into Auckland's 25, but Miller saved the situation with a well-judged kick. After a repeated attack by the Thames men, Murray, the Auckland centre three-quarter, intercepted a pass by the visitor's backs, and kicking upfield, Bater secured the ball as the result of fast following up and dashed for the line, but was tackled by Duffy when within about five yards of it. Good work by the visitors, in which the Hayward Bros. were prominent shifted play into the blue and white's territory, where Winder took a neat mark. Duffy was entrusted with the kick, and was successful in landing a creditable goal from a difficult angle. A period of play followed in which both teams took it in turn to attack, and during the course of which Duffy had two shots at goal from marks, both attempts proving fruitless. Thames attacked hotly, and the Aucklanders were placed in a dangerous position until Murray relieved. The blue and whites being penalised the leather was again carried into Auckland's territory, and a passing run by Rockley and Snowling, resulted in an excellent chance of scoring being lost by the latter player kicking too hard, the blue and whites forcing. The Thames kept up a determined attack, and Auckland were compelled to force on more than one occasion. Finally Bater intercepted a pass, and making a fine run up to the full-back, kicked over his head, but F. Hayward came to the rescue with a powerful kick. A vigorous rush by the Thames forwards followed, Clark getting over in the corner and securing a try. Duffy failed with the shot at goal. Just before the close of the first spell Renwick distinguished himself by obtaining possession of the ball and making a clever run, but slipped when a score seemed a certainty, and the bell sounded for half-time with the score: Thames 6, Auckland 0.



P. WALSH, the Auckland forward, who is playing consistently good football this season.

With the wind conditions in their favour in the second half little doubt was entertained as to the chances of the Auckland men running up a score, but during the first quarter of an hour the blue and whites spoilt several good opportunities of scoring by faulty work. The ball being dribbled into Auckland's 25 by F. Hayward, one of the Thames forwards rushed it over the line and touched down, but the referee ordered a scrum McDonald transferring to Blakey, the ball was handled in turn by Bater, Murray and Carlaw, the latter player, with a speedy run from half-way, outwitting the Thames backs and scoring behind the posts, thus securing Auckland's first try. Kiernan landed a sure goal. The blue and whites then kept up the pace of open play, and after a number of exciting rushes, the Thames were penalised as the result of Smith lying on the ball. Kiernan took the kick, and was successful in his attempt.

The Auckland men continued to make matters lively, keeping their opponents busy defending, but several likely looking attempts to score were thrown away through erratic passing. Finally Herring secured the leather and dashed over and registered the blue and white's second try. Kiernan was again successful with the kick at goal. For the remainder of the game play was of an uninteresting character, and neither side obtaining a further score, the Auckland men left the field victorious by 13 points to 6.

Of the Auckland forwards none grafted harder than Walsh, who played solidly from start to finish. Hall was always anxious for work and generally managed to get in the thick of it. Herring worked hard throughout, and rendered his side good service. McDonald, on the wing, was responsible for a serviceable game, but found a tough opponent in F. Hayward.

Of the Auckland backs Kiernan did not show up too well at half, but his goal-kicking proved highly successful to his side. Blakey at five-eighths, was not up to representative form, and was responsible for only a fair exhibition. Bater acquitted himself well, and at times put in some really tricky work. Murray was the pick of the threequarter line, and shone out on both the attack and defence, his powerful kicking being of invaluable use. Renwick did not have a great deal to do, but got through all that was asked of him in a capable style. Carlaw was not too sound on the wing threequarter, but justified his inclusion by the clever try he obtained. Miller at full-back played his usual safe heady game, and made the impression that there is little doubt he will occupy that position during the course of the big matches.

H. Hayward was the most prominent of the Thames forwards, playing a sterling game right through. R. McDuff made good use of his weight, and rendered good service. F. Hayward, on the wing, took a hand in everything and was responsible for a willing exhibition.

Winder at half was the star of the Thames back division, and got through a great amount of work in a highly creditable manner. Snowling gave a good account of himself on the wing threequarter, and put plenty of vim into his work. Duffy at centre was only moderate, his strong kicking being the best part of his display.

## NOTES.

A Southern scribe in commenting on the display of the New Zealand team in their second match against the Britishers says:—The Otago representative, Patterson, is a splendid forward, and his meteoric career caused a lot of discussion. Though new to the elements of big football, the Zingari player should soon develop into the Seeling type.

A popular Rugby official in Southland has shown his broadmindedness by sending a liberal donation to the Baskerville benefit fund. In forwarding the cheque he expresses his appreciation of the energy and ability displayed by the late Mr. Baskerville in organising the professional tour in the face of powerful opposition, and his regret at the untimely death of the promoter.

An unrehearsed incident which might easily have resolved itself into a tragedy, occurred during the progress of the Thames-Auckland match on Saturday. One burly spectator whose only post of vantage was a corner of the balcony adjoining the grand-stand, became so excited at a critical juncture, that in his wild enthusiasm, he lost his balance—in more ways than one—and toppling over with gyrations that made more than one onlooker hold his breath, was only saved from a broken neck by a friend who seized him by the

extremities with more force than politeness and hauled him back again.

A friendly game of football was played at Panmure on Saturday between teams representing the "Sporting Review" and the "Auckland Star," the former team being returned victors by 12 points to 8 after a close and exciting match. Before leaving for town both teams dined at the Panmure Hotel where Host Bell regaled the players with a recherche repast. On Saturday next the "Review" team will try conclusions with the "Herald" fifteen at Panmure.



G. MURRAY, the Auckland centre-threequarter, who has been showing great form this season.

and in the evening the players will dine together at the Panmure Hotel.

The injury received to his arm in the inter-island match will probably be the means of preventing Thomson, the Wellington threequarter, from donning the jersey again this season.

Wrigley and Callum, two members of the late professional team, have left Wellington for Sydney. The former is going Home to play for Runcorn, while Callum intends to settle in Australia.

The result of the second Test match has done a great deal to revive interest in the British team's tour. Whatever may be the result of the intervening provincial games, the final struggle at Auckland on July 25 is certain to arouse a lot of attention.

In its account of the match played at Sydney by the Maori footballers, in which they defeated the local team by 23 points to 20, the "Sydney Morning Herald" contains the following:—Apart from the casualties the most remarkable feature of the game seems to have been the "hurdle-jumping" tactics, of Asher, the Maori captain. The excitement of the crowd at times reached a high pitch. Asher was everywhere. He lost part of his guernsey, and he tore the sleeves off, but Messenger objected to him playing thus. Another guernsey was brought out, and it was found to have but one sleeve.

Allan Adams, Otago University and Otago representative three-quarter, was a spectator on the occasion of the second test match at Wellington. He left for England last week, and has been induced by Tuan Jones, captain of Guy's Hospital team, to consider the advisability of going to Guy's instead of to London Hospital.

The second test has been played—and drawn. The result came as a surprise to every follower of the game in the Dominion, but few—I venture to say—were displeased with it (says "Shinpad" in the "New Zealand Times"). There is no doubt that interest in the tour was on the wane. The defeat of the visitors by the only three big unions they had

met, and the crushing victory of the Dominion representatives in the first test, had almost convinced the greater proportion of the public that the British team was a failure, and the tour seemed likely to end disastrously, at least so far as finance went. The loss of interest in the team and its doings is best judged from the fact that the match against Wellington, played on a Wednesday, attracted 18,000 people, while there was an attendance at the test match, played on a Saturday, of less than 10,000. Obviously then, something sensational was needed to make New Zealand wake up to the fact that there was still a British team within its gates—and the draw did it. No sooner had the Britons left the field after having scored a try to a penalty goal against the pick of New Zealand's players, than they were again the heroes that they were when they first took the field at Masterton.

The most amusing incident of the voyage of the British team was enacted on Wednesday, April 15. Father Neptune on that day, in the person of F. Jackson, ably assisted by Edgar Morgan, Kyrke, and Green, demanded the usual victims. As the number of those crossing for the first time was a large one, lots were drawn to see who should be sacrificed to the demands of the "God of the Ocean." Excitement ran high as each unwilling candidate drew forth his number. The unfortunates were Gibbs, Thomas Vassall, Griffiths, Chapman, and J. L. Williams. At 12 noon all assembled on the lower deck. Here Father Neptune, tenderly fondling a huge wooden razor some two feet in length, calmly stood behind a chair awaiting his victims. His chief assistant, near by, bent over a large bucket containing a curious pink-looking lather, which proved to be a mixture of treacle, flour, and cochineal, and, with a large paintbrush in his right hand, gazed with fiendish delight upon his trembling, unfortunate victims. "Green," hose in hand, took up a position beside the tub prepared to give the finishing touch to the work of his chiefs. To the delight and cheers of the assembled multitude and the clicks of the numerous kodaks, one by one the chosen few were lathered, shaved, and tubbed. J. L. Williams was the last on the list, and suddenly, upon a given signal, the victimised turned upon their persecutors, and, to the delight of everybody, Father Neptune and his assistants were quickly but surely put through the same performance, and then the hose was rapidly turned upon the honest spectators, who were scattered in all directions, whilst their roars of laughter soon gave way to shrieks.

To see the Hawke's Bay v. British 5899 persons paid for admission.

The following team has been selected to represent Wanganui in the match against the British team on Saturday:—Fullback, Reed; three-quarters, Meuli, Abbott (captain), and Southcombe; five-eighths, Mitchell and Seeling; halfback, D. Dowe; wing forward, Suiter; forwards, Murray, Leahy, Milne, Irvine, Jno. Hogan, and Dustin; emergencies, Paton, Kilpatrick, and Corby. The Rev. C. C. Harper will act as referee.

**ALL BLACK BOOTH ON THE PROSPECTS OF THE 1908 N.S.W. TEAM FOR ENGLAND.**

Unless county and club football has improved considerably in England since 1905-6, I have no hesitation in predicting a highly successful tour (writes E. Booth in the "Sydney Referee.") Better material is not to be found anywhere than in Sydney at the present time. The weight and pace offering in both front and rear will astonish the Old World. After travelling, training, and playing together, they should get a combination that will reach a higher standard than the man in the street here believes possible. They should register well over the 90 per cent. margin of wins, including internationals. I would counsel billeting the team upon arrival in England at a good, quiet country seaside resort.

"We'll cut the Panama Canal!"  
Said Uncle Sam, "You'll see we shall!"  
"We shall; no sham!"  
"As sure's I am!"  
The boss tobacco-chewer,  
But during Winter time, I guess,  
For coughs and colds we can't do less  
Than ease the workman's wheeziness  
With Woods' Great Peppermint Cure."

**JUNIOR GRADE RESULTS.**

Newton II. defeated Parnell II. by 6 points to 3.  
Marist Bros. won from Grafton II. by default.  
Ponsonby II. won from City II. by default.  
Ponsonby III. had an easy win over City III. by 19 points to 3, and have now won the third grade championship.  
Marist Bros. II. won from Parnell III. by default.  
St. Patrick's defeated Ponsonby IV. by 5 points to 6.  
City IV. played a draw with Newton IV., neither side scoring. In the first round the match between these two teams also ended in a draw (no score), and as they are both level in the matter of points, a further game will have to be played off for the championship.  
Grafton IV. had a win over Parnell IV. by 9 points to nil.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL MATCHES.**

King's College met and defeated Grammar School for the second time this season, the final score, after a close and exciting game, being 9 points to 8. For King's, Wilson and Dickeson (2) scored tries, while for Grammar School Mitchell and Gordon obtained tries, one of which was converted by the latter player. King's College has now practically won the 1908 secondary schools championship.  
A match was played as a curtain-raiser to the Thames-Auckland contest between St. Patrick's College (Wellington) and the St. John's College representatives. The visitors gave a first-rate exhibition, their handling of the ball and kicking being of a high order, and were easily returned victory by 29 points to 0.

**COUNTRY MATCHES.**

At Te Aroha an inter-union match was played between Karangahake and Piako, the former team winning by 5 points to 3. For Karangahake Dillamore scored, and for Piako Lennard secured a try.  
In the senior cup matches under the Paeroa Rugby Union, West defeated East by 11 points to nil.  
At Hamilton an inter-union match was played between Lower Waikato and the Hamilton fifteen, and resulted in a draw—6 points each. For Hamilton Coote and Hughes scored tries, while Welsh notched two tries for Lower Waikato.  
At Rotorua, the local team met and defeated a Cambridge fifteen by 6 points to 3. Tries were scored for Rotorua by Vercoe and McRae, while Montgomery registered a try for the visitors.  
At Whangarei a match was played between Hikurangi and Kiripaka, and resulted in a win for the former by 3 points to nil.

**THE GAME IN THE SOUTH.**

At Wellington the senior grade results were:—Athletic beat Petone by 19 points to 9; Ponetke beat Southern by 37 points to 3; Oriental beat Old Boys by 12 points to nil; St. James' beat Victoria College by 29 points to nil; Melrose beat Wellington by 24 points to 5.  
At Christchurch the senior championships resulted:—Albion (3) beat Sydenham (0), Merivale (11) beat Old Boys (0), Linwood (6) beat Christchurch (0), Canterbury College a bye.  
At Dunedin the senior grade results were:—Dunedin (3) beat Southern (0), Alhambra (25) beat Pirates (5), Kalkorai (24) beat University (0), Zingari-Richmond (3) beat Port Chalmers (0), Taieri Rovers (5) beat Union (0).  
At Hawera a representative match was played between Taranaki and Wanganui, and resulted in the former team being returned victors by 10 points to 3. The try-getters for Taranaki were Hunter and Mynott, while Cameron potted a goal from the field. Abbott scored the only try for Wanganui.

**THE ANGLO-WELSHMEN V. POVERTY BAY.**

**THE VISITORS' EASY TASK.**

Some four thousand spectators turned out on Saturday in Gisborne to see the Anglo-Welsh men play Poverty Bay. It was expected that the game would be one-sided, despite the fact that the visitors were not represented by their strongest side, and so it proved. After some fast work at the outset, the first score went to Britain as the result of a fine run by McEvedy, who passed to Davey, the latter easily getting over, but Jackett's kick was a failure. Then

came another passing run by Davey, McEvedy, and Chapman, the latter taking the leather across, but Dyke's kick was a poor one. The local side then rallied somewhat, and a strong attack by Satchewat, Rowe and Nicholas nearly brought about a score, but wild passing spoilt the chance. No further score took place up till half-time.

On resuming, the local side appeared to add to pieces, and points were rapidly given by the visitors. Tuan Jones was the first to get over, Harding failing with his kick. Then Davey got a try, the captain again being unable to convert. Next a pass by Davey to Chapman gave the latter a chance, and he was over the local line in a flash, Jackett kicking a fine goal. Then for a moment Poverty Bay rallied, but wild passing by the backs lost a good chance of scoring. Again Chapman got possession, and, showing great dash, scored again, but Jackett's kick failed. Last of all came Griffiths with a nice run, and the locals being completely demoralised, he easily scored, but once again the kick at goal, this time by Dyke, proved futile. Soon after the whistle sounded, the Anglo-Welsh team being victorious by 26 points to nil.

**A NARROW VICTORY FOR QUEENSLAND.**

Queensland very narrowly defeated the Maori team at Brisbane on Saturday by 6 points to 5. All through the game was close and exciting, being witnessed by a large number of spectators. In the first half Hardcastle scored a try for the locals, while Asher kicked a penalty goal for the Maoris. In the second half Hardcastle got another try, while Haira crossed the line for the visitors.

**N.Z. 'VARSITY TEAM OUTCLASSED BY SYDNEY.**

As was generally expected, the weak New Zealand University team now in Sydney was no match for the Sydney University fifteen, the pick of one of the most powerful clubs in New South Wales. The visitors were outplayed all through, being defeated by 30 points to 9. Goodbehere, the speedy Wellington sprinter, and Nuku scored tries for the N.Z. 'Varsities. Twenty thousand people witnessed the match.

**SATURDAY'S TRIAL MATCH.**

The selector for the Auckland Rugby Union (Mr D. Gallagher) has chosen the following teams to play a trial match at Alexandra Park next Saturday:—  
A team: Fullback, Miller; three-quarters, Renwick, Murray, Hughes (Hamilton); five-eighths, Bater and Winder (Thames); halfback, Kiernan; forwards, McDonald (wing), Herring, McGuire (City), Walsh, Cunningham, Nicholson, Young (Goldfields), Turner (Waipa).  
B team: Fullback, Johnson (Goldfields); three-quarters, Coote (Hamilton), Wilson, Skillen (Goldfields); five-eighths, Skilling (Thames) and Stuckey; halfback, Barker (Waipa); forwards, F. Hayward (wing), Thames, Griffin, Capill (Goldfields), Waddel, McGuire (Grafton), Kinder, Hall, Hooper.  
Emergencies: Backs, Carlaw, Hogan, Webb; forwards, Peterson, Pople, Wilkes.

**HOCKEY.**

The match next Saturday between Auckland and Canterbury is causing immense interest in hockey circles, and a very keen fight is anticipated. If the weather proves fine, a very big crowd should muster at Victoria Park to see whether the local men can retain the shield. The Canterbury players are said to be very fast and clever and the game should be well worth seeing.

In the second grade matches on Saturday, Eilerslie beat United after a fine game by 3 goals to 2.  
Training College beat Auckland by 5 goals to nil.  
'Varsity defeated Epsom by one goal to nil.

United B were unable to score against Y.M.C.A., who put on 4 goals.  
**AUCKLAND DEFEATS TARANAKI.**

The big event of the week was the match on Saturday between Auckland and Taranaki, this being the

first challenge game this season for the championship shield. Despite far from promising weather conditions, fully five hundred people assembled at Remuera to see the contest and these were rewarded by seeing a first-class and evenly contested game. The teams were as follows:—

Taranaki (colours, amber and black): Goal, G. E. Anderson; fullbacks, R. B. Anderson (captain) and J. E. Avery; halfbacks, L. Curtis, W. D. Anderson, T. Thomson; forwards, J. Harris, F. W. F. Fagan, E. Sergeant, W. P. Crawford, and W. Wood.  
Auckland (colours, blue and white): Goal, C. Howell; fullbacks, F. S. Shiriffs (captain), E. G. Whitely; halves, J. M. Badham, D. K.

The owner scratched the favourite horse.  
The punter scratched his head, And gazed distracted to the course;  
Then to his friends he said:  
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And I would sooner put my lot On Woods' Great Peppermint Cure."

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Porter, V. C. Kavanagh; forwards, H. O. Welham, R. W. Barry, F. B. Mason, N. R. Jacobsen, and W. Brooke-Smith.

Taranaki won the toss but the game had not progressed many minutes before Auckland were attacking hotly. Jacobsen nearly shot a goal and soon after passing to Barry the latter drew first blood for the locals. This reverse put the visitors on their metal and after a fine run by Harris down the wing, he passed across to Fagan who shot a clever goal. Auckland then started to press matters and Anderson had his hands full stopping shots by Barry and Brooke-Smith. At half time no further score had resulted.

On resuming some fast work was shown, Anderson's clever work just stopping a certain score by Mason. Directly after, however, from a corner, that player put the ball through. Encouraged by this, Auckland kept up a hot attack, but the defence by Taranaki was very fine. Ultimately a very pretty passing run by Mason, Welham, Barry and back to Mason, gave the latter a chance and he shot a brilliant goal. Soon after time was called, Auckland thus winning by 3 goals to 1.

After the match on Saturday, the Taranaki team was entertained at a dinner at the Savoy. President W. Coleman was in the chair and a pleasant time was spent. The visitors left by the Rarawa for New Plymouth on Sunday afternoon.

## ATHLETICS.

A. B. Postle, the Australian professional champion, has gone to England where he has been matched to run W. Growcott of Bunbury for a side wager of £200. The race will take place on July 25. If Postle can reproduce his Australian form he should win, but Growcott is fast as he recently gave Day a yard and a beating in a 120 yards match.

Postle also agreed to run B. R. Day a quarter of a mile race for £400. This will take place on August 15.

The N.Z. hurdle racer Murray ran creditably at the English championships, as he won his heat, but could only get third in the final.

Walker H. A. Kerr, from whom much was expected, is reported to have finished out of a place in the two miles event.

The Olympic Games commence on the Stadium track on Monday next, so that we shall soon learn how our representatives have acquitted themselves.

### NEW CLUB SWINGING RECORD.

#### BURKE LASTS 65 HOURS 14 MINUTES.

A new record in continuous club-swinging was established by "Mick" Burke, at the Waxworks, Bourke Street (says the Sydney "Referee"). The previous record, held by "Tom" Burrows, was 65 hours 10 minutes. Burke commenced his task at 6 o'clock on Thursday morning, June 26, and swung his clubs without intermission until 14 minutes past 11 on Saturday night. This was not accomplished without difficulty and distress. On Friday Burke's wrists were swollen and inflamed, and during Friday night his trainers fomented them with hot water. On Saturday Burke complained several times of faintness and exhaustion, but stuck gamely to his task. During the last hour or so he showed unmistakable signs of distress, and at times was near to breaking down. Encouraged by his trainers, however, he persevered, and was successful in maintaining his performance for the time allotted to him. At twenty minutes past 11 he received the signal to stop, and, fairly exhausted, he fell back into the arms of two attendants standing beside him. Burrows, who will probably attack the new record, expresses himself as confident that he can better it.

The big club-swinging match between Burrows and Griffiths for £175 was to have commenced at the Tivoli Theatre, Adelaide, on Monday last.

## BOXING.

### THE NORTHERN BOXING ASSOCIATION.

Next Monday the Northern Boxing Association will have an evening at His Majesty's Theatre. The star attraction will be the meeting of Tim Tracey, of Wellington, and Jim Ross, of Auckland in a fifteen-round go for the professional light-weight championship of New Zealand and a purse of £50. This should provide a fine bout as both men are undeniably clever. Tracey holds the title at present, but Ross has a good record and his friends are very confident he will give a good account of himself.

A good curtain-raiser will be provided in a spar between the two bantams Montague and Menzies, while another willing bout will be that between Jim McCarthy, of Palmerston, and Blewden, of Auckland. To complete a very fine programme Leslie and Fulton will wrestle for the light-weight amateur championship. Such a fine lot of events should pack the house from floor to ceiling.

The following have been chosen to represent N.S.W. in the Australasian Amateur championships at Brisbane on September 7 and 9:—Heavy-weight, D. Smith; middle-weight, C. Hill; welter-weight, R. G. Burn, light-weight, W. G. Crystal; feather-weight, W. Pearce; bantam, E. Fenn-Lusher.

According to the "Town and Country Journal" a contract has been made with Mike Schreck to visit Australia during fleet week. Schreck has not been heard from lately, but he has a splendid record. He has twice defeated "Tommy" Burns, has stopped Jack Johnson, and knocked out Mavin Hart.

## AQUATICS.

The following is the popular ditty on the Ohio, one of the vessels of the United States battle fleet, due here next month:—

U.S.S. OHIO.

(Air "Honey Boy.")

There's a ship which sails upon the ocean blue,

OHIO! OHIO!

And there's nothing which the good ship cannot do

As she sails along the bounding main. When it comes to target practice or to drills,

OHIO! OHIO!

She is always O.T.J. every month and week and day,

And we'll sing this song as on we go.

CHORUS.

OHIO! you certainly are a daisy, OHIO! you drive the rest all crazy, They are not in your class—no, not at all—

OHIO! OHIO!

Oh, she is a regular howling beauty, And when it comes to doing duty, You will hear, never fear, that they do it, do it,

Do it on the OHIO.

The Olympic Games motor boat events will take place on Southampton Water on Saturday, July 11. The eliminating trials in connection with them were to have taken place on Saturday last.

August 1 has been definitely fixed as the date of the British International Trophy race on the Hudson River, U.S.A. The Motor Yacht Club of England will probably be represented by Wolsey Siddeley and on recent form she ought to bring the trophy back from America.

Commodore Stribley presided at the annual prize night and "smoker" of the Victoria Cruising Club which took place at the Federal Hall on Friday. A very pleasant evening was spent, representatives of most of the yacht clubs being present.

## FOOTBALL.

### AUCKLAND RUGBY UNION.

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The Ponsonby Cruising Club's annual prize night was held yesterday evening.

Owing to nearly all the yachts being hauled up for the winter, Sunday's gale did little damage. One launch was driven ashore near the old baths at Devonport, the side being stove in.

The North Shore Rowing Club held its annual prize night at the club-rooms, Devonport, on Monday, when there was a large attendance of guests and members. Musical and vocal items were given by Messrs J. Whelan, W. G. Allen, A. J. Fogerty, O. E. Farrow, W. Feltham, and C. Wykes. The trophies for the past season were presented by Mr G. L. Peacocke. During the evening it was announced that a silver cup had been presented by Mr W. H. Whelan for pair-oar competition, a trophy by Mr F. E. Jackson for a 250 billiard tournament, and a trophy by Mr A. Kohn for trial fours. The evening concluded with dancing.

### HENLEY REGATTA.

The famous regatta at Henley-on-Thames took place at the close of last week. The sculling race for the Diamond Sculls was won by Aler McCulloch, Varsity College, Oxon, the runner-up of last year, who beat A. Stuart in the final heat. In the final of the Grand Challenge Cup for eights, Christchurch beat Eton. Christchurch got into the final last year when they were defeated by a Belgian crew. Eton's prominent showing comes as something of a surprise.

## CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

Ellegaard and Friol, two of the leading riders of Europe, intend racing in the Commonwealth during the forthcoming Spring. It is said that both riders will be in Melbourne early in September, and will race on the saucer track during the visit of the American fleet.

Messrs H. Dutton and M. Aunger, the two South Australian motorists, who, last year end, made an ineffectual effort to motor across Australia—from South Australia to Port Darwin (2066 miles)—and who were eventually compelled to abandon the trip at Tennant's Creek (1400 miles from Adelaide), owing to the heavy tropical rains rendering progress further north impossible, again intend taking the overland trail northwards at the end of the present month. It will be remembered that Messrs Dutton and Aunger had to leave their car at Tennant's Creek, returning on pack horses down to Odnadatta, a ride of 643 miles, from whence they returned by rail to Adelaide. In their second attempt to drive from sea to sea, a similar make of car will be used, viz., a 25 h.p. Talbot, the intention being to endeavour to reach Tennant's Creek, pick up the other car abandoned last December, and then take the two cars through to Port Darwin, a matter of another 686 miles. By leaving Adelaide at the end of June, Messrs Dutton and Aunger will find the overland route far better travelling than they did last midsummer, and with ordinary luck, should succeed in their undertaking.

In addition to the £180 prize list given in connection with this year's great road race from Warrnambool to Melbourne (165 miles, the Dunlop Rubber Co. have now decided to add a special prize of a £10 10s trophy, to be known as the "Amateur Plate," to be set apart for road riders affiliated with any club or amateur sports association, the prize to be won by the amateur contestant first reaching Melbourne. In past years, the crack amateur road riders have been keen on pitting themselves against the cream of Australasian road riders, but were debarred, owing to the constitution of the rules of the controlling amateur association. The objection has now been removed, and amateur riders will, this year, be able to compete in Australasia's greatest road race, taking trophies in the event of winning prizes. This year's Warrnambool race, set down for running on October 3rd, will therefore be of more than usual interest.

The intimate relation which exists between the brain, the organ of thought, and the muscles, the instru-

ments of movement, is, says "Cycling," not as a rule sufficiently recognised, particularly in training for cycle racing and in actual competition. It should be borne in mind that the will orders and the muscles execute. Even if one only wishes to move the foot, the order has to originate from the brain, passing down the spinal cord, and along the nerves of the leg and thigh; consequently, when training, it is imperative to keep the mind centred on the muscles, and so keeping up a regular flow of blood to the head, which always requires as much nourishment as, if not more than, the body. Extremely low handlebars should be avoided. Cycle racing undoubtedly calls for nerves capable of standing high tension, so it naturally follows that the rider who has his nerves under control has more chance of meeting with success than the rider who neglects such matters. Successful riders like Kramer, "Major" Taylor, Ellegaard, Lawson, and others, who always ride consistently, have apparently trained their brains as well as their muscles, for on the day of a race they can ride to the occasion, whereas 50 per cent. of the cracks fail to produce their form when occasion requires. To obtain absolute control of the brain most regular living, not only for a few weeks when in training, but for years, must be indulged in, and smoking and partaking of alcohol must be particularly avoided. Over-training has a great tendency to depress one's spirits, and cyclists, when training for either road or track, should not expend all their energy and vitality whilst preparing for any particular event, but should instead, build up their reserve force for the day.

The open muffler nuisance on motor cycles is a growing one in our principal cities, and one that requires the prompt attention of both the civic and motor authorities. At present a large number of motor cyclists think themselves at liberty to ride through thick traffic leaving behind them a rattle and noise, as if a maxim gun were at work. There is no need for such noises, and if motor cyclists won't recognise that fact, then stringent bye-laws will at an early date make the matter a compulsory one. "Gentlemen will not, and others must not ride with mufflers open"—is a crisp way they have of circularising motor cyclists in America, and is worthy of adoption here.

All arrangements have now been completed by the Dunlop Rubber Co. for the holding of the big New South Wales Test Road Race, from Goulburn to Sydney—a distance of about 131 miles. The event, which



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is creating great interest in New South Wales, is being held under the auspices of the League of New South Wales, and is set down for running on Saturday, September 19th. The total prizes exceed £150.

**MAJOR TAYLOR.**

Before leaving the States for Europe—provided that he carried out his intention—Major Taylor was defeated by J. F. Moran, at Boston. The occasion was a match between the two, decided by two sprint races and a pursuit event. Moran desired the pursuit race to be the second test, but Taylor objected, and it was decided to have it for the last trial, were it required. It is stated that the negro ran somewhat loosely in the first heat, swinging out on the bends, and Moran, watching his chance, slipped inside and won. In the second test Moran led off, and by a series of sprints endeavoured to break up Taylor. In this heat, however, the latter's saddle broke, and Moran finished alone. He was not satisfied with this victory, and agreed to recontest the heat, when Taylor beat him; Moran being somewhat tired from his previous efforts. In the pursuit race Taylor gained at first, but, watching the first symptoms of distress in his opponent, Moran pulled himself together, and by a well-sustained effort, had gained a quarter-lap at pistol-fire. Taylor was also unsuccessful in the scratch events at the same meeting, Fogler winning both.

**ONEHUNGA CLUB.**

The Onehunga Cycling Touring Club will bring off a 16-mile race at Mangere on Saturday next for the medals presented by Mr Chas. Bagley, president of the club. The handicaps are as follows:—H. Flewellyn, scratch; A. Flewellyn, 30s; A. Docherty, 1m; N. Wadman, 3m 30s; H. Griffiths, 6m 30s; T. H. Pardington, 9m; F. Roget, 9min 30s; S. Kitchen, 10m; A. Sorensen, 10m 30s; W. C. Hill, 16m; F. Richardson, 16m; J. B. Brennan, 16m 30s.

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**OPERA HOUSE.**

**JOHN FULLER AND SONS** announce the Re-opening of Vaudeville Season—**SATURDAY NEXT, JULY 11,** With the following Star Artists:—**First Appearance of** **VERNON AND MAC,** Comedy Acrobats and Hand-Balancers. **THE SWIFTS,** Australia's Premier Sketch Team **ARMON BROTHERS,** Musical Eccentrics **JULIA LONGMAN,** in Illustrated Ballads. Welcome Re-appearance of **EVA LEE AND HER PICCANINNIES.** **NELLIE POWER,** New Zealand's Own Soubrette. **VAUDE AND VARNA,** The Original Patterists. **BOB LLOYD,** Comedian. **BLANCHE CARELLI,** Soprano Vocalist "THE ENGLISH GRAND NATIONAL" On the Bioscope. **Prices—2s, 1s, and Sixpence.** Reserves at Wildman's. **Day Sales at Carter's.**

**BILLIARDS.**

The N.S.W. amateur championship will take place about the second week in August.

Melbourne Inman will be in Auckland shortly when he will play two exhibition games at the Albert Hall. These will be 2000 up, B. Ford receiving 1000 start in one, and Jackson a similar start in the other. Inman will also have two games with well-known amateurs.

It would be difficult to find a club just now where tournaments are not in full swing. If secretaries will send me results I shall be very pleased to publish them.

This year the Australasian championship will be played in Melbourne, between the elect of the different States and New Zealand.

H. W. Stevenson recently conceded his brother, E. R. Stevenson, 800 in 1600, the occasion being a benefit to the latter at St. Albans. The finish was very exciting, the champion just winning by 25.

In the match of 10,000 up between Inman and Smith, in which the N.S.W. champion received 3000 start, Inman won by 10,000 to 9030.

**HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.**

Lessee .. Mr. C. R. Bailey,  
Sub-lessee .. Allan Hamilton.

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Saturday's Attendance was the Record for the Rink. **Crowds Turned Away.**

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**SATURDAY, JULY 18th, 1908.**

**Kick off 2.45 p.m. sharp.**

**BRITISH TEAM V. AUCKLAND.**

**AT ALEXANDRA PARK, EPSOM.**

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**N.B.—LADIES** are particularly requested to obtain tickets in town, to avoid crushing at Turnstiles.

**C. V. LANGSFORD, Hon. Sec. A.R.U.,**  
**For N.Z.R. Union.**

The amateur championship of Victoria is scheduled to commence July 13. It will be played on the American tournament principle, in heats of 500 up, the winner of the tournament playing off the present holder of the title, Mr. E. L. Jacoby, a longer game to decide who will hold the title for 1908-9.

**TRY AGAIN, JOHNNIE!**

Johnnie came from London town on a holiday, Brought his cue and cue-case down, a game or two to play. For he meant to try his skill On our country chaps until We had to pay his hotel bill— That was Johnnie's way.

Try again, Johnnie, try again, do! We country bumpkins are fair sport for you! Perhaps in London you've often been "had," But you're sure to take a rise out of a country lad.

Johnnie challenged Varmer Giles; Varmer Giles was willing; Johnnie, brimming o'er with smiles, wagered him a shilling. But when Varmer Giles put on Two small breaks of fifty-one, Johnnie's smiles had quickly gone— So had Johnnie's shilling!

Johnnie said, "Let's play at Pool," thinking "Twill be funny, If I can't swing on some fool for a pot of money." But at ten o'clock that night, Johnnie off his head was quite; Paying out with left and right Didn't seem so funny.

Try again, Johnnie; try again, do! Your holiday's over, the hotel bill is due! Somehow or other, it's you that's been "had," For you couldn't take a rise out of a country lad! —The "New World of Billiards."

**INMAN V. LINDRUM.**

The big match of 18,000 up, in which Inman is conceding young Lindrum a start of 6000 points, was commenced in Melbourne last week when the mail left. In the opening session, the form of Inman appeared to have been impaired by the all-night train travelling from Sydney. He, however, made breaks of 108, 109, and 155, as against 81, 80, and 72 by Lindrum. Scores: Lindrum (rec. 6000), 6902; Inman (in play), 1600.

**THE NOVEL MATCH BETWEEN T. REECE AND C. HARVERSON.**

As was mentioned in last week's issue, Reece and Harverson were engaged in a 15,000 up match when the mail left, the novelty of the meeting being that the loser had to pay the winner one shilling for every point he was behind at the finish, this being limited to £75. With half the game played Harverson led by no less than 837 points, and looked a very likely winner. In the second half, however, Reece fairly turned himself loose, and, playing in a style which denoted the coming champion, fairly ran away from his opponent. He rattled up 1163 to Harverson's 287, but the latter came up smiling with a beautifully-strung-together 416. Reece was not to be denied, running up 1004 to the South African's 228, finally winning by 1145 points. By his latest performance, Reece has still further made good his claim to meet the best of the profession on level terms, for it is certain that no one could have bettered his work, whilst Harverson, though defeated, has lost nothing of prestige, and undoubtedly gained many friends for the magnificent fight put up when apparently hopelessly out-pointed.

That the play throughout was of an exceptionally high standard is easily proved by the breaks registered. In addition to thirty-five of between 100 and 200, Reece compiled 389, 242, 335, 238, 245, 274, 291, 313, 307, 344, 239, 456, 220, 203, 213, 277, and 337; whilst Harverson was responsible for twenty-seven between 100 and 200, besides 215, 297, 325, 316, 232, 264, 416, 449, and 237. Final scores: Reece, 15,000; Harverson, 13,855.

**THE ORIGIN OF BILLIARDS.**

Billiards were first invented, says a good authority, by a pawnbroker. About the middle of the sixteenth century there was one William Kew, a pawnbroker, who, during wet weather, was in the habit of taking down the three balls, and, with a yard measure, pushing them, billiard fashion, from the counter into the stalls. In time the idea of a board with side pockets suggested itself. A black letter MS. says:—"Master William Kew did make one board whereby a game is played with three balls, and all the young men were greatly recreated thereat, chiefly the young clergyman from St. Pawles, hence one of ye said clergymen was named a cannon, having been by one of ye said clergymen invented. This game is known now by ye name of billiards, William or Bill Kew did first play with his yard measure. The stick is now called a kew or kue." It is easy to comprehend how "Bill-yard" has been modernised into Billiard, and the transformation of kew or kue into cue is equally apparent.

**WHERE TO PLAY BILLIARDS.**

**B. FORD'S** Waitemata Billiard Club, Custom-street, Auckland. Open to play all-comers on 100 Break Ford's Unequaled Billiard Pockets, all colours. Post free to any part of New Zealand. 10s 6d.

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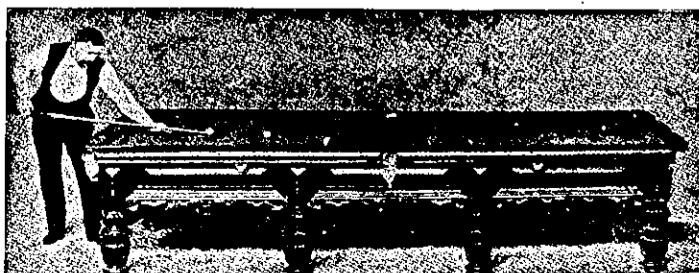
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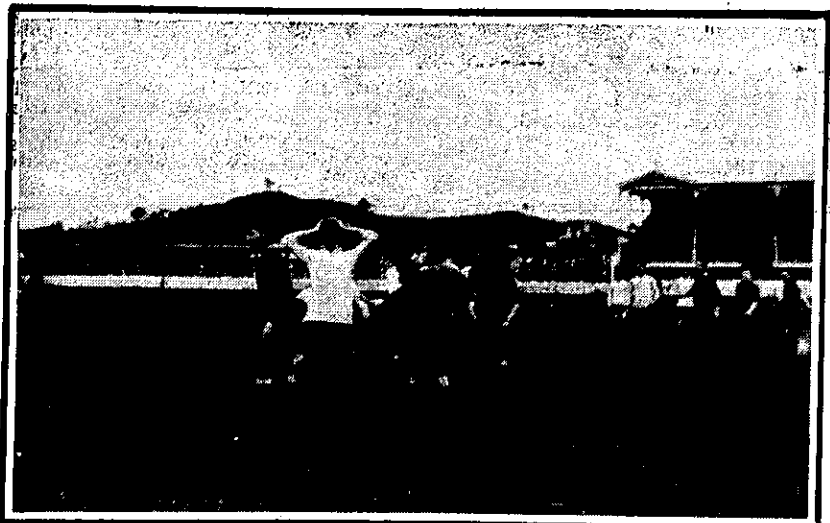
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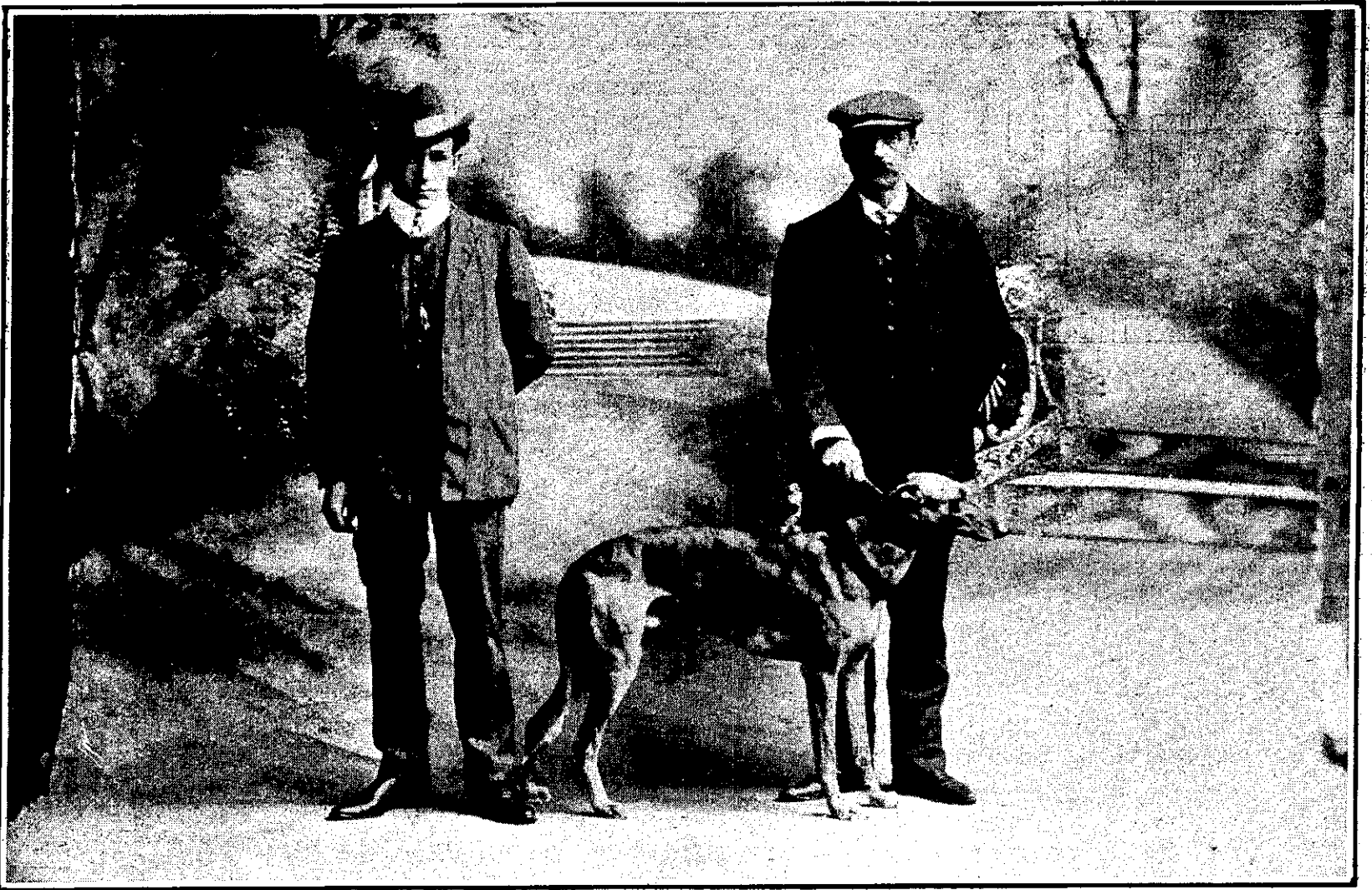
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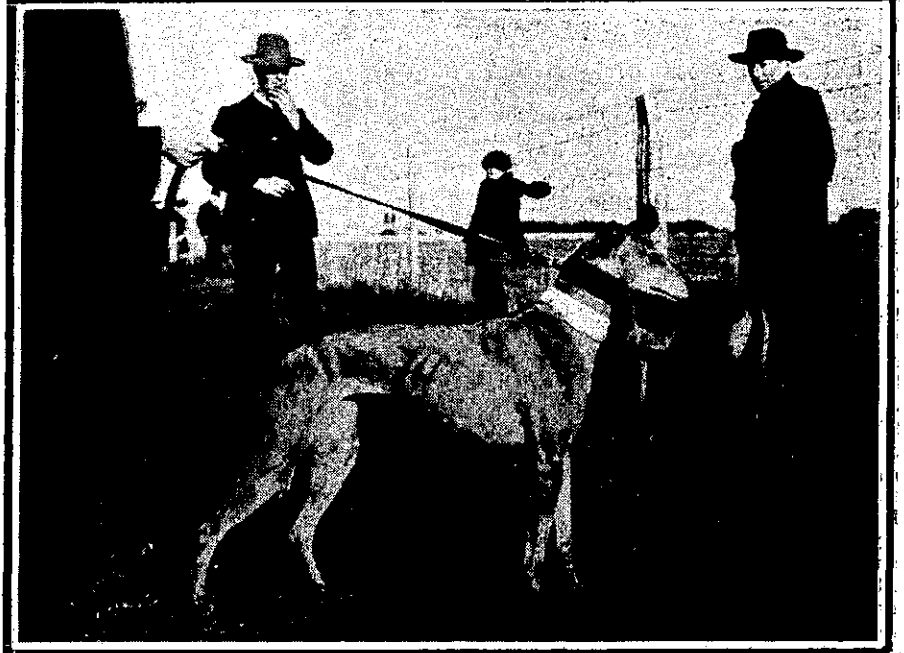
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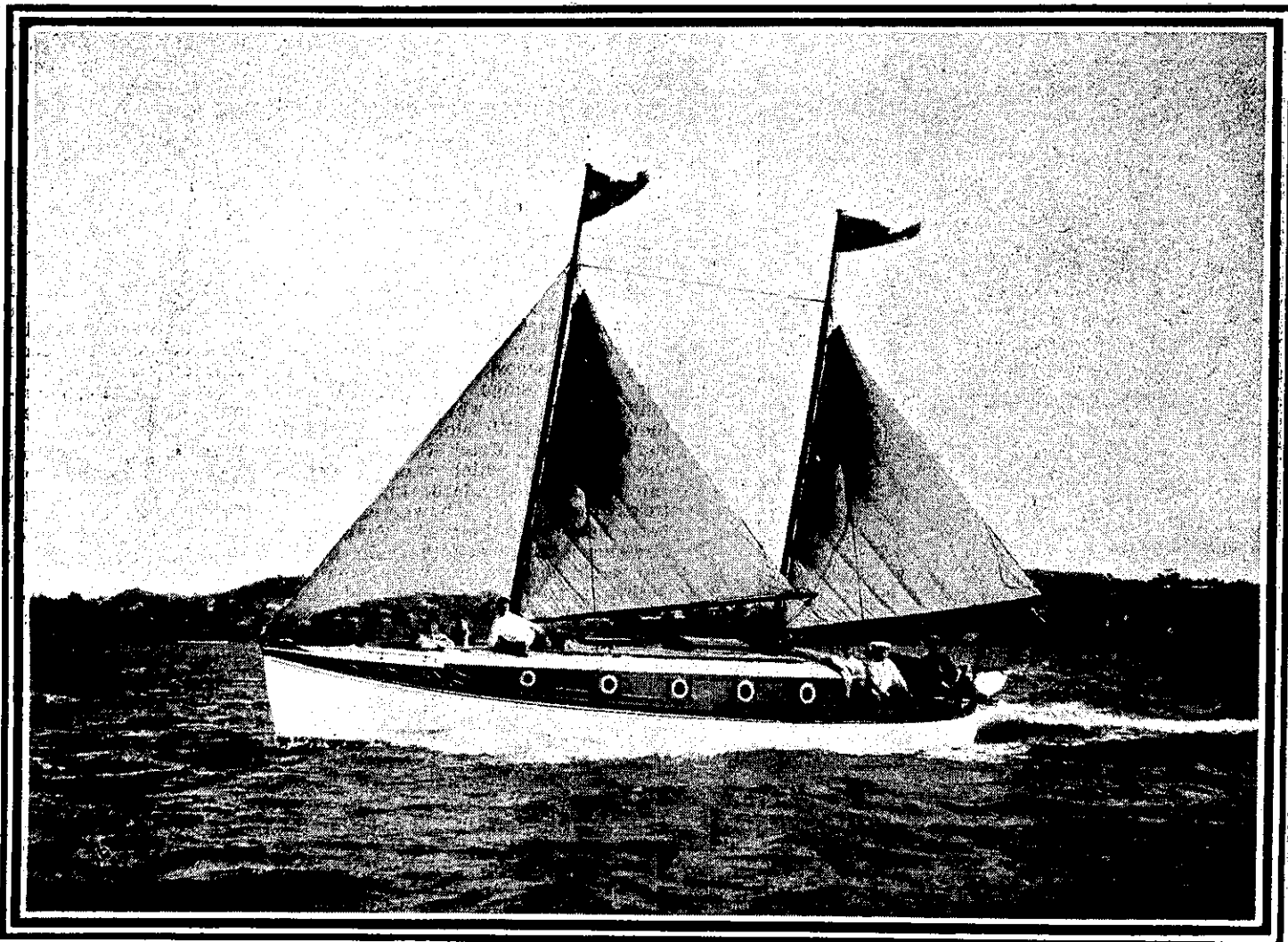
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BALLY-E-GREN, a very fast dog.



LADY ROSETTE, runner-up for the Sylvia All-aged Stakes at the Middlemore Meeting.



ONE OF AUCKLAND'S SMARTEST POWER YACHTS—COMMODORE WHITLEY'S MATAREKA.

# THE STAGE

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

THE HARRY RICKARDS' VAUDEVILLE COMPANY.

That Aucklanders dearly love a good vaudeville entertainment was amply demonstrated on Monday night, when His Majesty's Theatre was simply crammed with humanity to give a rousing welcome to Mr. Harry Rickards' Vaudeville Company. This well-known amusement caterer always sends round something good, but on this occasion, so far as the principal turns are concerned, he has excelled himself. Nothing better has ever been seen on a variety stage here than the three Sisters K.os. Indeed, some of the feats performed one would imagine to be impossible but that it is done before one's eyes. Done, too, so gracefully and with such apparent ease that there scarcely seems to be any effort in their accomplishment. For instance, one of the sisters hung from a rope by one foot in the meanwhile extending her arms at right angles to the body, and on these the other two did some clever horizontal bar work. This, it is almost unnecessary to say, fairly took the house by storm, there being a perfect whirlwind of applause. Another remarkable feat was one in which while one sister hung head downwards by one foot, she held the other two by her teeth, they in the meantime doing some gymnastics. The turn is, however, difficult to describe, but it was wonderfully clever, and was, withal, carried out so daintily by the three sisters, who all, by the way, have more than their share of good looks, that it is easy to understand how Mr. Rickards came to think it was the most popular engagement he had ever had anything to do with. The Miles-Stavordale Quintette was a refreshing original musical turn. The four banjos used were so skilfully manipulated that the effect was almost that of the human voice. This, with a harp accompaniment, was really beautiful, and the party were encored again and again, the extra number, "Come Back to Erin," being a perfect gem.

Another star attraction was that of the Brothers Artols in a strikingly clever comedy bar act. The work on the horizontal bars by one brother was quite brilliant, while the amusing performance gone through by the other

caused roars of laughter. The turn was one of the best of its kind seen here, and the huge audience was quick to appreciate its merits, judging by the heartiness of the applause. Miss Lottie Kay, who was described on the programme as a brilliant Yorkshire soprano, was found to be a very winsome singer with a voice which, although lacking in power, was wonderfully sweet and pure withal. Her ren-

dering of "Spring is Coming" and "Annie Laurie" was quite a treat, but one could not help regretting that her repertoire did not include something a little more modern. We have all heard those two songs hundreds of times, and are, perhaps, beginning to weary a little of them. Our old friend Mr. Leonard Nelson made a welcome reappearance, his "mendicant" song and gags in the first portion of the entertainment being in his best style. The "Melbourne" song was somewhat spilt by the audience insisting on applauding the accompanying views of Victoria's capital city. Miss Alma Gray, one time known here as a clever child artist, made a reappearance. She is a dainty little Australian, who can dance with the best. The Australian bush setting to the turn and Miss Gray's bush-ranger get-up proved very effective. The Sisters Collier gave the usual song and dance which seems inseparable from all variety entertainments, but they introduced a few novelties, notably in the "Where I Met You" song. Mr. George Dean sang a number of new songs of a more or less amusing nature, while the entertainment closed with bioscopic views of the Grand Prix Motor Race. This was the only item which was not up to the Rickards standard, for the pictures were badly shown, and have been seen here before. Very large audiences have been here during the week, and for the three remaining nights it would be well for intending patrons to book their seats to prevent disappointment. The show should most certainly be seen.

## "THE TEA GIRL."

This musical comedy attracted good houses at His Majesty's Theatre all last week. After the first night the weaker items were deleted, and this reduced the playing time by a full hour. The effect was to greatly accelerate the action of the play, which was, consequently, much brightened. Also the performers gained more con-

fidence, the result being that towards the end of the week they were able to infuse more dash and vim into their parts, with very beneficial results. If only all this could have been done prior to the opening night matters would have been greatly improved, and there would have been no cause for the somewhat adverse, and in some cases absurdly harsh, criticism the piece received at the hands of critics. When the book is brightened up "The Tea Girl" should easily hold its own with more pretentious pieces of the kind.

## "THE PRINCE CHAP."

There is no other instance in the theatrical history of this country which affords a parallel to the case of Mr. H. R. Roberts, who will appear at His Majesty's Theatre on Tuesday, July 14, in a new London comedy, "The Prince Chap." Mr. Roberts has the unique distinction of being the first actor who has left the Australasian colonies to become an accepted star on the English and American stage. In the course of nine years' experience abroad he has been associated with some of the leading artists of the English-speaking world, and within the past two or three years has taken front rank among them. For 150 nights he starred at Sir Charles Wyndham's Criterion Theatre, London, in "The Prince Chap," creating the part of Peyton the sculptor. No actor has ever returned to his native land with such eclat as Harry Roberts, for he was received immediately upon his arrival in Wellington by the Mayor of the capital city, in the presence of at least a hundred prominent citizens, and with the patronage of the Prime Minister. He was again accorded a public reception in Christchurch, and on the occasion of his first appearance in that city on June last he received an ovation of which any actor might well be proud. The Mayor of Dunedin, desirous of welcoming back one of that city's most brilliant sons—for it was in Dunedin



MR. H. R. ROBERTS, and MISS VERA REMÉE in "The Prince Chap."



MISS ANGLIN, the famous American actress, who has just commenced a tour of the colonies.



Roberts was born—gave him an official reception at the Town Hall in the presence of a representative gathering.

Harry Roberts' father, Mr. R. R. Roberts, was one of the most famous light comedians of his day, contemporarily with Charles Matthews and G. V. Brook; and his mother, Miss Polie Leake, was recognised as the cleverest soubrette on the Australian stage. It was therefore only natural that Roberts should drift into the theatrical profession, and few actors have received such good training, for he appeared in a large round of varied parts in the company of such fine artists as John L. Hall, William Hoskins, W. J. Holloway, Essie Jennings, Bland Holt, George Rignold, R. Brough, and Dion Boucicault. He subsequently joined Miss Maggie Moore, whom he afterwards married, and with that brilliant comedienne he was seen in some of his finest characters. The box plan for "The Prince Chap" is now open at Wildman and Arey's.

**OPERA HOUSE.**

The films shown by the World's Picture Syndicate are still merrily pursuing the even tenor of their way, and do not fail to attract good audiences nightly at the Opera House. A picture of great interest is that depicting the opening of the Franco-British Exhibition, which at present is engaging attention in all parts of the world. Members of the Royal family visiting the Exhibition are easily distinguishable in the picture, while the opening ceremony is remarkably well portrayed. The coloured film presented, entitled "In the Land of the Gold Mines" is a highly artistic specimen and draws forth a good deal of applause. "Peculiar People" is also a picture of the greatest merit, and is not without its sense of humour. "The Black Princess" is a film of heartfelt interest, and is extremely well got up. Another distinctly fine picture is that entitled "For Hate of the Miller." A splendid film of naval life in China is shown, and is of particular interest. Of the humorous series presented "The Colonel's Story," "Miss Pimpernel's Gowns," "Spiritism Setting Party" and "The Mattress" provide patrons with no end of merriment. "The Money Lender" is also another gem of the cinematograph art. Mr. Frank Crowther's orchestra adds greatly to the enjoyment of patrons by rendering a first-rate musical programme.

**THE AUCKLAND SKATING RINK.**

As usual the Auckland Skating Rink is holding its own, and nightly the hall resounds with the whirr of the wheels. The rink in Coburg-street is open every evening, and on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, so that skaters have every opportunity of trying their skill on the rollers. With so much wet weather as we have had of late, the rink seems just the place to put in a pleasant time under cover, and so patrons seem to think. Mr. Forrest, the proprietor, has provided a good floor and good skates, and the all-round management leaves nothing to be desired.

**MARK HAMBOURG'S HOME.**

The most treasured possession of Mark Hambourg, whose tour of Australia under the direction of Messrs. J. and N. Tait commences in Sydney on the 18th inst., preserved reverently and produced only for the delectation of particular friends, is a manuscript of Beethoven's with the great composer's own notes in the margin as to what he intended to do with the music when completed. It was originally the property of Liszt, and he passed it on to Madame Marie Brandt, and she in her turn gave it to the young Russian, whose reverence for the great master made him well worthy of the honour. The score is preserved in Hambourg's permanent home in London. It seems curious to picture him in a home of his own, for no artist spends more time in travel. But he has one, and a very artistic one it is, presided over by his young wife and brightened by the presence of an infant daughter. In it Hambourg, mindful of the comfort of the rest of the household, has had a music room constructed with thick walls and double padded doors, where, if the spirit moves him, he can repair for practice in the middle of the night without the chances of disturbing sleepers. Within the four walls of that room are gathered scores of valuable mementoes, taking their owner's thoughts back to pleasant friendships founded all over the world. On the walls are many pictures in oil and water colour, as well as in black and

white, all gifts from people who had met him, and in the cabinets are more bulky articles that form a sort of museum of world products.

**FRANK THORNTON'S FAREWELL TOUR OF NEW ZEALAND.**

Mr. Frank Thornton, one of the greatest favourites amongst theatre-goers in Auckland, commenced his final tour of New Zealand in Invercargill on Tuesday, the 2nd June inst., and received a great ovation. He has with him a complete company of English artists, who have gained much favour with theatre-goers, both here and in Australia, where the press have been unanimous in their praise of Mr. Thornton's fine impersonation of the principal character in the new dream-comedy, "When Knights were Bold." Very highly spoken of is the company supporting him, the play itself and the splendid scenery, to say nothing of the magnificent costumes both of the present time and the "good old times" some 700 years back.

Mr. Frank Thornton's season opens at H.M. Theatre, Auckland, on August 17, for 12 nights. During the season "Charley's Aunt," "The Private Secretary," and "Facing the Music," etc., will follow the opening comedy, "When Knights were Bold." The company is at present in Dunedin, following on to Oamaru July 2, Timaru (July 3), Christchurch July 4 to 14), Wellington (July 16 to 25), then overland towns to Napier, Gisborne and Auckland, playing en route

**A NOVEL COMPETITION.**

As it had never happened before that a new London play was introduced direct from London to New Zealand, the management of Mr. H. A. Roberts' company decided, in connection with the initial representation in Christchurch of "The Prince Chap," to offer a prize of £2 2s for the best criticism of the play, not exceeding twenty words. The competition aroused the keenest interest among Christchurch play-goers, and a crowded house witnessed the first night's performance. Hundreds of papers were handed in at the doors as the audience left the theatre, and with the assistance of a leading journalist the management decided to award the prize to Mr. J. E. Stevens, director of the School for Deaf Mutes, Sumner, for the following:—"A delightfully original play, deeply pathetic, yet sparkingly brilliant, bubbling over with merriment, exceedingly unconventional, but natural throughout."

**EXPERT OPINIONS OF THE ROYAL CHOIR.**

No similar organisation has ever earned for itself the unanimity of praise that all the leading musicians and musical critics of Great Britain have showered upon the Royal Welsh Male Choir, which Messrs J. and N. Tait are bringing to Australia, and their book of press extracts contains remarks volunteered on their performance by the most famous men of the day. Comments such as Pro-

Melbourne the total is a little less—reaching 120,000. Roughly speaking, the piece has been presented in 100 Australian towns. New Zealand has not yet been touched. What the profits have been, only William Anderson and the authors, Bert Bailey and Edmund Duggan, know. But they must have been considerable, seeing that Anderson has built a new theatre in Melbourne, and the authors, according to report, have been investing in villas, and other property.

William Pitt, M.L.C., the architect of Anderson's new Theatre "The King's" in Russell Street, Melbourne, has built practically every notable theatre in Australia—the Princess and Opera House (Melbourne), Her Majesty's (Sydney), and rebuilt both the Theatre Royal and Her Majesty's (Melbourne). As might be expected, with such previous experience, he has succeeded in making "The King's Theatre" the finest playhouse south of the line.

"The Thief," now drawing crowded houses in Sydney turns on the lengths to which love of finery may lead a woman, and that woman a wife—passionately attached to her husband, who returns her affection. It is, indeed, for him that she clothes herself in pretty dresses, and when her allowance proves inadequate steals from her host the money wherewith to meet her bills. That host has a son who believes himself in love with the young wife, and when the former, finding that he is being robbed, instals a detective in the house, she, fearing discovery, hands over certain banknotes to her youthful adorer, who is accused of the theft. Then, in a powerful scene, the husband finds out the truth. Thenceforward to the denouement the action of the play grows in intensity.

From Melbourne comes word of the death of Mr. Dan Barry, one of the best-known of the older school of Australian actors. He was very popular, especially among the audiences in the country towns, and is said to have amassed a considerable fortune.

It is not usual to behold a jury under watch and ward during the hearing of a capital charge attending a public entertainment (says the Nelson "Evening Mail"), but such an incident was furnished at the Theatre Royal. The jury in the Westport murder case are being kept together, and permission to disperse at the end of each day under the usual pledges is withheld. It was asked of the judge whether it would be permissible for the jury to attend the display of Messrs. Macmahon's Pictures in a body, and his Honor granted the permission at once. Consequently, the jury, under charge of Sergeant Duggan, were ushered into the boxes at the theatre, and after spending a good time they were taken back, still under charge, to their quarters at the Masonic Hotel.

"The Prince Chap," which is a somewhat enigmatical title, is thus explained:—Peyton (H. R. Roberts) is a sculptor who is left in charge of an orphan girl through the death of one of his models. He grows to love the child, who requests of him a fairy tale "with a prince in it." Peyton begins to tell the child of his own love story, beginning, "There was once upon a time a certain chap"—but the child is astonished, and asks, "Is the prince a chap?" Thus the play gets its name; for when the little girl grows into womanhood and plays a great part in the sculptor's life, she always remembers him as "The Prince Chap."

According to the "Referee" Mr George Musgrove's light Opera Company, which he has been organising in England for some time, has sailed from London for Australia. The party includes Stella Gastelle, Wilson, Enbroke, G. H. Snazelle, and Clement Lochnane, who will act as director. Mr. Snazelle has previously visited Australia and New Zealand. The company open in Melbourne on August 29. An Australian support will be chosen, and all the pieces will be given in English.

The famous Gibson Girls are a feature of "The Belle of Mayfair" at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne. Miss Helene Rose, who appears in the role taken in London by Camille Clifford, is eminently suited to the part. Dressed in a tight-fitting dress of black velvet, and attended by six shapely Gibson Girls in red, the scene is a striking one. "Why Do They Call Me a Gibson Girl?" Miss Rose's song, is at present the rage in Melbourne.



MR. G. TITHERADGE, who, after a long absence, has just returned to Australia to join Miss Anglin's company.

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**A NEW DRAMATIC ORGANISATION**

The well-known managers, Charlie Taylor and Ella Carrington, having decided to abandon drama in favour of cinematography, Mr. C. M. Keegan, under whose direction the Taylor-Carrington Company's plays were staged, has entered into partnership with Mr. Horace Nightingale for the purpose of continuing the touring operations. The company will be known as the Keegan-Nightingale Dramatic Company, and will consist of the present members of the Taylor-Carrington Company. Strengthened by the inclusion of some of the original performers and the addition of several artists from Australia, Messrs. Keegan and Nightingale have secured the services of the talented scenic artist, Mr. George Herman (late Crystal Theatre, Broken Hill), who has been busily engaged painting the scenery for the opening production, "The Roll of the Drum." The tour commences in the Hawke's Bay district on July 20, 1908, then a tour of Auckland and the Waikato will follow. The services of the young New Zealand musician, Mr. Fred Restieaux, have been secured. Popular prices are to be the rule, with the notable concession to ladies and children, viz., half-prices to first and second seats. The production of the plays is under the personal supervision of that capable stage manager, Mr. C. M. Keegan.

fessor Atkin's: "The best performance by a male choir I have ever heard; by Dr Rogers: "We could not find one single fault from beginning to end of the performance"; and by the late Sir Joseph Barnby: "The finest specimen of singing I have ever heard in my life," show what different adjudicators thought of their work, and they are supplemented by Mr J. North's opinion: "A vigorous and dramatic performance with grand style," and Signor Randegger's assertion: "I have never heard better voices in England or on the Continent. The tenors especially were magnificent." And these expressions are only five out of five hundred similar ones.

Fifteen recitals are all that a concert grand can be used for in the opinion of Mark Hambourg, who told an interviewer the other day that such an instrument is so delicate that sometimes its "life" only lasts for six performances.

The New Zealand tour of "The Merry-makers," which Messrs J. and N. Tait have arranged on an extended scale, commences in Dunedin in a few days. The Sydney season of this clever company begins at the end of August.

William Anderson's great drama, "The Squatter's Daughter," altogether has been seen by practically 1,000,000 people during the past year in Australia. In Sydney 150,000 people have paid for admission. In

## CHRISTCHURCH NOTES.

My Christchurch dramatic correspondent writes:—John F. Sheridan is with us once again, the same old John F. as of yore, only more so. Directly he made his appearance on the first night of the season, the house fairly rose at him, and he had to bow his acknowledgements again and again. Christchurch has a soft corner of its heart for the "Widdy." This time Mr Sheridan brings us an exceptional attraction in "Cinderella," which is magnificently put on and recalls the days of our youth when pantomime was pantomime. "Cinderella" is one of the old fashioned pantos. with a gorgeous transformation scene, and a harlequinade. Miss Heba Barlow, well and favourably known here, plays the part of Cinderella the girl who put her foot in it, and right worthily does she fill the bill. Her "Mirror Song" won't be soon forgotten. But all her songs are good, and her dancing is beyond reproach. In fact she is largely responsible for the success of the show. John F. as the "Baroness" is screamingly funny and scores heavily in the topical ditty, "After You with the Soap." Miss Stella Selborne is charming as the Prince, and Jack Hagan deserves honourable mention for his "Buttons." The part of "Mephistryon" is capably taken by Mr Jas. Hughes, who possesses a capital bass voice and sings "The Storm Fiend" like an artist. Miss Vera Payne's toe-dance is a novelty, and "the educated cow" act by those smart acrobats, Morris and Wilson is a feature of the entertainment. They are also most successful in "the Acrobatic Burglars." Oh, and Fred. Morris does some roller-skating quite in his old way. The ballets, marches, etc., are magnificent.

The rush on the last night of the Julius Knight season was terrific. Imagine hundreds of people indulging in a sort of free fight at the doors, and you have some idea of the scene.

Frank Thornton opens here on Saturday in "When Knights were Bold," one of the latest London successes. We are hoping he will put on "The Private Secretary" before he leaves us. This famous play is perennially popular.

The "Royal Pictures" continue to draw enormous audiences to the Colosseum, thanks not only to the excellence of the pictures, but to the personal popularity of Mr Liston, who is one of the right sort.

## "THE BELL OF MAYFAIR."

We hear a good deal about art on the stage, but, after all, it is the box office that talks, and with the musical clink of money. "The Belle of Mayfair" is apparently going to repeat the success of "Miss Hook of Holland," for the Theatre Royal, has been packed since the opening night. The run, however, is limited to only three more weeks, when the season closes. A second visit to "The Belle of Mayfair" (writes a correspondent), strengthens the first impressions of the piece, and one finds even more attractiveness in this charming musical production than on the initial visit. The music, too, grows on one, so to speak. It is in a refreshingly original view, dainty, and yet catchy. One is struck, too, by the beauty of orchestration, which is certainly the finest that Leslie Stuart has ever wedded to a musical play. There are no less than twenty-four songs in the production, every one of which clings to the memory. So far as the dressing, staging, and the mounting are concerned, Meynell and Gunn have spared no expense to make the production a success, and the result is a magnificent performance. The dresses which were imported from London and Paris, are indescribably beautiful, the second act, which takes place in Sir John Chaldicott's drawing-room, being a glorious aggregation of colour harmonies.

## THE MALLINSONS.

"Rich in variety and graced by excellent taste," is the description applied to the Mallinson song recitals, which have proved eminently successful in Melbourne, and New Zealanders may look forward to an artistic treat. Mr Mallinson takes a high place among contemporary song-writers. In Mrs Mallinson the composer has found a sympathetic interpreter of his songs. "The distinguished singer showed her heart and soul in her work," says a Melbourne paper, referring to the last recital, and succeeded completely in exhibiting the musical and emotional merits of her husband's compositions. Her voice, particularly sweet when softly used, is clear and ringing in the upper register, while her intonation and phrasing are faultless. The New Zealand season commences at Auckland on July 16. The following towns will also be visited:—Gisborne, Napier, Hastings, Dannevirke, Wanganui, Marton, Hawera, New Plymouth,

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The hold that "Miss Hook of Holland" has upon Melbourne audiences is indicated by the fact that, after a ten weeks' run, the piece was revived at a matinee on Friday, 26th, given by Rupert Clarke, John Wren, Meynell and Gunn, in aid of St. Vincent's Hospital, and drew a large audience. The theatre and everybody's services were given free, so that the whole of the takings, amounting to £130, will be handed to the institution named. To this sum Mr John Wren added £20, to bring it up to the century and a half. Sydney audiences are looking forward with keen interest to seeing "Miss Hook of Holland." The Dutch comic opera opens at the Criterion on July 25, and a fifteen weeks' season will be done in the Harbour City.

The Melbourne girls are cultivating the Gibson walk. It either makes them look very graceful, or as awkward as an ostrich. They ought to take lessons from Helene Rose, who is said to look an ideal Gibson Girl in "The Belle of Mayfair."

Maud Chetwynd, who not long ago was a popular member of the Royal Comic Opera Co., is returning to the stage, and has been engaged by Rupert Clarke, John Wren, Meynell and Gunn to appear in the production of "Two Little Sailor Boys," which will be done during the season of the firm's dramatic company which opens at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne, on July 18. Miss Chetwynd ought to be a good draw. Ernest Leicester, Lillian Meyers, and James Lindsay will also be in the cast.

When "The Fatal Wedding" is revived at the Melbourne Royal by Meynell and Gunn on July 18, that popular young actress, Beatrice Holloway, will be in the cast. Also, Maisie Pesner will take her old part of

the "Little Mother," in which she made such a hit on previous occasions.

The New Zealand tenor, Mr Charles Carter, has been making quite a hit in the Moody-Manners' season of opera at the Crystal Palace. Mr Carter scored his principal successes in Wagnerian roles.

Miss May Beatty and Mr Edward Lauri have made a fresh success in "The Lady Bandits," which got its initial hearing at the Holborn Empire (London) last month. The lady bandits are picturesque Suffragettes, and Miss Beatty figures as their leader.

C. F. Morgan, at one time with J. F. Sheridan, is now heading a syndicate to build provincial music halls in England.

Miss Marie Lohr, the young Australian actress will be the Marguerite of Mr Tree's production of "Faust" in the Autumn.

In view of the cable message stating that Mme. Melba's matinee performance in London had yielded £2000 to the London hospitals, it is interesting to recall (says the "Referee") that the great Australian diva holds the record for takings at any one concert in Australia. In the season 1902 Madame Melba attracted an audience representing £2630 to the Sydney Town Hall. The next highest house secured in Australia by any other artist is that of M. Paderewski, the famous pianist, who secured £1300 odd at a concert in Sydney, and about the same figure in Melbourne. Madame Melba, in the same season, was the means of inducing £1750 to the taken at a concert given in the Exhibition Building, Melbourne.

Mr Herbert Flemming has received a cable from his London agent stating that he had secured for the Australasian actor-manager, the Commonwealth rights of "Mrs Dot," "Lady Frederick," "Jack Straw," and "The Breed of the Treshams."

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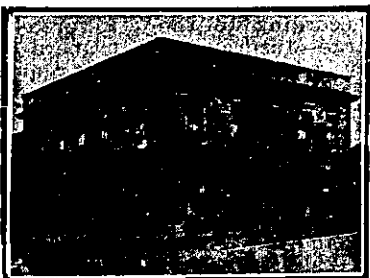
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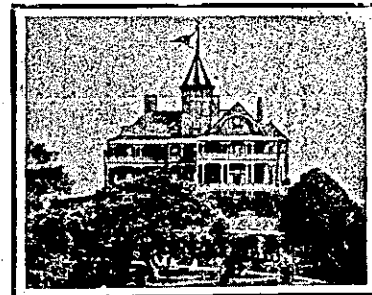
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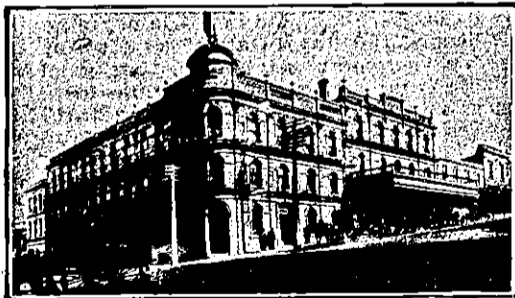


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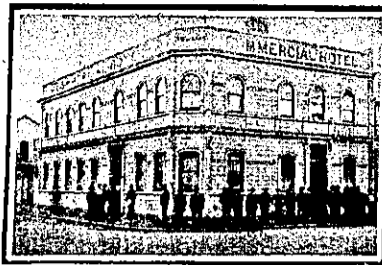


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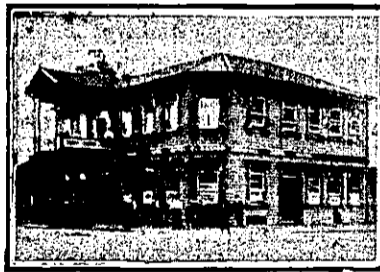
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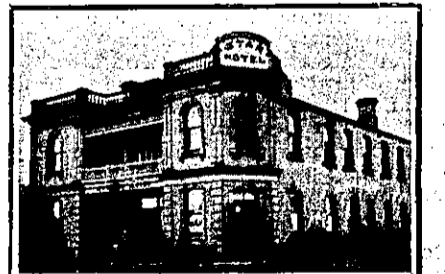
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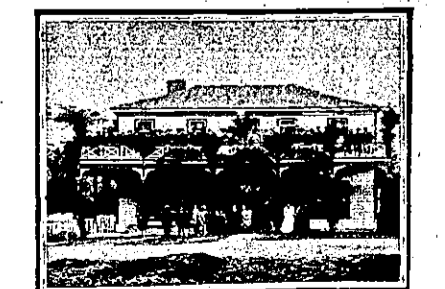
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#### THE RECORD FOR JUNE.

Some time ago a manifesto signed by one hundred professional and business men of Invercargill conveyed the impression to the world that drunkenness in that town, if not extinguished altogether, was so rare as to be remarkable. But what are the facts? Paragraphs from the "Southland Times" (the editor and proprietor of which signed the manifesto) for last month, up to the latest available date, shall speak for themselves:—

June 1st.

William George Jackson was arrested in a state of drunkenness at the corner of Dee and Tay streets on Saturday night, and was taken into custody by Sergeant Black. The week which Jackson was allowed by the Court in which to pay the fine of £5 inflicted on the 22nd instant for the offence of procuring whisky for a prohibited person, was up on Saturday, but in ordinary circumstances he would have been allowed to retain his liberty until to-day, when he will appear before the Court to answer to the second offence.

June 2nd.

Between four and five o'clock yesterday afternoon Constable Hammerley arrested a man for drunkenness in Esk street. By half-past nine, the offender had sufficiently recovered his equilibrium to be released on bail. He will appear before the Court this morning.

June 3.

At the Police Court yesterday morning, before Mr W. B. Scandrett, J.P., a first offender for drunkenness was convicted and fined 18s and 2s costs.

June 5th.

Two first offenders for drunkenness were brought before Mr W. Smith, J.P., at the Police Court yesterday morning. One was convicted and discharged, and the other, who had created a public disturbance during his aberration from sobriety, was fined £2. He was allowed two weeks in which to pay the fine.

June 6th.

The evening train from Invercargill to the Western District on Wednesday evening was a very heavy one, and carried a large number of young men very much under the influence of liquor. The railway officials in charge of the train are to be commended for their efficient handling of such a heavy train, and for maintaining order, which in some of the carriages required more than ordinary tact.

June 8th.

Between nine and ten o'clock on Saturday night the police made a raid on the premises in Dee Street known as the "Carriers' Arms Hotel," and occupied by Frank Poff. The raid was conducted by Sergeants Matheson and Black, who executed the search warrant. The police authorities are naturally and advisedly reticent about the matter, but it is officially reported that a considerable quantity of liquor, whisky and beer, was discovered and confiscated. Legal proceedings will follow in due course.

June 9th.

At half-past six last night Constable Callanan arrested a man for drunkenness in Dee street. The offender, it is alleged, was quite incapable of looking after himself. He will appear before the Court this morning.

June 10th.

At the Police Court yesterday, before Mr G. Cruickshank, S.M., a first offender for drunkenness was fined 10s without costs.

June 11th.

As a resident of Gala Street was sitting quietly at home at about half-past eight last night, reading the paper, he was perturbed by hearing an unusual noise on the street. Going outside to ascertain the cause of the disturbance he discovered that several palings of his picket fence had been smashed to atoms. Of course there was then no sign of the perpetrators of this act of vandalism. The police have been informed of the incident, but in the circumstances there is little hope of those responsible earning in the Court the notoriety they are not prepared to seek voluntarily.

June 13th.

At the Police Court yesterday morning, before Mr G. Cruickshank, S.M., a first offender for drunkenness, remanded for medical treatment a few days ago, was convicted and discharged on the score of drunkenness, and was ordered to pay £1 13s for expenses of treatment on a charge of helpless drunkenness. One month was given in which to pay.

June 16th.

At the Police Court yesterday morning, before Mr G. Froggatt, J.P., James Smith, arrested by Constable Phillips, in Dee Street, on Saturday night, was convicted of drunkenness and fined 10s and 2s costs. This morning an offender, arrested by Sergeant Black in Dee Street yesterday afternoon, about two o'clock, will appear before the Court to answer a similar charge.

June 20th.

One of the passengers arriving by train about four o'clock yesterday afternoon was apparently helpless with liquor, and was removed to the lock-up in a cab by Constable Silvester. The man will appear before the Court this morning.

In addition to the daily record of drunkenness during the first three weeks of June, no fewer than nine liquor prosecutions came before the Magistrate, when fines amounting to £146 were inflicted. One of the charges was for obtaining whisky in the town during the currency of a prohibition order. Well may it be asked (and asked in vain), Does prohibition prohibit? Does prohibition save the boy? The number of Invercargill first offenders during June answers the question emphatically in the negative.—"N.Z. Times."

In an article in the "Westminster Review" for May, Mr T. Good maintains that the strict temperance system applied to Glasgow, as compared with the tax system in force in Sheffield, has produced disastrous results.

At Sydney last week the Local Option Court published the revision of the metropolitan area, with the result that 79 hotels are to be closed.

A lively scene in Sir Thomas Bent's office was reported from Melbourne the other day. During the visit of a deputation, Sir Thomas objected to two deputationists. Some warm talk compelled their retirement. Then a member of Parliament, who introduced the troublesome ones, got to words with one of his flock, an exchange of compliments resulting in the Parliamentarian chasing the deputationist out of the room.

Two Scotch travellers, a merchant and a farmer, were discussing political economy in a railway carriage. After a while the merchant filled his pipe, lit it, and settled back for a comfortable smoke. The farmer took his pipe from his pocket, and, after gazing longingly at its empty bowl, asked his companion for a match. The merchant selected one from a large boxful and handed it over. Said the farmer: "I am afraid I've come away w/out my baccy pouch."

"Well," said the merchant, holding out his hand, "then ye'll no be in need of that match."

Mr W. May who is well known at Ohaewai, has purchased from Mr J. F. Falkner, his interest in the hotel at that place, and took possession last week. We wish Mr May every success in his new venture and feel sure that his popularity in the district will ensure good business.

Active steps are now being taken for the forming of strong committees in each electorate, whose duties will be to see to the enrolling of friends and supporters of the trade. It is a recognised fact that the trade suffers very much at each local option poll from the loss of the votes of the indifferent electors. Each member connected with the liquor trade should raise every endeavour to see that not only are all their friends and relatives on the roll, but make it a personal matter in seeing that each one records his or her vote for continuance and liberty.

A dispute about the lease of a hotel was heard at Dunedin last week, when in the Supreme Court, Judge Williams gave judgment in the case of Mrs Paterson v. W. J. Gore and Ethel Decosta, executors in the estate of Mrs Farrell. Plaintiff and Mrs Farrell, now dead, were friends, and plaintiff let to the latter the Ocean Beach Hotel. Mrs Decosta (then Miss Benjamin) drew up the lease, which was read to plaintiff. Mrs Farrill died, and plaintiff understood that the lease was to expire at death, and now sought for possession. The question was whether plaintiff understood the terms of the lease. Judgment was given for defendants, with costs on the middle scale.

The crop of tobacco in Queensland in the coming year is expected to be a good one, and it is thought that the permanence of the industry there is assured.

Mr Laurensen has given notice of his intention to introduce the Licensing Polls Absolute Majority Bill, the object being to substitute the bare majority for the present three-fifths majority.

At Hokitika last week at the adjourned meeting of the Westland Licensing Committee an application for a license for a new hotel, called the Dominion, which had been adjourned from a previous meeting, was granted. The granting of the application means that Hokitika, with a population of 2240, now has 18 licensed houses. It is probable that some of the objectors to the granting of the license will apply to the Supreme Court for a writ of certiorari to quash the decision of the Licensing Committee.

Temperance advocates have prevailed on the Wellington City Council to have advertisements of alcoholic liquors barred on the backs of tram tickets.

Wellington Customs received £940 for beer duty last month. In June 1907 the amount was £833.

Ten o'clock closing for the Master-ton hotels was instituted on the 1st inst.

Some of the wine stored in the cellars of the Grand Duke of Luxembourg dates from 1706.

If all the London public-houses were placed side by side, they would reach a distance of 75 miles.

It is stated that the total quantity of champagne despatched from the Champagne districts for the 12 months ended March 31 last was 33,704,618 bottles, compared with 33,171,395 bottles in 1906-7, and 35,591,135 bottles in 1905-6. Stocks in casks and bottles amounted to about 188,860,000 bottles, being the equivalent of between five and six years' consumption.

At the Dunedin Police Court last week, Francis Porter, licensee of the Caversham Hotel, was charged with having, on June 13th sold liquor to Patrick Lynch while the latter was in a state of intoxication. On the day in question Lynch was under the influence of liquor, and next morning was found dead in a ditch. It was admitted that Lynch had a pint of shandy-gaff and a small glass of beer at defendant's hotel, but defendant and his son swore the man was not under the influence of liquor at the time. Decision was reserved.

The Dominion Hotel, of Gloucester Street, Christchurch, has been purchased by Mr E. E. Daniels, who for a number of years has managed Warner's Hotel. The Dominion Hotel is right opposite the new Theatre, and Mr Daniels who is so favourably known to almost everyone, intends to make a big name for himself in catering for the public in the very best style.

Of the hotels in the outlying suburbs of Auckland, there are few better known than the Royal Oak Hotel, for it is a well-known landmark on the way from Auckland to Onehunga, while no less than six roads junction at the popular hostelry. Under the circumstances it was only to be expected that it would be a favourite house of call with travellers, and so it has become. Mr Len Adams, mine host of the Royal Oak, sees to it that his customers get nothing but good stuff, no matter whether it be beer, spirits, or cigars, and as a natural result when passing they call again. This little fact is worth keeping in mind when out driving or riding in the vicinity of the old-established Royal Oak.

Amongst the private hotels in Wellington, there is perhaps none more comfortable than the Arcadia. A fine, large building, recently constructed, possessing every modern convenience and withal extremely well managed, it is only fitting that the Arcadia should be at all times full of visitors. The building contains four storeys in addition to a basement and a garden roof, while an electric lift carries passengers to any storey desired. The dining room is tastefully fitted up and occupies the centre of the ground floor. The



room has an extremely bright and inviting appearance, and the attendance is all that could be desired, the waitresses indeed being extremely efficient and obliging. On the same floor are the smoking and commercial room, lounge, etc. There are ample and well fitted up lavatories and bath rooms, while the majority of the bedrooms are roomy and well lighted. Mr Paterson, the proprietor, personally supervises the running of the establishment and makes an extremely capable and obliging host.

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The plans for the Auckland Post Office have been amended by providing for one storey more than was originally intended.

The beer duty collected in Auckland last month shows an increase over the figures for June 1907, the amount that year being £1806 7s 7d. Last month's had risen to £2117 6s 10d, an increase of £310 19s 3d.

Conferences have often been held for rather strange objects, but probably the most extraordinary gathering of the kind which has ever been suggested is a congress to oppose the teetotal movement. It is being organised by the Brewers' Institute of Berlin, and doubtless the trade in this country will be quite ready to send a large delegation to it. Its object, it is stated, is to protest against the exaggerations and encroachments of the teetotal movement, and it may therefore be assumed that all who take part in it will preach the virtues of moderate drinking. Whether there has been any decline in the consumption of beer in Germany is not stated, but in any case it is hardly necessary for a conference to assemble for the purpose of promoting the knowledge and value of moderate drinking. That is a cause which may fairly be left to defend itself.

Teetotalers will not derive much comfort from reading of the consumption of beer at the May brewing in Munich's Royal Court brewery. Between the hours of seven in the morning and five in the afternoon in one day no less than 30,800 gallons of "bock" beer (a very light beverage) were drunk, besides 12,700 gallons of ordinary beer. Fortunately, perhaps, the guests ate as well as drank, and managed to account for 370,000 sausages, 4000 pounds of meat, chiefly beef, and a million "Bretzeln," a kind of salted cracknel ring, of which the Germans are very fond. Of radishes, a very favourite accompaniment to beer and sausages, so many were eaten that they could not be counted.

#### THE ENGLISH HOP-PICKERS.

In May last a remarkable demonstration of hop-pickers took place in London. Some 40,000 of these workers, whose livelihood has been destroyed by England's fiscal tolerance of foreign competition, assembled in the metropolis to protest against a policy which dooms them to starvation. They demand the impost of a duty of 40s per cwt. on all imported foreign hops, but there is little or no likelihood of the British Government, as at present constituted, consenting to abandon its attitude of impotent pedantry, and so stretch out its hands to save an ancient and picturesque industry from extinction. Commenting on the demonstration, the London "Daily Telegraph" says:—"The mechanical methods of the free-importing mind, substituting assumption for investigation as it does, cannot help us to explain the ruinous fall of prices or the condition of the hop industry. The truth is that foreign dumping has been the chief cause of the prevailing distress. In this, as in other ways, the United States and Germany are able to avail themselves of the invaluable privilege of the double market. This privilege is one of the most valuable assets in modern business. Every foreigner in the world possesses it. No Briton has it—unless, indeed, he builds factories or buys land abroad and attacks the market of his own country from behind his adopted entrenchments. Other nations are guided by ideals quite different from ours. In France the vast majority of the population is still rooted to the soil. In Germany there are still about 25,000,000 persons upon the

open land, and the paramount object of Teutonic policy is to keep them there. It is no mean nor unwise purpose. Behind the bizarre facade of American industrialism lies the strong, steady, quiet farming population, which forms the true basis of the health and the wealth, the political strength and the fighting power of the United States. In all these cases the nations concerned believe in keeping intact at any cost the agricultural cost of society. The foreign farmer and his labourers cannot be injured by the strategical operations of foreign capital. Behind the firm rampart of a national tariff, that destructive competition cannot overpass, they till and thrive in peace. They have security. It is what no worker in this country possesses. But foreign hops can be dumped here to an unlimited extent, driving down home prices, and destroying one of the most ancient and picturesque of all British industries. There are said to be still nearly half a million people dependent upon it. Mr Asquith may rely upon it that old age pensions at 70 for the survivors of the social struggle will never reconcile a perishing class of workers to starvation now!"

#### A NEW LICENSE GRANTED.

At the adjourned meeting of the Westland Licensing Committee last week, an application for a new hotel called the Dominion was granted on the casting vote of the chairman. According to applicant's counsel, the hotel is up-to-date in every respect. The application was adjourned from the annual meeting for the presence of an absent member, and on that occasion the Magistrate refused to adjudicate owing to certain allegations appearing in local newspapers, charging him with being an interested party. In delivering the judgment the Magistrate reviewed the position at length, and stated that having traced the source of the allegations against him he could afford to ignore them, and now record his vote, and thus give effect to the wishes of the large majority of electors who at the last local option poll voted for continuance of the existing number of licenses.

Granting the application means that Hokitika, with a population of 2240, now has eighteen licensed houses.

It is probable some objectors will apply to the Supreme Court to quash the decision.

#### HOP-GROWERS GO TO NEW ZEALAND.

Mr John James Bates, one of the best-known hop-growers in Kent, told a Press representative in April last why he is emigrating to New Zealand after trying for 33 years to make hop-growing pay.

"Like many other experienced growers," he said, "I have been living on hopes for a good many years. I cannot live on hopes any longer, so I am going to try sheep farming in New Zealand.

"If I give a good report of that, I know at least seven other families at Kent who will follow me there. You can depend on it that if we do well, the eight families will be followed by a great many more."

Mr Bates is a typical Kent farmer, of stalwart build, and, considering his long experience, he is still comparatively a young man. He was the first to grow in the Cranbrook district, the best part of the Weald of Kent.

"My farm included twenty acres of hops. Fruit and some pasture lands are the only things that have paid. Hops, the most important of all, have proved an absolute failure, owing entirely to the unrestricted imports of the foreign article.

"During the last twenty-five years I have only had three profitable crops of hops, and you cannot live on a paying year once in every eight.

"You cannot properly grow and pick hops under £45 to £50 an acre. We aim here at a crop of a ton to the acre, and generally get less. Supposing we get a ton, and have to sell at 40s per hundred-weight, that gives us £40 an acre.

"Such a crop would cost quite £50 an acre. Therefore with such an excellent crop we lose £10 an acre, and that is why I am thoroughly tired of it.

"I am taking my family to New Zealand to start work afresh. A local auctioneer has just realised my plant, and I leave England in a few months. I had to sell 14,000 hop poles at 2s a hundred. They cost

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me £1 a hundred, and are worth 10s to 12s secondhand. My plant is worth at least £300, and it realised about £100. That shows how anxious growers are to buy plant."

#### THE DRINK QUESTION.

There is a very startling article in the "Westminster Review" for May by Mr T. Good, who writes on the experience of Glasgow and Sheffield.

In Glasgow Sunday closing is severely enforced, and the public-houses are closed at nine or 10 o'clock at night, and on some of the popular holidays they are closed all day. No music, singing, reciting, or games of any kind or description are permitted in Glasgow's public-houses. And there are no barmaids! You are not allowed even to look at a sporting paper, and if you laugh you are turned out! In Sheffield public-houses are open for six hours on Sun-

day, and three hours longer than Glasgow each working day. They have barmaids, music, singing, reciting, games, etc. The two cities are not unlike in being great industrial centres; one is Scotch, the other is English. Mr. Good maintains that the strict temperance system applied to Glasgow, as compared with the lax system in force in Sheffield has produced disastrous results. There are five times as many cases of drunkenness in proportion to the population in Glasgow as there are in Sheffield. He also asserts that as the net results of the increased stringency which began in 1905, it was found that the arrests on account of drunkenness showed an increase from 18.3 to 24.2 per 1000 of the estimated population. Mr. Good maintains that, bad as this is, secret drunkenness in the home, which does not lead to arrest, is much worse.

**ASQUITH'S ALPHABET.**

- A stands for Asquith, whose Aim's Abolition;
- B for his Bill and the Brewers' position.
- C represents Confiscation of Capital,
- D stands for Drunkard—we don't want that chap at all.
- E is an Englishman, seldom a sot,
- F stands for Fanatics and Fads they have got.
- G is the Greed which would soon confiscate
- H alf a man's pleasures and all his estate.
- I is Injustice and Impudent robbery,
- J is its partner, political Jobbery.
- K —Kleptomania—polite word for theft;
- L —Licences—should they be any Left.
- M for Minority, that means a few,
- N arrow in outlook and Niggardly too.
- O is their Object—they mean to Oppress
- P Public-houses placed under their ban.
- Q is the Question, Will people drink less?
- R for the Rights of a Rational man,
- S Socialistic—means Snatch as Snatch can.
- T for true Temperance, but Tyranny means
- U nlimited growth of Unlicensed shebeens.
- V for the voice of the people, and Veto,
- W hich very few fair-minded folks will agree to.
- X for Xpense you will find if you try it—aye,
- Y ou'll have to pay for this pillage cum piety.
- Z stands for Zeal—but it won't spell Sobriety.

**HYPOCRITES AND PROHIBITIONISTS.**

The Knoxville press despatches indicate that more liquor is sold in Tennessee city than before it went over to prohibition; business suffers in lower rents and reduced revenue, but "clubs" and "soft drink saloons" thrive. We wonder what the "clubs" and "soft drink saloons" thrive upon. We should like to wager a big red apple that they don't thrive on their "sars" and lemon trade. The one best bet is that a whole lot of hypocrites and "prohibitionists" patronise them, and demanding something stronger than "sars" and lemonade get mighty mean whisky for which they pay a good stiff price. It has always been a mystery how the prohibitionists can stand for such darn poor whisky when they can get good whisky and not lay themselves open to the serious charge of being called sneaks. If any of them care to know how they can get good whisky we will tell them.—"Bonforts."

**THE USE OF ALCOHOL.**

Under the auspices of the Vienna Chamber of Medicine, the well-known physician, Professor von Noorden, delivered recently to an audience of practising doctors a lecture upon the dietary treatment of corpulence, diabetes, and gout. The lecture of which a technical report appeared in the Neue Freie Presse, concluded with references to the use of alcohol, especially in relation to gout, but as his remarks in this direction were inadequately rendered by the reporter, Professor von Noorden writes to the Neue Freie Presse to define exactly his views upon the use and abuse of alcohol. He says:—"In regard to gout I said that persons of gouty dispositions must avoid alcohol in every form and quantity, and that I must insist the more upon this in-

asmuch as I cannot in other respects share the view that alcohol, even in moderate quantities, must be banished from the sick roof and from the table of healthy people. I did not need to demonstrate to my expert audience that alcohol in large quantities is absolutely harmful; but from a scientific standpoint the view is not tenable that small and moderate quantities of alcoholic beverages must be condemned as contributing to individual and racial degeneration. The converse question might be raised whether individuals who cannot stand even the smallest quantity of alcohol ought not to be considered already degenerate. What I said in the clinical lecture-room on this purely scientific question was naturally not directed against the highly important and salutary endeavours to combat the abuse of alcohol. Though I have not always been able to approve of the means adopted by the agitators against alcohol. I have always been one of the most zealous opponents of its abuse.

**WHAT WAS GRANT'S BRAND?**

Here is a story that is as well known as any incident of the American Civil War, but it will easily bear repetition by a first-hand witness. During one of Doctor Eaton's visits to Abraham Lincoln (President) he was severely questioned as to the details of his work and such campaign points as had come under his immediate notice. He suddenly interrupted his inquiries to ask if Grant had told him of the raid made upon him—the President—in Washington: "Well," said Mr Lincoln, "you know a raid in Washington is different from what you military men mean by a raid. With you it is an attack by the enemy—the capture of soldiers and supplies; with us it is an attack by our friends in Congress seeking to influence a change in policy. A company of congressmen came to me to protest that Grant ought not to be retained as a commander of American citizens. I asked what was the trouble. They said he was not fit to command such men. I asked why, and they said he sometimes drank too much and was unfit for such a position. I then began to ask them if they knew what he drank what brand of whisky he used, telling them most seriously that I wished they would find out. They conferred with each other, and concluded they could not tell what brand he used. I urged them to ascertain and let me know, for if it made fighting generals like Grant I should like to get some of it for distribution.

**A GOOD RECORD.**

The London "L.V. Gazette" remarks that to be a licensed victualler for close upon half a century without a complaint, especially in these days of strict police supervision, is a record to be proud of; and it is one to which Mr. Ralph Birchall, an old and highly respected Wiganer, may lay claim. Mr. Birchall has recently retired into private life after having taken out fifty licenses, this representing renewals at four licensed houses in Wigan. He also carried out other work until 1858, when he became a licensed victualler, his first license being the Honeysuckle Inn, Poolstock. Four years later he went to the White Swan Inn, Scholes, which license he held until March 14th, 1862, when he was granted a transfer to the Albion Inn, Millgate. In 1869 he began his long tenancy of the King's Head, Market Place, which he held for over 28 years. Had he stayed in that hostelry until May next, when he would be eighty years of age, Mr. Birchall would have completed fifty years as a licensed victualler.

**NOT SURE WHICH.**

Congressman John Sharp Williams tells a new story. During the recent Mississippi gubernatorial campaign the Honorable Jeff Truly was one of the unsuccessful aspirants for the majority suffrage of his fellow-citizens. Prohibition doctrines figured in the struggle, and seemed very important to a Methodist minister. "Brother Truly," said the minister. "I want to ask you a question. Do you ever take a drink of whisky?" "Befo' I answer that," replied the wary Brother Truly. "I want to know whether it is an inquiry or an invitation."

**HE OBLAYED.**

It was a cricket match and one of the batsmen had been partaking too freely of intoxicating liquors. Indeed,

so much so that he felt incapable of taking his innings. The captain, however, tried hard to persuade him to do so.

"But, captainsh," objected the inebriated one, "I can see three batsh and three ballsh."

"Never mind," said the captain; "you go in and hit the middle ball."

So he went in and was bowled out first ball.

"You didn't hit the middle ball," remonstrated the captain.

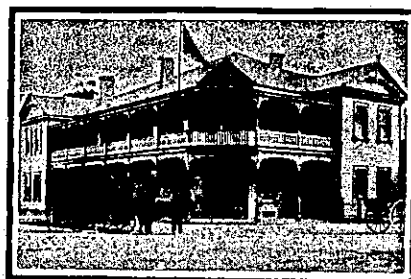
"Yesh did," replied the bowled-out one, "but I hit it with the outside bat."

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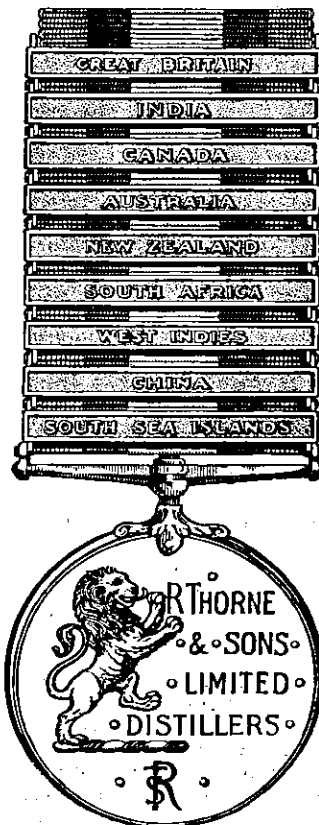


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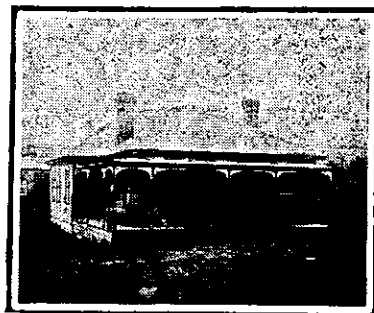


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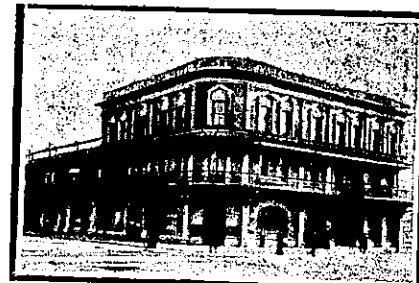
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**THE BITERS BIT.**

This is a story of a "boomerang Joke." The return hit therein cited is certainly decisive and deserved.

It never pays to tell people that they do not look well. A young man in a certain office put up a joke on the book-keeper, who was a quiet, steady, serious, chap. The joke was for everyone to tell the victim that he looked very, very bad indeed. It was wonderful what this effect would have.

It was a hot summer morning when the joke began. The office boy started it.

"Ain't you well, Mr. Quail?" he asked.

"Yes, of course. Why, Quail asked.

"Why, ye look so pale, said the boy. "I feel all right," returned Quail, calmly, and he put on his office coat and set to work.

But when a shipping clerk told him he looked ill Quail frowned and said he had had a bad night, that was all.

When the cashier asked him what made him have such a queer colour he said his heart felt strange.

For an hour or so Quail was tormented with anxious inquiries, full of gloomy forebodings about his health. Finally, with an impatient worried gesture, he threw down his pen and hastened to the office of his chief. He was gone about five minutes. When he returned the chief was with him.

"Men," said the chief, raising his hand to command the attention of all. "as Mr. Quail is sick, I have granted him ten days' leave of absence. Please arrange to divide his work equally among you while he is gone."

**CURIOSITY REWARDED.**

It was a moonlight evening, and Jenkins was smoking a fine-flavoured Havana, when he met a friend.

"Have a cigar?" he inquired. "Thanks," said the other, gratefully, taking and lighting the proffered weed.

After a few experimental puffs however, the friend removed the cigar from his lips, looked at it dolefully, and, with a very evident abatement of gratitude in his tone, asked:

"What do you pay for these cigars?"

"Two for one and twopence," replied the original proprietor of both weeds, taking his own cigar out of his mouth and looking at it with considerable satisfaction. "This cost me a shilling, and that twopence."

The conversation stopped at this point, and a cloud conveniently shut off the moonlight.

**PIPES AND NATIONALITY.**

From the different shapes of pipes used by the different nationalities you may form a judgment both ethnological and moral. The pipe reveals the character as well as the race. Active Northerners prefer the short kind, as less embarrassing. Southern races use the long-stemmed variety; smoking for them is a solemn occupation. Active men use pipes with small bowls; the German dreamer huge ones; the restless Japanese prefers the very thin bowl. Show me thy pipe, I will tell thee who thou art.—"Independence Belge," Brussels.

**IT WASN'T HIS.**

"Sir!" exclaimed the injured party, "your umbrella stuck in my eye."

"Oh, no," replied the youthful offender; "you are mistaken."

"Mistaken?" demanded the irate man. "I know when I'm hurt, I guess."

"Doubtless," replied the young fellow; "but you don't know my umbrella. I borrowed this one from a friend to-day."

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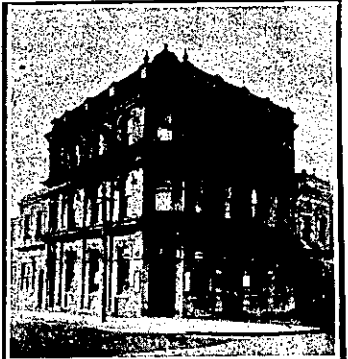
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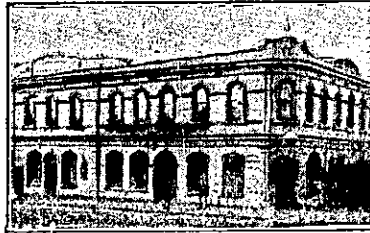
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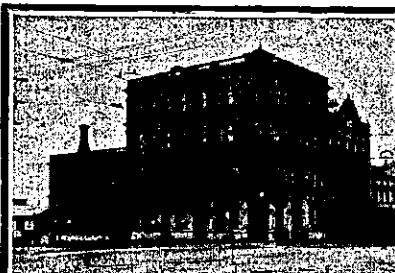


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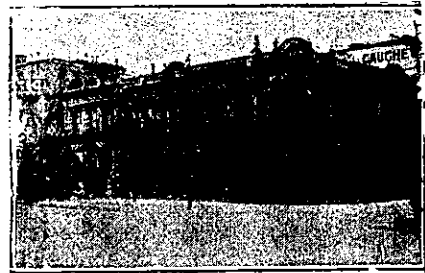
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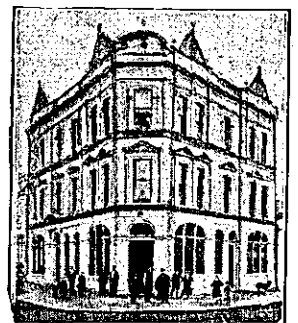
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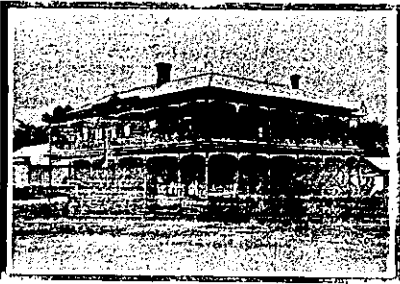
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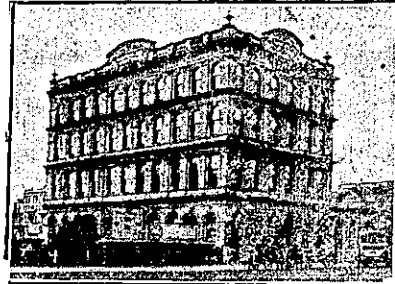
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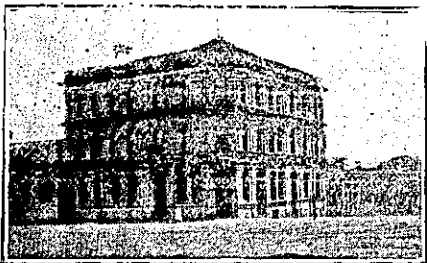
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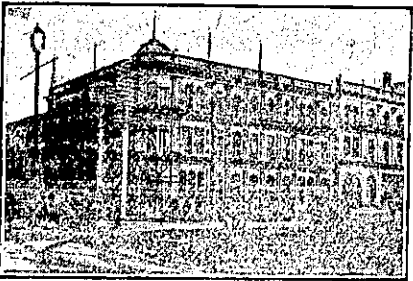
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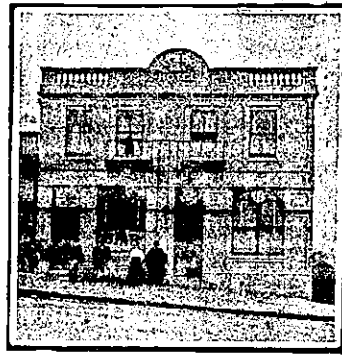
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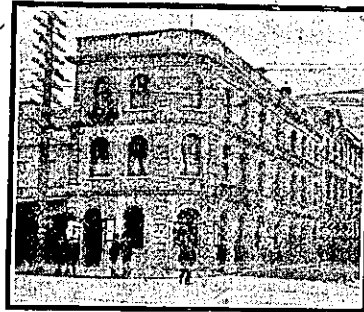
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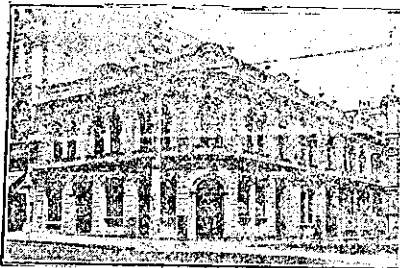
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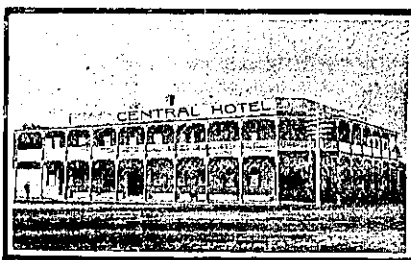
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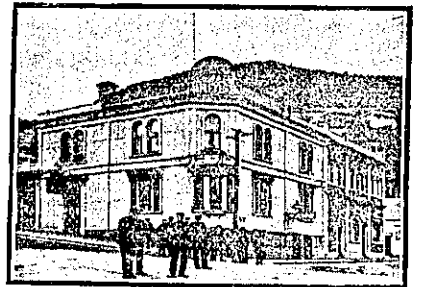
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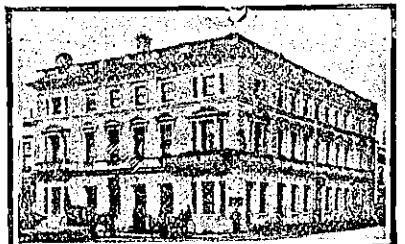
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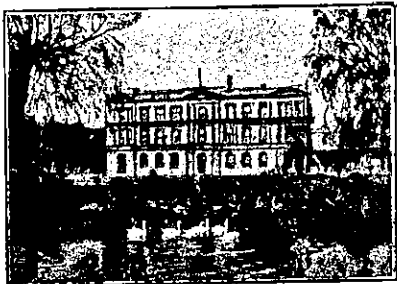
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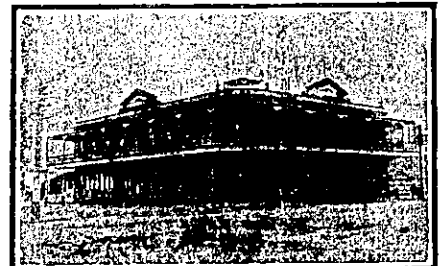
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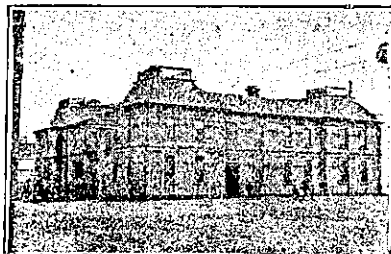
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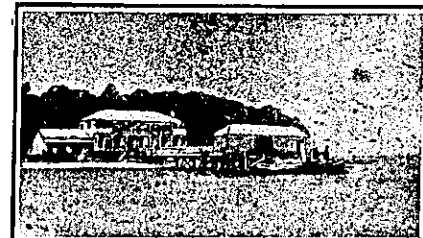
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THE TERMINUS OF THE RAILWAY.  
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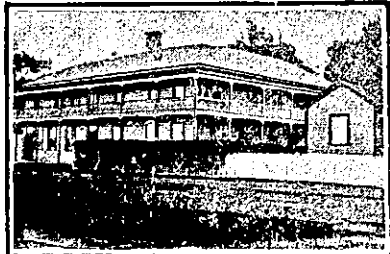
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First Class Accommodation for the Travelling Public. Best Brands Wine and Spirits only in Stock.

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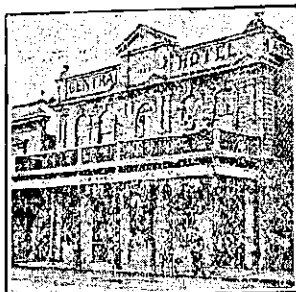


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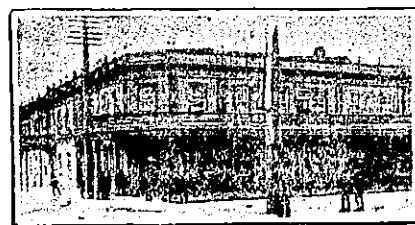
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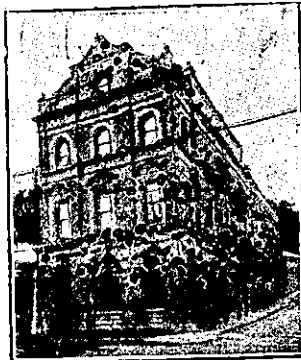
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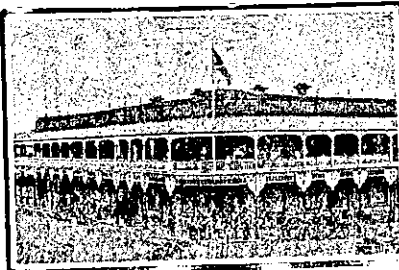
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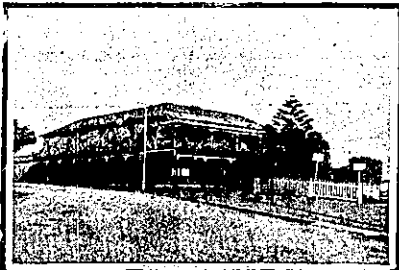
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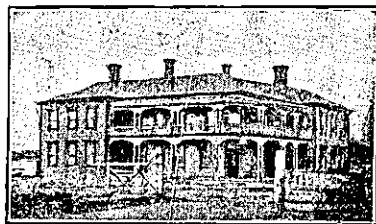
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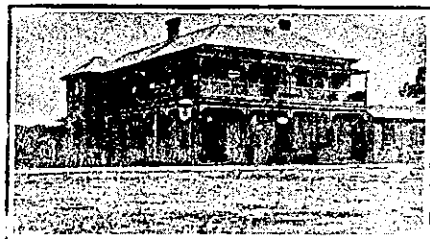


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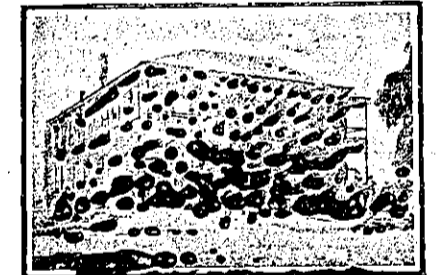


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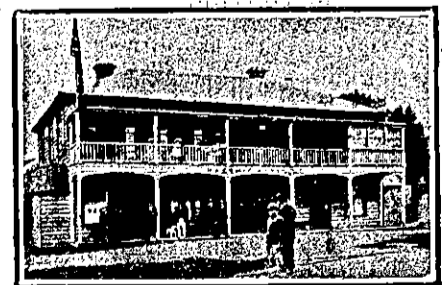


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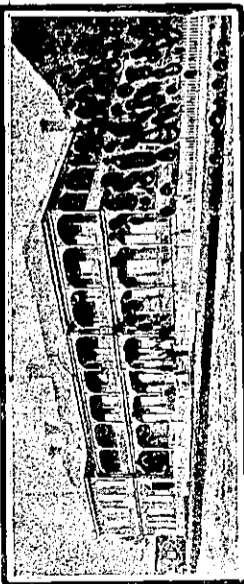
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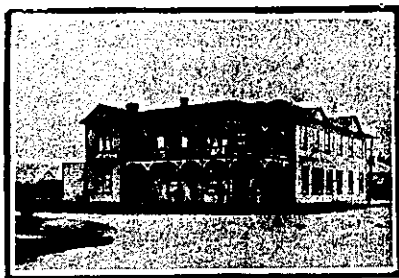


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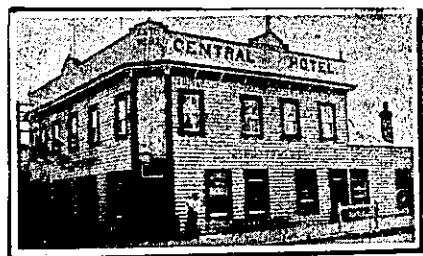
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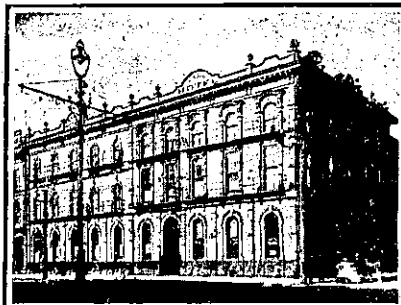
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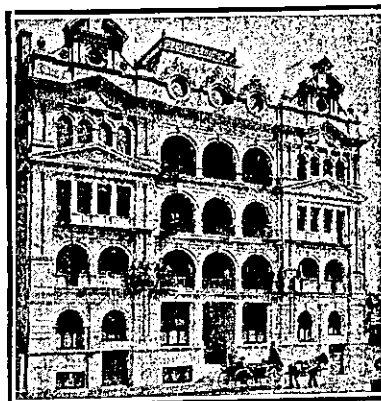
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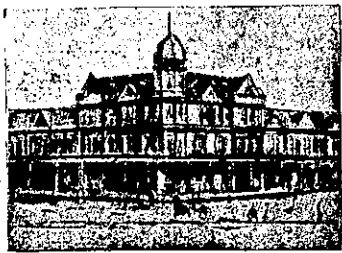
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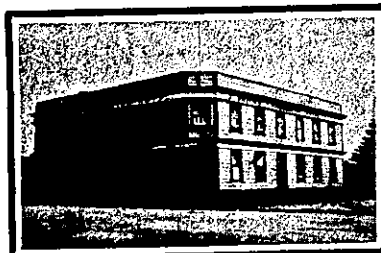
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