

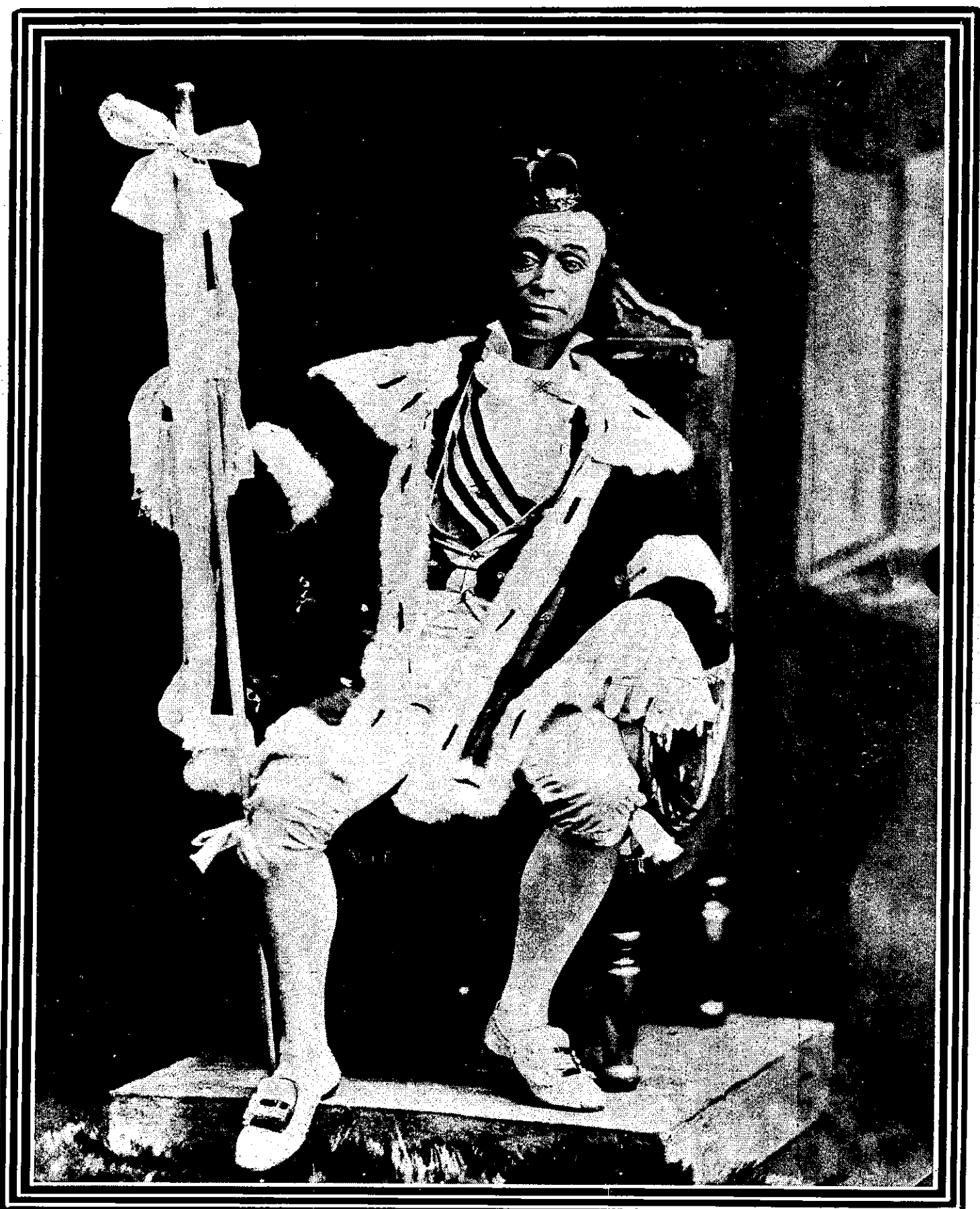
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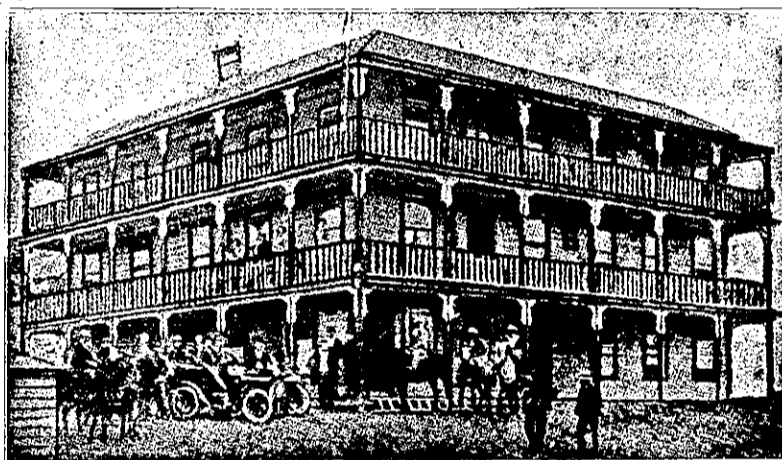
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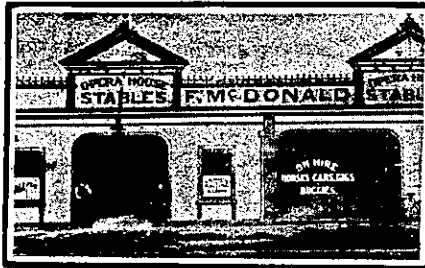
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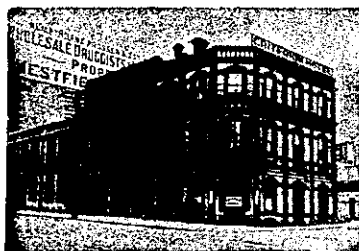
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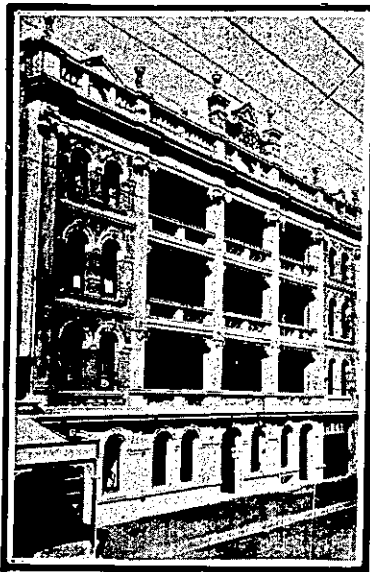
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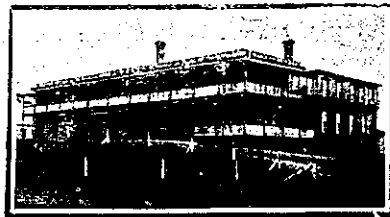
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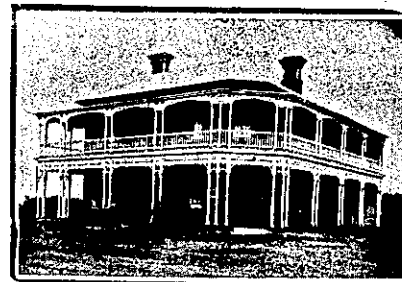


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FIXTURES.

July 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

HANDICAPS.

July 27—Fleet Meeting

ACCEPTANCES.

July 31—Fleet Meeting

THE FLEET MEETING.

It was at one time feared that, owing to so many of Auckland's best jumpers being away in the South, and other horses being out of training, the entries for the Fleet Week Race Meeting would be poor, the only race which was expected to fill well being the one for hunters. That the pessimists were wrong was abundantly proved when Mr. Hartland came to make up the nomination list, for no less than 177 horses were entered for the six events, or an average of nearly 30 in each race. This is more than the most sanguine of the promoters anticipated, and speaks well for the enthusiasm of Auckland owners. Mr. Wynyard will have by no means a sinecure in handicapping so many horses, and his adjustments, which are due to appear next Monday, will be awaited with interest. It looks as though we shall see large fields in each race, and it is greatly to be hoped that this will prove the case. Sir William Lockhart, Messrs. A. Davis, R. Duder, A. W. Gordon, W. D. Holgate, O. Nicholson, C. Ranson, T. Sinclair, and W. C. Somers will act as stewards. The executive intends using every effort to achieve a big success.

THE WELLINGTON R.C. WINTER MEETING.

(By Our Wellington Correspondent.)

The Wellington R.C. Winter Meeting opened on Saturday last in bleak weather, rain falling almost continuously during the whole afternoon. Despite the unfavourable weather there was a very good attendance of the sterner sex, but the number of ladies present was limited. The course, considering the heavy rains that have fallen during the past month, was in very good order, although it became somewhat cut up during the afternoon. Capital fields weighed out for the various events, although in some instances trainers withdrew their charges rather than race them in the teeth of such bleak wintry weather.

The Stewards' Handicap brought out ten horses, all of whom have capital form to recommend them. The public followed the owner of Irish Rifle, and he started a good favourite. The Hon J. D. Ormond's mare Martyrium, however, took command entering the straight, and won nicely from Golden Gate, a cast off from the Karamu stable. Immolation and Aboriginal made the best showing of the others.

The Winter Hurdle Handicap saw ten runners saddled up, Prospector and Le Beau being withdrawn at the last moment, whilst Lady Hune had not reached Trentham. Owing to the heavy going the Daystar gelding Compass was selected as having the best chance, and fully justified the confidence reposed in him. Compass and Scotty seemed the only horses that could act in the holding going, and after a couple of furlongs the pair were out by themselves, with the light-weight Snip as their nearest attendant. Compass being the most proficient hurdler, easily wore Scotty down in the last three furlongs, and won by four lengths. Sen-Sim and Shrapnel followed the placed horses in that order, but Exmoor and Ability appeared to lack condition for such a trying contest, and were early in difficulties.

The event next in importance, the Parliamentary Handicap, brought the fine field of fourteen to the post. Irish Rifle's previous effort having proved sufficient for one day, he was withdrawn, together with the N.Z. Cup winner Star Rose, whose owner did not like the heavy going. Sir Frisco a half-brother to that good horse Porirua, was early in front, and with Dawn and Seaman led the field throughout. The latter with a late ran passed Dawn, but could not reach the compactly-built Sir Frisco, who fairly revelled in the heavy going. Comedian and Paragon made the best effort of the light weights, and finished fourth and fifth.

The Hack events were well contested, and notwithstanding the weather around caused considerable enthusiasm amongst the spectators. The First Hack Hurdles was, perhaps, the best contested hurdle race yet decided at Trentham. At least, half of the dozen runners appeared to have a winning prospect at the turn for home. As the last hurdle was negotiated, Top Rose, Defeat, Ota-roa, Lingerer, Hatley, and Full Cry were almost in line, but Defeat finished the stronger and just beat Top Rose by a neck, a similar distance separating the next three horses. Ghoorka was well supported, but his condition failed him after traversing a mile, whilst Cyrus and Pierre were out-paced.

The good looking California made light of his opponents in the Mirimar Hack Handicap, and should soon run himself out of hack company.

Naumai, despite his 11.9, made a great effort in the Te Aro Hack Handicap, and was just defeated in the last few strides by Pronun, who carried the minimum impost 9.0.

Effort, a smart looking daughter of Advance, beat a good field, including the Karamu two-year-old Ennius, in the Trial Plate. Leda's three-year-old son Lanwern made his first appearance in colours, and made a fair showing considering he was conceded the winner 14lb.

WAIHI HACK RACING CLUB.

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Mr. A. Bateman; timekeeper, Mr. D. Twohill; stewards, Messrs. Bruce, Winder, Stewart, Loughlin, Buckland, and Twohill; special committee, Messrs. Bruce, Winder, Inglis, and Stewart. The annual report showed the club to be in a sound financial position, the sum of £500 having been paid off the mortgage on the Parawai property during the year, together with an expenditure of £412 for improvements.

TROTTERS v. PACERS.

In the course of his opening address at the Trotting Conference, President G. Payling said:—"Regarding the stamina of horses, it has been urged that at meetings extending into two or three days, longer distance racing should be catered for; by this means would be brought out the best points of the utility horse, and stamina would be encouraged. In mixing with the people, more particularly that portion of the community that follows the sport for sport's sake, one will find—should the conversation drift into trotting—that a strong feeling is expressed against pacers which appear to be no longer an attraction to a large proportion of the sporting public. Under the surface there appears to be a strong demand for a longer distance horse, the pure-gaited trotter, sound of wind and limb. Should this stamp of horse be gradually ousted off the track by its unsightly gaited rival, and should race meetings composed of pacers prove no longer inviting to the public, the result may militate against owners, and certainly affect the solidity of clubs. There appears to be a manifestation of general feeling on the part of trotting enthusiasts that more encouragement should be given to the trotter, and that some of our races should be extended to longer distances. If this feeling exists, and any reforms for the good of the sport are desired, I think it is our duty to see that such changes are advisedly brought about, at the same time to study alike the interests of owners and the wishes of the public—an important factor in the sport."

A TIMELY REMINDER.

It may not be amiss to remind owners of stallions that the season is now upon us, and that they would do well to advertise the services of their horses. This is a subject "The Sporting Review" has always made a special feature of, each stallion advertised being made the subject of a special article by an expert on the breeding of bloodstock. As the paper reaches all classes of sportsmen, it would be difficult to find a better medium for owners to bring their horses under notice. The want of wisdom in the old-fashioned idea that advertising is a waste of money has been long since conclusively proved. Any business man worthy of the name knows that without advertising his wares he must inevitably fail, no matter whether the article he wishes to sell be good or not. This applies in the most marked degree to the services of stallions, for owners of brood mares will inevitably pass them by if the sires are not brought under their notice. In our series of articles of the season, whenever possible a photograph of the stallion written of will also be published. Owners should not miss the opportunity offered them.

A.R.C. COMMITTEES.

At last week's meeting of the Metropolitan Committee, the Hon. E. Mitchelson in the chair, licenses were granted as follows:—Trainers: J. Twohill, A. Langdon, C. W. Coleman, K. Heaton, D. Bannatyne. Jockeys: A. Langdon, M. Deebie, V. Coleman, J. Gallagher, R. E. Brown, P. Brady, B. Rowe. Jockey apprentice: Albert Whitaker. Gentlemen riders: F. P. Selby, A. C. Selby, Aickin Commons, J. Patterson, D. B. Gorrie, Charles Wallace, and J. H. Johnston. The programme of the Avondale Jockey Club

for the season was passed.

At a meeting of the Auckland Racing Club Committee the following transfers were submitted and agreed to:—J. B. Reid to H. F. Nicol, Santita; C. de Pass to Patrick Smith, Snowfoot. The report and balance-sheet to be presented at the annual meeting of members was read and approved. Accounts amounting to £270 were passed for payment.

A MUCH NEEDED REFORM.

At the Trotting Conference on Tuesday the president brought up the question of appointment of stipendiary stewards to attend race meetings. The need for such officers appears to be regularly urged, he said, and at times it has been forcibly brought home to those who have a genuine interest in the sport that a step in this desired direction must be taken sooner or later. No matter how well-intentioned and hard-working the honorary stewards may be, they often lack a necessary knowledge of the rules; hence their decisions on points of trotting law are sometimes far from satisfactory when called upon to adjudicate. Should the appointment of stipendiary stewards ever be decided upon, the service of those appointed (I mean men of ability and capable of carrying out the duties of such positions) should be valued not so much by their advice and work in detecting breaches of the rules as by the assistance they would render to the honorary stewards, and by their influence and presence at race meetings in suppressing any attempts at corrupt practices.

TOO BAD TO BE TRUE.

I learn (writes "The Possible" in the "Canterbury Times") from a source which can, I think, be relied on as likely to be well-informed, that action is to be taken by the police in the event of bookmakers being found betting at non-totalisator race meetings. The clause in the Gaming and Lotteries Act of last year which affects the position reads as follows:—"Every racing club which is authorised to use the totalisator shall from time to time, on the application of any person who is, in the opinion of the committee, or other managing body of such club, a fit and proper person to be so licensed, grant a license to such persons to enter on any racecourse used or occupied by such club, and there to carry on business as a bookmaker." Hitherto this clause, while being mandatory so far as totalisator clubs are concerned, has been regarded as permissive in its application to non-totalisator clubs. It is held in other quarters, however, that the Act only contemplated the licensing of bookmakers by totalisator clubs, and that it was all along intended that it should be an offence to bet at non-totalisator meetings. That is not the meaning that one would naturally take out of the clause. At the same time, a reference to "Hansard" shows pretty clearly that this was the intention of the Government in framing the clause. When the Bill was being discussed in the Legislative Council, the Hon. J. Marshall said he would like to know from the Attorney-General whether, in the case of registered racing clubs which had no permit to run a totalisator, the bookmakers would be allowed on to those courses. In reply the Hon. Dr. Findlay said:—"They can only be legalised to bet on a course on which there is a totalisator." It will be interesting to note how the matter is viewed by the magistrates and judges in the event of action being taken by the police.

WINNINGS OF COLONIAL CELEBRITIES.

The following specially-prepared list embraces most of the best performers yet known in these parts, and should, for comparative purposes, be especially interesting:—Carbine, 33 wins, and £29,476 in stakes; Poseidon, 19 wins, and £19,496; Wakeful, 25 wins, and £16,690; Newhaven (in Australia and England), 19 wins, and £13,254; Abercorn, 21 wins, and £12,731; Malvolio, 3 wins, and

£11,214; Glenloth, 14 wins, and £10,714; Gladstone, 28 wins, and £10,712; Lord Cardigan, 8 wins, and £10,124; Tartan, 13 wins, and £9,697; Mountain King, 12 wins, and £9,545; Blue Spec, 12 wins, and £9,344; Ma lua, 12 wins, and £9,186 10s; Paul Pry, 30 wins, and £8,305; Grand Flaneur (unbeaten), 8 wins, and £7,859; Bobadil, 13 wins, and £7,697; Multi-form £7,380; La Carabine, 15 wins, and £7,372; Cruciform £7,268; Dividend, 12 wins, and £6,187; The Barb, 16 wins, and £6,918; and Malt Queen (unbeaten), 6 wins, and £2,480. Poseidon has a long way to go to equal Carbine's record, but the son of Positano looks good enough for an other couple of seasons, so it is still within the bounds of possibility for the £30,000 reached by an Australian horse.

NOTES.

(By The Judge.)

L. H. Hewitt rode a dead heat on Byeway with the favourite Young Pankhurst in the John O'Gaunt Plate at Manchester.

It is said that the horses owned by the late Mrs. Coombe will be put in the private sale list and in the meantime will be kept in training.

The big sale of the late Mr. G. G. Stead's racing and breeding stock will take place at Christchurch on August 12.

The Hawke's Bay Hunt Club's annual race meeting takes place on Wednesday next.

Tetrazzini (Soul—Miss Annie), Elysian (Soul—Dreamland), and the Eton—Lute colt are the Auckland youngsters who have been left in the Hastings Stakes.

The Hon. E. Mitchelson, president of the A.R.C., and Mr. M. McLean have gone to Wellington to attend the Racing Conference which commences today.

That smart galloper Grenadier was brought back from Sydney on Sunday last by the Moana.

Sol has been entered for the Welcome Hurdle Race and Sperry Steeplechase at the Fleet Meeting. Everyone would like to see the gallant little son of Soul make amends for his three seconds at the last meeting.

The New Zealander Idealist (Birkenhead—Ideal) won the July Handicap at the V.R.C. National meeting. He carried 8st 3lb and led from end to end.

The annual meeting of the members of the Wanganui Jockey Club will take place at Foster's Hotel next Tuesday.

Judging from the remarkable outburst of feeling on the part of the spectators when Mr. J. B. Joel's colt Your Majesty won the rich Eclipse Stakes on Saturday, the South African millionaire has not public sympathy with him in his charge against R. S. Sievier, for blackmailing. The cable states that while Mr. Joel's colours were hoisted, Mr. Sievier's were vociferously cheered.

Duart showed very considerable improvement on his first day's performance at Trentham by running second to Oxton in the Glasgow Handicap. The winner is a three-year-old bay colt by Birkenhead from Solitaire.

The Reynard gelding Full Cry won the Hack Hurdles at Trentham yesterday, being followed home by Ghoorka and Jolly Roger.

Loch Fyne, who has been accepted for in the Grand National Steeplechase at Christchurch, has been entered for the Fleet Meeting to be run during the same week. Scotty is another who cannot well be in two places at the same time and, as both horses are at Wellington, it is probable the southern engagements will be gone on with.

Mr. W. Ryan, the well known penciler, returned from Sydney on Saturday last and reports having been most hospitably entertained while on the other side of the Tasman Sea.

The New Zealanders Ataahua and Maui have been allotted 10st. 3lb., Waipu 10s. 11lb., and Cachuca 9st. 3lb. in the V.A.T.C. Australian Hurdle Race. In the Steeplechase, Maui has 11st. 5lb., Ataahua 11st. 3lb., Eclair 10st. 3lb., and Cachuca and Swimmer 10st. 3lb.

An offer of 600gs. has been refused for Balgonie, winner of the Richmond Thousand.

The annual meeting of the members of the Auckland Racing Club will take place on August 3.

The North Canterbury Jockey Club's Winter Meeting takes place to-day week.

The Gisborne Racing Club is reported to have made a profit of £919 over the Steeplechase Meeting. A fitting reward for a well-managed fixture.

The Wellington Racing Club's Winter Meeting will be brought to a conclusion at Trentham on Saturday.

Scotty made a bold bid for victory in the Winter Hurdles at Trentham on Saturday, but was not quite equal to stalling off Compass' finishing rush.

The late Mrs. Coombe bequeathed Master Delaval to the trainer Dennis Morraghan as a reward for loyal service.

At Ascot (England) a stand has been erected which will accommodate 10,000 people. It is 100 yards in length.

The New Zealand-bred Delaware is one of the fancied candidates for the Melbourne and Caulfield Cups, in which his respective weights are 6st 9lb and 6st 13lb.

The C.J.C. Grand National Meeting takes place on August 11, 13 and 15.

The Trotting Conference has elected the following officers:—President, Mr. George Payling; vice-president, Mr. John Rowe; executive committee, Messrs. W. J. Gore, F. T. Pannell, and A. Hathaway.

Fretwork from whom much was expected, has been scratched for all engagements at the C.J.C. Grand National meeting. A broken blood vessel was the cause.

From Sydney comes word that D. J. Price has privately disposed of one of his recent New Zealand importations in Seaford, a two-year-old colt by Seaton Delaval—Field Rose. The youngster is now the property of the Mor-dialoc trainer, Mr. J. O'Brien, in whose co-ours he will shortly make an appearance.

Mr. J. H. Pollock, handicapper to the Wellington Racing Club, writes me that he hopes to be present at the Fleet Meeting at Ellerslie.

The Stepniak mare Stepside is the first booked to the recently-imported stallion Sarto.

In New South Wales the Chief Secretary has given orders to country police to see that all rigid posts on racecourses are removed and light bamboo posts substituted. The strong posts used in the country to indicate the track have caused many deaths.

INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, July 22.

Canterbury-owned horses did not make much of a showing on the first day at the Wellington meeting. In the flat events Lady Disdain, Monkey Puzzle, Paragon, Silkweb and Carnation were unsuccessful, Silkweb being the only one to gain a place. Ability, who is not quite ready yet, was never prominent in the Winter Hurdles.

There was a good deal of money in Christchurch on Saturday for Spinning Flight in the Miramar Hack Handicap. This gelding is reported to have done one or two smart gallops before leaving South for Wellington, and, as a result, his connections were confident of winning, but they bumped up against a pretty good one in California.

There is an acceptance of forty-two horses for the Winter Cup, which promises to produce a record field. No less than thirteen of the field have the minimum weight.

Compass has incurred a 10lb penalty for the Grand National Hurdles, his weight now being 10st.

Defeat has incurred a 5lb penalty for the same race, bringing his weight up to 9st 5lb.

Sir Frisco has incurred a 10lb penalty for the Winter Cup, in which race he will now have to carry 10st 6lb.

All through last week very little work was done at Riccarton, heavy rain, hail and sleet falling almost daily. Horses having engagements at the Grand National Meeting are somewhat backward in condition, but trainers are hoping for some fine weather during the next fortnight. North Island horses, especially those who have been racing lately, should have a big pull over the local brigade at this year's Grand National Meeting.

Lupulite, top weight in the Winter Cup, is reported to be all right again, and a certain starter in this race.

Slow Tom was not taken up to Wellington for the Steeplechase owing to his trainer not being able to give him a strong winding-up gallop. Slow Tom will be specially prepared for the Grand National Steeplechase.

The two West Coast horses, Blessbok and Trent, are now located at Riccarton, where they are being prepared for National engagements by C. Stratford.

Owing to the heavy weather there has not been much jumping during the past week. Eurus, who is getting into good racing form, had Virtus for a companion in a gallop twice round over the hurdles last Saturday. A fairly sound pace was set up, and both horses jumped the hurdles well. Eurus was seen to advantage, having his companion well beaten at the finish of the gallop. Eurus is in the Grand National Steeplechase, but not the Hurdle Race.

Storm, a National Steeplechase candidate, was sent once round over the steeplechase fences on Monday. He negotiated the double safely, but swerved at the second fence, taking the hurdles instead, but other fences were well taken.

The three hunters, Deerslayer, Pacific and Stray Fox were companions in a gallop of two rounds over the steeplechase country on Saturday. They started off at a solid pace, and completed the two rounds without making a mistake, giving a first-class exhibition of jumping. This trio is engaged in the Enfield Steeplechase, Hunt Club Cup and other events at the National Meeting.

Kelp and Farley Grove were given some schooling over hurdles and cross-country fences on Monday, the sod wall being included among the jumps. Both horses shaped well, but Farley Grove hit one of his jumps rather heavily. Kelp is doing good work in his jumping essays.

The hunters Cannie Chiel and Selim were given some jumping over hurdles, but their display was only moderate.

The flat events at the National Meeting promise to produce big fields. Golden Cairn, Zetland, Sea King, Cross Battery, Don Orsino, Probable, and Rose Noble are all being pushed along when the tracks are in suitable condition. These seven horses all figure among the acceptors for the Winter Cup.

Harvester, who has not raced for many months, Nancy Stair, Restless, Cavatina, Field Gun, and Armamento have all continued their Winter Cup engagements, and are considered certain starters.



A HANDSOME TROPHY PRESENTED TO THE DUNEDIN COURSING CLUB FOR COMPETITION AT THE FORBURY ENCLOSURE.

Peregrin, who claims St. Simon as his grandsire, won the King's Prize of £5500, one mile and a furlong, run at Vienna, on May 22nd. Taral, the leading Hungarian jockey, who had the mount, rode 6lb overweight. At the same meeting Peregrin won two other important events.

A Home paper says: "That the present system of starting reduces short-distance racing to the level of a lottery is a statement which will scarcely be denied, at any rate by those who back horses. There is, of course, a way by which speculators can insure themselves against loss in races of this description, and that is by not betting on them. But when a card is chiefly composed of short-distance races what is one to do? As the professional backer remarked when told not to bet—'Why, that's what I'm here for!' It certainly is a lottery, but not half so much as was the case under the old flag system."

The New Zealander Waipu ricked his shoulder in the Grand National Hurdle Race, and has since been in the hands of a veterinary, but he is now improving.

The stallion Lord Rosslyn was sent across to Melbourne on Saturday. Notus (Lord Rosslyn—Mistral) went over by the same boat. The pair are to be offered for sale in the Victorian capital.

Chevalier Ginistrelli's decision not to run Signorinetta for the Grand Prix was the subject of a good deal of comment, most of it of a laudatory description, but some the reverse (says the "L.V. Gazette.") Why the Italian sportsman should be adversely criticised because, putting the question of further profit behind him, he humanely decided to keep his filly at home, we are altogether unable to see. A good sportsman does not like to see an animal for whom he cherishes an affection subjected to risks such as are involved by a cross-Channel journey, and which may result in the said animal being unable to reproduce its best form. We think—and we said at the time—that Major Loder was "asking for trouble" when he sent Pretty Poly to France to take part in the Prix du Conseil Municipal, and it is pretty safe to say that had that famous mare belonged to the Chevalier she would not have had her escutcheon tarnished by defeat.

A prominent American owner, in E. Corrigan, of Chicago, is retiring from the turf, and will shortly sell all his horses. Including mares and foals, they total 200.

C. Piper returned to New Zealand by the Warrimoo, bringing with him several trotters bred by Mr. J. Buckland at Pine Ridge. A number of New Zealand sportsmen returned by the same boat, amongst whom were Messrs. J. Whitworth, G. Price, A. Bradshaw, S. Lewis, and U. Shannon.

There are only four Canterbury horses, Ability, Stronghold, Southern Cross and Virtus, in the Grand National Hurdle Race.

OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, July 22.

Albury has qualified with the Birchwood hounds, so will be competent to participate in hunters' events at the coming Grand National Meeting.

Notus and Lord Roslyn were shipped on Saturday by the Warrimmo en route to Melbourne.

Sarto, full brother to Laroche, who won the Oaks and several other good races in the colours of the Duke of Portland, has arrived in the colony.

J. Jepps' clever pony Wilkie is to go to Christchurch in charge of E. McEwen.

Lupulite was allowed to drop out of the Wellington engagements although accommodation had been booked at Trentham. Lupulite, Stormount and Albury leave for Riccarton on Monday next, 27th inst. They are all well, and Lupulite has improved considerably since he ran at Wingatui last month.

Mr Peter Miller, our representative at the Racing Conference at Wellington, expects to reach there by Wednesday morning's boat.

Gourley makes no secret of the fact that he thinks he has a chance with Stormount in the Grand National Hurdles. Stormount is in real good fettle and jumps faultlessly.

A short time ago Mr M. Phelan purchased at auction a three-year-old colt by Clanranald from Merrygo Round for which he paid 27 guineas. He has effected a very great improvement in him and the colt promises to become good property. Already a century has been offered for him.

The Corporation of Dunedin have not yet decided what they purpose doing with the old Forbury racecourse. Buy it or not is the question. The matter has been referred back to the sub-committee on the casting vote of the Mayor for further consideration.

HAWKE'S BAY.

NAPIER, July 22.

Baltic was out qualifying with the Hawke's Bay hounds on Saturday. It is his owner's intention to have a go with Crackshot's son in the winter events which figure on the programme of the Marton Jockey Club's spring venture.

Mr J. C. McVay left by the mail train this morning to attend to his club's interests as county delegate in connection with the Racing Conference.

Rawhiti, the half brother by Douglas to Post Haste, is now domiciled in the Pohui district. The gelding has been taken up there so that he can qualify for the district events in connection with the annual meeting of the Pohui Racing Club.

Last week D. O'Meara sent down a two-year-old filly by San Fran out of Black Ella for the purpose of having her put through her facings. The youngster, who puts one very much in mind of Tangimoana at the same age, is O'Meara's own property, and there is no doubt that his many

friends through the island will wish him all sorts of good luck with the filly.

Mr. F. Martin has leased San Fernando to Mr. W. Smart, of Wellington, a patron of F. Higgott's stable. It was indeed hard luck for McLaughlin to lose the chestnut just as he had got him showing decent form and when there was a probability that he could recoup him for the attention and care that he has been bestowing upon him for months past. Still, in the game another's bad luck is someone else's good fortune.

Aroha is not being asked to exert himself to any great extent since his return from Gisborne. It is intended he will next carry silk at the spring fixture of the Marton Jockey Club.

The annual general meeting of the Petane Racing Club was held on Saturday, Mr. A. McCormick, jun., presiding. The balance-sheet showed the club is in a good financial position. A general meeting of the members of the club will be held at Petane on August 8 for the purpose of electing officers of the club.

When Mr. Davies, the Wellington trainer, christened Landwern (Stepniak—Leda), he thought he was calling him after the name of the place he was born at in Wales. When it was pointed out to Davies that his spelling was wrong, as usual with him when arguments get going he hit out and said, "Well, if it is wrong it is good enough, and the spelling of the colt's name will not stop him from winning," and also added, "If Leda has another colt I will call him the correct name, and spell it right, too." Later on she produced a colt to Pilgrim's Progress, which was christened Llanwern, the youngster running second to the Advance filly Effort in the Trial Plate at Trentham last Saturday.

The successful combination in the Parliamentary Handicap and Winter Hurdles (Sir Frisco and Compass) were backed to win a century by a well-known Hastings sport.

Pronun's victory in the Te Aro Hack Handicap at Trentham on Saturday rewarded Allan White for the time and patience he has expended on the son of Procrastinator and Wandering Nun. As can be observed, Pronun takes his name from the first portion of his sire's appellation and the latter part of his dam's name. Writing about Pronun brings to my mind the fact that I supplied the name for his sire. The late Mr. H. Rathbone wrote to me when he was casting about for a cognomen for the son of Seaton Delaval and Taihoa, and asked what name I would choose for him, also informing me that as he intended to keep him entire he would like, if possible, a good-sounding and applicable appellation. When I suggested Procrastinator the deceased Waipawa owner considered it filled the bill to a nicety, and adopted the name.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, July 22.

The annual point to point steeplechases under the auspices of the Rangitikei Hunt Club were held on Saturday afternoon on the properties of Messrs Price and Mine, six or seven

miles from Marton. The gathering was a most successful one, some excellent sport being provided. There were many falls, but no serious injuries were sustained, the most severe being a fractured collarbone. Miss Smith's Griselda won the Welter Weights (13.7) event, Mr J. McLean's Myrtle being second, and Westward third. Two others ran. Won easily. The Light Weights (11.7) was won by Maid Marion, Whipcord being second, and Blue Streak third. There were five other starters. Six started in the Members' Steeplechase, four out of the number coming to grief at one fence. They fell all of a heap, but fortunately no one was seriously hurt, and all got going again. H. J. Cameron's Kauroa finished first, with Pakapoo second, but the race was awarded to Sylvia, the only one to properly complete the course. The Farmers' Plate fell to Slogger, with Howitzer second, and Knick Knack third.

At the annual meeting of the Feilding Racing Club last (Friday) night the chairman (Mr W. A. L. Bailey) congratulated the club on the very successful year experienced. He said they had got into the habit of breaking their own records, and hardly knew when it would stop. Further improvements to the course and buildings were suggested, and it was also the aim of the club to make the course the recreation ground for Feilding. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. F. Y. Lethbridge (re-elected); vice-president, Mr W. L. Bailey (re-elected); committee, Messrs W. L. Bailey, C. H. Burnett, C. N. Cotterill, B. Gosling, W. G. Haybittle, G. Saywell, W. A. Sandilands, H. F. Worsfold and E. R. Smith; stewards, Messrs Levett, Saywell and Cotterill; clerk of course, Mr. J. McDonald; timekeeper, Mr. McCorkindale; treasurer, Mr. Matheson; clerk of scales, Mr L. Gordon; judge, Mr Hartgill (re-elected); deputy judge, Mr N. Gordon (re-elected). The appointment of starter was left to the committee. The following were elected life members:—Messrs W. L. Bailey, B. Gosling, W. Sandilands and W. A. L. Bailey. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the committee, stewards and other officers of the club. The report and balance sheet presented recorded that the club had experienced still another very successful year. Notwithstanding that the bookmakers (25) were present at the Easter meeting the totalisator returns for the year show an increase of about £800, which was considered very satisfactory.

The programme for the Spring meeting of the Rangitikei Racing Club to take place on the 16th and 17th September, has been issued. The stake money in several events shows an increase on that of last year. Nominations close on the 21st August.

S. Brereton, the Waverley trainer, has Showman in capital fettle, and

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

all going well The Workman gelding should run well at the Grand National meeting next month.

The Lakeshell gelding Moospen, who made a very creditable showing in the Final Steeples at the recent Wanganui meeting, will be a competitor in some of the jumping events at the big meeting in Riccarton. He has been going along well in his work lately.

Xavier (by Tasman) is again in work after a three months' spell, which appears to have done the gelding good.

The annual meeting of the Warrentage Jockey Club was held the other evening, when there was a large attendance of members, the President (Mr W. Tucker) being in the chair. The balance-sheet showed that the club had a credit balance of just on £50, a fact upon which the President heartily congratulated members. He pointed out that the club was now in the happy position of having their stand and appointments paid for. Had the weather been fine for their last race meeting the club would have made a handsome profit. In moving the adoption of the report Mr Tucker mentioned that he intended to retire from the position of president, but the members would not hear of this, and he ultimately allowed himself to be re-elected, a decision which was received with the heartiest approval, as members recognised that the club's present sound position is due largely to the excellent work done by its popular president. It was resolved that the stakes for the next meeting be increased by £40, £10 to be added to the Cup, and £5 to each of the other events. It was also decided that the secretary apply for a totalisator permit.

The local course is at present being top-dressed.

The annual race meeting of the Egmont-Wanganui Hunt Club will take place on the 27th August.

The Marton Jockey Club's annual meeting takes place on the 2nd and 3rd September. Nominations close on the 14th August. Quite a number of local horses are to be entered for the various events on the capital programme.

TURF RESULTS.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

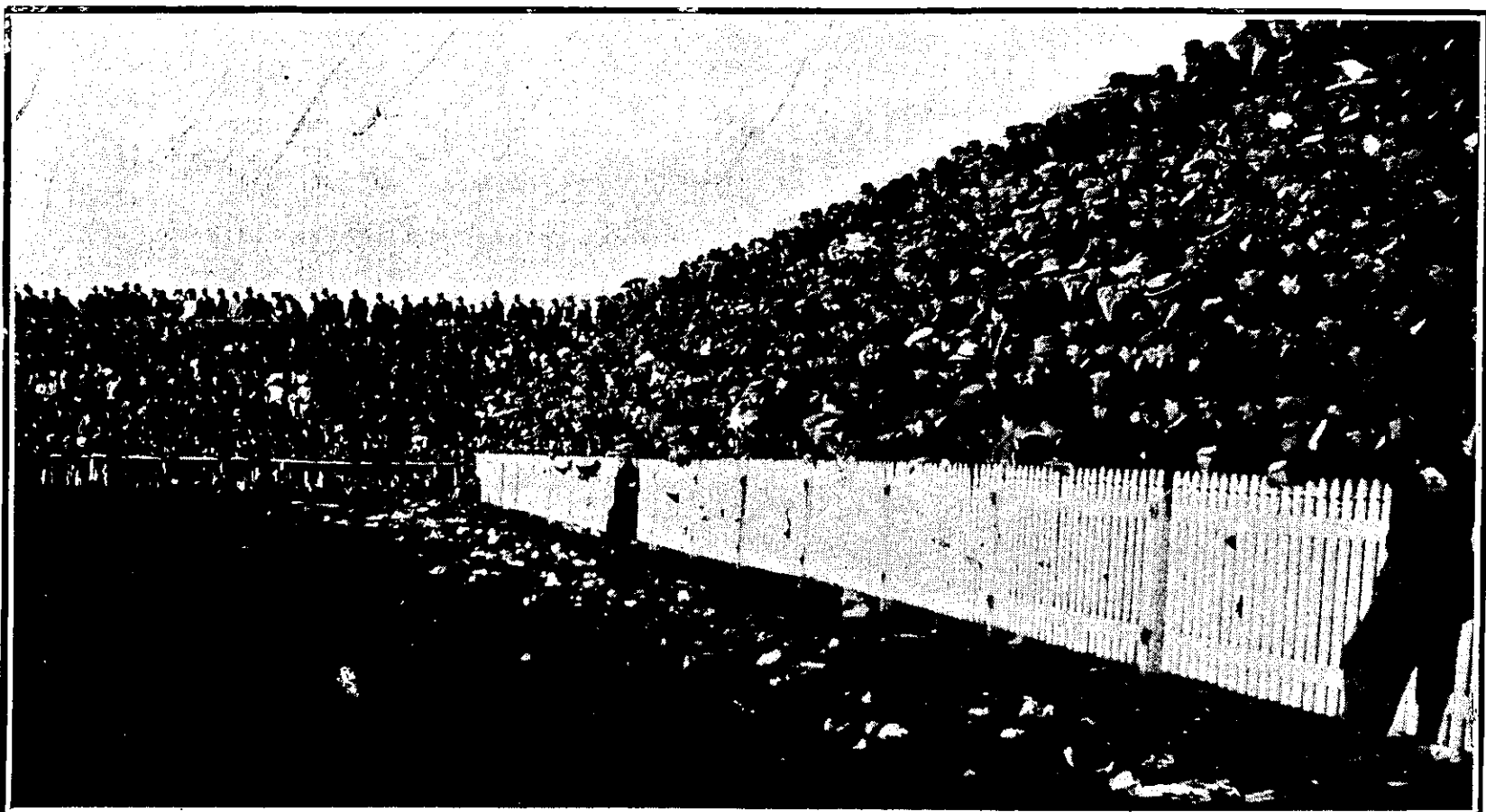
FIRST DAY.

The weather was wet for the opening day of the Wellington Racing Club's Winter Meeting, and the attendance small. Speculation was dull, £7758 going through the totalisator, as against £15,308 for the first day of the corresponding meeting last year. The results of the racing follow:—

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 130sovs. Seven furlongs.

Hon. J. D. Ormond's br m Martyrium, 4yrs, by Birkenhead—Martyrdom, 10.9 (F. D. Jones)	1
Mr C. Kingston's ch c Golden Gate, 4yrs, 9.9 (W. Holmes)	2
Mr W. A. Donald's blk g Aborigine, 5yrs, 10.3 (D. Price)	3

Also started: Irish Rifle 10.10, Lady



A CORNER OF THE GROUND DURING THE ANGLO-WELSH TEAM v AUCKLAND MATCH

Disdain 10.0, Immolation 9.10, Landwern 9.9, Kurawaka 9.8, Wharekura 9.7, Duart 9.0. Won by three lengths. Time 1.38 3-5sec.

MIRAMAR HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs. Seven furlongs.

Mr C. L. Lagor's ch c California, 3yrs, by San Fran-Bazze, 10.4 (H. Whittaker) 1
Mr Highden's b f Vasa, 3yrs, 10.0 (H. Cairns) 2
Mr J. Chisholm's br m Skye, 5yrs, 9.4 (C. Cress) 3

FIRST HACK HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr J. Maher's b g Defeat, aged, by The Officer-Queen of Trumps, 10.4 (J. Lyford) 1
Mr C. O'Donoghue's b g Top Rose, aged, 10.8 (J. Hall) 2
Mr H. Fryer's ch g Lingerer, aged, 9.0 (Kopestille) 3

PARLIAMENTARY HANDICAP of 300sovs. One mile.

Mrs M. Moore's Sir Frisco, 3yrs, by San Francisco-Waitemata 10.2 (W. Ryan) 1
Mr F. C. Faber's b g Seaman, 5yrs, 10.1 (G. Price) 2
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Dawn, 3yrs, 10.7 (F. D. Jones) 3

WINTER HURDLE RACE of 400sovs. Two miles.

Mr J. Casserley's b g Compass, 5yrs, by Daystar-Mainboom, 9.5 (Tait) 1
Mr D. Stewart's b g Scotty, aged, 9.12 (A. Julian) 2
Mr R. W. Paterson's br g Snip, aged, 9.0 (T. Pritchard) 3

TRIAL PLATE of 100sovs. Special weights, with allowances. Six furlongs.

Mr A. Smith's ch f Effort, 2yrs, by Advance-Endavour, 9.0 (W. Ryan) 1
Mr W. Davies' b c Lianwern, 3yrs, 10.0 (G. Price) 2
Mr W. C. Vincent's blk f Passive, 2yrs, 9.0 (H. Donovan) 3

TE ARO HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Five furlongs.

Mr H. D. Limbrick's b g Pronun, 3yrs, by Procrastinator-Wandering Nun, 9.0 (E. Lowe) 1
Mr O. Wire Pevewe's br g Naumai, 4yrs, 11.9 (T. Pritchard) 2
Mrs C. Cotton's blk g Silk Web, 5yrs, 10.2 (T. Carroll) 3

THE TURF IN ENGLAND.

THE ECLIPSE STAKES, of 10,000 sovs; the owner of the second horse to receive 800sovs; the owner of the third 115sovs; the nominator of the winner 500sovs; and the nominator of the second 100sovs. For three and four-year-olds. Special weights, with the penalties and allowances. About one mile and a-quarter.

Mr. J. B. Joel's b c Your Majesty, 3yrs, by Persimmon-Yours 1
Mr L. de Rothschild's b c Santo Stratto, 3yrs, by St. Frusquin-Ple Powder 2
Mr L. Neumann's br f Siberia, 3yrs, by St. Simon-S'renia 3

TURF IN AUSTRALIA.

THE RICHMOND THOUSAND, for ponies 14.2 hands and under, of 1,000 sovs; second, 150 sovs; third, 100 sovs; fourth, 50 sovs out of the stake. Five furlongs.

W. Munro's b f Balgonie, by Phoebus Apollo-Balbirnie, 3yrs, 8.3 (A. E. Williams) 1
E. J. Prevot's b f Little Dod, aged, 7.13 (A. Thompson) 2
J. Miller's ch m Miss Mayfield, 4yrs, 8.13, carried 9.0 (C. Naulty) 3
T. H. Russell's g g Taree, 5 yrs, 7.10 (H. Russell) 4

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Lorraine 7.5 (G. Russell), Duet 9.4 (P. Andrews), Helena, 9.0 (W. Smart), Hopscotch 8.6 (G. Miller), Black Bess 8.5 (F. Thornycroft), Pingara 8.5, carried 8.9 (J. Prendergast), Rex 8.2 (W. Meredith), Settling Day 7.12 (B. Sebire), Lady Clara 7.10 (W. M'Guinness), Clarette 7.10 (W. Barnett), Lady Hubert 7.10 (F. Williams), Brown Betty 7.10 (A. Mitchell), Footsteps 7.8 (G. Grant), Speckle 7.8 (C. McLean), Lady Sylvester 7.7 (J. Toohey), Glad Tidings 7.7, carried 7.9 (T. Wilson), Ballanite 7.5 (A. Owens), Little Fred 7.2 (W. Andrews), Mora 7.0 (C. Andrews), Prevalent 6.10 (J. Hughes), and Seedtime 6.7 (V. Horton). The start was really a splendid one, the ponies moving off in line, but the field was soon spread out, and those that failed to get a place early—the favourite, Helena, was amongst the number—were shut out, and their chances lost. Won by a length and three-quarters. A length and a-quarter further away came Miss Mayfield third, whilst Taree was half a length further back fourth. Brown Betty was fifth. Fuse, Clarette, Duet, and Mighty Atom next in a bunch, whilst the last two were Glad Tidings and Ballanite. Time 1.4sec.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

THE FLEET MEETING.

WELCOME HURDLE RACE.—San Paulo, Darkness Sol, Loch Fyne, Waihekeau, Weldon, Tauriki, Otagoro, War Cloud, Master Crispin, Franklin, Reservoir, Pukenui, Poplar, Tui, Baltimore, Mozart, Anna Lombard, Octoroon, Morpeth, Dogger Bank, Mark Time, English, Carlyle.

ADMIRAL'S HANDICAP.—Pluck, Lucio, Golden Dream, Timothy, Tradition, Inglis, Crown Rose, Waihoihoi, Kotiti, Hkual, Chrysopraxe, Bidy Curran Imprimus, John, Aristocrat, Fideles, Mentira, Silence, Kauparangi, Michaeloff, Waimangu, Mistime, Dainty, Freemount, Carmania, Mark Time, Dogger Bank, Raiata, Cyrestus, Azog, Escamillo, Nora Soult, Eton Boy (late Sprite), Cadence, Cyreniac, Glenora, Puhipuhi, Philosopher, Totika.

ROOSEVELT HANDICAP.—Phooka, Glenullin, Soultmaid, Efiru, Gun, Tui Cakobau, Egremal, Uenuku, Tauriki, Te Aroha, Foremost, Uranium, Duart, Franklin, Douche, Dardanus, Aristocrat, Haldane, Cymri, Irish Rifle, Leonator, Rauparaha, Hinetitama, Delania, Celtic, Scotty.

SPERRY STEEPLECHASE.—Crensat, Dolores, Bullworth, Sol, Loch Fyne, Hautapu, Kapakapa, Mahoe, Baltimore, Cinque, Khama, Pipi, Morpeth, Ray.

CONNECTICUT STEEPLECHASE.—Comus, Tirimona, Salvation, The Abbott, Tip, Rua, Janella, Bachelor, Puarakau, Nestorina, Potiki, Joe May, War Cloud, Regent, Master Crispin, Goldsmith, Crispin, Symphony, Crispess, Putaruru, Bobstay, Rouseabout, Norma, Laddie, Mozart, Carkeen, Anna Lombard, Mongolia, Webfoot, Markham, Analogy, Bowler, Tzara, Hipstone, Warden.

FLEET HANDICAP.—Pluck, Celerity, Devonport, Chrysopraxe, Bidy Curran, Tauriki, Guidwife, Te Aroha, Foremost, Miss Winnie, Duart, Haldane, Irish Rifle, Mistime, Manapouri, Marangai, Cadence, Tamainupo, Hinetitama. The weights are due to appear on the 27th inst.

ACCEPTANCES.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE of 1000sovs. Three miles and a-half.—Klatere 12.8, Loch Fyne 11.8, Slow Tom 10.10, Exmoor 10.10, Tison 10.5, Fretwork 10.2, Eurus 10.2, Ghoorka 10.1, Le Beau 10.1, Nadador 10.0, Faro 10.0, Papatu 10.0, Pierre 9.7, Gold Seal 9.7, Starlight 9.7, Bullworth 9.7, Nogi 9.7, St. Amelia 9.7, Albury 9.7, Storm 9.7.

GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE of 1000 sovs. Two miles.—Paritutu 11.9, Exmoor 11.2, Black Reynard 10.8, Letherin 10.5, Gold Dust 10.3, Sen-Sim 10.2, Ghoorka 10.1, Ability 10.1, Scotty 9.13, Pretty Maid 9.12, Aorangi 9.9, Prospector 9.8, Full Cry 9.6, Top Rose 9.5, Stronghold 9.3, Stormont 9.0, Immolation 9.0, Compass 9.0, Snip 9.0, Defeat 9.0, Whatakura 9.0, Showman 9.0, Southern Cross 9.0, St. Amelia 9.0, Cyrus 9.0, Virtus 9.0.

WINTER CUP of 500sovs. One mile.—Lupulite 10.12, Irish Rifle 10.8, All Red 10.3, Cross Battery 10.8, Mootoa 10.8, Truce 10.4, Wallethe 10.3, Sea King 10.2, Seaman 10.2, Kairoma 10.0, Armamento 9.13, Aboriginal 9.10, Maid of Astolat 9.10, North Head 9.10, Penates 9.10, Sir Frisco 9.10, Probable 9.10, Golden Cairn 9.9, Harvest 9.6, Field

Gun 9.6, Merrie Zealand 9.5, Haldane 9.3, Contender 9.3, Simplex 9.3, Swimming Belt 9.3, White Cockade 9.3, Landwern 9.3, Maharani 9.3, Ahei 9.2, Rangipapa 9.1, Mussel 9.0, Kurawaka 9.0, Rose Noble 9.0, Chicane 9.0, Zetland 9.0, Silken Rein 9.0, Golden Gate 9.0, Lone Star 9.0, Don Orsino 9.0, Nancy Stair 9.0, Wharekura 9.0, Restless 9.0, Cavatina 9.0.

FOUL RIDING.

On the above subject, the Melbourne S. and D. News has the following pertinent remarks:—A sharp look out should be kept by the racing authorities for foul riding in races, an evil that, according to all accounts, is far too common on our courses.

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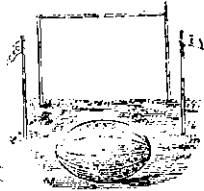
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AT ALEXANDRA PARK. SATURDAY NEXT, 25TH JULY, 1908. KICK-OFF, 2.45 P.M.

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NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

FOOTBALL MATCH BRITAIN v. NEW ZEALAND. AT AUCKLAND, JULY 25, 1908.

Holiday Excursion Tickets will be issued from any station to Auckland on Friday, 24th July, and by trains arriving at Auckland before 2.0 p.m. on Saturday, 25th July, available for return up to and including Monday, 27th July.

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1908.

The usual 6.50 a.m. train Mercer to Auckland will start from Drury at 8.7 a.m.

A special train will leave Mercer at 7.0 a.m., arriving at Auckland at 9.45 a.m. After leaving Runciman this train will stop to set down passengers only.

A special train will leave Cambridge for Auckland at 6.0 a.m., Hamilton 7.0, arriving Auckland at 11.42 a.m.

A special train will leave Auckland for Mercer at 5.0 p.m.

The usual 4.15 p.m. Auckland to Frankton train will NOT run.

A special train for Frankton, Hamilton, Cambridge, and intermediate stations will leave Auckland at 6.0 p.m.

The usual 4.40 p.m. Kaukapapa train will not leave Auckland till 5.10 p.m.

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a great pity that the horsemen themselves cannot be brought to see that it is only adding fuel to the fire to thus take the law in their own hands, or, in other words, to pay back their own scores in their own way. This is only increasing an evil that very badly needs suppressing. If it is allowed to go on practically unchallenged, the practice of foul riding must, as time goes on, assume very dangerous proportions—if, indeed, it has not already reached that stage.

We have ourselves recently witnessed a few very glaring and deliberate cases in which one rider was noticed to wilfully strike into an opponent, to the danger, it may be said, of the whole field. It would be a good thing for the sport if a few of these scoundrels, who will stop at nothing in the way of intentional interference in a race, could be caught and made examples of. If they do not often cause bad accidents, it is certainly not their fault, and the game would be well rid of them. Cannot something be done by the racing authorities to at least check this dangerous evil?

THE ARAB HORSE AS HE REALLY IS.

The Arab horse is the maker of desert poetry, as he is the companion of the tents and comrade in war of the Arab himself.

Without the Arab horse, Arabia would never have been; with him it doesn't amount to much, notwithstanding the fact that the Arab horse is—for what he is—a jewel, and particularly is this the case when he is made to be the central figure of a love song and a desert sunset.

I am a great admirer of the Arab for what he is, for I spent ten years of my life living with him and mostly on his back, and during those ten years I learned much about him.

I learned to admire his boldness, his grand temper, his sagacity, his wonderful—for his size and speed—endurance and bottom, his extraordinary constitutional and physical soundness, the exquisite beauty of his form, the quality and textural fineness of his hair, skin, nervous, bony and muscular structure, his wonderful eyesight and magnificent courage. I admired and loved him for all this.

But I found that he could not gallop faster than an ordinary man could kick his hat. I found that he was not fast enough to take to England to play polo; indeed, that he was not even fast enough to compete with the ordinary country breeds of India in that great game. I found that in long marches, and particularly forced ones, he had to keep at top speed, so to speak, to maintain his place in the ranks where the walers (Australians) and English horses were taking things easily. I found that when it came to downright want, work and hardship, the flame in his large, soft, brown, but lustrous eyes, went out, and that he drooped and died by the way.

I found, in short, that where he was pitted against thoroughbreds or half-breeds, he was a useless incumbrance, and that his real value and usefulness belonged to the country where he came from and the civilisation that existed there.

As a hack, he is the very worst. He has the one pace, and that is the gallop; he knows no other, can go no other. He cannot walk a dozen yards on a level road without sticking his toe in the ground, and his trot is the worst imaginable.

Over rough ground or in the jungle amongst dry mullahs, holes and hidden dangers, he is the safest transport in the world, and I love him for this.

As a cross for breeding purposes history records what he has done. He has stamped himself as the generous giver of all that is good, useful and valuable in the fashionable horse world of to-day, but the potency of his blood only manifested itself many generations after the original cross.

First Arab crosses amount to absolutely nothing, and it takes years and years of the most careful selection and breeding to develop the splendid characteristics of which he was the early possessor.

In the early crosses he only succeeds in losing his splendid individuality and giving nothing in return.

Bred to the biggest, soundest, most perfect specimens of the best families and greatest stayers of the English thoroughbred mares, he would, perhaps, produce in one hundred and fifty years from now a constitutionally and physically sounder thoroughbred than exists to-day, but this is all he possibly could do, and this only because of

the superior class and quality of the thoroughbred mare of to-day and those of the days of Roxana and Selim.

Some years ago I advocated a cross between the pure Arab pony mare and the small sons of small families of the English thoroughbred, for the purpose of producing a fast, active polo pony with bottom and endurance, and keeping within the height limit (a most difficult necessity in polo pony breeding) by a further Arab cross through the sire, and finally by careful selection, developing a thoroughbred type of polo pony that I thought would be possible as time went on. English sportsmen, however, working upon a plan of their own, are now producing the most extraordinary thoroughbred ponies the world has ever seen, and which any Arab cross of any kind would only serve to deteriorate.

We have tried the Arab in every possible, every conceivable way. We have given him every chance with every kind of mare, and all we have succeeded in doing is to lose entirely his superb and valuable characteristics and breed a lot of useless wastrels.

The pure Arab blood, the excellent quality of his texture, his wonderful bone and nerve, his magnificent courage and temper, and his extraordinary constitutional and physical soundness, were the priceless assets he instilled into the race horse of to-day. We thank him for them from the bottom of our hearts, we take our hats off to him, and respect him as we always will do.

In the fullness of his heart, the Arab horse has given us the very best he has, and we will keep it for ever in unfading remembrance and grateful appreciation.

One word for the Arab dealer. Oil and honey, Oriental politeness, courtly Eastern dignity, and to whose voice the music of the nightingale liting o'er the restful glade and mingling with the bubbling streamlet of the dell amidst the silver moon gleams of the softest night in May, is loud and tempestuous; eyes into whose depths you might gaze for ever as they open wide and languidly to receive your fruitless search; the soft touch of the hand, as with gentle pressure he unlocks your very soul and learns all that you fain would hide, he invites you to his tent, offers you his coffee and a seat on his carpet, observes that Allah is Good, and to make a long story short, "sells you an 'oss."

I shall never forget that delightfully fascinating Arab who sold me a wonderfully good looking "Guifer," and called him a child from the heart of the Nejd.

I have yet to see the man who has visited Arabia in search of an 'oss who has not been "stuck," and stuck good to the tune of

"Are there any more at home like you?"

—A. H. Waddell, in the "Rider and Driver."

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Particulars are as follows—

HORSES IN TRAINING.

- B.f. Golden Slipper 3yrs, by Multiform, dam Aura (dam of Aurum, Auraria, etc.)
- B.f. Perle d'Or, 2yrs (full-sister to Golden Slipper)
- B.f. Armlet, 3yrs, by Menschikoff, dam Armilla (sister to Collarette and Cravat)
- Ch.f. Vesper Bell, 2yrs, by Multiform, dam Curfew Bell (dam of Sweet Angelus)
- B.c. Cheshire (imported from England), 2yrs, by Tarporley, by St. Simon, dam Maybud, by Foxhall, dam Corisande, grand-daughter of Lady Hawthorne, full-sister to Thormanby
- B.f. Ormulu, 2yrs (imported from England, by Orme, dam Hay Presto, by Sainfoin, dam Miss Preston, who goes back to Woodbine, by Stockwell)
- B.c. Cronstadt, 2yrs (brother to Munjeet, etc.), by Stepiak, dam Madder
- B.c. Count Witte, 4yrs, by Menschikoff, dam Problem (dam of Solution, etc.)

- B.c. Nautiform, 2yrs, by Multiform, dam Rattler (sister to Seahorse)
- B.c. Cymbiform, 2yrs, by Multiform, dam Saucer (dam of Porcelain)
- B.g. Nobel, 3yrs (half-brother to Solution), by Seaton Delaval, dam Problem
- Br.f. Sunflow, 3yrs, by Multiform, dam Otterden (dam of Martian, Boniform, Sungod, etc.)
- Ch.g. Los Angeles, 4yrs, by San Francisco, dam La Valiere (sister to Nonette)
- Br.f. Sweet Angelus, 3yrs, by Multiform, dam Curfew Bell
- B.f. Soprano, 3yrs, by Menschikoff, dam Cissy (sister to Trenton, and dam of Daystar, Altair, etc.)
- B.f. Idyll, 3yrs (sister to Isolt), by Multiform, dam Bellicent
- B.f. Ringdove, 3yrs (imported from England) by Collar (by St. Simon, dam Ornament, dam of Sceptre), dam Miss Chaffinch
- B.c. Gu'anforte, 2yrs, by Multiform, dam La Valiere (sister to Nonette)
- B.f. Bliss, 2yrs, by Stepiak, dam Far Away (dam of Alisa)
- B.f. Ristori, 2yrs, by Royal Artillery, dam Helen Faucit
- Br.f. Hope Diamond, 2yrs, by Royal Artillery, dam Bluefire, sister to Mannlicher
- Ch.f. Rosel'ke, 2yrs, by Multiform, dam Soul Rose
- B.g. Coroniform, 3yrs, by Multiform, dam Helen Faucit
- B.g. Pilgrim's Rest, 2yrs, by Pilgrim's Progress, dam Zigana
- Ch. g. Royal Guard, 2yrs, by Royal Artillery, dam Culroy

YEARLINGS.

- B.c. Formeden (full-brother to Boniform, Sungod, etc.), by Multiform, dam Otterden
- B.c. Montiform, by Multiform, dam Happy Valley
- B.c. Acrostic (half-brother to Solution), by Multiform, dam Problem
- Ch.c. Elite, by Multiform, dam Class
- B.f. Formless, by Multiform, dam Dreamer
- B.c. Lord Kelvin, by Multiform, dam Sans Peur (half-sister to Cruciform)
- B.c. Vice-Admiral by Multiform, dam Rattler (sister to Seahorse)
- B.c. Sunburn, by Multiform, dam Drought
- B.c. Royal Arms, by Royal Artillery, dam Barley Bree
- Br.c. Crown Derby, by Royal Artillery, dam Saucer (imp.), dam of Porcelain
- Ch.f. White Crane, by Royal Artillery, dam Stresa (imp.)
- B.f. Lily White, by Martian, dam Cruciform
- Ch.c. Nanda Devi, by Golden Knight, dam Britoness
- Br.f. Actress, by Kilcheran, dam Edna May
- Br.f., by Stepiak, dam Royal Plumes

BROOD MARES.

- Br.m. Otterden, 11yrs (imported from England) (dam of Martian, Boniform, Sungod, etc.), by Sheen, dam Spring Morn, Stinted to Multiform
- B.m. La Notts, 10yrs (dam of Nocturnal and Nightfall), by Eldersport, dam La Tosca (half-sister to Wakeful), Stinted to Multiform
- B.m. Problem, 12yrs (dam of Solution and Count Witte), by St. Hippo, dam Ellerslie, Stinted to Multiform
- Ch.m. Cruciform, 10yrs, by St. Leger, dam Forme, Stinted to Charlemagne II.
- B.m. Isolt, 5yrs, by Multiform, dam Bellicent, Stinted to Birkenhead
- Br.m. Perolina, 3yrs, (imported from England, by Persimmon, dam La Carolina, by Sterling (sire of Isonomy) —Cherry Duchess
- Br.f., 3 yrs (imported from England), by Ladass, dam Vane (sister to Flying Fox), by Orme, dam Vampire, by Galopin
- B.m. Stresa, 10yrs (imported from England), by Orvieto, dam St. Mildred, by St. Simon, dam Lady Fitzjames by Scottish Chief, Stinted to Charlemagne II.
- Br.m. Saucer, 7yrs (imported from England), by Sorcerer, dam Angola (dam of Sir Tristram), by Macheath, dam Angelica (dam of Orme), by Galopin, dam St. Angela, by King Tom, Stinted to Multiform
- Br.m. Curfew Bell, 9yrs (dam of Sweet Angelus), by Bill of Portland, dam Wild Rose, Stinted to Royal Artillery
- B.m. Happy Valley, 8yrs, by Wallace, dam Far Away, Stinted to Cianranald
- Br.m. Barley Bree, 9yrs, by Cardinal, dam Barley, Stinted to Royal Artillery
- B.k.m. Class, 10yrs, by Wallace, dam La Tosca (half-sister to Wakeful), Stinted to Multiform
- B.m. Dreamer, 7yrs, by Mostyn, dam Mooroooro, Stinted to Multiform
- B.m. Britoness, 7yrs, by Stepiak, dam Britomart, Stinted to Charlemagne II.
- Br.m. Sans Peur 8yrs, by Soult, dam Forme (dam of Cruciform), Stinted to Royal Artillery
- Ch.m. Rattler, 9yrs (sister to Seahorse), by Nelson, dam Moonga, Stinted to Multiform
- B.m. Drought, 7yrs, by Mostyn, dam Nightmare, Stinted to Multiform
- B.m. Edna May, 5yrs, by Multiform, dam Helen Faucit, Stinted to Kilcheran
- Br.m. Aura, 21yrs (dam of Aurum, Golden Slipper, etc.), by Richmond, dam Instep, Stinted to Multiform
- B.k.m. Culroy, 7yrs, by Wallace, dam Hortense, by Gang Forward, dam Josephine, Stinted to Royal Artillery or Charlemagne II. Last served by Charlemagne II.
- B.m. Zigana, 7yrs, by Cufressier, dam Anita, Stinted to Charlemagne II.
- Ch.m. La Valiere, 10yrs (sister to Nonette), by Seaton Delaval, dam Charante, Stinted to Charlemagne II.
- B.m. Bluefire, 15yrs (dam of Cuneiform) by Maxim, dam Sapphire, Stinted to St. Ambrose
- Br.m. Bloomer, 13yrs (dam of Petticoat), by Apremont, dam Miss Kate (dam of Prime Warden, Antelope, Sultan, etc.) Stinted to Conqueror
- Br.m. Fan Tan, 8yrs, by Gosssoon, dam Wheel of Fortune, Stinted to Achilles
- Br.m. Royal Plumes, 9yrs, by Hotchkiss, dam Ich Dien (dam of St. Michael), Stinted to Stepiak
- Ch.m. Field Rose, 10yrs (sister to Screwgun, True Blue, etc.), by Hotchkiss, dam Rose of Wellington, Stinted to Stepiak

Br.m. Romany Queen, 10 yrs, by Gipsy Grand, dam Ich Dien. Stinted to Stepiak

STALLIONS.

- B.h. Multiform, 16yrs, by Hotchkiss, dam Forme
- B.c. Boniform, 4yrs, by Multiform, dam Otterden
- Br.h. Royal Artillery, 10yrs, by Hotchkiss, dam Rose of Wellington

NOTE.—ALL AGES ARE AT TIME OF SALE.

SPECIAL NOTE.

In consequence of Mr J. B. Reid being part owner of Charlemagne II, this horse is withdrawn from sale, the Trustees having decided to sell their share to him. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES will any other horse BE DISPOSED OF PRIVATELY.

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FLEET RACE MEETING.

To be held at
ELLERSLIE RACECOURSE
On
WEDNESDAY, 12th AUGUST.

Under the **JOINT MANAGEMENT** of the Auckland, Avondale, and Takapuna Clubs.

COMMITTEE.

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

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

PROGRAMME:

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

CONDITIONS.

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

DATES.

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

J. F. HARTLAND,
Secretary.

THE FOOTBALL WORLD.

BRITISH TEAM'S PROGRAMME.

IN NEW ZEALAND.

July.

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 B.U. PICTURES.

- 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

Enthusiasm was at its highest pitch in the premier Rugby city of the Dominion on Saturday last, the day fixed for the meeting of the Anglo-Welsh team with the Auckland representatives. The weather proved to be all that could be desired, and from ten o'clock in the morning, at which time the gates at Alexandra Park were thrown open, until the commencement of the big contest, a steady stream of people poured in at the turnstiles, the final attendance being estimated at over 20,000. Those who journeyed out to the Park in the morning took refreshments with them, and thus enjoyed their mid-day meal out of doors, while time was not allowed to drag wearily on their hands, the Garrison Band being present and rendering a number of lively selections, while a couple of "curtain raisers" were played prior to the big fixture, the Auckland public schoolboys' fifteen trying conclusions with a team picked from the Goldfields' schools, and a match taking place between the Auckland B team and the Waikato representatives. A matter that certainly should receive the consideration of the Rugby Union is the need for a band to take up its position in front of the auxiliary stand and provide patrons with a musical programme. At Saturday's match fully ten thousand spectators occupying seats on the portion of the auxiliary stand facing the main grandstand were subjected to a bitterly cold southerly wind, calculated to freeze the blood of the most hardy individual, and had they been treated to some stirring music they would undoubtedly have borne their discomfort in a far more patient manner. It certainly behoves the Rugby Union to make some provision in this respect for next Saturday's match, particularly so in view of the remunerative charges made for both ground and stand tickets.

Shortly before the match was timed to commence, a number of the Englishmen not taking part in the contest came out with heavy overcoats on, carrying rugs with them, and took up their position in front of the main stand amidst loud cheering. These "breathers"—a term given by the Britishers to those players not engaged in the game—consisted mostly of those who have received injuries during the tour, and included among their number were several of the crack men of the combination. After hours of patient waiting on the part of the spectators the British team filed on to the field, closely followed by the Aucklanders, and both teams were the recipients of an enthusiastic reception. The Britishers, whose team was not regarded as over strong, several of their best backs being unable to don the jersey, looked anything but a weak combination, the finely proportioned sons of Britain presenting a decidedly athletic appearance.

The teams were:—Auckland: Full back: A. Renwick (Grafton). Threequarters, G. Murray (Ponsonby), R. Magee (City), F. Wilson

(University); Five-eighths: G. Bater (Ponsonby), J. Morse (Waikato). Half: H. Kiernan (Grafton). Forwards: Front row: F. Herring (City), J. McGuire (City); middle row: A. Francis, W. Cunningham. G. Nicholson (Ponsonby); back row: H. Hayward (Thames). C. Seeling (City); wing: G. Gillett (Ponsonby). Britain:— Full-back: J. C. M. Dyke. Three-quarters: H. H. Vassall, "Tuan" Jones, P. F. McEvedy, F. E. Chapman. Halves: H. Laxon, G. L. Williams. Forwards: A. F. Harding, R. Dibble, E. Morgan, P. J. Down, G. R. Hind, T. Smith, J. F. Williams, L. S. Thomas.



A. FRANCIS, the crack forward, who represented Auckland in the match against the Britishers on Saturday.

Britain, winning the toss, played with the sun and wind in their favour during the first spell, and treated the onlookers to some fine line kicking. The first incident of note was the breaking away of Bater with the ball, the Auckland five-eighths making a splendid run down the field until collared by Dyke when in close proximity to the Britishers' line. The blue and white forwards, who had followed up fast, lost no time in pouncing upon the ball, with the result that Hayward broke over the line and drew first blood for the Aucklanders. Gillett failed with the shot at goal. Soon after the Britishers made matters look dangerous for the blue and whites, Vassall placing them in difficulties with a high kick, which was smartly followed up by the red and white forward division, but Wilson finally relieved the position with a good line kick. Auckland being penalised, Harding had a shot at goal from about half-way, and the ball falling short, Gillett found the touchline with a powerful kick. The British raer division were then responsible for some smart passing work, which, however, was frustrated by the solid defence of the home team's backs, Wilson especially putting in some sound work. After a period of strenuous forward play, Seeling obtained a mark in Britain's territory. Francis took a shot at goal, but the attempt proved fruitless. The Britishers then confined their attention to Auckland's territory, but bad passing on the part of their backs enabled the blue and whites to retrieve their position. Britain again resorted to the attack, but several passing runs were quickly smothered by the Aucklanders. The local back division then obtained possession of the leather, and good passing resulted in play being carried into Britain's 25, where Dyke saved. A series of scrambles ensued, the visitors being compelled to force. The British backs then made matters lively for the home team, Vassall being stopped by Murray when within an ace of scoring. Shortly after McEvedy made a speedy dash for the line, but was brought down by one of the Auckland men. Towards the close of the first half the British backs again were set in action, Chapman being collared amid great excitement. Half-time was called with the score:—Auckland, 3; Britain, 0.

With the weather conditions against them in the second half, the Britishers' defence was severely tested. The visiting backs were handling the ball in fairly good style, but failed to gain much ground, as the result of the deadly tackling of the local men. Murray, securing a mark, Francis punted high, the blue and white forwards, by quick following up, smothered Britain's return, but an excellent chance was lost through kicking the ball too hard, the visitors forcing. Finally, a wild pass to Vassall was intercepted by Murray, who, on being tackled, transferred to Bater, the last-named player being collared by Dyke when very close to the line. After a period of give-and-take play a line-out in Britain's 25 resulted in Gillett securing the ball, transferring it to Herring, who dived over and scored. Francis failed with the shot at goal. The Auckland rear division then indulged in a number of passing rushes, but faulty passes were generally responsible for these being broken up. Murray finally snapped up a bad pass, hurled himself against the British full back, who failed to hold him, and secured Auckland's third try. R. Magee had the shot at goal, and was successful with his kick. The next incident to call forth applause was a pretty passing run by the blue and white backs, the ball being handled in turn by Morse, Bater, Magee, and Wilson, the latter running in unopposed. The ball having been thrown on, a scrum was ordered. The visitors were finding the line well, while their clean taking of the ball raised the plaudits of the crowd. An Auckland passing forward rush eventually ended in Seeling breaking over the Britishers' line, but the whistle sounded for a pass-on. The remainder of the game consisted of passing runs by the backs of either teams, but none of these resulted in a score, and the whistle finally sounded for no-side with the Aucklanders victorious by 11 points to nil.

It is safe to say, without fear of contradiction, that at no period of the match was the issue in doubt, the powerful Auckland forward division proving too superior for the visitors. It was generally anticipated that the contest would be an evenly fought out one from start to finish, but after the first quarter of an hour's play onlookers appeared to be fairly confident that the home team would come through the fray with flying colours. The Auckland forwards got to work with a will, making matters lively from the commencement, and received the necessary support from their backs, who left nothing to cavil at. In regard to the forward play of the visitors, a noticeable feature was the cleverness exhibited by them in the dribbling of the ball. Had they, however, displayed the vigour of the local men, a great struggle would undoubtedly have ensued. No fault could be found with the tackling of the visitors, who got down to it in real game style. The fine kicking of the British backs was at times a treat to witness, but their passing came in for a good deal of criticism, on several occasions the ball being transferred in a wild fashion from one to another. The pace of their backs was of a very fast order, while the quickness with which they got going was a creditable feature of their play. The Auckland backs were a lot less weighty than their opponents, but were by no means any speedier. Though they could not be termed brilliant, nevertheless they acquitted themselves well, their tackling particularly being of a very sound order.

For the winners, Renwick at full back played a cool, heady game, but did not have overmuch to do. R. Magee, at centre, was the weak link in the three-quarter line, his passing being very poor and spoiling numerous chances. Wilson gave a good account of himself on the wing, and put plenty of vim into his work. Murray, on the other wing, rendered valuable service throughout, and shone out both on attack and defence. The try obtained by him was the outcome of a smart piece of work. Bater

played a serviceable game at five-eighths, being quick in his movements and displaying a fair amount of cleverness. Morse, the other five-eighths, was the pick of the Auckland rear division, and managed to get through an immense amount of graft with credit. It is enough to say that in no department of the game was the Rotorua man found wanting. Kiernan, at half, was only moderate, and should have acquitted himself better behind such a willing pack.

Gillett on the wing, was always in the thick of it, and played a faultless game from start to finish. He handled his team in good style and was an invaluable adjunct to his side. All the forwards grafted hard, getting down to it with untiring energy. The most prominent were Seeling, Francis Hayward and Herring.

Dyke, at full-back for the Britishers, was responsible for a good exhibition, his fielding of the ball being highly creditable. Of the three-quarter line Vassall was the pick, his work at times being brilliant. McEvedy played solidly up till the time of his accident, which appeared to leave its after effects on him. G. L. Williams was responsible for a clever display at half, and showed out better than his partner Laxon. The forwards suffered by comparison with the local men, in spite of the British skipper's excellent generalship.

The first "curtain raiser" to the big match commenced at half past eleven, and consisted of a game between teams representing the Auckland Public Schools and the Goldfields Schools. The match was fairly evenly contested throughout, the local lads having a slight advantage over the visitors in the way of possessing a better knowledge of the finer points of the game. In the first half the Auckland boys were able to run up 9 points, tries being secured by Cornaga and Westbury, while Handcock kicked a goal from a mark. Play was more equalised in the second spell, the Goldfields being on several occasions within an ace of scoring, but spoiling their opportunities by faulty tactics. The whistle sounded for no-side without either side scoring in the second half, the game ending in favour of the Auckland boys by 9 points to nil.

The next match to keep the spectators amused was the contest between the Waikato representatives and the Auckland B team. The Waikato men held the advantage so far as weight was concerned, but their backs, with one or two exceptions, seemed less active than the local rear division. The forwards of both teams did not give a very willing exhibition, a lack of dash being noticeable in their work. The visiting forwards held the upper hand of the local men, although in the pack the Aucklanders showed superiority and were generally successful in hooking



W. CUNNINGHAM, the burly lock, who played for Auckland in the match against the Britishers on Saturday.

the ball. The Auckland back division appeared unable to get going, several likely-looking passing rushes being nipped in the bud through some fault or another.

Waikato won the toss, and took advantage of the sun and a strong breeze, but were unable to do more than hold their own against the blue and whites. Auckland led off attacking, and carrying play into Waikato's 25, McGuire picked up the ball from a scramble and dived over and registered Auckland's first try. Hall failed with the shot at goal. Waikato then placed the blue and whites on the defence, Coote finally taking a mark in Auckland's territory. Clarke was entrusted with the shot at goal and was successful in equalising the score. From the kick-out the Waikato men started a forward rush, which resulted in McCauley obtaining a try. Clarke failed with the kick at goal. Both sides then made repeated efforts to score, but without success, half-time being called with the score: Waikato 6; Auckland 3.

With the weather conditions in their favour in the second half, it was thought the Aucklanders would have little difficulty in running up a score, but the sound defence of Waikato, together with mismanagement on the part of the blue and whites, was responsible for the home team being unable to realise the expectations of their supporters. Play had not long been in progress before Coote ran in and scored Waikato's second try. Clarke again made an unsuccessful shot at goal. From then onwards the blue and whites made determined efforts to get over their opponents' line, but time was finally called without any further score, the Waikato men being returned victors by nine points to 6.

For Waikato, Coote and Hughes put in valuable service in the rear division, the latter playing a particularly fine game. Of the forwards, the most conspicuous were McKillop and Macaulay. Miller, at full, for Auckland played his usual safe game, making no serious mistakes. Twiname, at centre, was responsible for a good display, as was also Hogan on the wing. McDonald, on the wing forward, grafted like a Trojan. McGuire was the pick of the forwards, putting in no end of graft. Peterson also showed out conspicuously.

NOTES.

The British Rugby Union has arranged twenty-eight fixtures for the visiting Australian team, commencing with Devon on September 26, and embracing matches with England, Ireland, Wales, the Universities, various counties, and concluding with a match against France on January 1.

It is reported (says the "Otago Witness") that one of the North Island members of the New Zealand professional team which recently returned from a tour of the Northern Counties, cost his side some £300 to smooth out a few of his little peccadilloes while on the English football circuit.

In Johnston's opinion the two most valuable backs of the late professional team were Messenger and Turtill. "It is a pity," said Johnston, "that the former had not been brought up in New Zealand football, where he could have been schooled by such players as Roberts, Hunter, and Wallace. As a place-kick he stands on a pedestal of his own. In an exhibition of goal-kicking during the interval of one of our matches at Home, out of 24 attempts from half-way he placed 22 goals."

According to the "Referee," H. Bullock cannot make the trip. James Hughes, John Hughes, and W. F. Matthews are very doubtful about obtaining leave. P. Carmichael is a Queenslander, as are E. Parkinson, T. Richards, and P. Flanagan.

Australia defeated the Maori team on Saturday at Sydney by 20 points to 10. The visitors led off strongly, scoring ten to nil, but went to pieces at the finish and were easily beaten.

New South Wales beat Queensland on Saturday in Sydney by 17 points to 10.

The Sydney First Grade semi-finals are University v. Glebe, and Newtown v. South Sydney, both to be played on August 1. If the Glebe defeat the 'Varsity, and Newtown de-

feat South Sydney, the positions of the club will be as follow: Newtown 24, University and Glebe 22 each. In that case the two clubs named last will need to play off to decide which shall meet Newtown in the final, but if the Glebe be downed by the 'Varsity, the latter will play Newtown in the final, even though South Sydney beat Newtown in the semi-final. 'Varsity have so far won ten out of eleven matches, while Glebe after losing two matches have won nine without a break.

As was only to be expected with the best players away in Australia, the Rotorua Maoris were badly beaten by the Anglo-Welsh team on Tuesday, the visitors winning by 24 to 3.

Mr. Angus Campbell will referee the test match on Saturday next.

The Southern members of the N.Z. Rep. team have arrived in Auckland, and useful practice has been indulged in at Victoria Park.

A movement has been initiated to present W. J. Wallace with a big testimonial.

The New Zealand University team has left for home beaten in all three matches (says the "Sydney Referee") but the Sydney football public is indebted to them for three most entertaining games. Their forwards played good hard football in every match, but while superior in getting the ball out from the ruck and the loose to the backs they were up against otherwise stronger sets of forwards in all three games. If they could only have mastered the enemy forward the side would probably have shown some beautiful back play, as on occasions in the two 'Varsity matches they made some very pretty movements.

COUNTRY MATCHES.

At Paeroa the home team were defeated by Piako by 5 points to 3.

At Whangarei the match between Whakapara and South Ward resulted in a draw, neither side scoring.

At Coromandel, the final match was played between the Northern and Southern Clubs for the cup, and resulted in the former winning by 11 points to 8.

THE GAME IN THE SOUTH.

The Senior Grade matches at Dunedin resulted as follows:—Alhambra (3 points) drew with Dunedin (3 points); Southern (21 points) beat Zingari-Richmond (nil); Kaikorai (13 points) beat Port Chalmers (nil); Pirates (11 points) beat Union (nil); Taieri Rovers secured a win against University by default.

The interprovincial match between Canterbury and Wairarapa was won by the former by 15 points to 5.

SOUTH CANTERBURY'S TEAM.

The following is the South Canterbury team for the Northern tour:—D. Scott, H. May, Bradley, G. Spillane, G. Coles, E. Horgan, G. Priest, M. Melvin, J. O'Brien, W. Carlton, W. Scott, A. Budd, W. Hooper, B. Mollison, J. Roddick, E. Fraser, M. Darcy, A. Smith, K. Rodgers, and K. Robertson.

THE BRITISHERS' MISTAKE.

In connection with the complaint of the Britishers over their loss of the Taranaki match, the Taranaki "News" says:—"The statement is misleading. Dive did not run in unopposed. He raced neck and neck with Vassall and Dyke, and much to the surprise of everyone beat them. It is true two of the Britishers stopped playing just before the ball was whipped out by Coleman, but even if McEvedy and Smith had been in their right positions it is improbable that the score would have been averted so smartly was the ball taken by Hunter and transferred to Dive. Had Dive been collared Cameron was lying handy, and probably would have got over. It is unfortunate," adds the "News," "that the Britishers should take the defeat in such a spirit. The referee did not blow his whistle to stop the game, and if two of the visitors stopped playing for the nonce it was their own loss, and should not be made an excuse for the Britishers' inability to win a match in which all impartial critics agree Taranaki held the advantage. Taranaki won by playing to the whistle; Britain lost by neglecting it."

FRANKLIN V. AUCKLAND.

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

Auckland in the inter-union match against Franklin next Saturday:—Full-back, Renwick; three-quarters, Murray, Magee, Wilson; five-eighths, Bater and Morse; halfback, Kiernan; forwards, McDonald (wing), Herring, McGuire, Kinder, McGuire, Waddell, Hall, Petersen; emergencies, Todd, Griffen, Bamford, Miller, Twiname, Carlaw.

AUSTRALIANS GOING HOME.

Much interest has been taken in Sydney as to who will form the team for England. The selectors (Messrs. J. F. MacManamey, James MacMahon, and J. C. O'Donnell) have picked the following players:—Backs: Dix, Carmichael; three-quarters: Russell, Smith, Daly, Parkinson, Carroll, Mandible, Hickey; halves: Woods, McKivatt, McCabe, Matthews; forwards: Barnett, Griffen, Middleton, McIntyre, McCue, Burge, Murnin, Row, Richards, Flanagan, Caniffe, Moran, Hughes (2), Bullock.

NEXT SATURDAY'S BIG MATCH.

In the event of fine weather there should be another vast attendance at Alexandra Park on Saturday to witness the third test match between the Anglo-Welsh fifteen and New Zealand. The chances of the former have been rather desecrated after the defeats by Taranaki and Auckland, but if the visitors can place their best men in the field it will mean that they will have a much better combination than was the case on the occasions mentioned. The team will not be decided upon until the return from Rotorua. The Dominion will have the following players in the field:—

- Full back: Coleman.
- Three-quarters: Cameron, Mitchinson, Deans.
- Five-eighths: Hunter and Stead.
- Half-back: Roberts.
- Forwards: Ready, Glasgow, Francis, Cunningham, Seeling, Patterson, Hayward, Gillett (wing).
- Emergency: Wilson (forward).

On paper this looks a powerful side, and if the ground is dry I think they will win comfortably. On a heavy ground, which has the effect of putting the fast and slow men on an equality, the game should be even. Everyone will hope that Harding will be able to play all his best men for this important match.

AQUATICS.

The fastest 25ft. launch in the world is the new English boat Brooke II. Fitted with 6-cyl. engines of about 100-h.p., she has accomplished 23.4 knots per hour over a two hours run. In a mile sprint she averaged 24½ knots.

A new hydroplane, the Fauber, has made its debut in Paris. In appearance, it combines the form of an ordinary boat and a hydroplane, and has been designed to be both fast and safe in rough water. She did 50 kilometres (about 32 m.p.h.) in the Seine.

On Saturday Ben Thoroughgood beat W. Fogwell in a sculling race for the championship of Australia and £100 a-side on the Hunter River. Up to the mile it was a "ding dong go," but then a foul occurred. Thoroughgood got away quickest and won by eight lengths in 18m. 20 2-5sec. Both scullers protested and the umpire's decision was in favour of Thoroughgood.

Among the new boats recently completed by Messrs Bailey and Lowe are a 35ft. launch for Mr. B. Henning, of Akaroa, the boat being fitted with a 12-16 h.p. Jersey Standard motor; a 26 ft. launch (5 h.p. Standard) for Messrs Hartley and Sons of Rohurohu; and a 30ft. launch (8 h.p.) for Mr W. R. Twigg.

Mr. Samuel Hordern, the well-known Sydney yachtsman, was the guest of Sir Thomas Lipton on the Shamrock on the Solent last week.

Mr. Morton has purchased the yacht Siola, and it is probable she will be fitted with an engine.

Mr. Sims, of Ponsonby, has bought the Mahaki. She is one of the smartest of her class on the Waitemata.

The Devonport Yacht Club is holding a prize night and smoker at the Masonic Hall, Devonport, on August 7.

The executive of the Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron have been hard at work of late considering scantlings in connection with the new measurement rules. There are rumours of two or three yachts to be built to it.

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BOXING.

THE BURNS v. SQUIRES BATTLE.

Full particulars are to hand by the mail of the big fight in Paris between Burns and Squires for the world's championship.

The fight took place at Neuilly, in France, on June 13, and was witnessed by an immense crowd of people.

Both men stripped in excellent condition.

Squires, whose stock had risen considerably since his convincing defeat of Roche, the Irish champion, shaped very confidently, and evidenced much beyond that expected in view of the easy manner in which Burns defeated him on the occasion of their previous meeting twelve months before.

From the outset the contest was fiercely waged, and exciting occurrences followed very quickly upon each other.

Though Burns asserted himself here and there, Squires was not to be stopped; he went for his man with such strength and determination, and to such purpose, that during the first five rounds Burns was unquestionably in a bad way, and frequently looked on the point of being defeated.

The Canadian's greater experience and consequent superior ring generalship, however, stood to him at a very critical time, and, further, he stayed better than Squires, who had forced the pace from the beginning, and did, as already stated, much the greater amount of work.

Though Squires was not so prominent after the termination of the fifth round, his friends—and the great bulk of the spectators appeared to be with him—saw a good deal to encourage hope till a blow in the region of the stomach—somewhat similar to that with which Bob Fitzsimmons outed Jim Corbett years ago at Carson City, Nevada, U.S.A., and won the championship of the world—completely settled the Australian, who sank to the floor beyond all hope of recovery within the time allowed.

The scene during the count out, and all through, in fact, was almost beyond description. Men stood up and roared the excitement they felt. Especially was this condition of things in evidence throughout the period of Squires' mastery.

HOCKEY.

The New Zealand Hockey Association has invited the English Hockey Association to send out a team for next season. Such a visit would do the game an immensity of good in the Dominion.

The Canterbury skipper, E. Hulbert, was rather dissatisfied with Mr. Fred Robertson's refereeing in the recent big match here, and has stated that the final goal, which won the match, was shot from outside the circle. One is rather surprised to hear this, firstly, because Hulbert was not in a good place to see at the time, and, secondly, because there was not the faintest doubt in the minds of any of those well placed for judging that the goal was correctly scored.

The match between Manawatu and Auckland for the possession of the Shield, which is to take place on August 1, promises to provide a good game, as the southerners are said to be very strong. If the weather is fine there will be a great crowd out at Remuera to see the game.

Auckland will meet Nelson on August 8 and Thames on August 22.

The match between Canterbury and Taranaki resulted in a loss of £6.

On their way South last week, Canterbury played Wellington. The first spell ended with Canterbury leading by two goals (shot by Hulston and Jacobs) to Wellington's nil. In the second half Hulbert scored for Canterbury and Elliott for Wellington, the game thus ending: Canterbury, 3 goals; Wellington, 1 goal.

The following team has been selected to represent Manawatu against Auckland in the hockey shield match at Remuera on August 1:—Goalkeeper, R. Forsaith; full backs, A. Kerlake and J. Walkley; half-backs, H. McGregor, D. Simonds, and H. Sorenson; forwards, K. Tait, W. Crump, R. Fraser (captain), R. Waldegrave, and B. Webb. The team will leave Palmerston North on July 30, returning on August 2.

The Auckland Hockey Association's annual ball will take place on Thursday next at the Albert Hall.

There was no regular match on Saturday as many players wished to see the Auckland and English football match. Useful practices were indulged in by a number of players who refused to be led away from their favourite pastime by any counter attraction no matter how strong.

The following have been selected by Mr Bongard as the probable Thames representatives for the coming big matches:—Goalkeeper, A. Menzies; fullbacks, C. Rockley and H. Driver; halfbacks, Newman, S. Whittaker, and A. Brokenshire; forwards, Renshaw (right wing), Thompson (left wing), Towers, E. Whittaker, and Brownlee. Emergencies: S. Griffin, A. Martin, J. Rickard, and J. Griffin.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

The Victorian postal authorities have by experiments proved that an immense saving of time and labour can be effected by the substitution of the motor-car in place of the horse-drawn van. As much as two hours ten minutes were saved on the last trial run, when 40 pillars were cleared on a 24 miles' route, and the conditions were none too favourable, for the roads were sappy from recent rains. Experimental trips have been so successful that the Postmaster-General has approved of the general adoption of motor clearance and delivery to outlying suburban post offices, and tenders are about to be invited for the supply of cars.

Particulars of the classic Bordeaux-Paris road race (the eighteenth) show that a fresh record was established for the course. The event drew an entry of eighteen riders, all the leading long-distance European road champions competing. The race was a scratch one for £100 first prize, single pacing being allowed. Starting from Bordeaux, the cracks at once made their efforts to get in front, as the dust of the crowd and the many pacers was to be avoided at all costs. Some of the best of the pacemakers were switched on at this part of the proceedings, and thus the favourites were soon carried clear of the ruck. The dust was blinding, and falls were numerous for those who had to work a way up from the rear ranks. In fine form

and splendidly paced, L. Trousselier was soon in the front rank, and by clever sprinting he managed to get in first at the various control stations, where progress was recorded. Desperate struggles were made by Vanhouwaert (the favourite) and Emile Georget to hold him, but by good generalship and hard riding he eventually shook them off, and then, well paced, he kept up a fine speed right to the end, winning with a comfortable margin, in the record time of 17 hours 47 minutes 37 seconds, which is an average of just twenty miles an hour for the journey of 370 miles. A splendid tussle took place for the second position, and it was only at the very end that Vanhouwaert gained the verdict by a fifth of a second. The times of the first three were as follows:—(1) Trousselier, 17h. 47m. 37s.; (2) Vanhouwaert, 18h. 14m. 12 2-5s.; (3) Emile Georget, 18s. 14m. 12 3-5s.

Messrs. H. Dutton and H. M. Auger, who left Adelaide for Port Darwin on June 30, have been duly recorded at Morn Merna and Heights Creek. By the time this appears in print the overlanding motorists should have left Oodnadatta (the railway terminus) behind them. Messrs. Dutton and Auger are hopeful of driving across the continent—some 2066 miles—in a month.

A great ride was accomplished in May last, when T. A. Fisher, an English road crack, covered 1,000 miles in 3 days 19h. 1min., which is a record. The previous best time was 4 days 7h. 41min., by W. Welsh. This latter ride was an extension of a successful attempt on the Land's End to John o' Groats record, and is, therefore, a notable performance. G. A. Olley, the vegetarian crack, held it before Welsh, the time then being 4 days 9h. 3min., made in the fen country in England, and his course was adopted more or less closely by Fisher. Some very fine riding was done in the last attempt. In the first 24 hours Fisher covered 328 miles, and in the last "day" 260. The first 100 miles occupied 5h. 58min., and the last century 9h. 38min. He used a Rudge-Whitworth machine, with a single gear of 74in., the country being generally flat.

The annual Targa Florio race, held on a winding circuit in Sicily, was decided on May 18, and was won by Trucco, Laucia being second, and Ceirano third. The course was travers-



THE WAIKATO TEAM, WHICH DEFEATED THE AUCKLAND B TEAM ON SATURDAY BY NINE POINTS TO SIX.

ed three times, totaling 281 miles, and the 17 starters were despatched at intervals of 10 minutes. The winner's time—7 hours 49min—is a record for the race, the previous best being Nazzaro's time, registered in last year's event—8 hours 17min. Either the conditions governing the cylinder capacity of the engines, or the nature of the course, or both, had something to do with the speed, as the winner averaged somewhere about 36 miles an hour only.

BOWLING.

REMUERA CLUB.

President F. J. Sanderson took the chair at the annual meeting of the Remuera Bowling Club last week. The annual report stated that the past season had been one of the most successful in the history of the club. The club's teams had a very good record in the Northern Bowling Association tournament, occupying a high place in their section, being beaten by the ultimate winners of the champion banner (Carlton Club) by two points. A successful club tournament was held at Easter.

The proposal of the committee regarding the reconstruction of the Northern Bowling Association, which advocated one central governing body for the North Island, with district associations affiliated to it, was very favourably entertained by the members. The playing greens now numbered 14 rinks, and their excellent state was due to the constant care and attention of the green superintendent (Mr. G. Court) and the caretaker (Mr. Pearce).

The balance-sheet showed that the club was in a very sound financial position, the surplus of assets over liabilities being £478 1s. 11d.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. T. N. Baxter; vice-presidents, Messrs. C. Ranson, T. Finlayson, A. B. Robertson; secretary, Mr. J. Wooller; treasurer, Mr. E. A. East; auditor, Mr. C. Rhodes; committee, Rev. W. Beatty, Messrs. A. C. Stevenson, D. E. Clerk, A. Hegman, D. W. McLean, and D. Littlejohn; match committee, Rev. W. Beatty, Messrs. D. E. Clerk, T. H. Barstow, and D. W. McLean.

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BILLIARDS.

In a recent match C. Havverson defeated W. Cook (rec. 2500) in a match of 12,000 up by 1865 points.

Melbourne Inman, the crack cueist, arrived from Sydney by the Moana on Monday.

The event of the week so far in the local world of billiards has been the arrival in Auckland of Melbourne Inman. The "Twickenham Terror" was not long in looking me up after his arrival, and in the course of an interesting chat recounted some interesting episodes of travel in many lands. He looks well, and quite fit enough to show us what he can do with the cue. He played Jackson last night at the Royal Albert Hall (finishing after we went to press), and this afternoon and evening will be pitted against two of Auckland's best amateurs. To-morrow evening Inman will endeavour to concede half the game in 2000 up to B. Ford. Lovers of the game should certainly not miss the opportunity of seeing the famous cueist in action.

LINDRUM BEATS INMAN.

In describing the finish of the great game of 18,000 up between Inman and Lindrum, in which the latter received 6000 start, the "Referee" says:—

The great game is over. Australia won. But at the close of play on Saturday afternoon there were those who gave the Englishman a good chance. He played as perhaps he has never done before during the afternoon session, practically overwhelming his young opponent. Inman scored no less than 1242 points to Lindrum's 326 during the three

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hours, having the lad 174 behind his points. At one stage Inman scored 1000 to Lindrum's 160, and altogether put up one of the best fights I have ever seen in a contest. After almost each break he would double baulk or leave the spheres safe, with the result that the youth was non-plussed, and could not get a start.

However, Lindrum made no mistake in the final evening—first visit returned 169, followed by 114 and 108. At 10.25 he made the winning stroke, and won the match by 768.

During the course of the game, Inman made 706 visits to the table for his 17,238 points. The number of points he scored from misses were 180, so he actually made 17,058 from his cue, with an average of 24,112. He made one break over 400, eight of 200 and over, ten between 150 and 200, and thirty between 100 and 150.

Lindrum's average, with 100 scored from misses, was just a shade under 17. He did not reach the 200 during the game, his best runs being 179 twice. Eight times he beat the 150, while he made breaks ranging from 100 to 150 on 28 occasions.

ROBERTS BEATS REECE AT SNOOKER.

The veteran John Roberts secured a great win over Reece in the big match of 101 games at snooker's pool for £100 on level terms. It was arranged that the winner of the largest number of games should take half of the stake, and the other half should go to the one aggregating the most points. Roberts did both; for he won eight games more than Reece and aggregated 320 more points. The chief feature of the match was the brilliant break of 73 by Roberts in the seventy-second game, which equals the existing record break. As a hazard striker, Roberts afforded emphatic proof that he is still without a peer. The Oldham pro. played brilliantly at times, but the veteran was nearly always master of the situation. The match, held at Messrs. Burroughes and Watts' salon in Soho square, London, attracted good houses. The final scores were:—

Roberts .. 52 games, 5143 points
Reece .. 41 games, 4803 points

A very curious incident happened in the seventieth game at snooker between Roberts and Reece. All the coloured balls had been taken except the pink and black. The pink was left in the jaws of the right middle pocket, while the black and the cue-ball were near the top cushion.

To take the pink it was necessary to play off the baulk end cushion first, and this Roberts elected to do.

Roberts and Reece both had three attempts to hit it, and it was not touched till the veteran's fourth go, when he just managed to hit it, and catching the bump of the pocket came out into the middle of the table.

This, however, did not end the climax, for Roberts snookered Reece behind the black a couple of shots later. Reece tried to get past the black with a masse, but hit it and also holed the pink.

Roberts now had the black to go at, brought off a brilliant double, but unfortunately the white just managed to find the top right pocket.

So that with the last two balls on the table no less than 50 points were given away between them.

On the same afternoon Roberts made a magnificent break of 73. It was a faultless compilation, and ended in Roberts just failing to take a red ball by one-eighth of an inch. This ties the best authenticated break on record, which stands to the credit of J. Harris, made at Manchester in the recent Bonzoline Tournament against A. Raynor.

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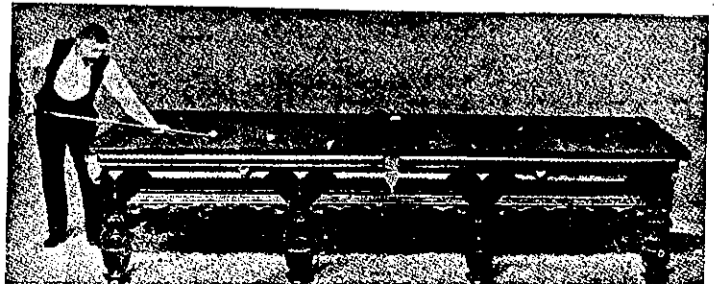
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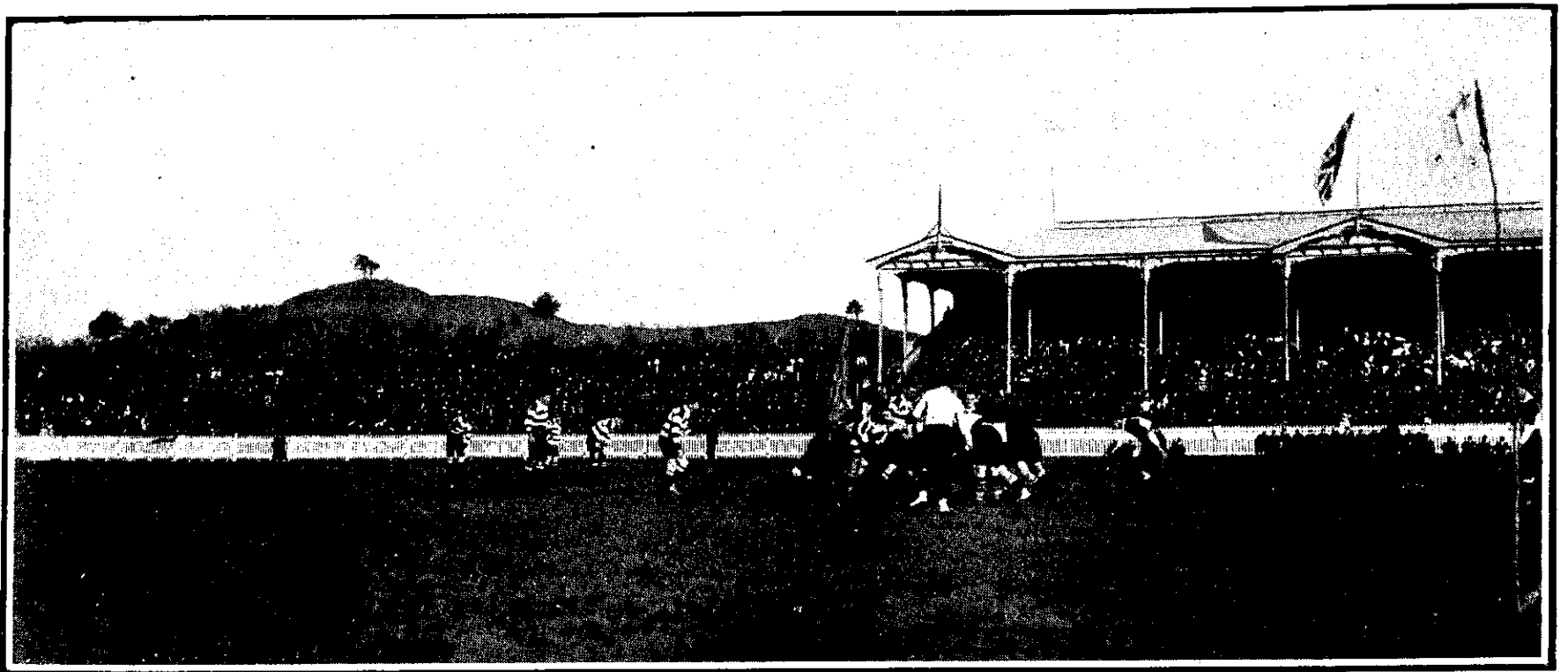
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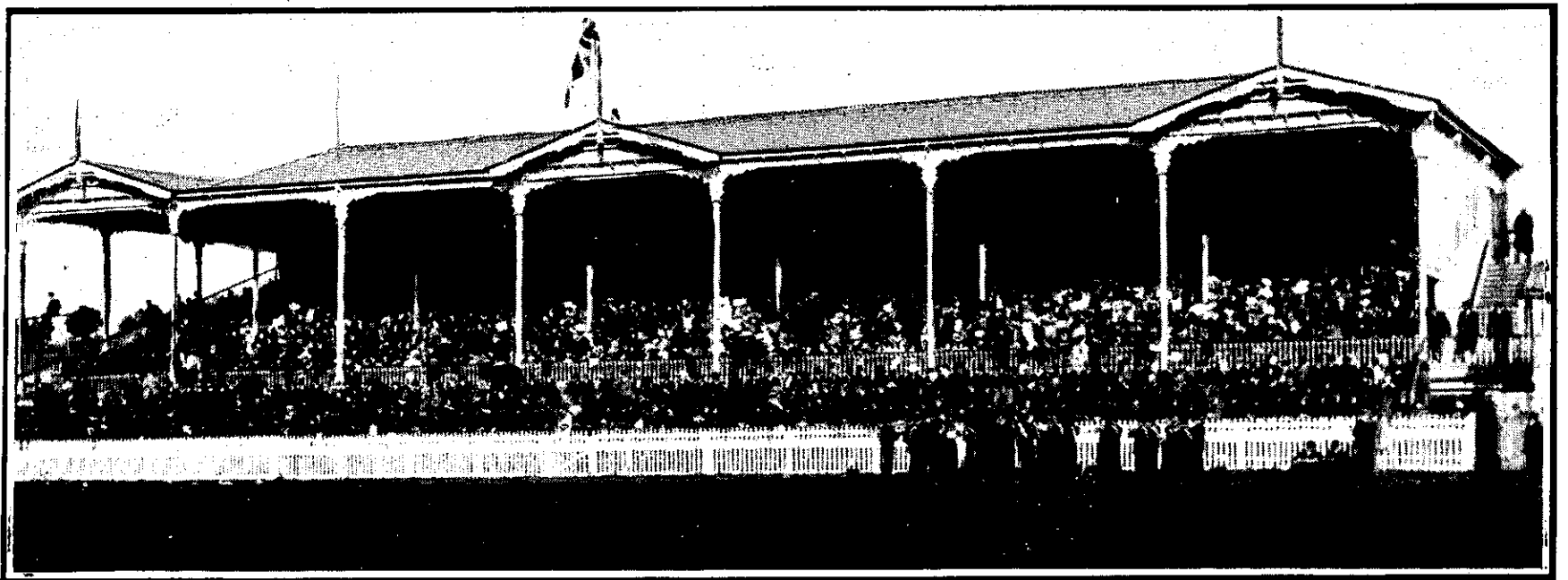
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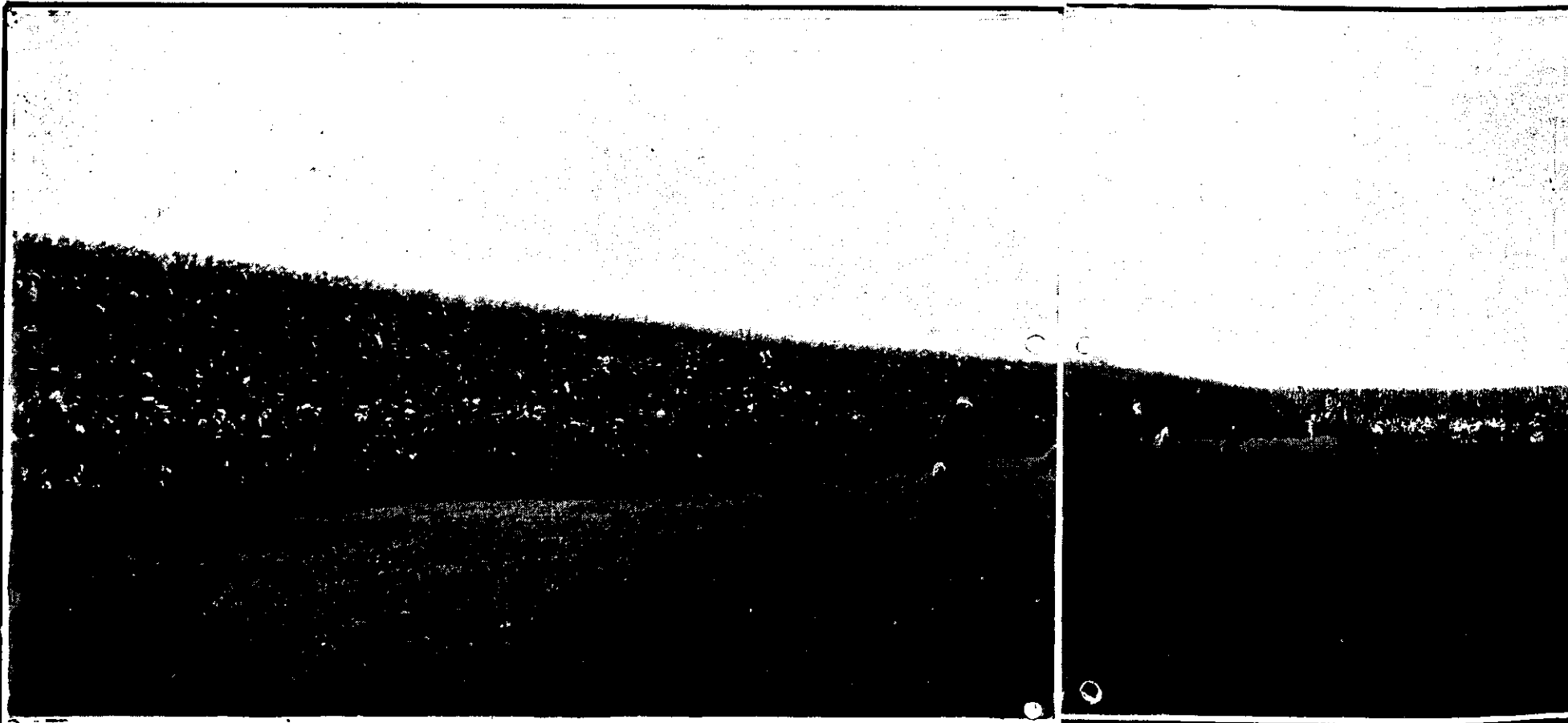


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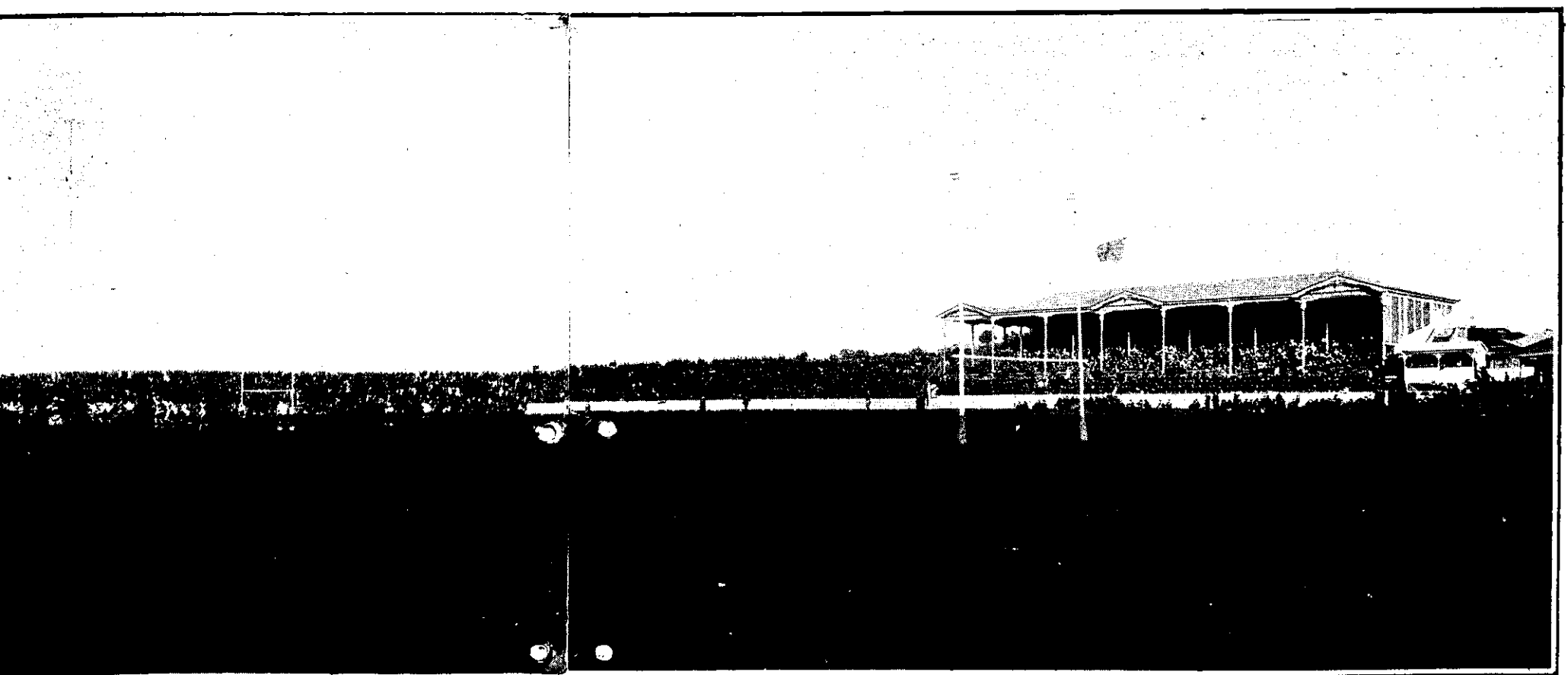
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A PANORAMA OF THE GROUND DURING THE

AUCKLAND AT ALEXANDRA PARK.



THE AUCKLAND TEAM.—Top row: Johnston, Seeling, Haywood, Nicholson, Francis, Cunningham, Young. Middle row: Magee, Bater, Kiernan, Gillett (capt.), Renwick, McGuire, Herring. Bottom row: Morse, Murray, and Wilson. Jones & Co., Photo.]



ING THE MATCH, SHOWING THE CROWDED AUXILIARY STANDS.

THE STAGE

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

THE H. R. ROBERTS COMPANY.

"The Prince Chap" enjoyed a run of seven nights at His Majesty's. It is a dainty play, an old story with a new setting, admirably told, one of those charming pieces, in fact, in which someone has written, its comedy is the sunshine which dries the tears of pathos. Mr. H. R. Roberts left nothing whatever to be desired in the role of William Peyton, the sculptor, and his scenes with the two children in Acts 1 and 2 would be indeed difficult to improve upon. Mr. Roberts must be warmly congratulated on a great artistic success. Little Vera Haggett was a sweet little mite, the Claudia of Act I., who won everybody's heart, while Beryl Yates proved a very winsome little lassie as the Claudia of Act II. Miss Justina Waybe was perhaps hardly so satisfactory as the grown-up Claudia of Act III., the impersonation being somewhat lifeless. Miss Mary Keagh provided a constant ripple of laughter whenever she was on the stage, and was fully entitled to the rounds of applause she received every evening. Miss Florence Redfern gave a convincing study as Mrs Harrington, but Miss Vera Remeé was not so satisfactory. Mr Frank Lamb proved amusing enough as Marcus Runion. Mr Greenaway did well as the Earl of Henningford, and the other members of the Company all helped to keep the fun going. Altogether "The Prince Chap" proved a very pleasing play which will remain a green spot in the memory for many a long day to come.

Last night (but too late for review in this issue), H. A. Jones' comedy "The Case of Rebellious Susan," was staged, Mr Roberts appearing as Sir Richard Kato. K.C., and this will be repeated to-night and to-morrow, when the season ends. The Company leave for Gisborne on Saturday.

"HUMPTY-DUMPTY."

For pantomime purposes Mr. Hickory Wood in "Humpty Dumpty" has brought to life again that ill-fated hero of nursery rhymes from the awful smash that baffled all the kings horses and all the king's men, and has carried on the story a stage or two further. He has written a book funnier than anything he has ever done before in order to tell the story of how "Humpty Dumpty", transformed by fairy power into a mischievous boy, spends a bequest of six

wishes, and the consequent upheaval caused by him in the Court of King Sollum, the monarch who never laughs.

Mr. J. C. Williamson's pantomime extravaganza, "Humpty Dumpty," will be staged for the first time in N.Z. at His Majesty's Theatre on Monday July 27th. The company includes all the old favourites of "Mother Goose" fame and is augmented by the inclusion of several people who are described as "pantomime specialists." These comprise Mr. Bert. Gilbert who played the part of King Sollum in the English production of "Humpty Dumpty"; Mr. J. L. Cherry as "Humpty Dumpty" and a clever impersonator in Miss Olga Grey. The old favourites include Messrs. Harry Shine, Victor Toydall, Queen and Le Brun, Misses Mahelli Morgan, Nance Maker, Irene Dillon and Beatrice English.



THE CORAL BALLET IN "HUMPTY-DUMPTY."

OPERA HOUSE.

FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS.

Good audiences continue to be the rule each night at the Opera House, where Messrs Fuller's excellent entertainment still holds sway. The Swifts (Wilton, Dorothy and Amy) are presenting their emotional playlet entitled "Convict 99," which is portrayed by these worthy artists in a most talented manner. Miss Dorothy Swift is also heard in song and dance items, with which she makes a very popular impression. Armon Bros. are meeting with considerable success in their musical act, their playing of the cornet, violin, banjo and other instruments producing a most harmonious effect. Miss Julia Longman is heard in a couple of illustrated ballads, her rendering of "I love a Lassie" being favorably received. Vaude and Varna appear in

a decidedly amusing sketch, and are highly successful in keeping the audience in a merry mood. Miss Eva Lee and her piccaninies meet with unbounded popularity with their quaint coon act, the boxing contest between the juveniles sending the house into roars of unrestrained laughter. Mr. Bob Lloyd receives a flattering reception, as the result of amusing the audience with numerous comic songs which he delivers in his accustomed good style. Vernon and Mac perform a series of hand balancing and acrobatic feats of a difficult nature in a neat and graceful manner, and are given a hearty reception. Miss Blanche Carelli is still delighting Opera House audiences with her sweet soprano voice, her rendering of "When we are Together" being a particularly enjoyable item. Miss Nellie Power, the charming soubrette, makes a pleasing hit with several taking songs, which meet with due appreciation. A number of splendid biograph films are shown, and contribute in no small degree to a first rate evening's entertainment.

THE AUCKLAND SKATING RINK.

The Auckland Skating Rink in Couburg street is not waning in popularity, and still continues to attract large attendances. Indeed, it seems a case of "shows may come and shows may go, but wheels go on for ever." Devotees of the fascinating pastime have their requirements fully catered for by the management. The floor is all that could be desired (in fact, a little "more" to some of the beginners), and the skates are of an up-to-date order, while the music proves an additional inducement. The weather, being delightfully cool, is just the right sort for skating, so that nothing is wanting to make the Auckland Skating Rink a most pleasant evening rendezvous, and it is not surprising to find it crowded nightly.

GOOD OLD BOBS.

The "welcome home" evening tendered to Mr. H. R. Roberts at His Majesty's Theatre on Thursday was a strong testimony to the esteem in which the New Zealand actor is held by his old friends in Auckland. Nothing could have been more hearty than the applause which greeted Roberts on making his entry in "The



THE ST. KILDA YACHTING CREW IN "HUMPTY-DUMPTY."

Prince Chap," and as it died down, in its stead arose the ringing, "Ka mate! Ka mate! Ka ora! Ka ora!" of the members of the Young Maori Party, occupying the orchestra stalls. Later in the evening Mr. Alex. Smith welcomed Mr. Roberts home on behalf of many old friends, and read a letter from the Mayor, couched in the same strain. Mr. Roberts also received a valuable and ancient tiki from Mr. Kohn, while the Maoris chanted a song of welcome. The recipient, who was obviously much affected by the warmth of the greeting, in a speech of thanks referred to his career in America and England, which had meant much hard work. His sole regret was that his mother was not with him now to see what Auckland thought of her boy. At the close of the performance the whole of the audience rose, and sang "For he's a jolly good fellow." Beyond question, the compliment was well deserved.

ON THE WING.

A little trifle of over 7,000 miles of territory will be covered during the next fortnight or so, by the four J. C. Williamson companies now touring Australasia. The two longest journeys are to be credited to the "Peter Pan" and "Brewster's Millions" Companies. The former which goes to Kalgoolie at the end of its successful Perth season, journeys from there by rail and steamer direct to Broken Hill—2,500 miles, there it will follow the Kingston company which in its turn is to be shifted round to Brisbane—2,200 miles by train—one of the longest railway journeys possible to take in Australia. During the last week in the month two other companies will be crossing the Tasman Sea—the Pantomime Company on its way from Newcastle to Auckland—(1,300 miles) where it opens on the 27th instant and the Julius Knight Company returning from the Bluff to Hobart (1,300 miles) for a ten nights' season in the latter city. Things will therefore be lively in the transportation department—but it only shows the immense field covered by the J. C. Williamson enterprise.

A CONSTELLATION OF STARS.

The annual garden party in aid of the Actors' Orphanage Fund was to have taken place on Regents' Park on the 30th inst. This was the all-star cast booked to assist, Sir Charles Wyndham, Sir John Hare, Mr. and Mrs. George Alexander, Sir Squire and Lady Bancroft, Mr. Arthur Burchier, Miss Irene Vanbrugh, Mr. Cyril Maude, Miss Winifred Emery, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Willard, Mr and Mrs. George R. Sims, Mr. and Mrs. H. Beerbohm Tree, M. Chas. Hawtrej, Mr. Aubrey Smith, Miss Marie Lohr, Mr. Fred Terry, Miss Julia Neilson, Miss Mary Moore, Misses Zena and Phyllis Dare, Miss Lena Ashwell, Mr. Norman McKinnell, Miss Phyllis Broughton, Mr. Oswald Stoll, Miss Isabel Jay, Miss Gertie Millar, Mrs. Saba Raleigh.

A WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE.

In the history of the stage there are many instances of "quick study." But I think that Pauline Viardot Garcia, the sister of the famous Madame Malibran, and of the late Manuel Garcia, who reached the age of 101, holds the palm. This one-time star of the operatic stage is still living in Paris, and Sir Charles Santley places her high among the great singers of the nineteenth century. Verdi used to tell the story how Viardot Garcia saved "Il Trovatore" in Paris. Alboni, of the gorgeous voice, was to have taken the part of Azucena the gipsy at the first production of "Trovatore" in the French capital. On the morning of the anxiously-awaited performance in 1854 Alboni sent word that she would not be able to play or sing the part. The composer, who was to conduct the new opera, calmed the distracted manager by saying—"Madame Viardot can save us. I'll ask her to take the part." Malibran's sister came to the rescue, although she did not know a note of the music when Verdi arrived at her house with the score. In the evening she sang and acted magnificently, and Azucena divided honours with Leonora during the series of 100 performances. Madame Viardot again sang the part of Azucena when the opera was given in London, 1855, and her singing put the prima donna—Mlle. Jenny Ney—in the shade. Speaking of the first night in Paris, when the character of Azucena was practically created,

Verdi said:—"Wonderful, was it not, to learn such a role in less than eight hours, dress it, go on the stage, and sing and act it most artistically? But then you must remember that there is only one Pauline Viardot in all this world."

Mr. Walter Monk, after piloting the Julius Knight Company through New Zealand on its recent round tour arrived in Auckland last week and tells a moving tale of hair-breadth escapes from snow and floods when in the South. The genial Walter's buggy experience out in the floods in Otago is worthy of a page in a three volume novel, and it would take a big sum to make him tackle a similar job again. However, "all's well that ends well" and Mr Monk is now with us again looking none the worse and is busily engaged arranging preliminaries for the "Humpty-Dumpty" season.

The Royal Welsh Male Choir has left London on board the Aberdeen liner Pericles to fulfil their Australasian engagement under the direction of Messrs. J. and N. Tait. The tour will, in all probability, open in Sydney on September 1, and the middle of that month will see them in Melbourne. A visit to Adelaide and Perth follows.

The Mallinson Song Recitals drew very small audiences to the Choral Hall. This was in a great measure

suffice to keep the theatre crowded night after night although last Saturday (July 18th) saw the beginning of the tenth week of the run.

The Harcourt Beatty-Madge M'Intosh Company, at present in New Zealand, opens in Adelaide on 19th September.

Maskelyne and Devant, or Maskelyne and Cook, the style by which the company is known all over the world, are touring Australia, and are now in Melbourne. Their mystery and magic have for 40 years been a characteristic theatrical feature of London. The programme includes John Nevill Maskelyne's bewildering tricks and illusions; Mr Barclay Gammon, a fine musical monologist; Mr Owen Clark, a young London conjuror; and Gintaro, a Japanese balancer and juggler. Twenty-six people are included in the company.

Not content with conquering the civilised world, "The Merry Widow" has extended the area of her sway into the still uncivilised portions of the earth, and last month the opera was produced at the Victoria Falls, almost in the heart of Africa, and until a few years ago still as Nature made it. It may be necessary to add that the Sonia of the production was not a local "star," though certainly a Kaffir widow would have been a novelty.

There was very nearly no Sonia at Her Majesty's Theatre one night recently. Miss Carrie Moore had gone a-motoring with her sisters one afternoon, and when about a dozen miles from Melbourne the petrol gave out. At half-past seven there was no sign of the lady at the theatre, and the management were getting anxious, but just as all hope had fled the missing lady turned up in another car, which had picked up the stranded ones, and whisked them into town just in time for Miss Moore to dress.

Mrs. Bass, the original upon whose life and troubles Mrs. Alice Hogan Rice founded her novel and Mrs. Flexner her play, is still alive and still living in Louisville, Kentucky, the real habitat of the Cabbage Patch and its collection of odd characters. Miss Ada Dwyer found her there when she journeyed down to that now famous spot to acquire the local colour at first hand. This, by the way, is one of Miss Dwyer's favourite pastimes, and she never misses an opportunity of studying types and laying the details of some strongly marked character up for further reference. She spent nearly all her time in Brisbane after she had landed from the Vancouver liner, in following a local identity about until she had "committed her to memory," so to speak. Miss Dwyer found Mrs. Bass still very much of a philosopher. Indeed, she has to be, for otherwise



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due to the lack of advertising, the majority of Aucklanders being left in ignorance as to the concerts. A concert company can hardly hope to attract good audiences without the concerts are properly worked up, and it must be confessed that very little was done in this respect. Doubtless the Mallinsons have gone away thinking Aucklanders an inartistic and unappreciative lot, but as a matter of fact the true explanation was "they didn't know."

From Mr. Jas. T. Muir, of Wanganui, comes a budget of press notices of Mr. Charles Saunders, the well-known tenor, and Miss Clara Robson, contralto, who commence a tour of New Zealand at Christchurch on July 28. Mr. Saunders was the leading tenor at the Handel Festivals from 1903 to 1906, and has sung in all the chief choral societies of the United Kingdom. Miss Robson is also a solo singer at the Royal Albert Hall, Crystal Palace, St. James's Hall, etc. They will be heard in Auckland later on.

The Melbourne playgoing public have totally forgotten Tony Weller's word of wisdom. "Beware of vidders, Samivel" said that unlucky speculator in such female comparison, and that advice though coming from a man speaking with authority, is not regarded at all. At any rate "The Merry Widow" has still so many willing slaves that they

The results of the Margaret Anglin season to date in Sydney leave not the slightest doubt that in her Australians have recognised one of the greatest emotional actresses it has ever been their privilege to see. Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, has resounded nightly to plaudits the enthusiasm of which is unquestionable—plaudits that burst forth spontaneously at the end of all the thrilling passages and intense situations with which "The Thief" abounds. Though her sojourn here has only just started, it is safe to prophesy for Miss Anglin a veritable triumphal tour of Australasia—one that will exceed even the most sanguine anticipations formed of her visit.

There arrived in Melbourne by the Orient steamer a few days ago a troupe of thirteen Arabs under contract to Mr Harry Rickards. The troupe will appear at Melbourne Opera House shortly, and is described as one of acrobatic marvels.

Miss Irene Ainsley, the New Zealand singer, has been meeting with marked success at English provincial fixtures. Recently Miss Ainsley was at Liverpool, and was the vocalist at a concert given by the Liverpool Symphony Orchestra.

Mr Claude McKay, of the J. C. Williamson staff, arrived from Sydney on Monday, having come over on a flying visit in connection with the firm's future production in the Dominion.

she could never put up with the persistent questioning of tourists who have read about her and want to be assured over and over again that she is really Mrs. Wiggs.

Madame Ada Crossley will introduce to Australians a new song by Frances Allitsen, the composer of "The Song of Thanksgiving. Apropos of this, a warm letter of thanks from that lady—one of the most retiring of women living, and extremely modest of her success as a composer—may be quoted. She wrote:—"I do want to send you a few words of very grateful thanks for putting down 'There's a Land' for Australia. I always find the people so delightful, so kindly, genial and human, and you, dear friend, are just the happiest sample of them. You have given me great joy in my friendship for you." Sir Charles Santley, the greatest of all baritones on the British concert platform, is another musician who has displayed the greatest interest in Madame Crossley's tour, and he has written an Ave Maria specially for her.

"The Thief" will be followed by "Zira" at Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney. It was in this powerful emotional study of a woman's soul that Margaret Anglin made one of the biggest successes of her triumphal career at the Princess Theatre, New York, in September, 1905.

CHRISTCHURCH NOTES.

My Christchurch theatrical correspondent writes:—Frank Thornton has just concluded a most successful season here. It seems improbable we shall ever see him again. As a matter of fact, he had retired; but, like so many old pros., an irresistible longing to be once more upon the track took possession of him, and the production of "When Knights Were Bold" in London decided him to acquire the Australian rights and revisit this part of the world, in which he is such an immense favourite. "When Knights Were Bold" is certainly very funny. Mr. Thornton says it is the hardest piece, so far as he is concerned, that he ever played in. He is upon the stage during nearly the whole performance, and as a twentieth century man thrown back into the days "when knights were bold," he is delightful.

A revival of "Charley's Aunt" followed, and the season concluded with a reproduction of the old favourite, "The Private Secretary," which has been running now for hard upon a quarter of a century, and bids fair to run for another quarter. The old piece drew two densely packed houses. It would probably have run for a week. This comedy has been one of the best money-makers ever produced. It made the fortune (£100,000) of W. S. Penley, the original Rev. Mr. Spalding, and has also enriched its author, and one or two more.

Mr. Barnes, the well-known theatrical manager, now in Christchurch, seems to think the new City Council by-law, enforcing the numbering throughout of all seats in our places of amusement, may possibly lead to managers of big shows skipping Christchurch altogether.

The Harcourt-Beatty-Madge McIntosh Company is now occupying the Theatre Royal, and "Her Love Against the World" is drawing big houses. On Monday and Tuesday "A Beggar on Horseback" goes on; on Wednesday, "Camille" is to follow (in which Miss McIntosh appears in the name part—one of her favourite roles), and on Saturday, July 25,

"What's your verdict?" in a fury
Asked the counsel of the jury.
Though 'twas somewhat premature he
Could no more endure!
"What's our verdict?" said the foreman,
"We've all colds through that door, man!
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"THE RED MILL."

"The Red Mill," which was produced at the Sydney Theatre Royal on July 11, made an instantaneous and most emphatically favourable impression upon the crowded audience assembled to greet it (writes Mr. Geo. Tallis). Everything, indeed, connected with it conspired to that happy consummation. It was a new and artistic setting upon which the audience gazed, the Dutch atmosphere was admirably retained throughout, the situation devised with an eye to good comedy and novel effects, and the cast was as brilliant as could be desired. Sceldom has such extraordinarily clever dancing as Mr. John Ford's been seen out here. He seems capable of doing absolutely anything with his legs, and when he added to that a smart, quick style and a knack of making all his points in a comic song, it is no wonder that the house simply rose at him. Mr. Fred Leslie, too, was invaluable as his partner in the congenial occupation of "doing" Europe, or, at least, a corner of it; while Mr. Percy Denton and Mr. Chas. Loder were responsible for a couple of neat and finished comedy sketches. Miss Fanny Dango, as a pert and "fetching" innkeeper's daughter, fully shared the honours which fell to the comedy contingent, and Misses Olive Godwin and Alma Barber, Messrs. Ed. Sherras and Geo. Whitehead all had excellent numbers to their credit. In short, the whole production was a brilliant success from first to last.

A FOLK SONG FIND.

The collecting of folk songs, which he has made his hobby, brings some strange experiences to Percy Grainger, the young Victorian musician, who is to revisit his native land as a member of the Crossley Concert Party, under the J. C. Williamson direction. He was spending a few days in Lincolnshire recently on his favourite diversion, when his search for finds brought him into contact with an old man who turned out to be one of the very few who knew the words of a song that Percy Grainger was most anxious to secure. The old fellow volunteered to write them down for him, and a long hunt for

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writing paper proving fruitless, he coolly tore off a long strip of the wall-paper, on the obverse side of which he proceeded to indite with laborious care the verses of the song in question. That MS. has been preserved most carefully ever since, and many are the explanations Percy Grainger has to enter upon as to why he treasures a piece of very florid wall-paper as if it were a precious sketch. What the landlord of the cottage said on the subject of this unwarrantable destruction of his property is not recorded.

"THE FLAG LIEUTENANT."

"The Flag Lieutenant," a drama of the navy, by Major W. P. Drury (the "Kipling of the Marines") and Leo Trevor, has been secured for Australia by J. C. Williamson. It is a play which handles the Navy as "The Second in Command" handles the Army, with a strong dramatic interest and much picturesque setting—a battleship "interior" and the forequarter deck providing two interesting scenes. Plays about the sea are not so plentiful by any means as they should be, and one can count up easily the dramas that have this environment. "The Flag Lieutenant" has only just been produced in London by Cyril Maude, and Mr. Williamson last week received a cable stating that it was "a great success."

THE CANADIAN KILTIES BAND.

Mr. Shipman, who has just arrived in Sydney, in speaking of the band—a brass and reed combination—says it includes a vocal choir of 20 trained voices, the Clan Johnstone Troupe of natural dancers and pipers, and is headed by two giant drum-majors, each over 7ft. in height—the finest specimens of Scottish manhood in the world.

The Canadian Scottish Band—they are familiarly known as the "Kilties"—in their original tour of England were booked for six weeks, but their success was so unprecedented that King Edward gave them a second Royal command to celebrate his

63rd birthday at Sandringham. The tour was then extended to over a year's duration. Their first Australian concert will be given in the Town Hall, Sydney, on August 15.

Mr. Herbert Flemming's English Comedy Company will open a season at Adelaide on July 25. The first production will be "The Mummy and the Humming Bird."

Though it looks so simple to the audience, the big mill in the first act of "The Red Mill" is really a most complicated piece of machinery—one of the most difficult pieces of stage mechanism ever put on an Australian stage, full of cog wheels and cranks, chains and gears, to make absolutely safe the flight of Con Kidder and Gretchen, swinging to the ground on one of its huge sails.

After a very successful season in Queensland, Meynell and Gunn's dramatic company will commence their New Zealand tour at Christchurch on August 7. The opening production will be a play of domestic interest, entitled "The Little Breadwinner," which had a long run at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne, and in England has proved most successful. The name-part is taken by little Queen Williams, who won fame as a child actress when she appeared as the leader of the Tin Can Band in "The Fatal Wedding." The play is one of absorbing interest, strong in characterisation, and of vigorous development. The interest of the plot is maintained to the end, the piece concluding with an exciting climax. A strong company will interpret the play, and includes Mr. C. R. Stanford, Mr. G. P. Carey, Mr. Ernest Leicester, and Miss Beatrice Holloway. During the season, Arthur Shirley's fine drama, "The Stepmother," will be staged. The New Zealand bookings are as follow:—Christchurch, August 6; Invercargill, Aug. 18; Dunedin, Aug. 22; Timaru, Aug. 31; Wellington, September 2; Palmerston North, Sept. 23; Wanganui, Sept. 25; New Plymouth, Sept. 28; Auckland, Sept. 30; followed by short seasons in Napier, Hastings, Dannevirke, Masterton, then Carnival Week in Christchurch.

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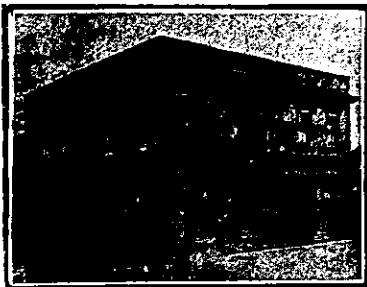
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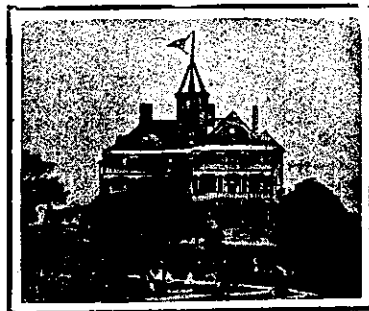
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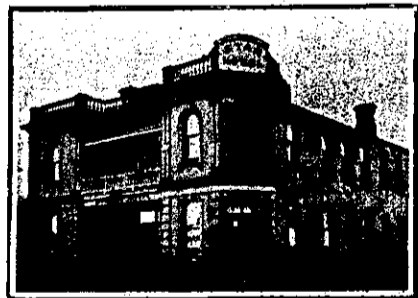
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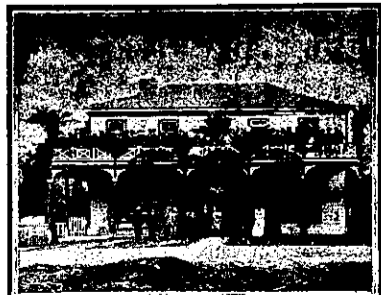
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WORRYING PROHIBITIONISTS.

News from Wellington informed us last week that the people behind the Bare Majority gun are sparing nothing, not even their friends, in their frantic efforts to have the Bare Majority principle foisted on to the people of the Dominion. It is said that members are being persistently worried by requests from constituents asking that they will support this bill of Mr. Laurenson's. Numbers of the members are very much annoyed at the extreme pressure which is being brought to bear on them. Several of our representatives complain that though they have entered the House pledged to the three-fifths majority, the audacity of bare majority have the tendency to ask that they go back on their pledges and vote for a principle which is not only against their pledges, but contrary in toto to all sense of reason or fairplay. The sanity of the three-fifths majority can never be questioned by any man or woman who has even the shadowiest sense of the rights of each man to his own property. Would the "Bares" have us believe that the people of the Dominion are so lost to all sense of justice that they will allow the enactment of a law which can only mean the playing of shuttlecock with tens of thousands of pounds of hotel property. That hotels may open or close every three years by the simple balance of a vote is ludicrous in its suggestion. The mere suggestion carries in itself the most abject confession of weakness. Does it not prove that the failure in most instances to poll the required three-fifths majority proves to the no-licensers that their cause does not meet with the approval that it should do, if their arguments were sound. The evidence which daily appears from no-license districts is of such a convincing nature of the failure, utter failure, of no-license, that its advocates may well attempt to try other than legitimate means to attain their cherished, though fanatical, desires. Fanaticism in the extreme can only be responsible for the asking of a law which would permit hotels being closed at one poll and opened again at the next. The three-fifths majority, hard as it is on owners and licensees of valuable property, is a protection for the hotel closer as it is for the hotel opener. In any district where the required majority have decided on closing the hotels it calls for the same majority to open the houses again. Whatever temporary success had been gained in some electorates by the no-license leagues in rounding up the required numbers is being speedily nullified by the resultant increase of police offences which follows closely on the heels of no-license. Coupled with this, and the fact that New Zealanders in sufficient numbers are not prepared to hand their right to drink or not drink liquor in an open and honourable manner over to a obliquely visioned portion of the community, comes the cry for the Bare Majority. At the local option poll the voters are the jury before which the question of license or no-license is tried, and it is essential that in a question which is so wide and far-reaching, and which affects the majority, that a substantial majority should decide. Signs are not wanting that the no-license leagues will shortly be only too glad that the bill which is introduced by Mr. Laurenson has not met with the cheerful reception that they would wish. If some of the existing no-license centres do not revert to license at the next local option poll, and that by a three-fifths majority, then the lessons as taught by no-license will have to be ignored. But we do not think so. The lessons and the conduct of the Prohibition party in trying to force their views on the people by the turn of a vote will not be lost on a people who lose nothing in comparison with other races in

business capacity, intelligence, athleticism, and, above all (apropos of the question now before us), in sobriety.

In Ashburton in 1902 the total charges laid in the police court numbered 309; last year they had increased to 316. In 1902, the offences relating to liquor were 93; in 1907 they numbered 103.

In the local court last week a man named William Smith was remanded to appear at Te Kuiti on a charge of stealing six bottles of whisky.

Mr. Baume is asking for legislation providing that licensees of hotels shall be compelled to receive, at half ordinary rates, all children under seven years of age, provided they are under proper care.

At Christchurch last week, Charles William Heasky, proprietor of an



MR. D. J. KELLEHER,
Proprietor, British Hotel, Lyttelton.

oyster saloon, was fined £20 and costs for selling beer with oysters without holding a license.

A rumour has gained currency to the effect that hotel tariffs would be raised during Fleet Week, but we understand that there is no truth in the rumour. Possibly many visitors will have to put up with make-shift accommodation during the busy time, but no extra charges are contemplated.

Mrs. A. M. Coombe, relict of the late Simon Coombe, died at her residence at Devonport last week. Mrs. Coombe was well known in hotel-keeping circles, having for many years been in business in Auckland. After selling out at the United Service Hotel some few years back, the deceased lady retired from active business.

Mr. R. G. Knowles, who commenced a season at the London Palace on April 20, in a novel "turn," in which he details some of his experiences on his recently completed tour, is equipped with a whole budget of new stories. On the voyage to Cape Town he was struck by the mannerisms of a colonial bishop—a fellow-passenger—who, as he walked up and down the deck, used to give a little smile and then a little bow. Then he would shake his head and frown. Mr. Knowles says he believes that the bishop was always asking himself to take a little liquid refreshment, and always refusing the gentle suggestion!

The delays that have arisen in connection with the hearing of the charges against the licensee of the

Falls Hotel at Henderson, have been brought under the notice of the Government by Mr. John Bollard, M.P., who last week asked the Minister of Justice if he would cause inquiries to be made into the matter.

At Pukekohe last week a man was fined £5, with 21s. costs, for refusing to quit an hotel when requested to do so by the licensee.

The new hotel at Waiorongomai is just about completed, and should prove a decided acquisition to the district. The new site chosen makes the hotel more convenient to the travelling public.

At the meeting of the Christchurch Licensing Committee, which was held last week, an application for a wholesale license was refused, on the ground that there was no necessity for more than have been already issued.

Another sly grog case was reported from Invercargill last Thursday. John Anderson was before the Court, and pleaded guilty to the charge of sly grog selling, and was fined £40. Anderson lived in a hut, where liquor was received and sold.

About three years ago a cheque for a considerable sum was lost in one of the public offices in Napier. As payment was stopped no loss resulted. A few days ago a drawer in the office jammed, and on examination it was found that the cause was the missing cheque. The incident recalls the discovery that was made during some alterations to an hotel in Dunedin, where a heap of bank notes were found, which had fallen out of a badly fitting till.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Labour M.P. for the Barnard Castle Division of Durham, presented a Wesleyan petition, weighing 12 cwt., nine miles in length, and bearing 610,000 signatures, in favour of the Licensing Bill. The petition was wheeled into the House on a trolley.

It was reported from Wanganui last Thursday that at Ohakune, on the Main Trunk Railway, Mr. Stanford, S.M., fined Wm. Oliver £25 and costs for having cases of whisky in his possession in a prohibited area, in default three months' imprisonment. A man named R. Malmaucke, who had carted the whisky for Oliver, was fined £5.

A case, said to be the first of its kind ever heard in the Dominion, was before the S.M. at the Raetihi Court last Thursday. A man named Brown, driver for a coaching firm, pleaded guilty to delivering liquor to persons whom he had reason to suspect of sly grog selling. He was fined £15, and £8 costs.

Mr. Asquith has submitted a resolution to the House of Commons which proposes to allot two days to clause one of the Licensing Bill before the recess. The remainder of the Bill will be dealt with in the autumn session. Nineteen days will be devoted to the committee and five

to the report stage, and one day to the third reading.

The interim report of the Royal Commission on whisky advises that no restrictions be placed on processes or apparatus used in the distillation of spirit manufactured from malt, malted or unmalted barley, or other cereal.

Underneath the London wool warehouses in the vicinity of the Tower Bridge are huge vaults for the storage of wine, through which run 28 miles of underground roads, lined on each side with casks. This does not include the rum vaults at the West India Dock, where spirit is stored to the value of two and a-half millions sterling. In the London docks there are four acres of brandy cellars, but most of the space is occupied by port, sherry, and madeira. Visitors who explore these dark cellars light themselves along with a little lamp on the end of a stick, so as to see the extraordinary effects of the thick black and white fungus on the vaulted roof, caused by the vinous atmosphere. Convince a drunkard that his inside must be covered with this ghoully flue, and he would take to ginger-beer (says an American writer), or else he would console himself with brandy, for spirit does not exhale the same mysterious breath. There is no fungus in the storehouses of strong waters.

In the local Court last Friday a Greek shopkeeper at Karangahape-road was fined £1 and a guinea costs for selling a bottle of hop beer on the evening of Sunday, June 21.

A special meeting of creditors was held last Friday morning at the office of the official assignee, in connection with the administration of the estate of John Sainsbury (deceased), late of the Whangamata Hotel. The question to be discussed was that of voting a compassionate allowance to the widow, Mrs. Sainsbury. The only creditor represented was Messrs. L. D. Nathan, Ltd., who have a claim for about £7120 against the estate, which has only realised a few hundred pounds. It was agreed, on the proposal of Mr. Hudson, on behalf of Messrs. Nathan, "That the executrix (Mrs. Sainsbury) be given a sum of £50 net, and that the assignee release the piano taken possession of and any other assets that he may lay claim to, and which have not been handed over to him by the executrix, on condition that the assignee be satisfied as to the safe holding of the licensed premises, now let to W. G. G. Watson."

How Leonard Sutherland, of Winslow, took risks to procure a case of whisky was related in the Ashburton Court last Friday, when Leonard was charged with forging the name of Barney Kenney in a receipt in a railway delivery book for a case of whisky which he thereby received. Accused pleaded not guilty, and after evidence for the prosecution had been heard, decided to reserve his defence, and was committed for trial at the Supreme Court at Timaru on August 7. Bail was allowed.

WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS

NOTHING CAN BE BETTER FOR KIDNEY & BLADDER AILMENTS

The French vintage has again suffered a heavy loss, it being cabled last Friday that a storm destroyed 6000 hectares (about 23 square miles) of the grape crop in the vicinity of Beziers in the South of France. The resultant loss of vintage will imply a deficit of 600,000 hectolitres (13,200,000 gallons).

Many petitions are being presented to Parliament, asking that licensing polls should be decided by bare majority.

Mr. Asquith proposes to allot 25 days of the autumn session to the discussion on the Licensing Bill.

It may be that the sly grog seller is looking forward to the next local option poll with some apprehension, inasmuch that some present dry districts may revert to licensed houses again. This may or may not be, but sly grog cases are becoming painfully frequent. Again last Friday at Ashburton, in the Magistrate's Court, before Mr. V. G. Day, S.M., Thomas Crowe was charged with receiving orders for liquor in the no-license district of Ashburton from Thomas Holmes and from Harold Toomer, and with selling liquor in a no-license district to Thomas Holmes. On the first count he was convicted and discharged; on the second he was fined £2 and costs; and on the third, fined £20 and costs.

NO ACCOUNT.

At the Police Court last Friday, before Mr. R. W. Dyer, S.M., Wallace Scott, a labourer, was charged with obtaining £1 12s. and £2 from Andrew Morris, licensee of the Aurora Hotel, Auckland, by means of valueless cheques.

Chief-Detective Marsack stated that on July 8, Scott, who was residing at the Aurora Hotel, in Victoria street, asked for a blank cheque, which was handed to him at the hotel. Scott then filled in the cheque for £1 12s., and asked the licensee to cash it, which was done. On the following day he obtained another blank cheque and filled it in for £2. This cheque was also cashed, and on presentation at the bank both were returned marked "No account."

Scott pleaded guilty, and was committed to the Supreme Court for sentence.

NO CHANCE.

In the Parliamentary news telegraphed to the New Zealand Herald last Friday, comes the statement from Wellington that during the past few days members of Parliament have been deluged with letters and telegrams from constituents, asking them to support the bare majority principle in regard to prohibiting the sale of liquor. Mr. Laurenson has a bill on the order paper dealing with the question, and this is the measure members are being asked to support. A great many members are considerably annoyed that such extreme pressure should be brought to bear on them, under all the circumstances. Several point out that they have supported the prohibition movement, and have pledged themselves to the three-fifths majority principle at the request of the party which is now asking them to go back on these pledges. A well-known member stated that there is great indignation amongst members in consequence, and the present move will undoubtedly do harm to the prohibition movement. He says the Bare Majority Bill has not a 100 to 1 chance of becoming law, but even if the Lower House were to pass it unanimously it would certainly be thrown out in the Upper Chamber.

THE "SUCCESS" OF NO-LICENSE. JUDGED BY ACTUAL RESULTS.

The No-license Handbook is responsible for the statement that the returns of the Ashburton Police Court furnish an unanswerable argument in favour of no-license. In the same work it is further stated that the growth of the town since 1902 has been steady and uninterrupted, and that Ashburton is in as sound a position commercially to-day as at any period in its history. How far from the real truth these statements are will be apparent from a comparison of 1902—the last complete year of license—with last year. **CRIME IN ASHBURTON.** In 1902 the total charges laid in the Police Court numbered 309; last year they had increased to 316. In

1902 the offences relating to liquor were 93; in 1907 they numbered 103, made up as follows:—Drunkenness, 44; selling liquor without a license, 22; prohibited persons procuring liquor, 5; disorderly conduct whilst drunk, 1; keeping liquor for sale, 4; failing to notify vendor under Licensing Act, 2; failing to notify Clerk of Court, 6; failure to label package of liquor, 4; failing to give name and address when ordering liquor, 3; procuring liquor for prohibited person, 3; found in premises when sly grog search warrant executed, 9; total, 103. Thus the only unanswerable argument that Ashburton can furnish in favour of no-license is an increase in crime and in offences relating to drink.

THE PROSPERITY OF THE TOWN.

In the five years since no-license the population of Ashburton has increased from 2500 to 2563, which of itself is eloquent testimony to the utter stagnation of the town. Business is very bad, over forty establishments having changed hands since 1903, and fully a dozen businesses are now in the market. At least six prominent Prohibitionist tradesmen have shown themselves so satisfied with business under the regime they advocated that they have removed themselves and their businesses to places where licenses exist. No less than eleven shops have been burnt out in the last 18 months, and the town is so prosperous that in many cases no effort has been made to rebuild. The debts sued for in the Magistrate's Court have increased in amount from £3115 in 1902 to £4633 in 1907, an increase of 49 per cent., which disposes of the frequently expressed opinion that people pay their debts better under no-license. It is said that a large proportion of business people are satisfied, but actions speak louder than words, and at the Court-house polling booth, in the centre of the business population, the votes cast in 1905 were:—

For restoration 618
Against restoration 335

Majority for restoration 283

A QUESTION FOR TEMPERANCE REFORMERS.

It is evident that, judged by the very test proposed by the Prohibitionists themselves, no-license is a failure in Ashburton. There is no decrease in crime, as shown by the police-court records; on the contrary, there is a slight increase. Instead of increased prosperity, so lavishly promised, we find complete stagnation. Instead of business people enlarging their premises, we find them falling over each other in their hurry to escape from the town. Instead of the workers having a plentiful supply of cash, we find small debts harder than ever to collect. On the top of all these failures, we have the horrors of sly grog, with its train of ruined homes.

In the face of all these facts, is it not time for those temperance reformers who believe in coercion as a remedy to ask themselves whether these results are in spite of, or because of, the law they defend?

ALLEGED TOBACCO FRAUDS.

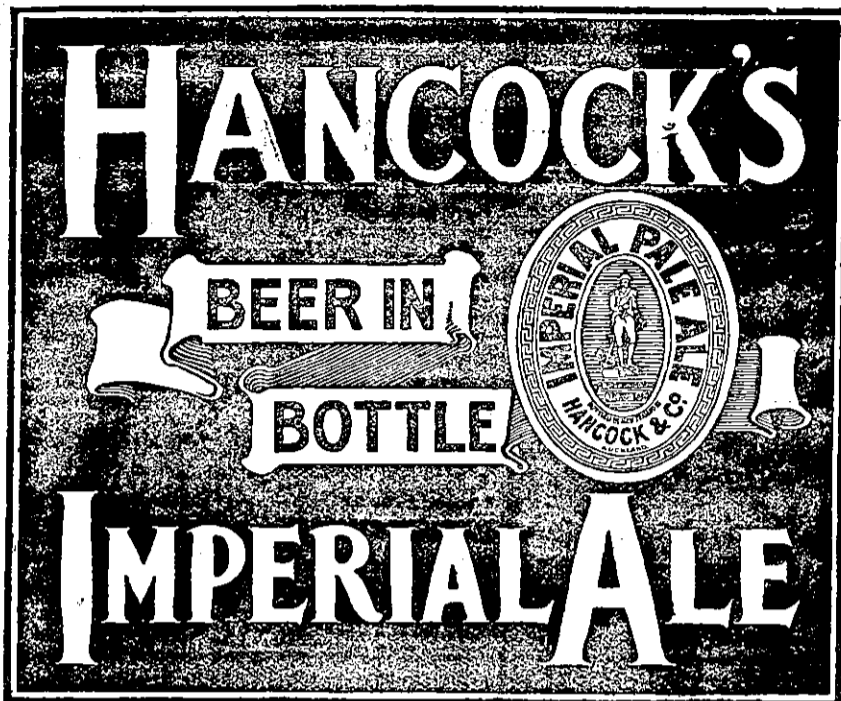
LARGE SUMS INVOLVED.

Two commercial travellers, Arthur Tillinghest and William Robertson, were before the Central Police Court, Sydney, last week, Tillinghest being charged with having stolen 532,000 cigarettes, valued at £500, and Robertson, tobacco, cigarettes, and money to the value of £1000, the property of Peter Mathieson. It was stated that a charge of conspiracy would be laid against accused, the amount involved being £6000 to £7000. They were remanded. Tillinghest was then called upon to answer several charges of forgery of receipts. Peter Mathieson said that the accused had been in his employ for five years, the last three as outdoor salesman, on a salary of £2 and commission, which brought the salary up to between £2 10s. and £3 weekly. None of the amounts represented in the receipts had been paid in. Robertson was charged on three counts of embezzlement. Both were remanded on heavy bail.

MORE SLY GROG.

Last week at Balclutha, George Fisher, keeper of the Farmers' Arms boardinghouse, was charged with unlawfully keeping whisky for sale, and pleaded guilty. The police raided the place on June 26, and found one bottle of whisky underneath a table

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in the sitting-room, and several glasses, which had evidently contained whisky, in a cupboard in a chaff house. They found 57 full bottles of whisky in a hole underneath the chaff bin.

It was the defendant's first offence, and the magistrate (Mr. Kenrick, S. M.) said that he would take this into consideration, and also the further fact that defendant had pleaded guilty. He would be fined £25, with

costs (£3 10s), and the liquor would be confiscated.

LICENSES AND DRUNKENNESS.

In the "Socialist Review" Mr. Philip Snowden, M.P., although professing that the licensing Bill is, on the whole, one that socialists may welcome, quotes the following striking statistics to disprove the argument of the Government that fewer

public-houses imply less drunkenness.

Mr. Snowden says:—"The towns of Accrington and Nelson, in Lancashire, are in all respects fairly comparable. The towns are but twelve miles apart, the populations are fairly equal, both are cotton weaving centres, both strongly Nonconformist, their housing conditions are very similar.

The figures as to the number of licenses, convictions for drunkenness, etc., are shown in the licensing statistics for 1906 to be as follows:—
Accrington—Population, 43,122; on-license, 15; off-licenses, 17; clubs, 16.
Nelson—Population, 32,816, on-license 15; off-license 17; club 10.
Convictions for drunkenness—Accrington, 144; Nelson, 202.
Accrington—One license to 1025 of the population. Nelson—One conviction per 300 of population. Nelson—One conviction per 162 of population.

A MODEL PUBLIC HOUSE.

The latest pronouncement of Mr. W. T. Stead on the licensing question is characterised by that broad-mindedness which I have always admired in the man (says a writer in the "Caterer"). Convinced that the automatic closing of public-houses is the poorest possible resource to mitigate the drink evil, but that reformers must be content to take one step at a time, he pins his faith on a reformed public-house. This is exactly what I have myself advocated in these notes from time to time. It will be recollected also that similar views have been aired on the subject by the Rev. Stewart Headlam, the Rev. J. G. Simpson, and Mr. Cecil Chesterton, the Secretary of the Anti-Puritan League. The spirit of the times is decidedly towards the improvement of our existing institutions, despite the cry of the faddists and fanatics who would like to see them swept away altogether. And, since the publicans are only too willing to improve their premises in response to the popular demand, a better state of things must follow if sweet reasonableness can be brought to bear upon the arguments which make for abolition and confiscation.

As a climax to his outspoken opinions at a Nonconformist meeting recently, Mr. Stead has now a well-defined plan to put forward. "I would call my public-house the Public Home," he says, "and I would alter it so that it became more of a restaurant and less of a bar. The old customers, who were used to the place as a drinking shop, could have anything they asked; but those who took non-intoxicants would have most favor, most attention, and the most comfortable room. In fact, the entire idea would be to make things very attractive for those who took non-alcoholic refreshment, while those who wanted strong drink would be able to get it easily, without restraint or a sermon. I would have my tea-room served by very pretty girls, who would be more like hostesses than waitresses. Strong drink would only be served by men. There would be music in my public-house, if I were allowed to have it, and there would also be perfect ventilation.

"When my public-house was complete," he continues, "I would issue invitations for the house-warming. I would invite ministers, police, publicans, pawnbrokers, school-teachers, employers of labor, trade union officials, doctors, dustmen, guardian of the poor, and footballers. Those who were married should bring their wives. I would take the opportunity of explaining to those who came my object and my method of obtaining it. I would give my guests a good programme of music, vocal and instrumental. There would also be a lavish display of tea, coffee, cocoa, lemonade, sandwiches, cakes, pastry, and fruit. Those who wanted drink could go to the bar. I think that running a public-house on those lines," he says, in conclusion, "would soon make extensions necessary, and I think that some of the other beer-houses, and public-houses in the neighbourhood would not be long in closing their doors."

THE FAILURE OF PROHIBITION.

In "Life," the well-known magazine edited by Rev. Fitchett, the following summing-up of the American liquor question is printed.

It may be remembered that the experiment of prohibitory laws has been tried in the United States for many years, and the history of the experiment is one of many failures. Fourteen States adopted prohibition

in the ten years betwixt 1846-1856, and of this group Maine is the only survivor. The remaining six have, have with only one exception, "gone dry"—to use the American phrase—since 1880. The list, with dates, is worth putting on record:—

- Maine.—Adopted prohibition in 1846; repealed in 1856; re-enacted prohibition in 1858.
- New Hampshire.—Adopted in 1855; repealed in 1903.
- Vermont.—Adopted in 1850; repealed in 1903.
- Massachusetts.—Adopted in 1852; repealed in 1858; re-adopted in 1869; repealed in 1875.
- Rhode Island.—Adopted in 1852; repealed in 1863; re-adopted in 1886; repealed in 1889.
- Connecticut.—Adopted in 1854; repealed in 1872.
- New York.—Adopted in 1855; declared unconstitutional.
- Ohio.—Adopted in 1851; annulled by a license-tax law.
- Indiana.—Adopted in 1855; declared unconstitutional.
- Michigan.—Adopted in 1855; repealed in 1875.
- Illinois.—Adopted in 1851; repealed in 1853.
- Wisconsin.—Adopted in 1855; vetoed by Governor.
- Iowa.—Adopted partial prohibition in 1855; full prohibition in 1884; mulct law in 1893.
- Nebraska.—Adopted in 1855; repealed in 1858.
- Kansas.—Adopted Constitutional amendment in 1880.
- North Dakota.—Constitutional provision in 1890; repealed in 1896.
- South Dakota.—Constitutional provision in 1890.
- Georgia.—Adopted prohibition in 1907.
- Oklahoma.—Adopted prohibition in 1907.
- Alabama.—Adopted prohibition in 1908.

This table certainly seems to show that a curious strain of levity runs through American politics. There is great courage in making experiments, and an equal courage in abandoning them. It is clear, too, since only six States out of twenty who adopted prohibition have kept the pledge, that policy was in advance of public sentiments.

THE PROHIBITION PARTY.

"Because half a dozen grasshoppers under a fern," exclaimed Edmund Burke, in his immortal speech on "The French Revolution," "make the field ring with their importunate chink, whilst thousands of great cattle repose beneath the shadow of the British oak, chew the cud, and are silent, pray do not imagine that those who make the noise are the majority of the inhabitants of the field. But the fact is that after all they are only the little, shrivelled, meagre, hopping, though loud and troublesome, insects of the hour." This very truism is not realised by the little and insignificant politicians who, of recent years, have been chinked by the prohibition insects into making ridiculous and reactionary, oppressive laws against the peace and natural instincts of the people's masses, who, sad but true, have indeed behaved like the cud-chewing cattle, in that they have tolerated the tools of the insects to impose upon them. But matters are now about to be changed, as there is a great civilising and enlightening force at work against us—publicity, and this force is being employed to shed its glaring light upon the insignificant number of the crazily-chinking insects.—"Licensing World."

BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTUNITY.

"Beg pardon, sir," said the man in the suit of faded black, "but are you carrying all the life insurances you want?"

"Yes, sir," answered the man at the desk, "I am."

"Can I interest you in a morocco-bound edition of the works of William Makepeace Thackeray?"

"You could not."

"Don't you want a germ-proof filter at your house?"

"I do not."

"Would you be inclined to consider a good secondhand typewriter if you could get it cheap?"

"I have no use for a typewriter."

"Just so. Would an offer to supply you with first class Havana cigars at £2 a hundred appeal to you?"

"Not a pennyworth."

"How would a proposition to sell you a Century Dictionary, slightly shelf worn, for only £7 10s suit you?"

"It would not come within forty miles of hitting me."

"That being the case," said the caller, "would you be willing to buy a two-penny box of boot polish just to get rid of me?"

"Great Scott, Yes."

"Thanks. Good day."

Doctor: "Did your husband follow my directions? Did he take the medicine I left for him religiously?"
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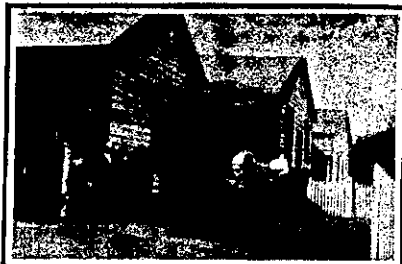


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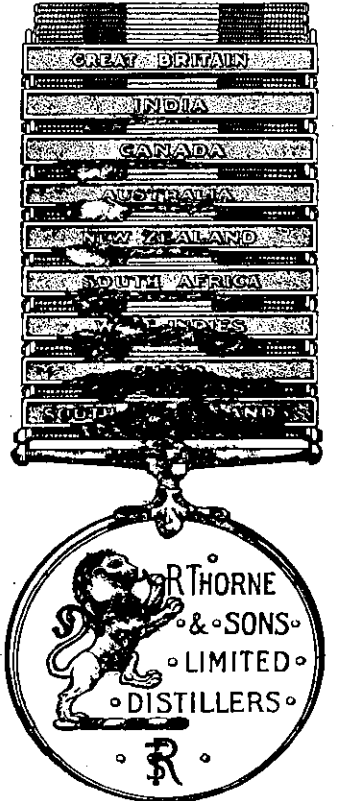


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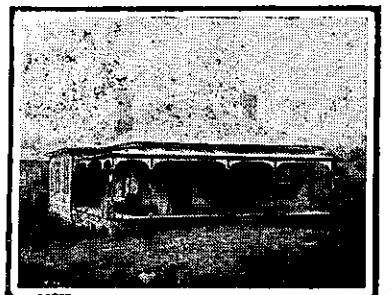


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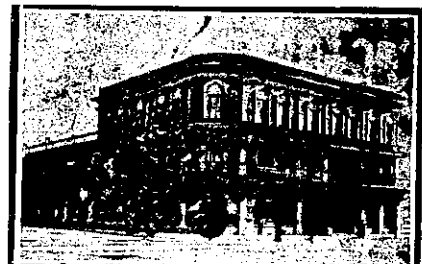
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An Irishman had trouble with his eyes, and consulted a doctor. The doctor told him to take his choice—he must stop drinking or go blind. The Irishman turned the proposition over in his mind a while. "Well, I'm sixty-two years old now," he said, "I believe I've seen everything worth seeing."

HIS EDUCATION WAS COMPLETE.

Professor: "If a person who is in good health, but who imagined himself sick, should send for you, what would you do?"

Medical Student: "Give him something to make him ill, and then administer an antidote."

Professor: "Don't waste any more time here; put up your brass plate."

NOT WHISKY, BUT PORTER.

An old labourer was hurrying along a railway platform to catch a train, when a porter suddenly collided with him, knocking him down.

The local Nonconformist minister happened to come along as he was slowly rising to his feet, and said, reproachfully, to him:

"Ah, my good man, you've been at the whisky again."

"No, yer honour," replied the old labourer promptly; "it wasn't the whisky this time—it was the porter."

MAKING SURE OF THE DAMAGES.

"Hullo!" exclaimed a costermonger on meeting an acquaintance. "Wot damages did you get for being in that motor 'bus accident?" "Eavy ones, my boy!" was the reply, accompanied by a grin. "I got twenty pounds for myself and twenty pounds for the missus." "The missus!" was she hurt, too? "Yes, in course! I 'ad the presence of mind to fetch her one over the 'ead 'fore we was rescued!"

A good story told of Harry Thaw in Paris is as follows:—Asking a waiter what was the biggest tip that he ever received, the man answered, "A thousand francs, Monsieur." "Hae bien!" Thaw exclaimed: "I will give you two thousand; here they are. And now tell me who it was gave you a thousand francs?" "Yourself, Monsieur!" was the reply.

At a Scottish dinner gathering, this interesting colloquy between the minister and one of his flock took place:—"Why weren't you at the Kirk on Sunday?" "I was at Mr. McClellan's kirk." "But I don't like you running about to strange kirks like that. Not that I object to your hearing Mr. McClellan preach, but I'm sure you widna like your sheep straying into strange pastures." "I widna care a grain, sir, if it was better grass."

Bishop Thornton, many years ago, was in possession of the episcopal see of Ballarat, Australia. At a dinner function this season he related a story rather against himself. Once when he benighted on the outskirts of a small township, he espied lights in the window of a solitary habitation. Approaching joyfully, he knocked. "Who goes there?" a voice demanded. "I am the Bishop of Ballarat," he replied. "Would you be good enough to tell me where I can find my way to the nearest hotel?" Course laughter greeted this request. Then one of the composers working there (for the place was a newspaper office) put his head out of the window, and shouted, "Look here, old man, you've had quite enough hotel for one night. Go home and get to bed, or you'll be run in as sure as eggs!"

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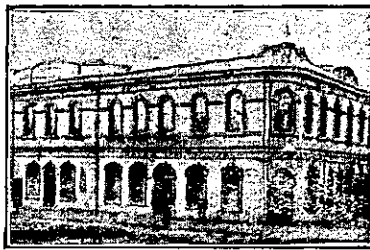
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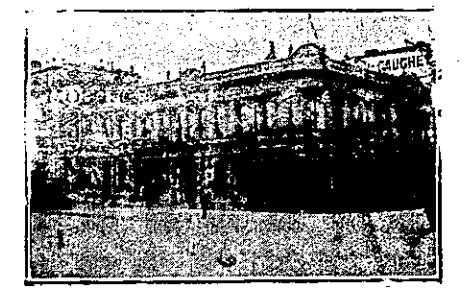
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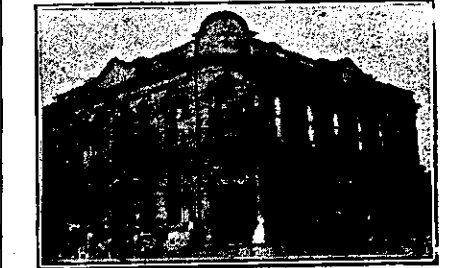
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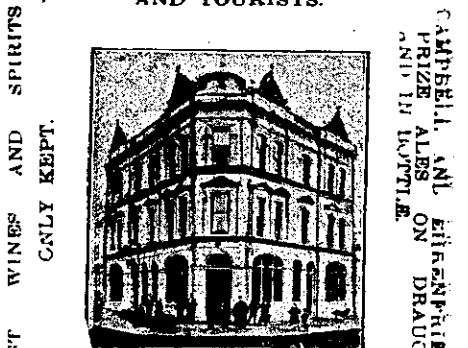
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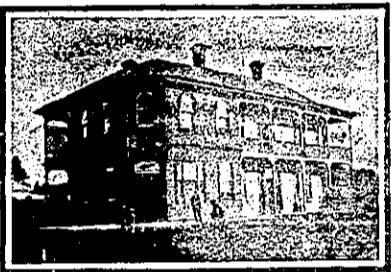


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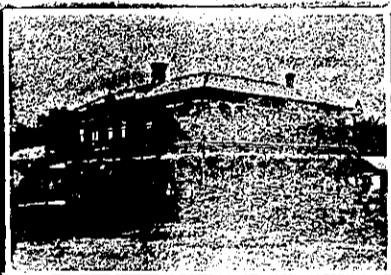
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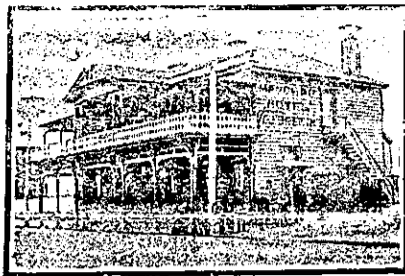
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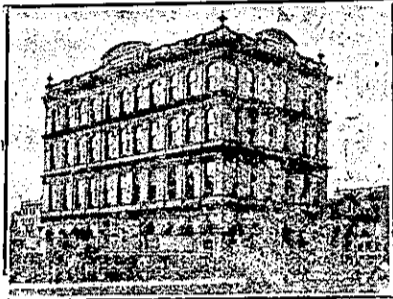
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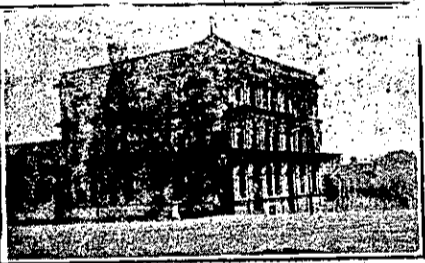
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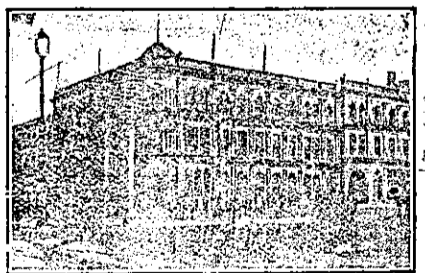
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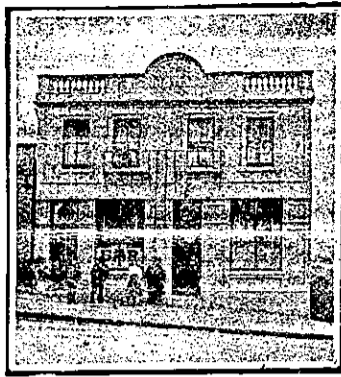
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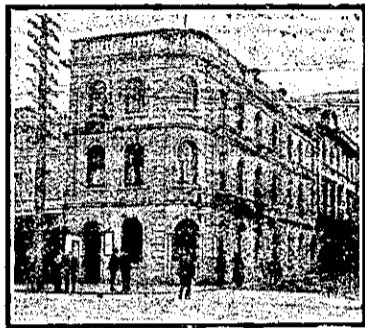
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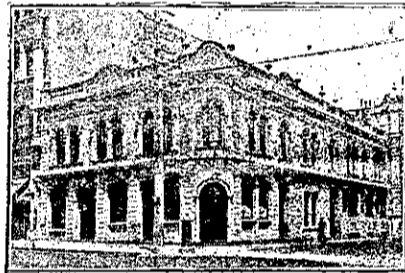
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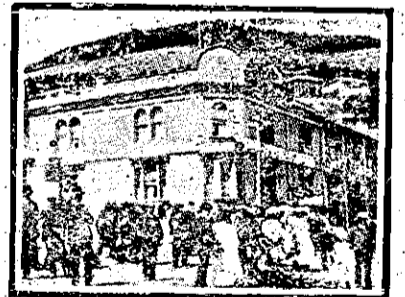
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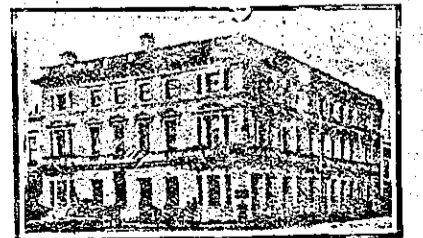
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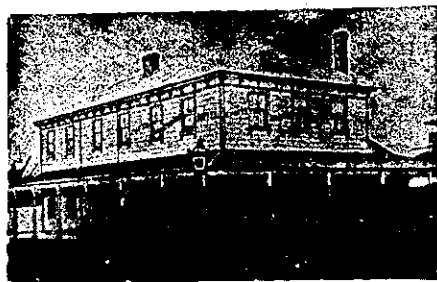


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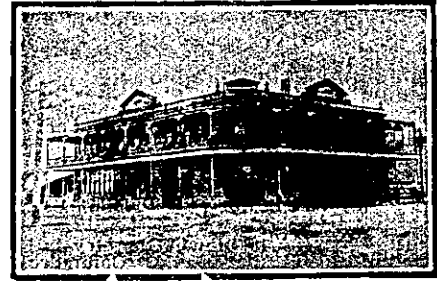
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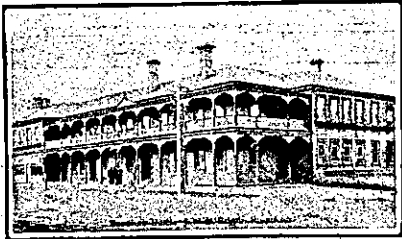
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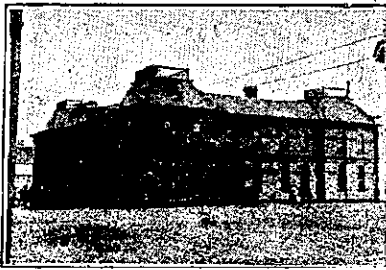
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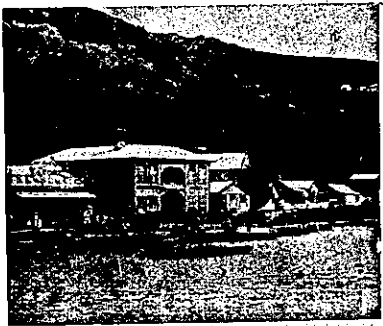
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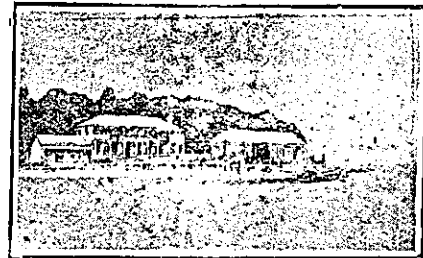
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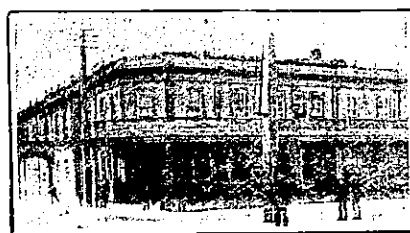
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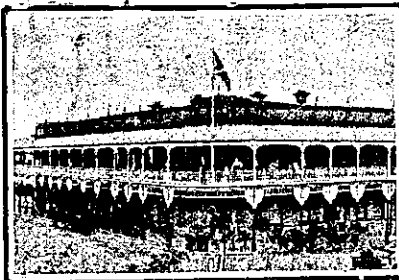
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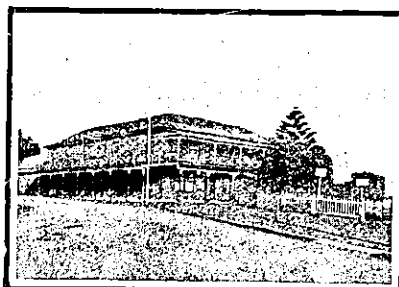


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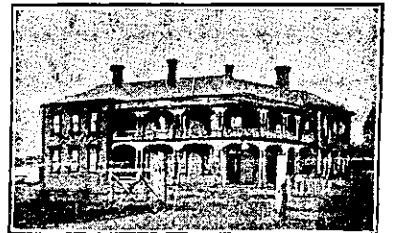
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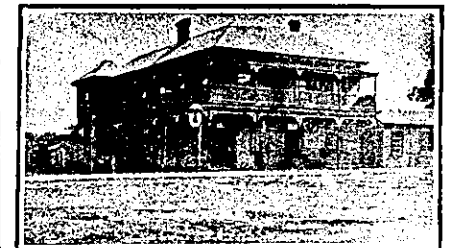
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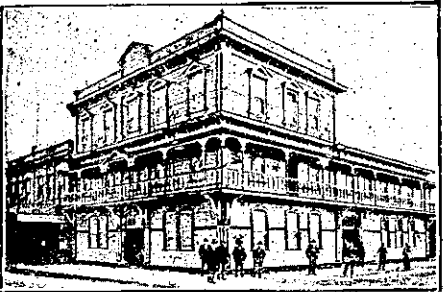
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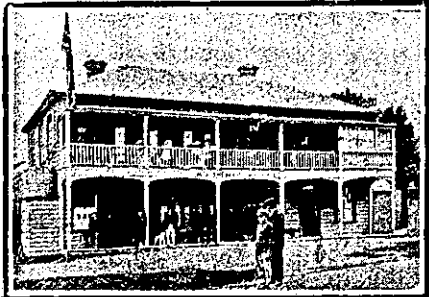


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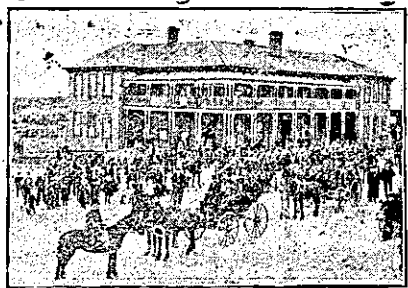
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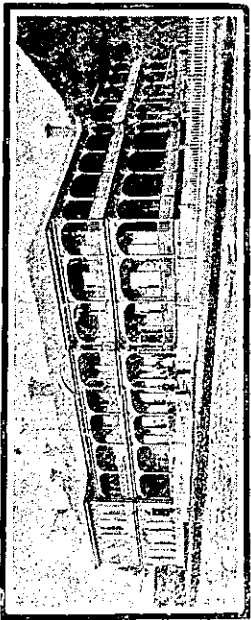
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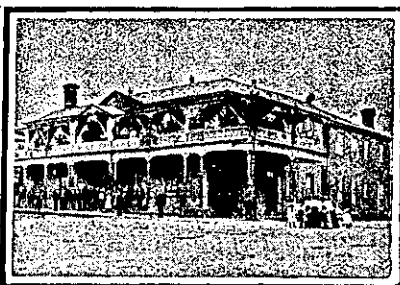
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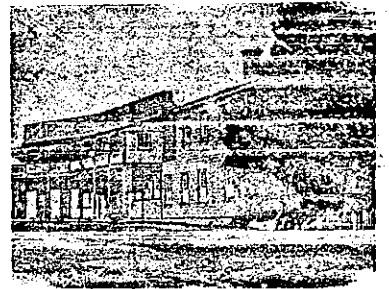


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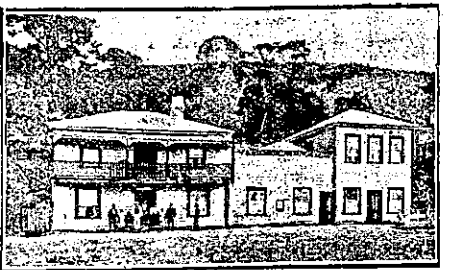
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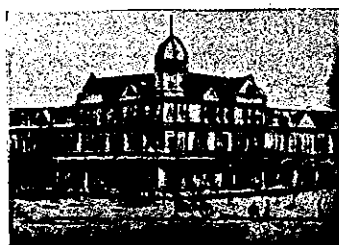
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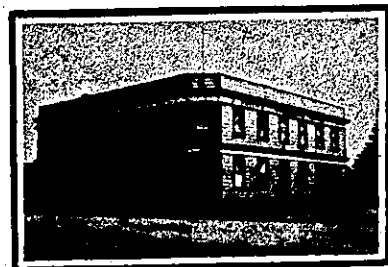
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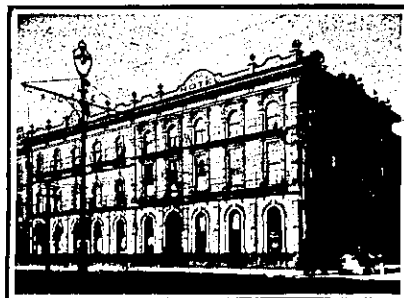
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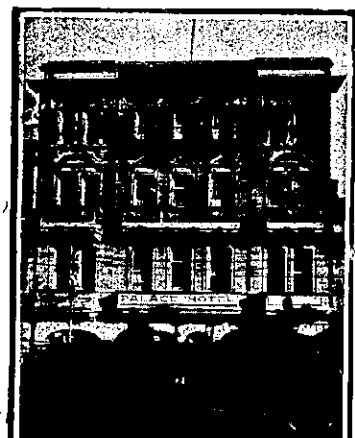
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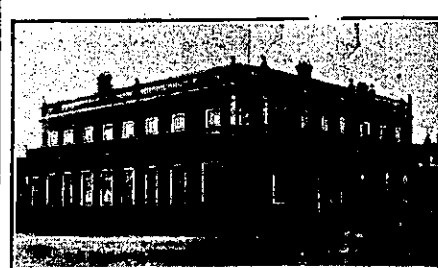
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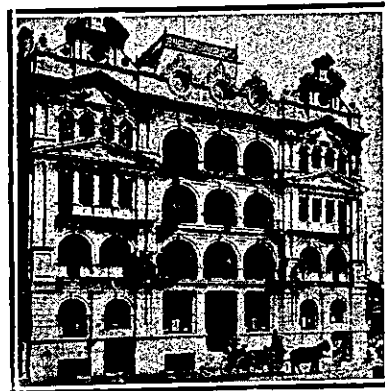
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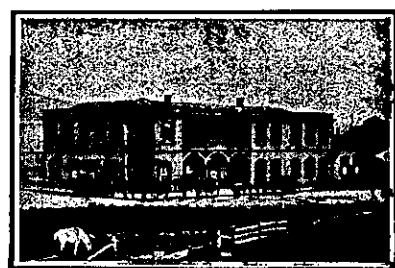
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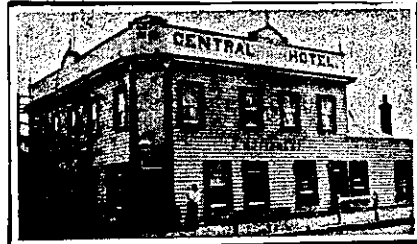
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