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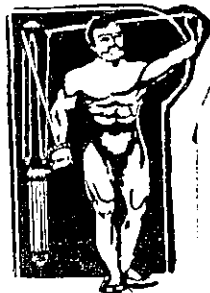
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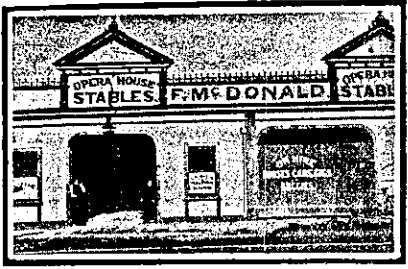
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FIRST DAY.

- THURSDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER, 1908. 1. FLYING HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes; Distance, three-quarters of a mile. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. To start at noon. 2. MAIDEN HACK RACE of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. Distance, 5 furlongs. Open to maiden horses only; three-year-olds to carry 7st 7lb, four-year-olds and upwards, 8st 2lb. Entrance, 2sovs. 3. WANGANUI GUINEAS, a sweep-stake of 10sovs each for starters with 300sovs added; second horse to receive 50sovs from the stakes. For three-year-olds. Distance, one mile. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 5lb. The winner of any race of the value of 200sovs after 1st September, 1908, to carry 7lb extra. Closed with 44 nominations. Acceptance, 4sovs and 5sovs post. 4. OKEHU HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. About one mile and three-quarters; over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. 5. GONVILLE HACK HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. About one mile and five furlongs. Over six flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. 6. PUTIKI HACK RACE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Weights not less than 7st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 30s. 7. SPRING HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. One mile Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs.

SECOND DAY.

- SATURDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER, 1908. 1. OWEN HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. Distance, five furlongs. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. To start at noon. 2. MOUTOA HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. Distance, three-quarters of a mile. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 30s. 3. BRUNSWICK HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. Distance, about one and a-half miles; over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. 4. ARAMOHU HACK HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. Distance, about one mile and a-half; over eight flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. 5. HIGGIE HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stakes. Distance, one and a-quarter miles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 4sovs. 6. RAILWAY HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. Distance, five furlongs. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 30s. 7. MARANGAI HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.

PENALTIES.

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

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS ENTRIES AND ACCEPTANCES, And Amounts to be forwarded to Secretary Wanganui Jockey Club.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31st, 1908, at 9 p.m.—

NOMINATIONS.—Flying Handicap, Maiden Hack Race, Okehu Handicap Hurdles, Gonville Hack Hurdle Handicap, Putiki Hack Handicap, Spring Handicap, Owen Handicap, Moutoa Hack Handicap, Brunswick Handicap Hurdles, Aramohu Hack Hurdle Handicap, Higgie Handicap, Railway Hack Handicap, Marangai Handicap. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th, 1908 (on or about)—

WEIGHTS for First Day's Handicaps (open events). FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 1908 (on or about)—

WEIGHTS for First Day's Hack Events.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 1908, at 9 p.m.—

ACCEPTANCES.—Flying Handicap, Wanganui Guineas, Okehu Hurdles, Gonville Hack Hurdles, Putiki Hack Handicap, Spring Handicap.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 1908, at the Post.

FINAL PAYMENT Wanganui Guineas.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th, 1908 (at or about) 8 p.m.

WEIGHTS for Second Day's Handicaps.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, 1908, at noon—

ACCEPTANCES.—Owen Handicap, Moutoa Hack Handicap, Brunswick Handicap Hurdles, Aramohu Handicap Hack Hurdles, Higgie Handicap, Railway Hack Flat, Marangai Handicap.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st, 1908, at 9 p.m.—

SECOND FORFEIT—Jackson Stakes, 1908.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, 1908, at 9 p.m.—

ENTRIES.—Wanganui Guineas, 1909; Jackson Stakes, 1910.

WM. HALL,

Secretary.

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SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1908. MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 50sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

HENDERSON HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, four furlongs.

AVONDALE STAKES of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8st; fillies and geldings, 7st 9lb. By subscription of 3sovs each, payable on the night of general entry. Distance, four furlongs.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, two miles.

AVONDALE CUP HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Winner of any race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs, and 3sovs at post. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

FIRST HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, about three miles.

PLUNKET HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight of handicap, 8st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, seven furlongs.

FLYING STAKES HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stakes. Winner of any race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1908. SECOND HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

AVONDALE GUINEAS of 200sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies and geldings, 8st 5lb each. By subscription of 3sovs each, payable on the night of general entry. Distance, one mile.

NURSERY HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, four furlongs.

PLUMPTON HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs. Distance, one mile.

KINGSLAND HANDICAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 50sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

NIHOTAPU HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights

to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, seven furlongs.

MOUNT ALBERT HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1908.

MAIDEN HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 70sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised hurdle race of the value of 40sovs, or hurdle races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Over seven flights of hurdles. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

NEW LYNN HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 40sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

WELTER HANDICAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight of handicap, 8st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

SECOND HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1sov. Distance, about three miles.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP of 130sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, one mile.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, four furlongs.

MEMBERS' HANDICAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, seven furlongs.

PUBLICANS' HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC., SPRING MEETING.

With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.J.C.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 1908, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS.

Avondale Cup 1sov, First Handicap Steeplechase 1sov, Plumpton Handicap 1sov, Flying Stakes Handicap 1sov.

NOMINATIONS.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 (General Entry), by 9 p.m.

Maiden Plate Handicap 1sov, First Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Plunket Handicap 1sov, Henderson Handicap 1sov, Second Handicap Hurdles 1sov, President's Handicap 1sov, Nursery Handicap 1sov, Nihotapu Handicap 1sov, Kingsland Handicap 1sov, Mount Albert Handicap 1sov, Maiden Handicap Hurdle Race 1sov, New Lynn Handicap 1sov, Welter Handicap 1sov, Second Handicap Steeplechase 1sov, Grandstand Handicap 1sov, Electric Handicap 1sov, Members' Handicap 1sov, Publicans' Handicap 1sov.

FINAL PAYMENTS.

Avondale Stakes, 1908, 3sovs; Avondale Guineas, 1908, 3sovs.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES.

Maiden Plate Handicap 1sov, First Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Avondale Cup 2sovs, Plunket Handicap 1sov, First Handicap Steeplechase 1sov, Henderson Handicap 1sov, Flying Stakes Handicap 1sov.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 (at post). Avondale Cup 3sovs.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES.

Second Handicap Hurdles 1sov, President's Handicap 1sov, Nursery Handicap 1sov, Nihotapu Handicap 1sov, Plumpton Handicap 2sovs, Kingsland Handicap 1sov, Mount Albert Handicap 1sov.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES.

Maiden Handicap Hurdles 1sov, New Lynn Handicap 1sov, Welter Handicap 1sov, Second Handicap Steeplechase 1sov, Grandstand Handicap 1sov, Electric Handicap 1sov, Members' Handicap 1sov, Publicans' Handicap 1sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

ON OR ABOUT WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1908.

Avondale Cup, Flying Stakes Handicap.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.

Maiden Plate Handicap, First Handicap Hurdles, Plunket Handicap, Henderson Handicap, Handicap Steeplechase.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, Morning Paper.

Second Handicap Hurdles, President's Handicap, Nursery Handicap, Nihotapu Handicap, Plumpton Handicap, Kingsland Handicap, Mount Albert Handicap.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, Morning Paper.

Maiden Handicap Hurdles, New Lynn Handicap, Welter Handicap, Second Handicap Steeplechase, Grandstand Handicap, Electric Handicap, Members' Handicap, Publicans' Handicap.

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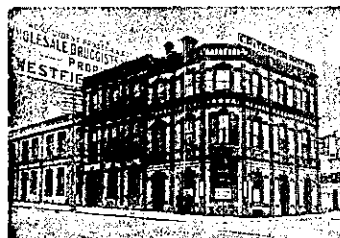
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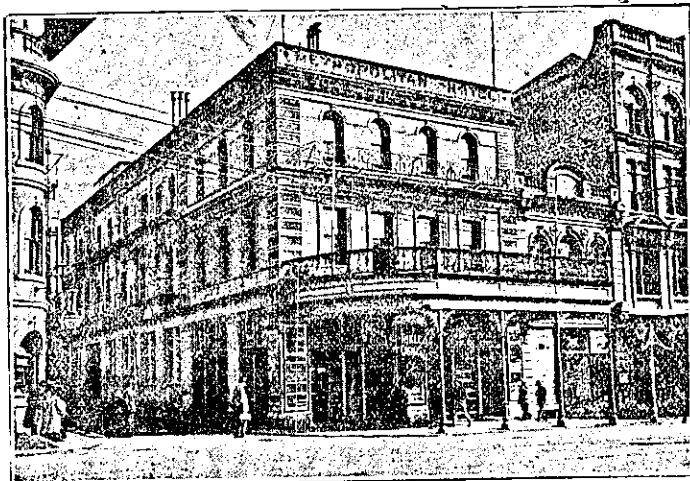
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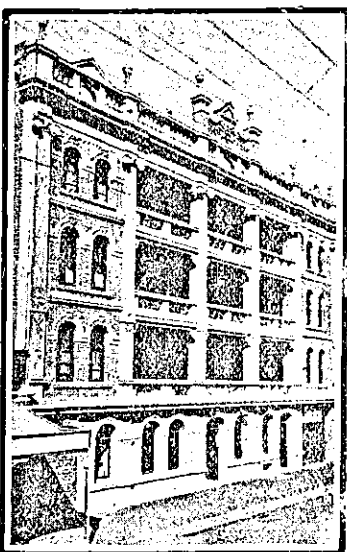
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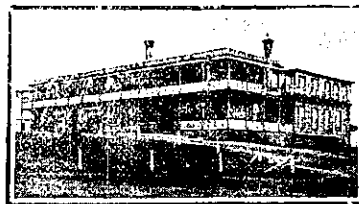
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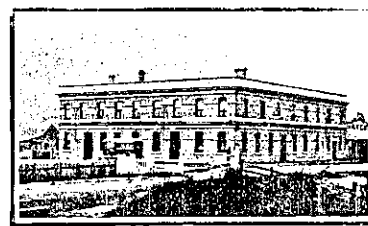
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RACING CALENDAR.

SEASON 1907.

FIXTURES.

September 2, 3—Marton J.C.
September 19, 23, 26—Avondale J.C.
September 16, 17—Rangitikei R.C.
Sept. 24, 25—Geraldine R.C.
Sept. 24, 26—Wanganui J.C.
Oct. 7, 8—Hawke's Bay J.C.
Oct. 9—Waitara R.C.
Oct. 14, 15—Napier Park R.C.
Oct. 15—Dunedin J.C.
Oct. 21, 24—Wellington R.C.
Oct. 29, 30—Poverty Bay T.C.
Nov. 7, 9, 11—A.R.C.
Nov. 7, 9, 11, 14—C.J.C.
Nov. 9—Waverley-Waitotara R.C.
Nov. 28, Dec. 2—Takapuna J.C.
Nov. 30, Dec. 1—Feilding J.C.
Dec. 26, 30, Jan. 1, 2—A.R.C.

NOMINATIONS.

September 4—Avondale J.C.
Sept. 11—Manawatu Stakes of 1910;
Palmerston North Stakes of 1909;
Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes of 1909
Aug. 31—Wanganui J.C.
Oct. 3—Poverty Bay Turf Club (special events)
Oct. 17—Poverty Bay Turf Club
Nov. 2—Wanganui Guineas, 1909; Jackson Stakes, 1910.

HANDICAPS.

Sept. 11—Wanganui J.C.
Oct. 17—Poverty Bay T.C. (special events)
Oct. 24—Poverty Bay T.C.

ACCEPTANCES.

September 11—Avondale J.C.
Sept. 21—Wanganui J.C.
Oct. 24—Poverty Bay T.C.

NEW ZEALAND CUP WEIGHTS.

Promptly to time, indeed a few days ahead of it, Mr. Henrys has published his weight adjustments for the New Zealand Cup, and a glance through the list, which will be found in another column, makes interesting reading. It must be confessed it does not throw any considerable light on the probable winners, for the Southern handicapper has set punters a knotty tangle to unravel. It was, of course, certain that Zimmerman would head the list, and the son of Birkenhead and Solitaire has received 9st 9lb. He could hardly have been given less, for he is a great stayer, and when really well one of the finest horses in Australasia, a fact the big bay proved at the last Auckland summer meeting. Still, the New Zealand Cup takes a lot of winning, and probably most people will look for the winner lower down. The Auckland-er, Master Delaval, comes next with 8st 13lb, an impost the Seaton Delaval gelding would be quite capable of carrying successfully if Moraghan could get him to the post really at his best, but this seems a difficult thing to do. Frisco has been given too much weight. True he won the Cup last year under 7st 8lb, but what has he done since? Another Auckland-bred one in Waipuna comes next, but as his owner, Mr. Lyons, is said to be cherishing designs on the Caulfield the Sout gelding may be left out of consideration. Moral and Mahutu both appear to have a full share of weight, but Tangimoana ran well last season, and should have a chance. Bonny Glen is to undergo a special preparation for the race, and may prove dangerous. Cross Battery has gone to Australia, and will most likely remain for the Victorian meetings. Signor ran a fine race in the Great Autumn Handicap, and on that form is worth consideration. Downfall may improve with age, and "the circus horse" is by no means out of it. The English-bred Ring Dove is an unknown quantity, and it is difficult to say why Mr. Henrys should have given her 6lb over weight-for-age. Uenuku is thought by many to be a better gelding than he has yet given evidence of, and Mr. Donnelly's representative is just the sort to effect a surprise. Master Sout has 3lb under weight-for-age, but so far we know nothing of his staying qualifications. None of the three-year-olds have displayed any very conspicuous merit, while of the light-weight brigade Aboriginal, Beneform, and Landwern may possibly be the best of a poor lot. With so many horses of

moderate class engaged, the winner is well hidden, and doubtless punters will wait until the list of candidates is considerably reduced before doing much speculation.

WANGANUI ENTRIES.

Owners are reminded that entries for the Wanganui Jockey Club Spring Meeting close with Mr. William Hall, the secretary, Box 15, G.P.O., Wanganui, at 9 p.m., on Monday next. The list of events to be nominated for are the Flying Handicap, Maiden Hack Race, Okehu Handicap Hurdles, Gonville Hack Hurdle Handicap, Putiki Hack Handicap, Spring Handicap, Owen Handicap, Moutoa Hack Handicap, Brunswick Handicap Hurdles, Aramoho Hack Hurdle Handicap, Higgle Handicap, Railway Hack Handicap, Marangai Handicap.

THE MANAWATU RACING CLUB'S FUTURE CLASSICS.

In this issue will be found particulars of the Manawatu Racing Club's future big classic events. These are as follows:—

The Fourth Palmerston North Stakes of 500 sovs., to be run at the Summer Meeting of 1909; for two-year-olds and upwards; weight for age, with penalties and allowances. Six furlongs.

The Sixth Manawatu Stakes of 500 sovs., to be run for at the Autumn Meeting of 1910; for two-year-olds and upwards; weight for age, with penalties and allowances. Six furlongs.

The Second Manawatu Sires Produce Stakes of 1000 sovs., to be run for at the Christmas Meeting of 1909; for two and three-year-olds; special weights. Six furlongs. For this race the nomination for sires and for 1906 foals by such sires are closed.

For the first two races entries for yearlings and upwards and for the Sires' Produce Stakes nominations for 1907 foals (progeny of nominated sires) close with Mr. J. M. Johnston, the secretary, on Friday, September 11, at 10 p.m.

The Manawatu Racing Clubs efforts to cater for the best class horses is a very praiseworthy one, and is deserving of the highest encouragement from owners and breeders. We have far too few weight-for-age events, and by freely nominating owners should show their appreciation of this effort to provide races of this description.

THE POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB.

The Spring Meeting of the Poverty Bay Turf Club has been fixed to take place on Thursday and Friday, October 29 and 30. This progressive club has been making great strides of late, and, as will be seen on glancing at our advertising columns, the programme for the coming meeting is a very good one. The events to be contested on the opening day are the Trial Handicap of 50 sovs, six furlongs; the First Hurdles of 60 sovs., one and three-quarter miles; the First County Stakes of 50 sovs, six furlongs; the Spring Handicap of 120 sovs., one and a-quarter miles; the First Welter Handicap of 50 sovs., seven furlongs; the Maiden Scurry of 50 sovs., four furlongs; the Flying Handicap of 90 sovs., six furlongs; and the First Hack Flat Handicap of 50 sovs., one mile.

Coming to the second day's list, we find the Second Welter of 50 sovs., one mile; the Second Hurdles of 60 sovs., one and a-half miles; the Second County Stakes of 50 sovs., one mile; the Makaraka Handicap of 100 sovs., one mile; the Second Hack Flat Handicap of 50 sovs., six furlongs; the Maiden Scurry Handicap of 50 sovs., five furlongs; the Waikanae Handicap of 80 sovs., five furlongs; and the Farewell Handicap of 50 sovs, seven furlongs.

The Poverty Bay Turf Club's fixture is as pleasant a one as one could wish to attend, being a very popular fixture locally, while it is always well managed. Mr. D. R. De Costa, the secretary, will take entries at the Club Room, Masonic Hotel, Gisborne, up to 9.30 p.m. on October 3 for the First and Second County Stakes, the First and Second Hurdles, the Spring,

Flying, Makaraka, and Waikanae Handicaps. Entries for other events close on October 17.

AUCKLAND METROPOLITAN COMMITTEE.

The Hon. E. Mitchelson presided at Monday's meeting of the Metropolitan Committee. A gentleman rider's licence was granted to Mr. Guy Ring. All other applications were adjourned to next meeting. The following programmes were passed:—Waihi Hack Racing Club, November 14; Whangarei Racing Club, January 10 and 11. Permission was given to the Huntly Racing Club to hold a meeting on February 20, 1909.

A.R.C. COMMITTEE.

The A.R.C. Committee met on Monday evening, the Hon. E. Mitchelson in the chair. The resignation of Mr. M. McLean from the committee was accepted with regret. Mr. E. A. Price was appointed to fill the vacancy. Accounts amounting to £106 were passed as follows:—Executors of George G. Stead: To R. D. O'Donnell, bay colt Cuian Forte, 2yrs; to M. Kavanagh, bay colt Cronstadt, 2yrs; to J. Gleseking, bay filly Sweet Angelus, 3yrs; to A. Skirving, bay filly Idyll, 3yrs; to Mr Melrose, bay filly Soprano, 3yrs; to T. Teschemaker, chestnut filly Curfew Bell, 2yrs; to C. Mac-hell, bay colt Cymbiform, 2yrs; to J. L. Carl, chestnut filly Roselike, 2yrs. J. B. Reid to W. Y. D. Acland, bay filly by Stepniak—Demeter, 2yrs; T. Andrews to F. S. Easton, brown filly by Sout—St. Katerina, 2yrs; C. Matthews, to R. J. and H. D. Matthews, brown colt Shuja, 3yrs. The following appointments were made:—Stewards, Sir R. D. S. Lockhart, Messrs Earl, Patterson, Clayton, Ranson, Gordon, Sinclair, Somers and E. D. O'Rorke; hon. treasurer, Mr H. T. Gorrie; auditors, Messrs Butler and Denniston; Programme Committee, the president, with Messrs Gorrie, Bradley, Davies, Nolan, and Price; Finance Committee, the president, with Messrs Gorrie, Nathan, and Nolan; Catering Committee, the president, with Messrs Patterson, Earl, and Nathan; hon. surgeons, Drs. Pabst, Savage, and Sharman; handicapper, Mr George Morse; judge, Mr R. B. Lusk; starter, Mr C. O'Connor; clerk of scales, Mr F. W. Mark; clerk of course, Mr A. Selby.

THE WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

The Wanganui Jockey Club have made a move in the right direction by increasing the stake money to be given away during the 1908-9 season by £505, as compared with last season. Owners will no doubt appreciate the club's action in this matter, as well as the alterations made in the conditions attached to the Jackson Stakes, the prize money in which will be increased to £500 in 1910. An extra £50 has been tacked on to the Wanganui Cup, which will be worth £650 in March next. A similar addition has been made to the Wanganui Stakes on the second day of the Autumn Meeting, and £30 to the Farewell Handicap. The club has made an alteration suggested in these columns after the last Winter meeting by bringing the Century Hurdles forward to the first day in place of the May Hurdles, which will be run on the second day. Another suggestion made in the "Review" has also been adopted, viz., the striking out of one of the steeplechase events on the second day, and the inclusion in place thereof of an open flat handicap. The Empire Handicap takes the place of the Final Steeples, the prize money being £175 and the distance one mile and a distance. With the Empire Handicap, the Connolly Handicap, Borough Handicap, and Winter Oats, owners will have more inducement to take their horses to Wanganui for the flat events, more especially as £50 extra has been added to the Connolly Handicap, which is decided on the first day. The Grandstand Steeples will be worth £250 as against £150—a fact which would ensure a bigger field not only in that event, but also in the Wanga-

nui Steeplechase on the first day. Previously the owners of some of the best of the visiting chasers did not care to risk sending their horses for either the Grandstand or Final Steeples as the stake money was too small. No doubt owners will appreciate having only the two steeplechase events with decent stake money. The club is to be congratulated in thus endeavouring to popularise its gatherings, and the results should be eminently satisfactory.

HIGH-PRICED YEARLINGS.

In a very interesting article on the above subject, the "Sydney Referee" says that there is a certain fascination in yearling buying, and many men who would scarcely be tempted to give a thousand for a proved racehorse possessing an almost certain chance of returning some of their outlay, will pay a high price for a youngster principally on account of its being a brother or sister to some successful performer, whose deeds happen to be fresh in the minds of racing men. Of course, with the rich two and three-year-old stakes to be won, the possibilities are much greater than where an older horse is concerned; but, it is almost unnecessary to add, there is also an even greater risk of never getting a return of a shilling of the purchase-money. The two-year-olds Perle d'Or, Nautiform, and Formeden realised very high prices at Yaldhurst, and though, for the sake of their buyers, it is to be hoped they will prove worth all that was paid for them, one cannot help calling to mind the number of costly youngsters who have been disappointments in Australia during the past few years.

Only running the Randwick sales back five years, it is astonishing what a proportion of failures the high-priced youngsters sold during that period have included. Kooan, who headed the list at 800gs. in 1903, did turn out well, but the Haut Brion—Novelette II, colt Haut Nove, for whom Mr W. Bailey gave 750gs. the same year, only won a £10 race for that gentleman, and is now performing over the jumps in West Australia. The following year Charles Stuart headed the list at 1100gs., but though he was a great performer as a two-year-old, he proved a tremendous disappointment subsequently. Before he raced as a three-year-old I have no doubt he could have found a buyer at £5000, but he did not win a race at that age, and only one afterwards, changing hands for stud purposes last year at 210gs. Still, as he won some good races at two years, he could not be considered altogether a failure. Blaaven (Haut Brion—Barley), bought at the same time for 650gs., was a costly purchase, as he did not win a race for "Mr McLeod," who sold him last year for 27½gs. Lord Grafton (Grafton—Lady Trenton), 600gs., was another of that season's bad bargains, while Jargoan (500gs.), only won one race for Dr. Frazer before he parted with him. Kaffirpan (600gs.), too, only scored once on behalf of Mr A. Wynne.

The lucky purchases of the 1905 sales were: Poseidon, 500gs.; Collarit, 145gs.; Ebullition, 300gs.; and Melodrama, 400gs. Iolaire has shown there was reason in giving 1420gs. for him; but Orel, 500gs., only won one small race for his purchaser, and Arcurus, 1250gs., did not do even that for Mr Williamson, who got rid of the son of Wallace last year. Taunton (Haut Brion—Meridian), 950gs., is another of the 1905 lot who has not yet got to the front; while Cashmore (Amberite—Krangl), 390gs. is now racing over hurdles. Sudbury (Grafton—Lady Trenton), 1750gs., died without a win to his credit, only starting in three races altogether.

In 1906 the highest price paid was 2000gs. for Lady Joan, who has only won a couple of small races up to the present, while, though the 1600gs. Master Foote did pull off the Caulfield Guineas, he was re-sold in March last for 310gs. Scobie (Haut Brion—Trieste), 910gs., has run well on a few occasions, though without winning. Black Mark (Grafton—Disgrace), 850 gs., has only one win to show for two seasons' racing.

Achilles' brother, Achilleon, 525gs., is still a maiden, and at 500gs. Nuci-

fera did not prove a profitable purchase. Odin (Orzil—Betsy), 501gs., is now racing unsuccessfully in events of the Park Stakes' order up Newcastle way, Peru, 280gs., and Currandooley, 35gs., were that year's prizes. However, it is perhaps too early to condemn any of those sold in 1906, as they are now only four-year-olds, and there is time yet for some of them to make names for themselves.

It is the same with those disposed of in 1907, it is worthy of mention that in five starts during the season just closed. Kibridé (1300gs.) did nothing towards recouping his owner. Noonday (Hautboy—Meridian), 725gs., had three resultless runs, and Adriatic (700gs.) was seen out eight times without winning. Lovelock (410gs.) scored a few places, but did not win, and though Walf'a (320gs.) won a race at Flemington he was beaten on three other occasions when greatly fancied by the stable. Poseidon's brother, Orcus (3050gs.) has yet to get a place.

MARTON JOCKEY CLUB'S MEETING.

For the Marton Jockey Club's races, to be held on the 2nd and 8th inst., the following acceptances have been received:—

SHORTS HANDICAP.—St. Clalmer 9.0, Frisco 8.11, Splendid Idea 8.4, Erl King 8.1, Rangipapa 7.12, Kareroa 7.12, Waihuka 7.6, Whetimaana 7.4, Moata 7.4, Lohair 7.4, Lady Menschikoff 7.2, Miss Time 7.0, Supplement 6.9, Chase Mab 6.9.

TRIAL HURDLE RACE.—Gleam 10.2, Bagatelle 10.1, Lingerer 9.12, The Dad 9.8, Peregrine 9.7, Dnil 9.7, Hatley 9.4, Taupo 9.3, Netherby 9.2, Bon Cyr 9.2, Artesian 9.2, Anycycle 9.2, Atanui 9.1, Fo est Garry 9.0, Star Artist 9.0, Tyrant 9.0, Don Carlos 9.0, Black Banner 9.0, Master King 9.0.

HUNT CUP.—Karanui 12.3, Janella 12.0, King John 11.5, Red Shark 11.4, Oringi (late Columbine) 11.1, Senorita 10.13, Cayil 10.9, Te Una 10.7, Bungalow (late Nimrod) 10.7, Firestick 10.7, Whipcord 10.7, Mongolia 10.7, Kura 10.7, Haumo 10.7, Cloudy Morn 10.7, Ballance 10.7.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP.—Sir Arregal 9.0, Whetumarama 8.11, Lady Menschikoff 8.8, Miss Time 8.6, Royal Maid 8.4, Loraida 8.1, Bonny Doon 7.7, Pytchley 7.7, Ney 7.7, Utopia 7.6, Fielight 7.5, Overtime 7.5, Miss Flirt 7.5, Recollection 7.5, Pukeruru 7.3, Chattel 7.3, Salt-petre 7.3, Sir Antrim 7.3, Waddy 7.3.

MARTON HANDICAP.—Wallethe 9.0, Irish Rifle 8.11, Seaman 8.10, Apa 8.4, Glenulim 8.4, Lot et 7.11, Ellerton 7.5, Comedian 7.5, Maharani 7.4, Roseal 7.1, Mussel 7.1, Royal Blue 7.0, Millennial 6.12, Probability 6.12, — — — Rein 6.11, Galie 6.10.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE.—Papa-tawa 10.4, Speciosa 10.2, Waitoa 10.1, Lyrist 10.0, Papaerah 9.12, Otaroa 9.12, St. Amelia 9.10, Peregrine 9.4, Concus-sion 9.4, Hatley 9.2, Morella 9.0, Elysiar 9.0.

TUTANENUI WELTER HANDICAP.—Recreation 9.10, Dr. Shimose 8.3, Sand Stream 9.0, Yosami 8.13, Fulminator 8.9, Sylvan Park 8.6, Research 8.6, Tutahi 8.6, Cauldron 8.5, Windage 8.4, Tange-coa 8.4, Utopia 8.1, Rawinia 8.1, Epsom Downs 8.0, Ruaputere 8.0.

MAIDEN RACE.—Overtime 8.0, Gordon Parl 8.0, Marathon 8.0.

NATIONALITY IN HORSES.

It is a nice point, as to which is the national horse of Britain, but according to T. A. Cook in the Cornhill magazine the distinction must be given to the thoroughbred. Other nations can challenge us in harness horses, but the English thoroughbred remains supreme. There is no proof that the thoroughbred has deteriorated. Such horses as St. Simon, Flying Fox, Sceptre and Isinglass were as far in front of Eclipse, Childers, and other giants of old as the latter were superior to the native English stock which flourished before the introduction of Eastern blood. The tendency to-day is to produce sprinters, and not long-distance horses; but races are run at top pace nowadays, and the race for a mile in 1908 probably calls for as great powers of endurance as the slower-run four-mile heats of one hundred and fifty years ago. On the question of the results of change of pasturage on a given strain, Mr. Cook asks why the limestone pastures of New Zealand and Australia did such evident good to descendants of our older stock, and sent them back invigorated and improved by their new surroundings. When modern in-breeding has reached such a pitch that all seventeen runners in Witch Elm's One Thousand Guineas traced back in four generations to the same sire, it is time to try some such invigorating change again. While every other country that pretends to have an army at all is giving substantial State aid to horse-breeding industries, which will produce horses of general utility, both in war and peace, England, the home of the best horse in the world, does practically nothing. There is a system of public stud farms in France, and substantial assistance is given to breeders by the Government, which sets aside £300,000 annually for the needs of national

horse-breeding, apart from which is given towards the encouragement of breeding racehorses.

GOVERNMENT AID FOR HORSE BREEDERS.

In England for some time past the idea has obtained that the Government should give increased encouragement to horse-breeding, more especially in view of the Army needs. The Government has now promulgated a plan which, it is believed, will give general satisfaction. It is proposed to register stallions, mares, and their offspring, the aim being to secure the annual breeding of 15,000 foals. Besides the covering fee, the owner of the stallion will be entitled to a fee for every registered mare found in foal to a registered stallion. Less wealthy owners of mares may possibly be assisted by the payment of the whole or part of the fee. The Army Council will make arrangements to inspect the produce of registered animals at three years, to purchase the young stock approved, and to pay towards the keep of the horses until they are taken over by the Remount Department. The other stock will be reported to the Board of Agriculture for registration. The scheme will be carried out with the assistance and advice of a consultative committee. It is understood that the Government aid will be £30,000 a year. Lord Carrington, in announcing the action to be taken by the Government, said it was proposed to have a census of all the horses in the country.

NOTES.

(By The Judge.)

General entries for the Avondale Jockey Club's Spring Meeting are due to-morrow week.

The Waikato Hunt Club will bring off a meeting at Cambridge next Wednesday.

The two-year-old colt Elysian, by Soul-Dreamland, is hitting out very well in his gallops, and is likely to run well at the Avondale meeting.

Kaitere, Scotty, and Le Beau returned from Christchurch on Saturday last.

The St. Leger stallion San Remo was sent across to Sydney by the Victoria on Monday.

Mr George Morse has been re-appointed handicapper to the Auckland Racing Club.

The Fleet Race Meeting resulted in a profit of £750. When one remembers the number of officers and men who were entertained and how it was done, the result must be very gratifying to those who worked so hard to achieve success.

Mr Hartland states that judging from the gate returns there must have been nearly 15,000 people present at the Fleet Meeting.

Mr Deebie has abandoned his intention of taking Pierre across to Sydney, the injuries he received in the Grand National being of too serious a nature to let the Muskapeer gelding carry silk for a long time.

The Marton Jockey Club will bring off the Spring Meeting on Wednesday and Thursday next.

The New Zealand Cup this year will be run on November 7, the Caulfield Cup on October 17, and the Melbourne Cup on November 3.

There are 17 entries for the Avondale Cup, 19 for the Plumpton Handicap, 16 for Flying Handicap, and 14 for the Steeplechase. These are the principal handicaps to be run at the approaching Spring Meeting.

Mr E. A. Price, the managing director of the Cambria Park Stud Company, tells me that the latest foalings at the Park include a nice filly by the Castor horse Eton from the Cyrenian mare Cyrenaica, also a shapely filly by the Cyrenian horse Hierarch from Peace, by The Officer—Content.

At the Rosehill (N.S.W.) special meeting given in honour of the American Fleet, the names of the races had a very nautical flavour. Thus there were the Battleship Hurdle Race, the Admiral Sperry Stakes, the American President Stakes, the American Fleet Stakes, the Admiral Dewey Stakes, and the Flagship Stakes.

It is reported that the crack horseman C. Jenkins has been engaged to ride Mahuta in the New Zealand Cup.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond left Wellington for Sydney on Saturday. He is bound for Queensland, where he recently purchased a big station.

The Hon. J. G. Ward, the Mayor of Auckland, and Messrs Hamer and Donne, the Fleet Commissioners, have each written to Mr Hartland thanking the executive of the Fleet meeting for the excellent manner in which that fixture was carried out.

The N.Z. Trotting Association has endorsed the Waihi Hack Racing Club's disqualification in the Wee Pony case, but has altered the punishment to a life sentence.

A student of pedigree tells me that he thinks the horses in the New Zealand Cup are the best lot ever entered for the long distance race. As only eleven out of the seventy entered are handicapped above 8st and only one above 9st, I am afraid that their records are not so good as their lineage.

G. Stern, who does most of his riding in France, has this year for the second time won three Derbys. In 1904 he won the French Derby on Ajax, and the German and Austrian Derbys on Con Amore, and in the present season he steered Quintette (who dead-heated for the French Derby with Sea Sick) and Intryant and Sieger, winners of the Austrian and the German Derby respectively.

Mr J. R. Keen's stallion Commando, who was at the head of the list of winning stallions in America last year, is again at the top of the list in the U.S.A., five of his stock having among them won eight races worth \$4,085dol. (or, roughly, £13,350). His son Colin has contributed just over half of the total; and Celt almost one-third. Colin has won the Withers and Belmont Stakes; and Celt the Jockey Club Weight-for-age Race and the Brooklyn Handicap. Colin, foaled in 1905, is out of imported Pastorella, by Springfield out of Lord Zetland's Griselda; and Celt is out of Maid of Erin (also imported), by Amphion out of Mavourneen.

The four-year-old English racehorse Polar Star (Pioneer—Go On), who has won 16 times out of 20 starts, was sold last month to go to South America. He accompanies Cyllene, who was sold last January for £25,000. Both horses go to the Oja de Aqua Stud at Buenos Ayres, and the price paid for Polar Star was £18,000.

The Sout mare Veronica, having been passed as quite sound by Veterinary Surgeon C. D. Halstead, will be shipped to Sydney very shortly. She was recently purchased for 700 guineas by an Australian sportsman.

The annual meeting of the members of the Auckland Trotting Club will be held on September 3rd. Nominations for members of the committee and stewards must be lodged with Mr C. F. Mark by 1.15 p.m. today.

W. Higgs was on top of the list of winning jockeys when the latest files left England. He had ridden, from March 23rd to June 26th, 45 firsts, 43 seconds, and 23 thirds. D. Mather had scored 36 wins, 20 seconds, and 21 thirds. F. Wootton was third on the list with 32 wins, 34 seconds, and 25 thirds; and William Griggs followed with 29 wins, 27 seconds, and 30 thirds.

The Act passed in the New York Legislature a little while back prohibiting gambling on racecourses will not, after all, put an end to betting. It may have the effect of stopping cash speculation, but book betting is likely to take its place. A test case under the new Act was tried last month, and a man, who was arrested on a charge of verbal betting at Sheepshead Bay, was acquitted, the Court holding that no crime had been committed.

At Worcester (England) last month the Sydney jockey W. Evans won the Worcester Welter Handicap Plate on Watcombe, who led all the way. Evans has not had many mounts in England, but his winning average is an excellent one.

Sceptre's first foal ran unplaced in the Fulborne Stakes, at the Newmarket Meeting last month. Being by a sire which brought 30,000 guineas, out of a £25,000 mare, she was expected to run well, but was not quite fit.

For the South Australian Derby, the following candidates have been accepted for: Tiercel, Fastness, Son of a Gun, Galvanic, The Shifter, Goodwood, Alarm, Isonomy, Cassava, and a colt by Tostig or Hotspur from Simplicity.

Miss Rutherford's hunter Jack Snipe, won the Christchurch Hunt Club's Point-to-point Steeplechase on Saturday, Craigmere being second, and Zenda third.

Multiform, who was purchased by Mr W. Brown at the disposal of the Yaldburst Stud, is advertised to serve a limited number of approved mares this season at his owner's stud farm, near Whittingham, N.S.W., Multiform's fee is 50gs.

Savoury, by Simmer (imp.)—Melodia, has been shipped from Perth to the north-west of West Australia, where he is to do stud duty on Mr C. R. Bunbury's station.

One of the first mares booked to Multiform after his purchase by Mr W. Brown was Australia (Gossoon—Trieste). Multiform's fee is to be 50gs.

Mr E. A. Price has been appointed to the seat in the Auckland Racing Club committee, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr M. McLean.

It is rumoured down South that Gold Crest will be sent to Australia after all, and that C. Jenkins will go across to ride the handsome chestnut.

Apa and Frisco are not to be sent to Sydney as was originally decided upon.

The Cyrenian mare Warbler, belonging to Messrs Tapper at Tuakau, has foaled a colt which claims Eton as its sire.

The Tauriki case is still engaging the attention of the Takapuna J. C. stewards, who have held several meetings, and intend to probe the whole matter to the bottom.

The Birkenhead filly Mistime is, it is stated, to be sent down to compete at the Marton Meeting.

More English stallions for Australia.—Mr Arnold Wienholt, of the Weinholt Estate, who is at present in England, recently purchased three thoroughbred stallions, which he is sending to Queensland. They are: Borg-hese, 6yrs, by Avington from Pauline, by Hermit from Lady Masham, by brother to Stafford; Thor, 7yrs, by Jaquemart from Awe, by Blandford from Adamant, by Sterling; and Kilwinning, 6yrs, by Galloping Lad from Jeannie, by Poste Restante from Cour-ageous, by Valour.

According to the "Sydney Referee," the committee of the Broken Hill Jockey Club has taken drastic action as a sequel to the recent bookmakers' strike at the Hill. Four pencilers, leaders in the strike, have been officially notified that their presence is not required on the Broken Hill course for the future. The club has also reported the matter to the controlling racing bodies of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and West Australia, in the hope that they also will take action in the cases of certain named men.

In the high jump at the Brisbane Show, Lady Morton, Mahonga, Sunshine, Fitzroy, and Starlight each got over 6ft., but the last-mentioned three failed at 6ft 2in. After failing at their first attempt, Lady Morton and Mahonga each cleared 6ft 6in. Then Lady Morton retired beaten at 6.9, and Mahonga, clearing the bar at that height at his second attempt, was declared the winner. A. Atkins rode Mahonga without stirrups. In the pony high jump Storm, who carried 12.4, won at 5ft 1in, beating Maori, who failed at that height.

The matching of horses in size, colour, conformation, action and temperament is one of the most difficult problems in the commercial horse industry. The demand for matched pairs is always active at prices above what the animals would command if sold as individuals. Men who take pride in owning matched pairs of drivers or drafters know how difficult it is to fill their orders. It is not difficult to buy a good horse, but to secure two good horses of a class that closely match in every particular is a hard task. Horses are easily matched in one or more homogeneous attributes, but to mate two horses is as difficult as finding twin foals when all desirable qualities enter into the problem. It is no marvel that well-matched pairs command good prices.

Mr W. H. Herries again draws attention to the absurdity of including the winning of New Zealand bred horses in Australia in the N.Z. Turf Statistics. "The value of such statistics is, as I have pointed out (says Mr Herries), in previous years, entirely destroyed by such a practice. No other statistics that I am aware of are compiled in the same way. In English Turf statistics, for instance, no winnings of English horses in France are included, nor are the winnings of French horses in England included in the French statistics. The climax of absurdity is reached when Balgonie who never won a sixpence in New Zealand last season, except at an unregistered meeting, appears in the list of winning horses in New Zealand because she won a big stake in Australia. Again, if the winnings of Balgonie, who has not returned to New Zealand, are counted, why not the winnings of Apologue and other horses owned by New Zealanders that have won in Australia? I earnestly hope that this will be the last time that the New Zealand statistics are compiled in this misleading manner.

Some ridiculous stories have been recently going the rounds (says the L.V. Gazette), to the effect that His Majesty the King, disgusted with the ill luck which persistently attends his colours, was about to give up racing altogether. Needless to say, if this were true a serious blow would be struck at the Turf; but our monarch is too good a sportsman to be discouraged in this fashion, and the rumour was promptly and officially contradicted. It may be, too, that in the near future we shall see the purple and scarlet livery more prominent than has recently been the case, for Minoru is evidently a smart youngster, while if reports do not err Marsh has tried another good two-year-old in Princess de Galles. This filly, whose sponsor is no less a personage than Queen Alexandra, is of the King's own breeding, being by Gallinule out of Ecila, and it is probable she will make her debut in the July Stake, which last year fell to a representative of Royalty in Pearl of the Loch. Needless to say, if the "Princess" is destined to follow in the latter's footsteps, there will be considerable rejoicing.

The ex-Auckland pony Dr. Quest, who is now known as Mutiny, won the Fourteen-Three Handicap at Kensington, Sydney, on the 12th inst. The son of Sou't and Nelsorina carried 9.2 and romped home two and a-half lengths ahead of another ex-Auckland in Kilderkin, who was in receipt of 8lbs. The latter must have gone off.

On the Rowley Mile at Newmarket it is extremely difficult for an on-looker to decide what has won in a close finish, even should he happen to be standing in what he fondly imagines to be a straight line with the winning-post. Sloan, when he was first making acquaintance with headquarters, averred that he had won the Cambridgeshire of 1897 by, as he phrased it, "haf a neck" on St. Cloud, whereas the judge gave the verdict a head against him. On the July course, however, instances where the spectators have differed from the "man in the box" are far more numerous, (says a Home paper) and without remembering the horses' names we can recall an amusing incident which occurred some four or five years ago, when William Griggs for a time stubbornly refused to get out of the saddle, averring that he had won a good length, while the judge said he was second.

During its comparatively brief career the £10,000 Eclipse Stakes, which was only instituted in 1886, has witnessed many exciting struggles, the one which will perhaps live longest in the memory being that out of which Epsom Lad emerged successful in 1901, for that horse's rider, Gomez, accomplished quite an acrobatic performance, holding the saddle—which had split in half—behind him with one hand, and "finishing" with the other.

A great horse in his day was Lowlander. This son of Dalesman proved to be a most brilliant miler, carrying all before him until he met Galopin in their memorable match. The secret of his merits was extraordinarily well kept, and in subsequent trials he gave the "City and Suburban" winner 7lb., 14lb., and then 21lb., each time winning in a canter. As a result a tremendous coup was landed with the horse for the Royal Hunt Cup, for which he was handicapped at 7.7, and for which, of course, he was a certainty. The morning before the race he stood in the betting at very long odds, but then a very big commission was worked, his owner, among other things, giving his coachman a hatful of sovereigns to invest with the book-makers who at that time used to fre-

quent the London pubs. That night Lowlander was at a short price, and the sequel was a very happy one, for he carried off the Hunt Cup more easily than that race has even been won before or since. It would not be possible to bring off such a coup as this nowadays, and how Lowlander's merits came to be so long undiscovered will for ever remain a mystery.

T. Payten has the largest team of horses in training in Sydney. It numbers 22. I. Earnshaw's stable shelters 21 racers; T. F. Scully is in charge of a score of horses; J. Burton has sixteen in his care, and Frank McGrath's lot numbers one less.

Mooltan, though sold for 2500gs. for the East, is not to leave Australia before meeting his spring engagements. When Mooltan retired from racing for the season after putting up such a good fight with Apologue in the Melbourne Cup, he was expected to do big things. Now with a year on his age, Mooltan is reported to be doing well in preparation, and 9st 2lb even in a Melbourne Cup can scarcely be said to be a prohibitive weight for a galloper of such credentials.

The motor car may oust the horse from the high road, but it can never replace the horse for military purposes, and it is absolutely essential that we should continue to breed within our own shores not only horses enough to supply our troops in time of peace, but horses enough to form a reserve on which we can depend in time of war. To place our dependence upon horse supplies from our colonies or foreign countries if we were involved in war with any sea power would be simply national suicide. Thus it becomes the duty of the Government to maintain the light-horse breeding industry, not because it will benefit the farmer, but because it is necessary for the national welfare.—Sir Walter Gilbey, in the Live Stock Journal.

There is nothing to indicate at the moment that one candidate more than another is "fancied" for this season (says the "S. and D. News"), but in all probability several of the aspirants for Derby honours will soon be seen out under silk again, and their running should clear up the situation to some extent. Meantime, it can with safety be said that the important three-year-old events of the spring are likely to produce interesting contests. There is, of course, always a possibility that a Poseidon will be discovered early in the season, and in such circumstances everything looks cut and dried as it were, by the time the V.R.C. Derby is reached, but Poseidons are, after all, of rare occurrence, and it is hardly likely that a Derby colt of his class will be unearthed this spring. Last season's juvenile form left the Derby question a rather open one, and at the moment at least a half-a-dozen candidates can be named with claim to serious consideration. Altogether, it is plain that the Derby this year is not going to be a one horse show.

At the Newmarket sales in June, Ellen Terry, by Multiform—Helen Faucet, in foal to Santry, by Gallinule, was sold for 20 guineas. At the sale of the late Mr G. G. Stead's horses last week, Coroniform, a three-year-old brother to Ellen Terry, realised 310 guineas.

With a spell of fine weather and the resulting good wickets there has been some tremendous scoring in the English County matches lately. The cable states that Surrey, 532 for eight wickets, of which Marshall made 167, beat Kent by an innings and 318 runs. Essex made 573 for nine wickets against Northampton, McGahey scoring 230. Middlesex totalled 534 for eight wickets against Notts, Tarrant scoring 144 (not out). Lancashire took their total against Leicester to 506, of which Tyldesley scored 243. There has been quite an epidemic of centuries, twenty-nine having been scored in eight days.

At Southampton, Somersetshire beat Hampshire by seven wickets. For the winners L. Braund scored 124, and "Sammy" Woods 105, both being not out. Between them they added 199 to the score in 2½ hours.

Hampshire beat Kent by one wicket, and Surrey beat Middlesex.

In the county match at Taunton, Kent v. Somersetshire, the former scored 601 for eight wickets. James Seymour 129, F. E. Woolley 105, A. P. Day 118, and E. Humphreys 149. Day and Humphreys added 248 in 100 minutes. At Kensington Oval Yorkshire beat Surrey by seven wickets.

INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Owa Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, August 26.

Cross Battery and Sea King will leave for Sydney this week to fulfill their engagements at the Australian Jockey Club's Spring Meeting. W. J. Taggart will have charge of H. G. Nicholl's pair. The Ashburton sportsman is making his first onslaught on Australian soil, when his couple of speedy animals will represent him. Cross Battery is coming on nicely, while Sea King has been showing some smart work on the tracks. I am told that the best has not yet been seen of the son of Sant Lario, and if he should succeed in winning one of the big Australian Spring Handicaps, the service of St. Leger horse will be much sought after.

Clanchattan and Idyll, who were purchased by A. Skirving of Melbourne, left for their new home last week. Idyll is in the Epsom Handicap with 6.12, and being in training her new owner may elect to have a run.

Pretty Maid fetched 150 guineas, a price at which The Officer mare should well repay Mr H. Chisholm. The mare was sent to Sydney along with the other New Zealand horses purchased by Mr Chisholm.

The principal sales effected at Tattersall's on Monday week were Nancy Stair (Soul—Ch'ara), H. Chisholm, Sydney, 100gs.; Ivanoff (SStepniak—Arlene) J. Brown, 50gs.; Shimmer (Stepniak—Gleam), 17gs., A. H. Clark; Helios (Phaeton—Polly), F. H. Wilson, 12gs.; Signal (Banner—Foresight), J. Prosser, 20gs.

Multiform, Golden Slipper, Sans Peur, Saucer, Royal Plumes, Isolt and Ottersen were shipped to Sydney last week.

Either L. G. King or R. W. King, most probably the former, will ride Cross Battery and Sea King in their Australian engagements.

Count Witte has joined W. Pine's string.

Rose Noble will be trained by G. Matthews, Cronstadt by D. Roberts, D. Moraghan will prepare Oasis for future engagements, while G. Hopburn will have charge of Sweet Angelus.

Bonny Glen will, I learn, undergo a special preparation for the New Zealand Cup. He is not over burdened with weight, and should carry his 8.2 nicely.

Eurus is having an easy time just now running about in a paddock. The Grand National Steeplechase winner is looking well after his three steeplechase races at the National Meeting.

The three best sprinters seen out at the National Meeting were undoubtedly Penates, Motoa, and Lupulite, and if they go to the post for the Stewards Handicap the race should prove one of the greatest attractions at the Cup Meeting.

OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, August 26.

Mr J. Sinclair Thomson, who has been an active member of the Dunedin Jockey Club, has tendered his resignation as a steward owing to his leaving for England.

The Dunedin Jockey Club has made an increase of 920 sovs to their prize list, and this with the 1000 sovs added to last season's programme makes the substantial addition of 1920 sovs within two years.

The D.J.C. spring meeting has usually been regarded as almost a purely local gathering, but this year's programme carries an increase of 465 sovs over last year's prize list, and this should have the effect of attracting an increased number of visiting horses.

The Manulincer gelding Mango has been purchased by a Southland owner and another to go south is the Phaeton gelding Helios, who will probably do harness work in the future.

The well-known rider and trainer, Mr A. Pringle was married on Friday last to Miss Ivy Chain, of Dunedin.

The Gore Racing Club made a profit of £869 19s over last season's operations, and there is, it is understood, a prospect of the stakes being substantially increased for the present season.

The well-known trotting stallion Bolderwood, who holds a two mile record of 4.41, was shipped to Melbourne by his new owner Mr W. L. Tredrea by this week's boat. It is quite on the cards that Mr Tredrea will race the General Tracey horse against Emulator or any other stallion exhibited at the forthcoming Melbourne show. Bolderwood was accompanied by the brood mares Kitty G and My Lady, the latter of whom has a foal at foot by Rothschild.

HAWKE'S BAY.

NAPIER, August 26.

La Notte this season will be associated with Merriwee.

W. Griffiths is pushing along Forest and Sandstream in their tasks and the pair are successfully coping with the trying out process.

Commander, who is also under the control of Griffiths, is being treated to a respite.

Mr E. Keogh, of Petane, disposed of Goldbar (Gold Reef—Miss Faulkner) during the week at a satisfactory figure. The new owner of the gelding is Mr G. Coleman, who in days gone by used to have Troubadour carrying his racing ivery.

T. Quinlivan, jun., is the latest addition to the motor brigade, for he yesterday purchased a very nice car for his own use.

Turf watchers at Hastings are unanimous in their opinion that R. Gooseman has at the present time the best two-year-old of the bunch so far seen out on the preparing grounds. The juvenile is a daughter of Formulite—Denown, a pedigree which the most capricious cannot cavil at. She is the property of Mr George Hunter and if the filly goes on as well in public as she does at school, well the followers of the popular chocolate and cream have a good time ahead of them.

The Napier Park Racing Club have made a happy start in the just opened season. As my readers are no doubt aware the club run a number of sheep on their property, and yesterday the first three ewes to produce did so with triplets. Nine lambs to three mothers reads good business and caretaker O'Halloran is kept busy just at present answering the queries regarding the state of the family.

Rose Lethe and Blackwater joined A. (Paddy) Raynor's forces last week. Besides this brace the Greenmeadows trainer has Baltic, Wonderboom, and the two-year-old son of San Fran and Aio studying, and he is later on getting Criseye back again. It will be observed that Raynor, according to the argot of the turf, is doing no harm.

Blackwater is to be set going in schooling work over the battens as his owner wants a jumper made of him. If Raynor cannot do that there is not much chance for anyone else at this special branch of a horse's education.

Archa is still being kept up to the collar, the present intention of his owner being to produce him in the chasing events at the Rangitikei meeting next month, provided of course that his idea and the weight lifters are in accordance.

J. Hay, who at one time was under study for D. O'Meara at Te Mahanga station, is now duly installed as private trainer to Mr G. F. Moore, of Wanganui.

Included in his charges are Dusky Morn, Catapult, Guiding Star, Koran, a full brother to Sammy, a three-year-old half-sister to The Lark, Carissima and a three-year-old colt by Chasseur out of Zaida.

J. D. Wickham (The Tramp) was in town this week. Of late "Dad" has been having a good time with his trotters, and naturally was in the best of spirits. His refrain now is, "Give me trotters; somebody else, I do not care who it is, can have the gallopers."

J. Griffiths has purchased Tanahaha (Petroleum—Water Queen) and intends to place him at the services of breeders in the Wairoa district. Tanahaha as a two-year-old was one of R. Gooseman's pupils, and until he went amiss could foot it with the best of his year.

The Hawke's Bay bred and owned horse Zimmerman is at the top of the pole in the weights for the New Zealand Cup, and at the other end of the adjustment are to be found a trio of local noddies, in Lamsdorff, My Darling and White Lie.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, August 26.

Nominations for the Wanganui Jockey Club's spring meeting close on Monday, the 31st inst., with Mr. W. Hall, secretary.

A visit to the tracks of a morning now demonstrates that trainers are busy getting their charges ready for the new racing season. A large number of horses are being brushed along in view of the Marton, Rangitikei, and Wanganui meetings, not to mention the Hunt Club fixture. The latter gathering promises to be a most successful one, and some first-class sport is being looked forward to on Thursday.

Amongst the horses being worked on the local tracks is the Crackshot gelding D'Nil who looks in very good condition just now. He is moving in very nice style, and it will be strange indeed if he does not soon justify the good impressions formed of him when previously trained here. Research is

galloping in most attractive style, while Frank Lind's other charges, Overtime and Gordon Park, are also going along in the right way. The three named will be starters, all going well in the interim, at the forthcoming Marton meeting, and may open the season on Thursday at the Hunt Club meeting.

The Wanganui Jockey Club is spending a lot of money on improving the track proper and the grounds. The top-dressing of the track has been completed, and the grass is coming through splendidly. The outside of the track at the bend leading into the straight has been raised and there is now a slight fall inwards instead of outwards, as was the case previously. This should greatly minimise the tendency to run out, which obtained amongst the horses at this turn, and will be a decided improvement. The returning of this and other parts of the course has been very carefully carried out, and judging by appearances everything should be in apple pie order for the approaching meeting of the club.

Maniapoto was out for a spin on the sand track at Hawera the other day, but when an attempt was made to increase the pace a little a weak spot in one of his front fetlock joints was discovered. The probability is that this will mean the last of the brilliant son of Soult on the track.

Tiptoe is reported to be doing good work at Hawera, and is looking remarkably well and healthy. Most likely he will make his first appearance this season at the Wanganui spring meeting.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, August 26.

The s.s. Moeraki, en route to Sydney on Friday last, was freighted with a valuable consignment of racing stock. The bulk of the blood stock secured by agents of Australian buyers at the Stead clearing sale occupied a considerable portion of the ship's hold. Multiform and his daughter Golden Slipper, as the stars of the troupe, were interviewed on the steamer by many local sportsmen who had not been able to attend the sale at Ya'dhurst. Expressions of regret were heard that such fashionably-bred stock was lost to New Zealand. There is still in the Dominion a goodly sprinkling of the blood that Multiform springs from, and with recent importations studious stud-masters may continue to produce racers able to hold their own in the Commonwealth as in the past. Included in the racing stock quartered in the hold of the Moeraki were the Canterbury horses Cross Battery and Sea King, which their owner (Mr. H. F. Nichol) is sending to Randwick to assist at the A.J.C. spring meeting. The pair are in charge of W. J. Taggart, and look in fairly forward condition.

J. W. Lowe, the Trentham trainer, who, it will be remembered, had charge of Solution when she visited Randwick, has also taken wing to Sydney. His charges, Artillerie and Aeolus, were quartered on deck. The filly has grown and filled out, and if appearances go for anything, she should hold her own in any class. Aeolus has done no racing since he put up a couple of decent performances at the Wanganui winter meeting. He is in nice healthy condition, and, being a clever hurdler, should easily pay his way in the Commonwealth States, where his owner (Mr. G. McDonald) is at present located. Lowe has only gone to Sydney for a short period, having a large team at Trentham, and he intends being home by the middle of October. Meanwhile H. Goodman, jun., will assume control of Sir Frisco, Wharekura, Iranui, Effort and others that will be racing at the spring meeting.

Amongst the Moeraki passengers were Messrs. Tancred (owner of Penates), J. Whitworth, Scott and Martindale (well-known metallicians), and several others who intend enjoying a month or so holiday in Sydney.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond was also amongst the passengers who left for Sydney by the Moeraki last Friday.

It is understood he goes on to Queensland to inspect a large property he recently purchased there.

The handicaps for the Marton spring meeting and the nominations for the Rangitikei and Horowhenua meetings is a reminder that the spring gatherings will soon be upon us. W. Davies has Seaman, Landwern and Llanwern engaged, and as the trio have been doing good work during the winter months there should be a race or two concealed about each of them when pitted against the class usually seen out during the early spring racing season.

J. Prosser is busy with a number of juveniles which claim classic engagements at the spring meeting. Some of his team may be given a run at Horowhenua, but the Wanganui spring meeting will probably see the Porirua stable to the fore with a fairly strong team. Gold Crest is in nice healthy condition. Nothing so far has been decided as to his owner sending Gold Crest to the A.J.C. spring meeting.

There was a rumour that Frisco and Apa would be taken to Sydney for the A.J.C. spring meeting by J. W. Lowe. This has, however, been abandoned, and the Marton-owned pair will assist at some of the New Zealand spring race meetings, where in all probability they will meet with more lenient treatment at the hands of weight adjusters.

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AVONDALE CUP.—Epsom Lass, Comedian, King Post, Uranium, Wailathe, Delegate, Dardanus, Douche, Landlock, Duart, First Gun, Leonator, Lochbuhie, Carl Rosa, Celtic, Tui Cakobau, Uhlander, Lord Seaton, Aristocrat.

PLUMPTON HANDICAP.—Comedian, King Post, Uranium, Wailathe, Delegate, Dardanus, Douche, Landlock, Duart, First Gun, Leonator, Lochbuhie, Carl Rosa, Celtic, Tui Cakobau, Haldane, Uhlander, Lord Seaton, Aristocrat.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Sir Artigal, Talepitcher, Lucio, King Post, Miss Winnie, Waihuka, Foremost, Duart, Master Scout, Grenadier, Lochbuhie, Dogger Bank, Devonport, Haldane, Uhlander, Impimus.

STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP.—Royal Shot, Dolores, Crispess, Goldsmith, Mawhiti, Le Beau, San Paulo, Regent, Putaruru, Baltimore, Khama, Cinque, Hipstone, Pipi.

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Mr. D. Moraghan's b g Master Delaval, 5yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Campania	8 18
Mr. F. Preston's b h Frisco, 5yrs, by Earwig—Lake Placid	8 9
Mr. W. Lyons' br g Waiupua, aged, by Soult—Folly	8 9

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Holiday Excursion Tickets will be issued from Auckland, Onehunga, Ruakura, and intermediate stations to Cambridge by 7.45 a.m. train on 2nd September, available for return up to and including Thursday, 3rd September.

Special Train will leave Auckland at 7.45 a.m., Pukekohe 8.55 a.m., Mercer 9.42, Frankton 11.45 a.m., arriving Cambridge 12.8 p.m. Return Special will leave Cambridge at 5.20 p.m., arriving Auckland at 9.40 p.m. These special trains will make the same stoppages as the ordinary express trains, and will also stop at Ellerslie.

BY ORDER.

Mr. W. Murray's b h Moral, 6yrs, by The Possible—Fair Nell	8 5
Mr. H. McManaway's blk h Mahuta, 5yrs, by Mahaki—Spring	8 4
Mr. D. Buick's b m Tangimoana, 5yrs, by San Fran—Waingonoro	8 4
Mr. H. Eva's br g Uhlander, 6yrs, by Uhlan—Revenant	8 3
Mr. T. E. Crosse's ch h Grand Slam, 5yrs, by The Possible—Scotia	8 2
Mr. F. Tilley's b h The Lark, 6yrs, by Nestor—Nightingale	8 2
Mr. G. Murray Aynsley's ch c Bonny Glen, 4yrs, by Stepniak—Crest	8 2
Mr. H. F. Nicoll's br m Cross Battery, 6yrs, by Stepniak—Fire-cross	8 0
Mr. L. Pascal's b g Bourrasque, aged, by Sou'-wester—Lady Isabelle	8 0
Mr. G. Moore's b c Signor, 4yrs, by Pilgrim's Progress—Ma Mie Rosette	7 18
Messrs. Hoften and Cork's b g Moloch, 6yrs, by Mauser—Listner	7 12
Mr. T. H. Lowry's blk g Bobrikoff, 4yrs, by Finland—Gossip	7 12
Mr. F. Preston's b g Apa, 6yrs, by Addington—Muriwai	7 10
Mr. M. Moore's b c Sir Frisco, 4yrs, by San Francisco—Waitemata	7 9
Mr. T. H. Lowry's ch c Downfall, 4yrs, by San Francisco—Cantatrice	7 8
Mr. J. Renwick's br g Uhlander, 6yrs, by Uhlan—Dolly	7 8
Mr. W. J. A. Clay's br h St. Joe, aged, by Handsome Jack—Muriwai	7 8
Mr. R. Buick's br m Rifemald, 6yrs, by Needle Gun—Russley Maid	7 8
Sir G. Clifford's br m Stratagem, 5yrs, by Nelson—Dudu	7 8
Mr. G. L. Stead's br c Count Witte, 4yrs, by Menschikoff—Problem	7 8
Mr. R. G. Harris' b h Crichton, aged, by Lochiel—Melissa	7 7
Mr. G. L. Stead's b f Ring Dove, 3yrs, by Collar—Miss Chaffinch	7 7
Mr. A. Kerr's b h Armamento, 6yrs, by Lord Rosslyn—Escopeto	7 5
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c St. Aidan, 3yrs, by Birkenhead—Mont-dread	7 5
Mr. G. P. Donnelly's b g Uenuku, 6yrs, by Stepniak—Rainbow	7 5
Mr. G. P. Donnelly's br c Formative, 3yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Formula	7 4
Mr. J. T. Green's br c Paragon, 4yrs, by Pilgrim's Progress—Nellie Bly	7 3
—b c Maser Soult, 3yrs, by Soult—Lady Hester	7 3
Mr. F. C. Faber's b g Seaman, 6yrs, by Sylvia Park—Pretty Polly	7 2
Mr. H. A. Knight's b g Lapland, 5yrs, by Finland—Neroli	7 1
Mrs. Goddard's ch g Tip Toe, 5yrs, by Sylvia Park—Hark	7 1
Mr. A. B. Henniker's b g Elletton, 6yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Eilerslie	7 0
Mr. R. Shore's br c Shuja, 3yrs, by Soult—Sprite	7 0
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Diamond Star, 3yrs, by Birkenhead—Solitaire	7 0
Mr. A. Liskirk's b g King Post, 4yrs, by Seaton Delaval—St. Edith	7 0
Mr. G. J. F. Palmer's br h Probable, 6yrs, by The Possible—Primula	7 0
Mr. R. Shore's b c Dr. Shimose, 4yrs, by Advance—Impati	7 0
Mr. H. Eva's br h Glenullin, 6yrs, by Lochiel—Consistence	7 0
Mr. W. Davies' br h Landwern, 6yrs, by Stepniak—Leda	6 13
Mr. W. A. Donald's blk g Aboriginal, 6yrs, by Merriwee—Polly	6 13
Mr. C. G. Dalgety's b f Prim, 4yrs, by Pilgrim's Progress—Nantes	6 13
Mr. G. J. F. Palmer's ch c Kilts, 3yrs, by Ayr Laddie—Annerlie	6 13
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b g Bollin, 3yrs, by Birkenhead—Goyt	6 12
Mr. J. C. N. Grigg's ch g Fandango, 6yrs, by Gipsy Grand—Whirlpool	6 12
Mr. H. Whitney's br m Saga, 5yrs, by Soult—Vala	6 12
Mr. G. L. Stead's b g Nobel, 3yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Problem	6 12
Mr. J. C. N. Grigg's blk g Field Gun, 5yrs, by Hotchkiss—Gannet	6 12
Mr. G. F. Moore's b m Carissima, 5yrs, by San Fran—Malinite	6 10
Mr. J. Thane's br c Artillerie, 3yrs, by Royal Artillery—Nantes	6 9
Mr. J. Ellis' br c Benefactor, 3yrs, by Multiform—St. Ouida	6 9
Mr. G. D. Greenwood's b f Miss Mischief, 3yrs, by Treadmill—Delusive	6 9
Mr. C. Kingston's b g Lamsdorf, 4yrs, by Stepniak—Shepherdess	6 8
Mr. F. Martin's ch c San Fernando, 5yrs, by San Francisco—Sybil	6 8
Mr. J. Franks' b m Heorthen, 5yrs, by Phoebus Apollo—Hilda	6 8
Mr. G. F. Moore's blk c Guiding Step, 3yrs, by Stepniak—Guiding Star	6 8
Mr. J. Goodwin's br h Campfire, 6yrs, by Carbine—Revelry	6 8
Mr. J. Foreman's br g Mallet, 5yrs, by Malatua—Pauline	6 8
Mr. J. Gelhor's blk m White Lie, 6yrs, by Merriwee—Fib	6 7
Mr. R. G. Hudson's b g Red and Black, aged, by Black and Red—Evening Star	6 7
Mr. J. C. N. Grigg's blk g Restless, 5yrs, by Finland—Walda	6 7
Mr. J. C. N. Grigg's ch g Outlander, 4yrs, by Finland—Escapade	6 7
Mr. H. A. Knight's b g Don Orsino, 5yrs, by San Ilario—Suzannah	6 7
Mr. H. Limmer's blk m My Darling, 6yrs, by Merriwee—Lady Darling	6 7
Mr. W. J. A. Clay's b h Zetland, aged, by Obligado—Lady Zetland	6 7
Mr. F. Septon's b m Lawn Rose, 6yrs, by Hillstone—Spring Rose	6 7
Mr. W. P. Fordham's br m Coralie, 6yrs, by Quilt—Waiata	6 7

WAIKATO HUNT CLUB'S MEETING.

HUNT CLUB HURDLE RACE, two miles.—Crespin 12.7, Anna Lombard 11.7, Rotoiti 11.7, Goldsmith 11.5, Stromness 10.13, Rouseabout 10.12, Fence 10.9, Laddie 10.7, Symphony 10.7. HUNT CLUB STEEPLECHASE, three miles.—Bellman 13.0, Crespin 12.10, Mawhiti 12.2, Reckless 11.7, Anna Lombard

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11.4, Goldsmith 11.2, Rouseabout 10.12, Fencer 10.7, Putaruru 10.7.
BARDOWIE HANDICAP, six furlongs.—Haeremal 11.0, Aristocrat 10.12, Azoff 10.7, Waihou 10.5, Henry Havelock 10.4, Memo 9.9, Luros 9.7, John 9.6, Romantic 9.0, Weldon 9.0.
ELECTRIC HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Lady French 10.12, Mignon 10.12, Azoff 10.8, Waihou 10.8, Confide 10.5, Poplar 10.4, Henry Havelock 10.4, Golden Dream 9.12, Memo 9.9, Frontino 9.8, Luros 9.6, John 9.6, Keepstep 9.5, Westward 9.3, Weldon 9.2, Hokomai 9.0, Romantic 9.0, Ebis 9.0.
LADIES' BRACELET, one mile and a-half.—Rotoiti 12.10, Ciespin 12.5, Rosavere 11.10, Stromness 11.8, Pamperia 11.2, Chiarinian 10.12, Searchlight 10.12, Warden 10.10, Kotiro 10.10, Otawhai 10.10, Red McGregor 10.9, Symphony 10.9, Ranger 10.7, Bobstay 10.7, Weldon 10.7, Alarm 10.7.
MAIDEN WELTER HANDICAP, one mile.—Sol 11.7, Poplar 10.9, Pamperia 9.9, Field-Marshal 9.8, Luros 9.7, John 9.6, Chiarinian 9.5, Searchlight 9.5, Positive 9.4, Otawhai 9.4, Romantic 9.3, Liberty 9.3, Westward Ho 9.3, Lady Beresford 9.3, Red McGregor 9.3, Penfold 9.2, Weldon 9.2, Hokomai 9.0, Bangle 9.0, Sentry 9.0, Hobstay 9.0, Weka 9.0, Alarm 9.0.

TURF RESULTS

WELLINGTON PONY RACES.

The Wellington Pony and Galloway Club held a meeting on Saturday. The results were as follows.—

PONY HANDICAP.—Kauhoe 1, Firefly 2, Lady Dauphin 3.
MAIDEN PLATE.—Dorina 2, Princess Roy 2, Silver Ocean 3.
WINTER CUP.—Miretta 1, Inspiration 2, Veronique 3.
KILBURNIE HANDICAP.—Billy 1, Dorina 2, Firefly 3.
GALLOWAY HANDICAP.—Miretta 1, Lady Mason 2, Prince Roy 3.
HOPEFUL HANDICAP.—Billy 1, Herculean 2, Kauhoe 3.

COURSING.

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

The three days' August meeting of the North N.Z. Coursing Club was brought to a conclusion on Saturday in beautiful weather. Hares ran very stoutly, and as a result some excellent trials were seen, the judge (Mr. Coombes) having some very close things to decide, but he got through his work to the satisfaction of everyone. Mr. Stevens slipped well, while Messrs. Tapper and the executive worked hard to make things go. The results were as follows:—

MANGERE MAIDEN STAKE of £65. First dog, £30; runner-up, £17; third dog, £10; two dogs at £4 each.

Third Ties.

Messrs. Martin and Tomlinson's rd b Romany Lass (5) beat Mr. T. Higgins' bdl and w d Lord Ranfurly (4).
 Mr. A. Menzies' bdl and w b Heather Bell (4½) beat Mrs. S. Donaldson's blue and w d Fearnought (3½).
 Mr. George Mills' f b Lavender Waterford a bye.

Fourth Ties.

Romany Lass (4½) beat Lavender Waterford (2).
 Heather Bell a bye.

Deciding Course.

Messrs. Martin and Tomlinson's rd b Romany Lass (6), by De Witte—Libia, beat Mr. A. Menzies' bdl and w b Heather Bell (1), by Slim Jim—Sweetpacket, and won the stake.

SUPPLEMENTARY MAIDEN STAKE of £10. First dog, £8; runner-up, £2.

First Round.

Mr. A. J. Searle's bdl and w d Mutiny an accidental bye, Mr. H. Wilson's bdl and w d Acclaim withdrawn.

Mr. P. Russell's f b Rosella (4) beat Mr. W. Hunt's w and bdl b Billet Doux (3).

Mr. J. Smith's w and f d Inspan (4) beat Mr. D. Howard's bdl b Mocking Bird (2).

Mr. W. G. Nicholl's rd and blk d Fine Forme (5) beat Mr. P. Russell's blk and w b Fleetfoot (4).

First Ties.

Rosella (5) beat Mutiny (1).
 Inspan (6) beat Fine Forme (nil)

Deciding Course.

Mr. P. Russell's f b Rosella (3), by Haka—Lady Guy B., beat Mr. J. Smith's w and f d Inspan (1), by Spanhill—Minto, and won the stake.

OTARA ALL-AGED STAKE of £13 10s. First dog, £10; runner-up, £3 10s.

Deciding Course.

Mrs. A. D. Macready's rd b Sunflower (7), by Loyalstone—Goldflower, beat Mr. D. Howard's blk and w d All Night (6), by All Black—Sweetheart, and won the stake.

THE DUNEDIN C.C. MEETING.

The Dunedin Coursing Club concluded its meeting on Monday with the following results:—

DUNEDIN CHALLENGE STAKE.—Final: Mr. J. Penman's, jun., Silver Stream (by Waterloo—Porteruff Lill) beat Messrs. R. H. and J. W. Price's Gold Band (by Gold Link—Fanny).

PARNELL SUPPLEMENTARY STAKE.—Final: Messrs. Prebble Bros., Jim Forward (by Better Days—Brunette) beat Mr. H. Whitelaw's Braddon's Luck (by Braddon's Blot—Polonaise).

RECOVERY STAKE.—Final: Mr. W. Miller's Better Nights (by Better Days—Princess May), beat Mr. A. Cursey's Reel (by Rory O'More—Pibroch).

The above results would be very pleasing to the Auckland courser and breeder Mr. Macready, who bred Silver Stream's sire Waterloo, who is by Wellington from Lavender Water. Porteruff is another of his breeding, being by Frisky Mac from Wisdom. Then again Mr. Macready bred Brunette, who is by Springwater, while Polonaise is the dam of his stud dog Hall Mark. "Mac" is a great believer in good running strains of blood.

AQUATICS.

VICTORIA'S CRACK SWIMMER.

The young Victorian swimmer, F. E. Beaurepaire, has evidently struck his best form. Last week he won the mile championship of the North Sea in 23min 47sec, and also a 200 metres international scratch race, both at Ostend. The 1000 metres (1101 yards) championship of Belgium, on a straightaway course, at Antwerp, was won in 15m. 9s., and the mile open sea championship was also won by Beaurepaire at Blankenberghe, Belgium. As in each of these races H. Battersby, the English swimmer, was second, it would seem that Beaurepaire was not at his best at the Olympic Games, for his subsequent form has clearly shown he should have carried all before him.

Welch's backer has telegraphed to "Victor," the "Herald's" aquatic contributor, that the Akaroa sculler has reconsidered his decision, and intends accepting Ben. Thoroughgood's challenge to row for the championship of Australia and £200 a-side on the Hunter River.

Mr C. Bailey will, at high water on Saturday morning, launch a steamer which he has built for the Northern Wairoa. She is an exceptionally handsome vessel, very finely finished throughout and is intended for passenger and cargo traffic on the Northern rivers. The engines are of 150 h.p., which should drive the boat at a good rate of speed. The boat was to have been named the Welcome, but this has been disallowed by the Customs authorities.

The new Cunarder Lusitania has crossed from Liverpool to New York in the record time of 4 days 18 minutes. On one day's run she steamed 650 knots.

The great pulling race between the champion crews from the Louisiana and Illinois, attracted a lot of attention in Sydney. The race was rowed from Manly to Clarke Island, Port Jackson, a 3½ miles course, and was for 14,000 dollars a-side. The Illinois crew led at the start, but the Louisiana soon went to the front and won by twenty lengths. When the battleships were in Auckland, the Illinois crew used to practise every day off Cheltenham beach. The men rowed well together, but did not appear to put enough weight into their strokes, and the boat travelled badly.

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Vice-Commodore J. W. Frater was in the chair at the Devonport Yacht Club's annual prize night on Friday, and there was a large attendance, most of the other sailing and rowing clubs being represented. During the evening the members of the club presented the chairman with a handsome silver cheese dish as a wedding present. Songs were contributed by Messrs. Graham, Fort, W. Smith, Pritchard, and Holton.

Now that spring is fast drawing on owners and crews of yachts are hard at it scraping, painting, and doing other preliminary work on their boats. As a consequence the beaches where the yachts are hauled up are beginning to look quite lively every evening.

MANAWATU RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING, 1909.

PALMERSTON NORTH STAKES (Fourth), of 500sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and the third horse 50sovs out of the stakes. For two-year-olds and upwards. Weight-for-age, with penalties and allowances. Winners after 1st August, 1909, of any race or races collectively of the value of 150sovs to carry 3lb; of 250sovs, 5lb; of 500 sovs, 7lb; of 750sovs, 10lb; of 1000 sovs, 14lb extra. Maiden four-year-olds and upwards at time of starting allowed 10lb; three-year-olds, 7lb. By subscriptions of 5sovs each, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows, namely:—1sov if struck out by Friday, September 3rd, 1909; 2sovs if struck out by Friday, November 5th, 1909. All horses remaining after that date to pay their total subscription of 5sovs on a day to be named shortly before the race. Six furlongs.

NOTE.—No money required at time of entry. Entries for yearlings and upwards close with the Secretary, at Palmerston North, at 10 p.m., on FRIDAY, September 11th, 1908.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1910.

MANAWATU STAKES (Sixth), of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs, and the third horse 50sovs out of the stakes. Weight for age, with penalties and allowances. Winners after August 1st, 1909, of any race or races collectively of the value of 250 sovs, to carry 3lb, of 500sovs 5lb, of 750sovs 7lb, of 1000sovs 10lb extra. Maiden four-year-olds and upwards at time of starting allowed 10lb, three-year-olds 7lb, two-year-olds 5lb. By subscription of 5sovs each, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows, namely:—1sov if struck out by Friday, November 5th, 1909, 2sovs if struck out by 31st January, 1910. All horses remaining in after that date must pay their total subscription of 5sovs on a day to be named shortly before the race. Six furlongs.

NOTE.—No money required at time of entry. Entries for yearlings and upwards close with the Secretary, at Palmerston North, at 10 p.m., on FRIDAY, September 11th, 1908.

J. M. JOHNSTON, Secretary.

MANAWATU RACING CLUB.

CHRISTMAS MEETING, 1909.

MANAWATU SIRES' PRODUCE STAKES (Second), a sweepstake of Sires' subscriptions, with 1000sovs added. For two and three-year-olds. Two-year-olds 7st 11b, three-year-olds 8st 10lb, geldings allowed 3lb, fillies 5lb, with penalties and allowances. First horse to receive 650 sovs, and 70 per cent. of Sires' sweepstake; second horse to receive 100sovs and 20 per cent. of Sires' sweepstake; third horse to receive 50 sovs and 10 per cent. of Sires' sweepstake. The nominator of the Sire of the winning horse to receive 125sovs, the nominator of the Sire of the second horse to receive 50sovs, and the nominator of the Sire of the third horse to receive 25sovs from the stakes. Six furlongs.

A sweepstake for all Stallions entered. The owner of each Stallion entered to pay 20sovs, provided that in the event of two or more Stallions being entered, the property of the same owner, the subscription shall be 20sovs for the first, and 10sovs for each subsequent entry.

By subscription of 12sovs, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows:—1sov if struck out by first Friday in September, 1909; 5sovs if struck out by first Friday in December, 1909. All horses remaining in after that date to pay their total subscription of 12sovs, on a day to be named shortly before the race.

Nominations for Sires closed as follows:—St. Ambrose, Sir Laddo, Clanranald, Scout, Papakura, Royal Artillery, Stepiak, Conqueror, Renown, Quarryman, Multifoom, Kilcheran, Birthead, Martian, Field Battery, Merrivue.

PENALTIES.—Winners after August 1st, 1909, of any race or races collectively of the value of 100sovs, to carry 3lb, of 300sovs 7lb, of 500sovs 10lb, of 1000sovs 14lb extra. Maiden two-year-olds allowed 5lb, maiden three-year-olds allowed 7lb. Progeny of mares that have not produced a winner at time of entry allowed 5lb in addition to maiden allowance, provided that such allowance is claimed for at time of entry. Nominations for 1906 foals (progeny of nominated Sires) closed. Nominations for 1907 foals (progeny of nominated Sires) close with the Secretary, Manawatu Racing Club, on FRIDAY, 11th September, 1908, at 10 p.m.

J. M. JOHNSTON, Secretary.

POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 AND 30, 1908.

SPRING MEETING, MAKARAKA RACECOURSE.

President: J. W. Nolan, Esq. Vice-president: L. Clark, Esq. Hon. Treasurer: L. T. Symes, Esq. Hon. Surgeon: Dr. Charles F. Scott. Stewards: Messrs. C. White, J. A. Caesar, A. F. Kennedy, J. M. Gouldsmith, J. Maynard, R. Sherratt, A. Dewing, Judge: Capt. Tucker. Starter: Mr. H. Piper. Handicapper: Mr. J. Chadwick. Clerk of Scales: Mr. W. O. Skeet. Clerk of Course: Mr. DeCosta. Clerk of Course: A. Pritchard.

FIRST DAY, THURSDAY, 29th OCTOBER, 1908.

- To start at 12.45 p.m.
- TRIAL HANDICAP** of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. For horses that have not won a race of the value of 60sovs or upwards. Six furlongs.
 - FIRST HURDLES HANDICAP** of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stake. The winner of any Hurdle Race after the declaration of the weights to carry 7lb extra. One and three-quarter miles, over seven flights of hurdles.
 - FIRST COUNTY STAKES HANDICAP** of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. For all horses bred in the Counties of Cook, Waiapu, and Wairoa. Six furlongs.
 - SPRING HANDICAP** of 120sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. The winner of any race of the value of 50sovs or upwards after the declaration of weight to carry 7lb extra; of 100sovs 10lb extra. One mile and a-quarter.
 - FIRST WELTER HANDICAP** of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Minimum weight 8st 7lb. For horses that have not won a race of the value of 60sovs or upwards. Seven furlongs.
 - MAIDEN SCURRY** of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Minimum weight 8st. Winners on the flat at any time barred. Four furlongs.
 - FLYING HANDICAP** of 90sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. The winner of any race of the value of 50sovs or upwards after the declaration of the weights to carry 7lb extra; of 100sovs, 10lb extra. Six furlongs.
 - FIRST HACK FLAT HANDICAP** of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stake. One mile.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, 30th OCTOBER, 1908.

- To start at 12.45 p.m.
- SECOND WELTER HANDICAP** of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stake. Minimum weight 8st 7lb. For horses that have not won a race of the value of 60sovs or upwards. One mile.
 - SECOND HURDLES HANDICAP** of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stake. One mile and a-half, over six flights of hurdles.
 - SECOND COUNTY STAKES HANDICAP** of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. For all horses bred in the Counties of Cook, Waiapu, and Wairoa. One mile.
 - MAKARAKA HANDICAP** of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. One mile.
 - SECOND HACK FLAT HANDICAP** of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Winner of Second Welter to carry 5lb penalty. Six furlongs.
 - MAIDEN SCURRY HANDICAP** of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stake. Winners on the flat at any time barred. Winner of Maiden Scurry first day entrance money returned. Five furlongs.
 - WAIKANA E HANDICAP** of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Winner of Makaraka Handicap to carry 7lb penalty. Five furlongs.
 - FAREWELL HANDICAP** of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Winners of Makaraka and Waikanae Handicaps to be re-handicapped. Seven furlongs.

THE STAKES TO BE PAID IN FULL.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ENTRIES, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES, AND AMOUNTS

To be forwarded to the Secretary, at the Club Room, Masonic Hotel, Gisborne.

NOMINATIONS.

SATURDAY, 3rd OCTOBER, at 9.30 p.m.
 First County Stakes (no acceptance) 1sov, First Hurdles 1sov, Spring Handicap 1sov, Flying Handicap 1sov, Second Hurdles 1sov, Makaraka Handicap 1sov, Second County Stakes (no acceptance) 1sov, Waikanae Handicap 1sov.

ENTRIES.—No Acceptance.

SATURDAY, 17th OCTOBER, at 9.30 p.m.
 Trial Handicap 1sov, First Welter 1sov, Maiden Scurry 1sov, First Hack Flat 1sov, Second Welter 1sov, Second Hack Flat 1sov, Maiden Scurry 1sov, Farewell Handicap 1sov.

WEIGHTS.

SATURDAY, 17th OCTOBER.
 First Hurdles Handicap, Spring Handicap, and Flying Handicap.

SATURDAY, 24th OCTOBER.
 Trial Handicap, First County, First Welter, and First Flat.

THURSDAY, 29th OCTOBER, at 9.30 p.m.
 (Night of First Day's Races).
 The Whole of the Second Day's Events.

ACCEPTANCES FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, 24th OCTOBER, at 9.30 p.m.
 First Hurdles 20s, Spring Handicap 30s, Flying Handicap 20s.

SECOND DAY.—Thursday, 29th October, at 10 p.m.
 (Night of First Day's Races).
 Second Hurdles 20s, Makaraka Handicap 20s, Waikanae Handicap 20s.

D. R. DeCOSTA, Secretary.

THE FOOTBALL WORLD.

BRITISH TEAM'S PROGRAMME.

IN AUSTRALIA

29—Queensland, at Brisbane.
August.
September.
2—Queensland, at Brisbane.

AUCKLAND R.U. FIXTURES.

August 29: Against Taranaki.
September 5: Auckland B v. Wednesday Union.
September 12: Against Otago.

NORTHERN UNION LEAGUE.

WELCOME FOOTBALL INNOVATIONS.

AUCKLAND V. WELLINGTON.

That the Auckland Rugby Union must feel the reverse of satisfied with the attendance and enthusiasm manifested at Saturday's League game is only natural, but the management committee of that body must confess that the public—a very angry one—has just cause to transfer their favours to the professionals. Firstly, the exorbitant charges made for admission to the British-Auckland match were prohibitive to thousands of consistent Rugby supporters who have aided in building up the Union's wealth, and why the Auckland public should have been mauled in such excessive prices is incomprehensible. The Union has yet to learn that the nimble shilling is the coin on which they must base their policy, and the sooner they take a few leaves out of the books of the leading Australasian Racing Club's annals the more solid will be their claims to public patronage. The public will never forget or forgive the extortion levied on them at Alexandra Park, and nothing is



H. ROWE, the crack threequarter, who represented Auckland against Wellington in the Northern Union game.

more natural that at first opportunity they should retaliate against the lamentable mistake under which they have suffered. Again the desire to witness a game contested under Northern Union rules and so become acquainted with a style of play claimed to be far ahead of New Zealand football was a very strong attraction.

The recent tour of the Pro. Black team in Great Britain has had the effect of revealing to the New Zealand football public the many advantages of the Northern Union game over Rugby as it is played here, with the result that clubs are being formed throughout the Dominion for the purpose of adopting the new conditions of play. Now that professionalism has gained a foothold in the Dominion its growth is bound to be rapid, and it is safe to say that next season an astonishing number of players will be found to be devotees of the Northern Union game. It is a well-known fact that the majority of matches played here nowadays are tame exhibitions from a spectator's point of view, play for the most part consisting of a series of scrums, line-outs and scrambles, which in the eyes of the general onlooker is certainly a matter for disappointment. The necessity for a change in the mode of play, so as to make the game more attractive, has of late been becoming more and more pronounced, and the exhibition given under Northern Union rules on Saturday last seems to have met with general approval on all sides. It can truly be said that

wherever the most exciting and scientific exhibition of football is to be witnessed—be it professional or amateur—there will the public assemble, and unless some steps are at once taken to make the ordinary game of Rugby less rough and less open to criticism its doom will assuredly be sealed.

The meeting of the Auckland and Wellington professional teams on Saturday at Victoria Park marked an era in the annals of Auckland football, the occasion being the initial match under Northern Union rules to be played within this province. Seven Aucklanders and a large percentage of Wellingtonians being numbered among the returned professionals, no time was lost in making arrangements for a match to be played under Northern Union rules between the two provinces, and so great was the interest taken in the contest that over 8000 persons assembled at Victoria Park for the purpose of seeing the teams do battle. Both the Wellington and Auckland teams included a number of prominent Rugby players desirous of learning the Northern Union game, and although many of them possessed but a limited knowledge of the new conditions, the match was nevertheless highly exciting, play being of a very willing order. The contest was far more interesting to watch than the ordinary Rugby, being fast and open, and consequently eliminating the wearisome line-outs and forward scrambles that characterise the latter game. Other noticeable features were the offside rule, the method of putting the ball in the scrum, the peculiar formation of the pack, the placing of the ball on the ground when having a shot at goal instead of a player holding it, the packing of a scrum instead of a line-out, which is an unknown quantity in the Northern Union game, and numerous other commendable differences. The match was keenly contested throughout, there being little to pick between the relative teams, and the final score—Auckland 16, Wellington 14—may be taken as a fair indication of the play.

The teams took the field as follows:—

Auckland.—Fullback, Riley; three-quarters, Redwood, Rowe, Dillamore; five-eighths, W. Tyler, W. Wynyard; halfback, R. Wynyard; forwards, Mackrell, Trevarthen, Dunning, McDonald, Gladding, Hooper.

Wellington.—Fullback, G. Spencer; three-quarters, King, Instone, Twohill; five-eighths, Barber, House; halfback, A. Kelly; forwards, McGill, Pearce, Byrne, Spencer, Gilchrist, Lile.

Mr. J. Laing controlled the game.

The Aucklanders succeeded in drawing first blood, Tyler kicking a goal from a mark: Auckland 2, Wellington 0. The visitors were the next to register a score, Byrne running in and securing a try. J. Spencer failed with the shot at goal: Wellington 3, Auckland 2. Immediately after Rowe notched a try for Auckland and W. Tyler adding the major points, the score stood: Auckland 7, Wellington 3. Dillamore marking, W. Tyler was entrusted with the kick and was successful with the attempt. Auckland 9, Wellington 3. Smart work on the part of McGill and Barber resulted in the latter securing Wellington's second try. G. Spencer was successful with the shot at goal, and the spell ended with the score:

Auckland	.....	9 points.
Wellington	.....	8 points.

Shortly after the commencement of the second spell, Wellington were penalised, and W. Tyler, taking the shot at goal, placed the leather over the crossbar: Auckland 11, Wellington 8. R. Wynyard carrying play into Wellington's 25, the Auckland men were awarded a free kick and W. Tyler once again landed a good goal: Auckland 16, Wellington 8. The visitors then rallied, with the result that Twohill scored a try in the corner. G. Spencer failed to add the major points: Auckland 16, Wellington 11. Wellington continued to keep up a determined attack, and a fine dribbling rush enabled McGill to secure a try. G. Spencer was again unsuccessful with the kick at goal, and no further score being obtained by either side, the game ended:

Auckland	.....	16 points.
Wellington	.....	14 points.

THE RUGBY GAME.

THAMES DEFEATS AUCKLAND.

The Auckland representatives journeyed to the Thames on Saturday for the purpose of playing the return match with the Thames fifteen. A number of players originally chosen being unable to make the trip, the Auckland team was considerably reduced in strength. During the latter half of the game rain fell, rendering the ball in a very greasy condition, and making the handling of its extremely difficult. Despite the fact that the Auckland forwards were a powerful lot the Thames men out-classed them, and the visitors were placed on the defence throughout the greater part of the game. The Auckland men failed to show their form of the previous Saturday, when they met the Wellington representatives, and their defeat was a most unexpected one, the Thames fifteen winning by 11 points to nil. A feature of



D. TWOHILL, the clever threequarter, who played for Wellington against Auckland under Northern Union Rules.

the match was the splendid display given by the Thames backs, who were responsible for a highly creditable exhibition.

The Thames won the toss and took advantage of the weather conditions, the Auckland men being compelled to play with a bright sun in their eyes. Less than five minutes after the game had commenced, Thames registered a score as a result of the visitors being penalised in their own 25, Kingham taking the shot and landing a magnificent goal. Though both teams were at times very close to scoring, half-time was called with the Thames leading by 3 points to nil. On the resumption of play, Thames made matters very lively for their opponents, and from a scramble near Auckland's line, McCollum broke over and scored. Newdick was successful in adding the major points. From now onwards the Thames continued to attack hotly and the Auckland defence being found wanting, matters on several occasions looked dangerous for the visitors. Finally, from a line-out, H. Hayward obtained possession, and outwitting several of the Auckland backs, notched a clever try. The last few minutes saw Auckland in difficulties, but no further score resulted, the game ending:

Thames	.....	11 points.
Auckland	.....	0 points.

AUCKLAND JUNIORS DEFEAT TARANAKI JUNIORS.

These teams met on Saturday at Alexandra Park, but owing to strong counter-attractions, the attendance was but small. The first half was very even, the chief feature being a brilliant try by Stohr, who, getting the ball in his own 25, put in a splen-

did run. Taking the kick himself he added the extra points. On resuming Auckland made great efforts to equalise the score, Cross getting a try which Sargeant failed to convert. Then Taranaki had a penalty given against them, and Dick put the ball over the bar. Auckland again attacked, Fricker taking the ball across, but Dick's kick failed. Next came a good run and dribble by Wynyard, the result being another try, which Dick converted, the game ending in a win for Auckland by 14 points to 5. Mr. N. McKean was referee.

In the evening the visiting team was entertained to dinner by the A.R.U. at the Imperial Hotel. They left for New Plymouth on Sunday by the Rarawa.

PUBLIC SCHOOLBOYS' MATCH.

WAIHI DEFEATS AUCKLAND.

The Auckland public schools representatives played a return match with the Goldfields schoolboys at Waihi on Saturday, being defeated after a rattling good game by 7 points to 3. For the Goldfields boys Johnston scored a try and McGeehan kicked a goal from the field, while for the losing team Hancock kicked a penalty goal. It will be remembered that in the first match, played as a "curtain-raiser" to the Auckland-Britain game, the Auckland public schoolboys defeated the Goldfields lads by nine points to nil.

COUNTRY MATCHES.

At Whangarei the match between the North Ward juniors and the Hikurangi juniors resulted in a win for the former by 26 points to nil.

At Coromandel a team representing the Auckland City Club was badly defeated by the Coromandel representatives by 27 points to 3.

At Waihi the Mataura team defeated the Waitere fifteen by 6 points to 3, and have now won the first-grade championship.

NORTHERN WAIROA DEFEATS AUCKLAND B.

This game was played at Dargaville and was as fast and even as one could wish to see. Indeed, it was anybody's game right up to the close. During the first spell Cox scored a clever try for the home side, which was not converted, and after that there was no other score during the match. The local forwards' dribbling rushes disconcerted the Aucklanders, who were not so good in the open, and time after time much ground was gained thereby. Auckland came within an ace of scoring once, but were defeated by 3 to nil. Mr. H. Hockin was referee.

NOTES.

One of the most exciting and strenuous games of football played this season was decided at Ellerslie on Saturday, when a team representing the Harp of Erin Hotel narrowly defeated an Ellerslie Hotel fifteen by 3 points to nil—a try scored by W. Ferguson. From the kick-off until the call of time both teams got to work in a very vigorous style, while the excitement among the barrackers



"SCOTCHY" McDONALD who played for Auckland against Wellington in the Northern Union game.

was intense. Mr McIlhone, the well-known City forward, acted in the capacity of referee and his decisions left no room for dispute. After the match both teams attended a smoke concert in the Harp of Erin Hall, where a most happy evening was spent.

The rumour lately circulated to the effect that the Wanganui representative team which played Manawatu would, practically as a body, turn professionals, caused considerable discussion in local football circles (says the "Wanganui Chronicle"). At the time the paragraph was published we expressed the opinion that it would be news to Wanganui footballers that any such step was about to be taken. Inquiries proved this surmise to be correct, for, though it was admitted that a few local players had endeavoured to promote a professional team, the proposal had met with a cold reception. 'It is absolutely dead,' emphatically remarked a prominent player, who added, 'I don't see any likelihood of the professional game taking a hold in Wanganui at all.'

"Taranaki should be put up for inconsistent running," remarked a spectator after last Thursday's match when they defeated the Wellington representatives by 15 points to nil. On their play the amber and blacks certainly could scarcely be recognised as the team that defeated South Canterbury by only three points. There was a marvellous difference between their play in the two games.

It is stated on good authority that Dr. McEvedy, of the recent British football team, does not intend participating in New Zealand football when he settles here. He will probably take up his residence in the Taranaki district, and settle down to the practice of his profession.

The Sydney "Referee" says that Dyke's line-kicking from the full-back position and that J. L. Williams's line-kicking from the left wing, in the second match between Britain and New South Wales, have never been equalled in similar conditions on the rigger fields of Sydney.

I was speaking to one of the selectors of the Wellington team the other day (says "Shinpad" in the "N.Z. Times"), and he gave what seems to me, the real reason of the utter collapse of the blacks in the last few minutes. The pack of forwards which was sent north, he said, was an excellent one—as good as could be got together in the Dominion—but the men were not trained to stand the terrible strain that must have been put on them. While they lasted they had no great difficulty in fending off the attack of the Northerners, and all went well until a few minutes before the end, when they "cracked up" very badly. After that Auckland could do just as they liked, the opposition of the blacks being extremely feeble. This only goes to show that Wellington representative teams in the future, if they are going to do any good at all, must be much better looked after than was the unfortunate fifteen that went to Auckland. If Wellington is to bring the Ranfurly Shield back from Auckland, the men who go to fight for it must be in the pink of condition, and, moreover, a trainer who knows his business must accompany the team.

Thus the Post describes a recent match in Wellington:—An amphibious game, half water polo and half football was played in the lake at the Athletic Park between the Wednesday representatives and a Horowhenua "B" team on Wednesday afternoon. What with wind and water, scientific football was impossible, but players and spectators obtained some amusement out of the muddled eafery. Rising to the occasion, a Maori member of the Horowhenua combination paddled about in bare feet, and now and then managed to kick the over-burdened ball. Cording swam over the line twice, while Watson added a third try for the home team. Horowhenua had a little the better of the scramble in the second spell, and Royal scored a try which Rigder converted. In a torrent of rain three Wellington players fled the field amid an outcry from the spectators. The referee then bowed to the elements, and the game was adjourned sine die. The players afterwards removed the mud in a pool before the stand. Mr C. H. Atkinson, in gum boots, officiated as referee.

Wellington defeated Wanganui on Saturday in a big scoring match by 25 points to 13.

In the match between Southland and Manawatu at Palmerston North, each side scored 11 points, the result being a draw.

In a football carnival at Melbourne when playing under Australian rules, the Auckland team defeated New South Wales by a single point, but were subsequently badly worsted by Victoria who ran up the huge total of 171 points to 40.

C. E. Murnin, the assistant manager to the Australian football, now on its way to England, when in his teens, visited South Africa, and gained a commission as lieutenant in the Colonial Light Horse in the Boer War. In 1900, when 17 years of age, he was a midshipman in the New South Wales Naval Contingent, which went to China. In 1905 he toured New Zealand as a member of the Australian Rugby team. C.E.M. is an old Sydney Church of England Grammar School boy, and one of the finest forwards New South Wales has produced. He is 6ft 2in in height.

Wellington B fairly ran away from Horowhenua on Saturday, winning by 31 points to nil.

Onehunga defeated Papatoitoti on Saturday by 19 points to nil.

Playing under Association rules, Ponsonby beat Corinthians by 6 goals to 1.

Coromandel badly defeated the City Club's fourth fifteen on Saturday by 27 to 3.

The Rovers team have won the championship of the Hawke's Bay Union.

Mataura has won the championship of the Waihi Rugby Union.

Melbourne football has become more notorious this year than ever (says the "Referee"). Week after week disgraceful scenes are reported in the Press. In these players figure as belligerents, or the umpire is assailed by enraged partisans, if the daily press reports in Melbourne be not overdrawn. The police are generally on the scene, and at times the incidents end in the police court. It is clear that with all its popularity the Australian game in Victoria frequently excites the passions of the worst type of players and spectators. The controlling bodies should disqualify for life every player guilty of striking an opponent or intimidating an umpire, and prosecute any spectator offering violence either to a player or an official if the game is to be relieved of its present notoriety. The law alone can implant a little sense into men devoid of sportsmanship.

The semi-final match for the championship of the American Fleet was to have been played at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday, prior to the Anglo-Welsh v. New South Wales match, at the express wish of Admiral Sperry. It was to be contested under American Rugby rules. It reminds one (says the "Referee") of Rugby as it might have been a century back, and possesses few of the attractions in modern Rugby when played by skilful and well-trained teams. The final match is to take place at Melbourne, where, no doubt, it will give rise to no end of mirth, and be regarded more as a deadly battle rather than play by followers of the Australian Game.

On their way to England the Australian football team played a Victorian team and won by 26 points to 6. The international aspect of the Victorian team is worth noting:—R. Emmanuel, full back (ex-Poverty Bay, N.Z.); J. Adams (ex-Belfast, Ireland), J. T. Birch (Sydenham, Christchurch, N.Z.), C. Light (once Balmain F.C., Sydney), F. Scally (Queensland), three-quarters; J. Stevenson (N.S.W.), five-eighth; V. Hagan (Victoria), half; R. P. Franklyn, Cambridge (England), J. Jamieson (Scotland), Berry (Cambridge, England), Priest (Southland, N.Z.), A. Flegg, Pilkington, S. Rosenfeld (brother of N.S.W. League player) (Sydney), E. Ahern (Melbourne University), forwards.

TARANAKI V. AUCKLAND.

If form in football is to be relied upon, next Saturday's match between Taranaki and Auckland should be one of the finest ever seen at Alexandra Park. Taking a line through the Wellington matches, Auckland beat the capital's team by 24 to 3, an exaggeration of the difference between them, while Taranaki beat Wellington by 15 to nil. This must make the difference between Auckland and Taranaki very small indeed, and the northerners will have to play their best to retain possession of the Ranfurly shield. Still, remembering how very difficult visiting teams have found it to defeat Auckland on the latter's own battlefield, I shall pin my faith to the Blue and Whites' ability to stave off Taranaki's determined onslaught. With a fine day there should be a great attendance. The teams are as follows:—

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 Emergencies: McKay and T. Sheahan.

AUCKLAND.

Fullback: A. Renwick.
 Three-quarters: F. Wilson, G. Murray, J. Johnson.
 Five-eighths: G. Bater and R. Magee.
 Forwards: G. Gillett (captain, wing), F. Herring, J. McGuire, A. Francis, W. Cunningham, G. Nicholson, C. Seeling, H. Hayward.
 Emergencies: Coote and McGuire.

AUCKLAND TEAMS GO UNDER.

The several Auckland teams which played matches away from home on Saturday, had a bad time all round, that is to say so far as the actual games were concerned. The Auckland A team went to the Thames and was beaten by 11 points to nil. The B team journeyed to Dargaville where they were outed by Northern Wairoa by 3 to nil, while to complete the record of disasters, a combined Auckland Public Schools went to Waihi, where the Goldfields' schools routed them by 7 points to 3.

THE OTAGO TEAM.

The following players have been selected to represent Otago in their tour of the Dominion next month:—
 Backs: Dwyer, O'Sullivan, Don, Chambers, Stalker, Eckhold, Dougherty, Sutherland, and King.
 Forwards: Fitzpatrick, S. Casey, Williams, Patterson, McDonald, Johnston, McKenzie, Ivimey, Houston, Mitchell, and Paton.

THE ANGLO-WELSH TEAM BEATEN BY N.S.W.

It seems curious to us over here that when the players now on their way to England were available, N.S.W. could not beat the weak Anglo-Welsh team, yet how the Light Blues are found equal to the task. A cable says that twenty thousand spectators witnessed the British football team's last match on Saturday, when they met New South Wales. In the first half the visitors did better than the local men in the scrums and line-out of work, but the excellent tackling by New South Wales prevented the Britishers from scoring. Gavin got over the line for the local men, but Kenna failed to add the major points. In the second half the visitors did some fine dribbling work, carrying play in this manner to New South Wales' line, where Gibbs scored rather a tame try. He failed to add the extra points, and the scores stood level. Off-side against Dibble in his own 25 gave New South Wales a chance of winning the match, and Kenna secured a goal. "Ponty" Jones almost levelled matters up again with the run of the day. The New South Welshmen, however, kept their opponents off until the whistle sounded: New South Wales 6, Britain 3.

BOXING.

THE WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP.

TOMMY BURNS STILL ON TOP.

BILL SQUIRES' STUBBORN FIGHT.

The biggest fight in the history of Australia was the one which took place on Monday at Rushcutter's Bay, Sydney, when Bill Squires made another determined effort to wrest away from Tommy Burns, of America, the title of champion of the world. Although the syndicate which brought Burns out from America had erected a huge stadium capable of accommodating 18,000 persons and charged from ten shillings up to five pounds for seats, there was not a vacant spot anywhere, the crowd being very dense. Both men had been training hard for the event and stripped in the pink of condition, Squires having thrown off nearly every trace of the rheumatism which handicapped him so severely in America and France. Mr L. H. Nathan, one-time amateur champion of Queensland, acted as referee, while Mr W. T. Kerr held the watch. After the usual preliminary bouts which commenced at 4 p.m. sharp, the two great fighters were introduced, being greeted with salvos

of applause from the expectant crowd.

Round 1.—Burns won the toss for positions, Squires leading off with several blows for the head, Burns evading cleverly. Both clinched repeatedly, Squires continuing to go for his opponent's head, while Burns got in a few body blows.

Round 2.—Burns swung his right for Squires' ribs and then the latter rushed in, some rapid exchanges following in which, if anything, the local man had the advantage, Burns getting away.

Round 3.—Squires landed heavily on Burns' head, the latter clinching and getting in a nasty upper-cut near the point. Squires continued to go for the head, in which he appeared to show want of generalship, for in the close fighting which followed, he caught it hot on the body.

Round 4.—Following up his advantage, Burns made the in-fighting very hot, the pace being fast. Excitement ran high as Squires smashed in a nasty right in to his opponent's jaw, dazing him badly.

Round 5.—Squires now showed to great advantage, getting his left on to Burns' jaw, repeating the dose before the round closed, the Newcastle miners cheering their man right lustily.

Round 6.—The pace had been very hot and both men were tiring. Burns got in some heavy body blows which did Squires no good. Both men were badly cut and were bleeding a good deal.



THE WORLD'S CHAMPION, "TOMMY BURNS" (MR. NOAH BRUSSO), MRS. BRUSSO AND PATRICK O'KEEFE (BURNS' SPARRING PARTNER). From the "Australasian."

Round 7.—Squires rushed in but could not land a heavy blow, Burns showing clever footwork. He was an instant too slow on one occasion, and a vicious swing coming across, jarred him badly. Squires, up to this time, seemed to possess a good winning chance.

Round 8.—This was fairly quiet, both men sparring for wind, and clinches were numerous.

Round 9.—Squires was the aggressor until Burns got home a hook on the jaw and then sailed in to finish his man. The fighting was very fierce, the local man being badly punished about the body, while his own blows lacked force. He still went for the head, while Burns kept trying for the solar plexus.

Round 10.—Squires landed on Burns' head, but received a heavy right swing in reply. Coming close in, Burns rained blows on to his opponent's body, whose defence was poor, while he was fast getting very groggy. He rallied and landed two or three on Burns' head, but the power was gone out of them.

Round 11.—Squires recovered somewhat and got home two or three times on the neck, but caught it several times on the body.

Round 12.—Squires was getting very weak, the ceaseless punches on the body telling their tale. Once or twice he swung home a good blow but Burns seemed a glutton for punishment.

Round 13 and last.—Burns attacked strongly, and swinging for the point, Squires went down for nine seconds. Then he rushed in and punched home a blow on the face, but

Burns retorted with a smashing right and Squires was again down for eight seconds. Squires was now done, and Burns hit him with both left and right and the Australian went down, and failing to rise, was counted out.

The superintendent of police then stopped proceedings, why, it is not quite clear, as the fight was over.

This was the third time Burns and Squires have met. At San Francisco Burns won in half a round, at Paris he won in eight rounds, and now comes the fight recorded above. The American has thus clearly shown that he is the better man, but it is evident that Squires is an improved and game fighter.

Burns next meets Lang, the Victorian champion, in Melbourne.

CHAMPION TOMMY BURNS.

A short, stockily built young man—his age might be anything from 24 to 30—the figure concealed by a smart fawn-coloured overcoat of the Newmarket type, much affected by "sports" in England; rather sallow complexioned, with light brown hair, thin and silky-looking, but having an undercurrent of the raven, a tint invariably accompanying that kind of skin; face clean shaved and clean cut, a little white rim from the left ear to the left eye giving the impression that he may have worn spectacles, but surely it is a cut—such is "Tommy" Burns at a quick glance (says the "Town and Country Journal").

He is at first sight disappointing

HOCKEY.

The Thames players came up to Auckland and on Saturday attempted to win the championship shield from the local Association. From the very outset Auckland set up a hot attack and after some good defence had been shown by the Thames goal-keeper, Mason shot a goal. Returning to the attack Barry got a hot one into the net, whereupon Thames rallied, and Auckland were momentarily called on to defend. On changing ends, Auckland was almost continuously on the attack, Mason, on three occasions, getting the ball into the net. Thames again rallied and Griffin came within an ace of scoring, the ball striking the post. No further goals being hit, Auckland won by 5 goals to nil. The visitors played determinedly, but want of combination was their great weakness.

The following junior grade matches were played on Saturday:—

Ponsonby A v. Y.M.C.A.: The latter won by 6 goals to 2.

United A v. St. George: St. George were defeated by 2 goals to 1.

University v. United B.: University were successful by 3 goals to nil.

Auckland and Ellerslie won their matches by default.

A match in which a good deal of interest was taken was that between Moana and Rawhiti A on Saturday. The lady champions appeared to have somewhat lost form, and the result was a draw. Miss Probert scored two goals for Rawhiti, while Miss Mathias shot a goal for Moana, the other goal coming accidentally from an opponent's stick. Moana's record for the season is 35 goals for and 2 (as mentioned above) against.

Ladies College defeated Rawhiti B. by 5 goals to nil.

The St. George's Hockey Club is holding a dance at the Oddfellows' Hall, Parnell, this evening.

Otago defeated a weak Canterbury team at Dunedin on Saturday by 2 goals to nil.

Taranaki beat Hawke's Bay at New Plymouth on Saturday, by 4 goals to 2.

The Auckland v. Wellington match will take place at Victoria Park on September 5. With a fine afternoon this should prove a very exciting struggle and it will doubtless draw a big crowd to see it.

Auckland will be called upon to meet Wanganui on September 12. The game will take place on the Remuera ground.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

The Tasmanian Dunlop Test Race, to select the Tasmanian representative for the forthcoming Warrnambool-Melbourne race, will be run from Hobart to Launceston on Saturday, September 12. Arrangements for the contest are now being made by the Tasmanian Cyclists' Union. It is anticipated that the Dunlop Test will be the biggest road event yet held in Tasmania.

A. N. Wills, in a bicycle contest at Munich, covered a distance of 99 kilometres (roughly 62 miles) in an hour, establishing a world's record.

A SUCCESSFUL HOUSE-WARMING.

Messrs. Pardington and Sutherland, who have just moved into their fine new brick building at Onehunga, gave the Onehunga Touring Club a social on Friday, when everybody seemed to have a good time. Mr. R. T. Michaels presided, and was supported by Messrs. Chas. Bagley and A. Robb. About 200 were seated at the tables. The toasts honoured were: "The

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King," "The Architect, Mr. A. Robb," "Donors of Prizes," "Visitors," "The Officers," "The Track Owner, Mr. Chas. Baker." Musical items were rendered by Messrs. E., E. V., L., K., Ira, and R. J. Sutherland, A. Matthews, A. Sayers, G. Watts, while Messrs. A. Robb and C. J. Schnauer gave recitations. The valuable Pardy cup was presented to H. Flewellyn, with place medals to A. Flewellyn and N. Wadman; the Magnus medals were presented to S. Kitchin, A. Flewellyn, and O. Casey; the Bagley medals to W. C. Hill, J. Brennan, and A. Sorenson; and the Park trophies to N. Wadman, A. Flewellyn, and H. Sayers.

WONDERFUL RECORDS.

It did not take the Napier long to re-establish itself after its defeat in the Napier-Fiat match, for it is cabled that at the August meeting on the Brooklands racing track (Eng.) the 90 h.p. Napier carried off the honour by winning the big event by 65 yards from a 75 h.p. Mercedes, carving out the 30 miles at the tremendous rate of 101½ miles per hour. No sustained space this performance is easily a record for the distance. The 90 h.p. Napier would probably be driven by F. Newton, and would be the same combination as was recently pitted against Nazzaro's "Fiat" in the big £500 match decided a few weeks back on Brooklands Racing Track, when Newton retired (after gaining over 200 yards in the first two laps) through a seized bearing. The crack Italian driver, in the endeavour to reduce Newton's lead, drove his third lap (two miles 1347 yards) at the astounding speed of 121.6 miles per hour. Newton's fastest speed before he retired was 111½ miles per hour. Continuing on, Nazzaro covered the full course (27½ miles) at the rate of 94¼ miles per hour, but this performance Newton has now absolutely put in the shade. The fastest authentic mile yet recorded is 28 1-5 seconds (127.6 miles per hour) by F. Marriott, on a Stanley steam car, established in a straight-away run on the hard sand at Florida Beach, (U.S.A.) in 1906. The fastest Petrol Car run is Demegot's (Darracq) 2 miles in 58 4-5 secs. (122.4 miles per hour) also rendered on Florida Beach, but for merit neither of these speed bursts equals the Napier's great run. To cover 30 miles at 101½ miles an hour means travelling each mile in 35 2-5 secs., or the full distance in

about 17 min. 40sec., a remarkable feat of sustained driving that would probably include many miles at a speed that would approach very close to Nazzaro's wonderful record. The performance of the "Mercedes" probably driven by De Resta, in finish so close up to Newton, was also a particularly fine one. The World's Hour Record on the same track is 76 miles 4537 yards, standing to the credit of W. T. Clifford-Earp (England.)

A WONDERFUL INDUSTRY.

The Rubber Industry is one of the largest of all modern industries. There is hardly a single trade that does not use rubber in some form or other. Without the use of rubber, the cycle and motorcar of to-day would not have been possible. One of the largest firms manufacturing rubber goods has just opened direct branches in New Zealand and the headquarters are situated at Bedford Row, Christchurch where the Continental Rubber Co., and that is the firm above referred to, have started operations. The Continental Rubber Co. have works in Hanover, London, Paris and New York, employing over 10,000 workmen and office staffs numbering over 1000. Wholesale depots are to be found in every civilised part of the world and the entire turnover is not reckoned by thousands but by millions of pounds. The firm specialises in Cycle and Motor car tyres, rubber sheetings, hoses of all descriptions and many other lines too numerous to mention. One of the most interesting specialties is the building of the huge balloons for airships and the airships of Count Zeppelin. The French airships La Patrie and La Ville de Paris were constructed with Continental balloon material.

The Continental Company are just about to open a branch factory in Melbourne, Victoria, and they claim that in cycle motor tyres they will carry the largest stocks of any firm in New Zealand. A branch office will also be opened at Albert St. Auckland.

BILLIARDS.

Locally billiards have been fairly quiet although in some of the rooms tournaments are in progress.

I have not heard anything more about a contest for the Amateur Championship. Has this fallen through?

W. J. Miller, winner of N.S.W. Tattersall's Tournament is a popular veterinary surgeon and equine dentist, well-known in the world of sport (says the Referee). Originally hailing from Kyneton, (Vic.), he has trained horses in Queensland and N.S.W., was one of the most popular referees at boxing contests in this State and Queensland, and no mean performer with the gloves himself. A few years back he visited America and England, and gained degrees in veterinary science and dentistry, and is now our leading "horse doctor." With the walnut he is in the first flight, his name appearing almost weekly in colleague "Chokebore's" list of winners.

IVORY BALLS.

In the Nyzra forest near Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony, are a few beautiful elephants. Possibly these animals will never be slaughtered for the sake of their ivory, for a license to shoot a single elephant in that region costs something like £50. But, up in Uganda and in the half-explored heart of Africa, elephants are being killed almost every day, their tusks eventually finding their way into our hands as billiard balls and other articles. African ivory is shipped to the great cities of Europe from the Congo, Guinea, and other places on the West Coast. On the East, Zanzibar and Mozambique are the principal shipping ports. Some of the ivory used in Europe also comes from Asia—Burmah, Ceylon, Siam, Cochin China, Java, and Sumatra exporting a considerable quantity.

When the tusks arrive in England they are stored in the London Docks to await the first ivory sale. At a sale, which is attended by billiard ball manufacturers from all parts of Europe, perhaps one hundred tons of ivory will be disposed of. The manufacturers endeavour to obtain tusks as near the diameter of the required billiard ball as possible, so that but very little of the outside skin or hard surface will have to be

removed. Billiard balls used in this country are between the sizes—two and one-sixteenth and two and one-eighth inches; but in America and on the Continent balls measuring from two and a quarter to two and a half inches are commonly used on billiard tables, the cushions being built higher than those on British tables.

THE CARE OF THE TABLE.

To those who take part in the field pastimes such as Cricket, Bowls, Tennis, Groquet, Golf, etc., the subject of the keenness or the dulness of the patch of turf they play their games upon is a matter of supreme concern. The putting-greens at golf are mowed and rolled down to a wonderfully level plane, as are the cricket pitches, the bowling rinks, and the tennis and croquet lawns. Any appreciable variation of their pace is immediately noted and commented upon by the average person playing upon them. One may see at a glance, too, whether they have received their due share of treatment at the hands of the ground man. The idea in all field games is to give the player the best of wickets, greens or lawns on which to use the ball or balls, brought into the various pastimes. In billiards, unhappily, it is usually otherwise (says the World of Billiards). This is made the more noticeable owing to billiard playing requiring such very precise and nice conditions. The surface of a billiard table should be true to a fault; the cloth should not hold more than a sufficiency of "nap" to bring about those gradual deflecting influences which form its chief virtues; the cues should be straight as a rifle-barrel and with as little whippiness as it is possible to ensure; the balls should be seasoned and of a circumferential truth that is the limit of the ivory turner's craftsmanship. These things are to be had at almost the same price as the inferior articles which abound in the present-day public rooms. It is the manner of their upkeep that lessens their life. Given the best material

the least one ought to see to is its proper treatment. We should hear less, if this were so, of the poverty of form, to say nothing of the likening to a "ploughing of the sands" that billiards in uncongenial surroundings are often described as. We want to do away with this neglect and substitute for it billiards upon a proper all-round basis. Then the game will evoke even greater progress than it has done in the past few years.

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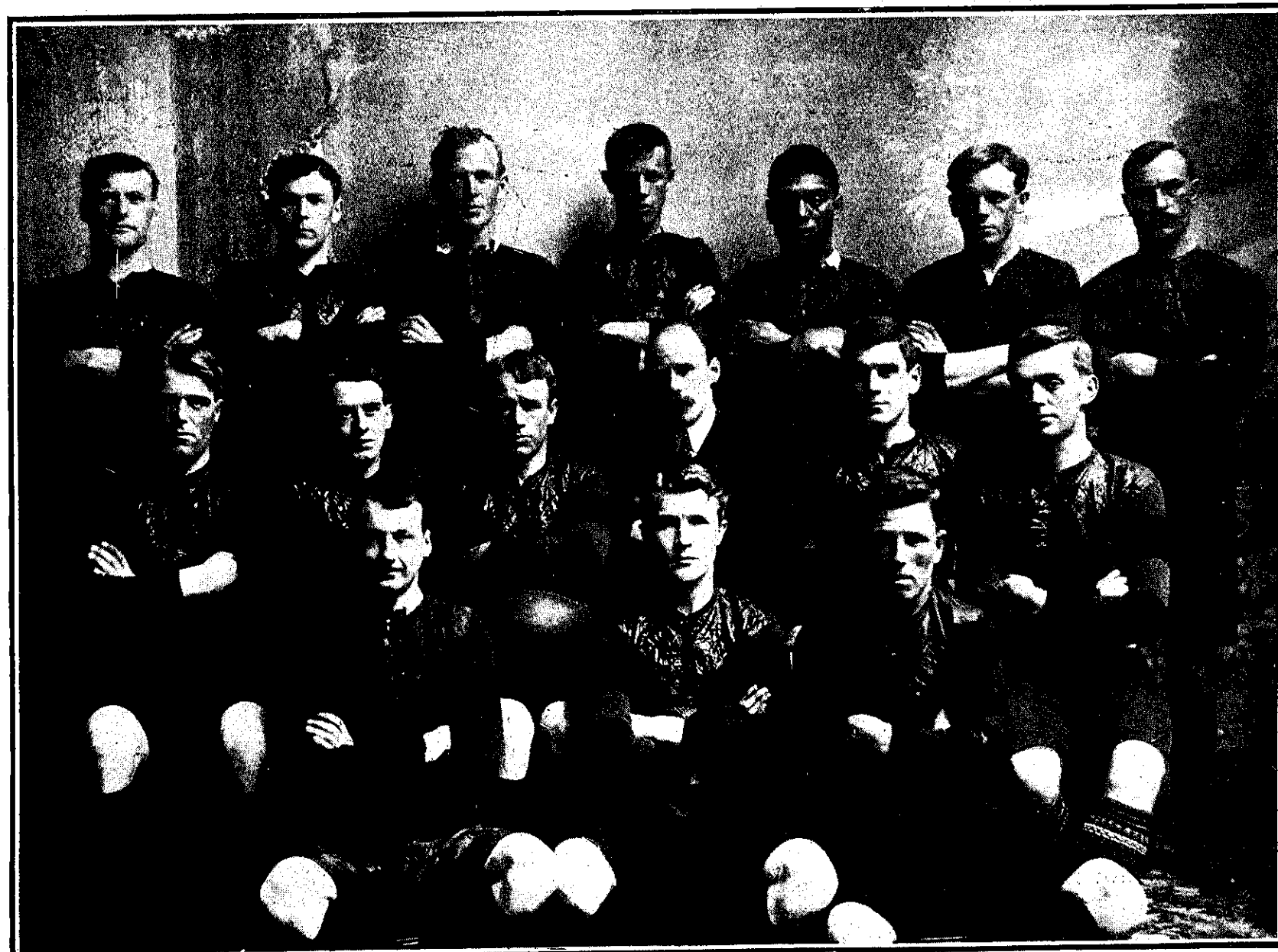
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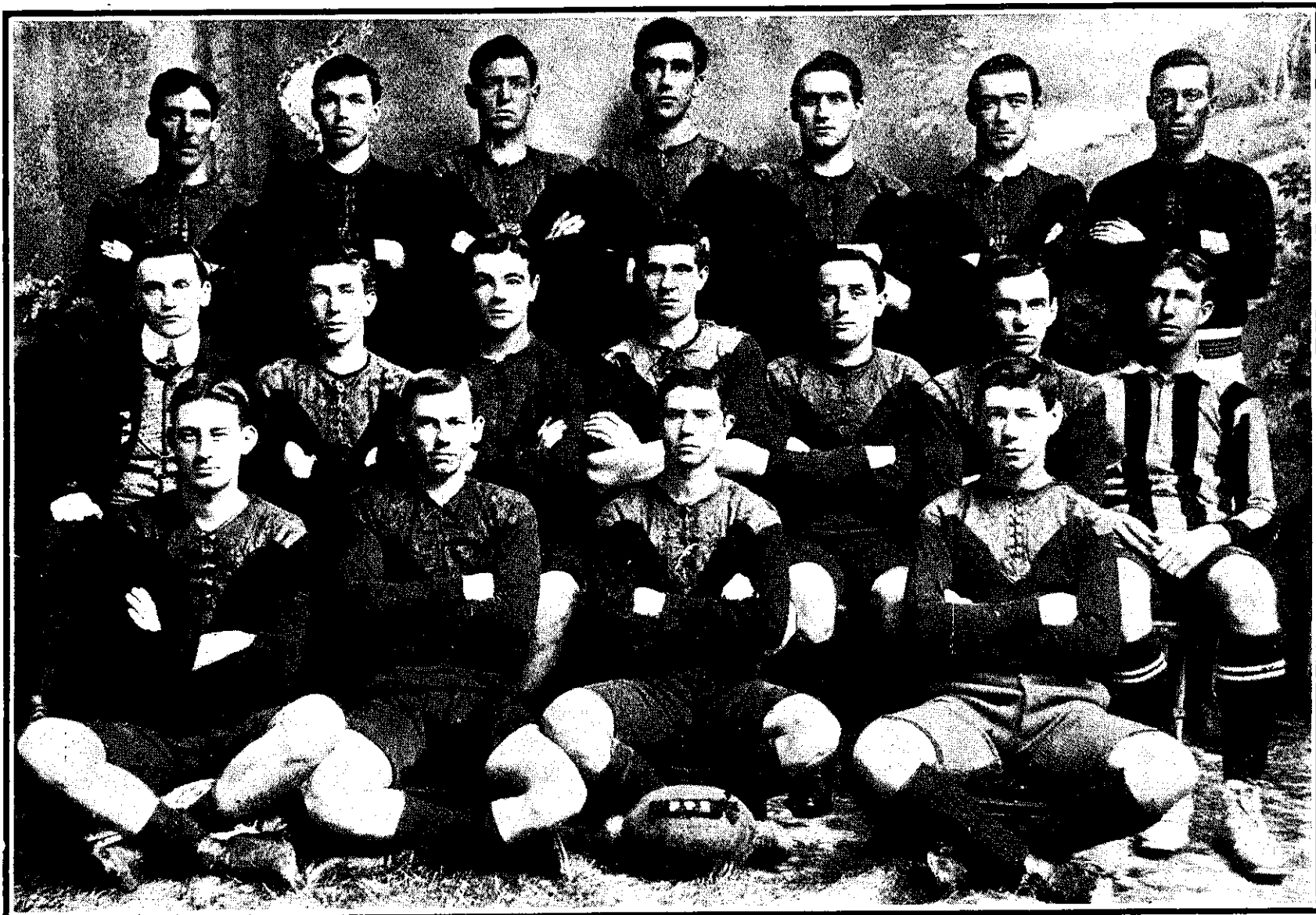
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CHARLEY'S AUNT.

"Men may come and men may go" but "Charley's Aunt" goes on for ever. Revived again and again the lady "from Brazil" where the nuts come from" never seems to lose her popularity. On the play's original production in London it ran for two thousand nights, a record never likely to be equalled, and made a fortune for its author, Brandon Thomas, and for Penley, who first appeared in the leading role. Just how many times Frank Thornton has enacted the role of the aunt it is hard to say, and probably the popular actor could not tell us, but it must run into thousands, yet despite it all there seems a perennial freshness about it that appeals irresistibly to even the most hardened theatre-goer. On Saturday night "Charley's Aunt" replaced "When Knights were Bold," and rarely has the theatre witnessed such a scene of continuous hilarity as was then the case. It was the writer's sixth time of seeing the famous comedy, yet it proved just as mirth-provoking as on the first visit. As for some of the audience, their sides must have ached for hours afterwards and one lady sitting close by seemed as though she would need medical attendance when the imitation Dona Lucia was being chased by old Spettigue, so irresistibly comical was the scene. Mr Thornton, of course, resumed his old role of Lord Fancourt Babberley, otherwise Charley's Aunt. He must surely have learned the secret of perpetual youth, for he looked not a day older than when he first drove us to the verge of hysterics with his conception of the ancient but coquettish dame, and many moons have waned since then. Nothing more genuinely funny has ever been shown on the stage. Miss Belle Donaldson (Kitty Verdun) and Miss Lily Willis (Amy Spettigue) were the two girls and played very brightly. Miss Harriet French, who has become quite a favourite, made a stately Dona Lucia D'Alvarez, the real aunt from Brazil, and Miss Clara Manfield was a very winsome Ella Delahay. Miss T. Powell and C. Stone played the parts of the college chums, Jack Chesney and Charley Wykehan. Mr Douglas Hamilton was Sir Francis Chesney, and Mr K. Stephenson the college scout Braset. Mr Harry Ashford imparted a good deal of humour into the role of the unctuous solicitor, Stephen Spettigue, all the members of the company playing up to the lead capitally. Altogether the revival was a great success, and each evening saw a good house.

THE PRIVATE SECRETARY.

This evening Charles Hawtreys' masterpiece "The Private Secretary" will be staged. This gives Mr Thornton a rare chance as the milk and water curate, a character which, by the way, is said to be taken from real life. It is a laughter maker extraordinary and is fairly certain to fill the house for the remaining nights of the season, which comes to an end on Saturday. If there is any truth in the assertion that a good laugh is one of the finest tonics imaginable, then of a surety the doctors must be having a dull time while Frank Thornton remains at His Majesty's. The company leave for Sydney on Monday, opening at the Palace Theatre on September 5th, where they will remain until October 9th. Afterwards a tour of Queensland will be undertaken, the company eventually opening in Melbourne on November 28th.

THE MERRYMAKERS.

The Merry-makers, whose season of six nights is to commence at His Majesty's Theatre on Monday, August 31st, have established a big reputation since their initial performance in Melbourne in May last. "Bright, humorous, and clever" are the three cardinal points in Messrs J. and N. Tait's new attraction. The Merry-makers have been selected for this tour by Mr G. P. Huntley, the noted English comedian, and Mr Herbert Clayton, of London musical comedy fame.

J. M. Campbell, a well-known London comedian, Sam Walsh, music sketch artist, Gavin Wood, Eric Blore, Misses Betty O'Neil, Elsie Williams, and Doris Lind are all names prominently associated with London vaudeville and musical comedy. The latest English song successes, bright sayings, burlesques on modern plays, ballads and part singing, quaint dances, and monologues form a part of the Merry-makers' attractive programme.

This new form of entertainment, consisting as it does of high-class vaudeville, bids fair to become as popular in the colonies as it is proving in Great Britain.

The bookings are very good, and the season promises to be most successful.

A tour of the larger Waikato towns is being arranged, with Gisborne to follow.

A short extract from a Christchurch writer's impression of J. M. Campbell, of the Merry-makers:—"Jimmy" Campbell is so Scotch that he says porridge sprouts on his whiskers.

He has no whiskers, by the way. He hates Invercargill, and is impossible to interview, because he will persist in telling funny stories. Mr Campbell is as funny off the stage as he is on it, and has 'a way with him' that would make him decidedly Irish if he were not so Scotch."

OPERA HOUSE.

FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS.

The popularity of Messrs Fuller's vaudeville entertainment continues unabated, and each night sees the Opera House well filled with patrons. A particularly attractive programme is being submitted this week, the various artists appearing comprising a decidedly clever combination. Alberto, the expert conjurer, mystifies the audience with a series of magic tricks, which he performs with wonderful dexterity. Altogether his performance is one of unusual merit, while his taking manner and amusing pleasantries immediately brand him as a popular favourite. Maud Fann-

ing is heard in a couple of her coon dities, her singing of which is followed by vociferous applause. Master Herbert Wilverton displays his boyish voice to great advantage in a couple of tip-top songs, and but for an ungainly motion of the arms, leaves little to be desired. Hagan and Fraser are a couple of artists possessed of no small degree of talent, as their humorous turn serves to prove. Their funninesses are of a highly original character, and do not fail to cause shrieks of laughter. The popular pair introduce a couple of bright musical items into their sketch which makes it one of the most enjoyable seen in Auckland for some time. Arthur Elliott has a budget of comic songs with which he delights the audience, while his elastic movements show that he is an acrobat of no mean order. Scott and Beresford make their appearance in a sketch, and that their efforts are nothing short of successful is evidenced by the hearty reception which is accorded them. Verey causes no end of laughter with his "Two-Headed Policeman" act, which is distinctly original. Verey is a ventriloquist of a high order, and his witty sayings and exceedingly funny movements are carried out in a most praiseworthy manner. Little Violet Elliott has quite captured the hearts of Opera House patrons with her song and dance items which are given in a style that would do credit to the most polished artist. Albert Lucas, the talented monologue entertainer, gives an excellent recitation of "Christmas Day in the Workhouse," and is greeted with warm applause. Carlton and Sutton, patterists and dancers, score heavily with their harmonious singing and clever witticisms, while their dancing forms a very neat exhibition. Julia Longman's illustrated ballads come in for a fair share of appreciation, and never fail to elicit an encore. The Cambry Sisters make their appearance in song and dance items, and are favourably received. They also contribute a couple of mandoline duets which are highly appreciated. The biograph pictures shown this week include two side-splitting films that send the house into uproars of laughter.

Mr G. Portus, the well-known advance manager, who has been in the Dunedin hospital for some weeks with a split heel, has so far recovered as to sail for Australia. He will be over here again with Mark Hambo.



MR. J. M. CAMPBELL, a comedian with "The Merry-makers," appearing at His Majesty's next Monday.



MR. CHARLES SAUNDERS, the famous tenor, who will be heard at the Choral Hall on Friday, Saturday, and Monday.



MISS CLARA ROBSON, the Scottish contralto, now in Auckland.

THE CHARLES SAUNDERS CONCERTS.

Aucklanders will have an opportunity given them to-morrow of hearing the famous tenor, Mr Charles Saunders, in Handel's great work "Samson" which is to be given by the Auckland Choral Society at the Choral Hall. Miss Clara Robson, the Scottish contralto, will be one of the soloists. Concerning the concerts, in dealing with similar entertainments given in Dunedin, the Dunedin "Star" says:—"It was not a song cycle such as Mr Watkins Mills gave us, but a selection of familiar songs of a good type, linked by pleasant little speeches from Mr Saunders, who in each instant said something to the point as to how the song came to be written and as to its motive. In this cycle the audience were favoured by Mr Saunders with 'The Irish Emigrant,' 'My Pretty Jane,' and 'The Death of Nelson,' also as an encore song with 'Let me Like a Soldier Fall,' given in a most energetic and generous style. Very few tenors possess such a surplus of power as to be able to put in the 'Maritana' songs incidentally, but Mr Saunders did it without an effort. Miss Clara Robson's contributions to the cycle were 'Darby and Joan,' with 'Killarney' as an encore, 'Caller Herrin,' with 'Jock o' Hazeldean' as an encore, and Tosti's 'Good-bye.' This was a very fine collection. Mr Saunders then electrified the audience with his bold and accomplished delivery of 'Sound an Alarm.' In view of the fact that he had previously done two men's share of singing, and that he was right up to the pitch, it was perfectly amazing to hear how he got those four unaccompanied up-going notes and how he hung on the top A, and his facility in respect to the runs was a revelation. Towards the end there was just a suspicion of flattening on the top notes, but the voice continued quite clear, and to the very end the singer never made the least attempt to dodge a difficulty or find an evading bypath.

He is a conscientious singer and a great one, and the audience were delighted with him. As for Miss Clara Robson, she also sings well, making intelligent use of a thoroughly trained contralto voice of good quality. Her best contributions were 'Caller Herrin' and 'Darby and Joan.'" The Choral Hall should be crowded to hear these two artists.

MISS IRENE AINSLEY'S CONCERT.

There were two very good attendance last Thursday and Friday at the Choral Hall when Miss Irene Ainsley, who has just returned from the Old Country, gave Auckland music lovers an opportunity of judging what improvement the contralto had made in her vocation during her absence. At both concerts the programmes were well arranged, there being a pleasing absence of ultra-classical music, which music is as caviare to the general public. Instead of a medley of Italian, French, and German pieces, of which the majority of Aucklanders, who do not understand them, are apt to quickly tire, Miss Ainsley sang many of the dainty ballads of our own land, and those who heard were not slow to mark their appreciation. It was speedily evident that a very great improvement had been effected in the contralto's voice. The lower notes were particularly good, a weakness, however, being noticeable in the upper register in which a lack of purity of tone was apparent. There was also a want of power, this being somewhat conspicuous in such songs as "Life's Recompense" and "The Lost Chord." Still, although perhaps she may never be a great singer, Miss Ainsley is certainly a very pleasing one, and her items are sure to be enjoyed. At the two concerts she was assisted by Mr Hamilton Hodges, Mr G. E. Poore (flautist), and Mrs Ernest Queree (accompanist).

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

Clyde Meynell, of "The Big Four," has secured "Cinderella," the most successful of England's pantomimes last Christmas, for his firm's first production in that line. In a letter received the other day he states he has seen the sketches and dresses, which are magnificent, and will cost about £2500. He has, in addition got the latest dramatic success, "The Prince and the Beggar Maid," in which the Harcourt Beatty-Madge McIntosh Company will appear. Miss Norah Kerin, out here with the Musgrove Shakesperian venture, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," played Princess Monica of Illyria, who masquerades as the barefooted beggar maid.

The new play is by Mr Walter Howard.

THE LONDON SEASON.

A carefully compiled and very interesting statistical article on the West End theatrical season 1907-8, from the pen of Mr James Waters, appeared in the "Daily Mail." Mr Waters speaks of the season—which may be reckoned as from August of last year to the present July—as a successful one, and he expresses the opinion that it has made far more money for the successful managers than was lost by those who failed. Mr Waters makes a list as follows:—Plays of two or more acts, 63; musical plays, 6; one-act plays, 35; pantomimes, 3; revues, 1; ballets, 4; revivals of plays of two or more acts, 27; revivals of musical plays, 3. Excluding one-act pieces, pieces produced for special performances, revues, and ballets, the new pieces numbered sixty-three. Deduct ten for the French, five American, and one German, and ten for dramatised novels, there is left a total of thirty-seven plays as the output of our dramatic authors for the season. That is not much more than one piece per theatre for the working year.

THE KILTIES BAND.

The scene both inside and outside the Sydney Town Hall on August 15 was one of intense enthusiasm, for the rush of the public to hear the first concert of the Scottish-Canadian Regimental Band was unprecedented (says the "Town and Country Journal"). Those who arrived at the

ation, taken as band, choir, and dancing troupe, is a very clever one, and, judging from the first performance, it will suit the popular fancy, and continue its success.

NAPIER NOTES.

My Napier correspondent writes that Napier has been well supplied with amusement during the past week. The first assault was by the Taylor-Carrington Pictures, which attracted a good house. There is not much, during the present period, in not having up-to-date pictures, and the T.C. were well supplied with a number of excellent films of all descriptions from gay to grave, and patrons gave vent to their satisfaction in a demonstrative style.

Anderson and Sheridan's combinations held the boards at the Theatre Royal for two nights—Wednesday and Thursday, the productions being "The Earl and the Girl" and "Fun on the Bristol." Standing room only was the order of the night upon both occasions, and the genial John F. looked as pleased as if he had backed several winners; anyhow, he got home a good double with "The Earl and the Girl" and "The Widow."

On Friday and Saturday the Merry-makers held the fort and held it well too, two large audiences greeting them. They deserved it too, for they beat the pack for a clean, sunny, bright chic show. They are all triers, good at their turns, and what is more their songs and yarns have not got whiskers upon them. They made good in the first five minutes and kept the game up to the end in a refreshing

ly Searle and heaps of others flourishing, all of whom in my days, I have come into contact with.

Mr Albert Clark, touring manager for the Thornton Company left for Sydney by the Victoria on Monday last.

Mr R. B. Young is hard at work in connection with the Charles Saunders Concert Company's season in Auckland.

Mr Muir, of Wanganui, is in town arranging matters in connection with the Charles Saunders Concert Company's season.

Mr Matheson, ahead of the Merry-makers, arrived in Auckland to make arrangements for the Merry-makers' season which commences next week.

The Bland Holt season will commence at His Majesty's after the Merry-makers have vacated that theatre. This is good news for lovers of melodrama of the best kind.

Mr Bert Gilbert is still in a private hospital in Auckland. The accident to his eye, which he met with on the stage, is a serious one, and it is not improbable he may lose the use of his eye. Everyone will hope that this will not prove the case.

On returning to America, Miss Margaret Anglin will be starred under the management of Mr Louis Nethersole, who is her manager for the Australia tour. She will make her reappearance in New York in "The Awakening of Helen Ritchie," a play that has not yet been seen along the Broadway, and one which gives her scope to display her great emotional powers. Miss Anglin has received a flattering offer to go to London at the conclusion of the next American tour. She returns to America via England, but according to present arrangements she will not appear on the London stage for another two years.

Miss May Gates, another of the pretty young ladies who figured in the "Gay Gordons" and other productions of Mr Seymour Hicks, has made a brilliant match by wedding the Baron von Ditten, nephew of Thor von Ditten, the Norwegian Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Berlin. Miss Gates had been on the stage about three years. Prior to that she was a showroom girl at Jay's in Regent-street. With good looks and fine figure, and a wealth of glorious hair, she was persuaded to leave shop-life for the stage. She was at once a distinct success. While she was abroad she met Baron von Ditten, and after a short engagement, the girl from Jay's became a baroness on June 16.

The Scarlet Troubadours, a company under the management of Mr Branscombe, here with the Westminster Glee Party, will make their debut in the Dominion at His Majesty's, Dunedin, on September 5th.

Mischa Elman, the great boy violinist, is to tour Australia next year under the auspices of Mr George Musgrove.

Mr Gil. Hoskins, who has severed his connection with the Fuller Proprietary in order to join the Royal Picture Syndicate, arrived in Christchurch on Thursday (says the Weekly Press). On Tuesday night, at Wellington, at the Theatre Royal, he was entertained by the management, orchestra, and staff of the theatre, and presented on their behalf by Mr John Fuller, jun., with a handsome souvenir. Subsequently a number of personal friends entertained Mr and Mrs Hoskins, and presented them with farewell marks of esteem.

The theatre was just out, it was a very cold night, and the last car was full inside, when the guard asked: "Will any gentleman ride up on the top to oblige a lady?" There was no response, so the inquiry was repeated, but again there was no reply. At last one male passenger remarked: "Are you sure she is a lady, and not a poor woman?"—"Oh, yes, she is a lady," said the guard, without hesitation. "A well-dressed lady?" again asked the passenger. "Yes, a thorough, well-dressed, fashionable lady," said the guard. "Then I should think she can afford to take a cab home," said the passenger.



ALBERTO, the clever conjurer, now appearing at the Opera House.

steps of the Town Hall at 8 o'clock wondered what was the matter, for people stood from the footpath to the door, and the management estimate that over 1000 were disappointed. The two stalwart drum-majors were most emphatic in their assurance that there was not even standing room in the hall. This was the case, every part of the large building, including the choir seats on the organ gallery, being crowded. The Kilties looked a fine body of men in their uniform of the Gordon Highlanders, with red coats and dark green kilts and plaids. In front of the organ were their banners. The audience was most enthusiastic, and encored everything, especially the patriotic airs, which appealed to them very strongly. The features of the programme from a musical standpoint, however, were the second of the Liszt "Hungarian Rhapsodies," the Prelude of the third act of "Lohengrin," an arrangement of well-known melodies by Tobani, and Godfrey's setting of Scottish airs. There are 30 performers in the band, and the instrumentation is as follows:—One flute and piccolo, 1 oboe, 1 E flat clarinet, 8 B flat clarinets, 2 saxophones, 1 bassoon, 3 French horns, 5 cornets, 2 euphoniums, 3 trombones, 3 basses, and 2 drums. The combin-

style; they are novel and new like the latest baby, and theatregoers in your city can look forward to a pleasant period when they unfurl their flag there.

It is not often that three advance agents gather in this town, but such was the case last week, when Messrs Price, Matheson and Armitage, representing Anderson-Sheridan, The Merry-makers, and Taylor-Carrington Pictures respectively, unloaded themselves and their baggage. Good fellows all of them too, all out for scalps and anxious to get the good things on the wing with the first barrel. I put in a pleasant hour with them, and while the Sherbert was being consumed, the air was redolent with happenings that occurred to the trio in their wanderings on this mundane sphere. I got in a few turns with reminiscences of old times, when the old school of actors were out side of the earth, and the trio were up against it when I got going about the early time when M. Hoskins, J. P. Ryder, Florence Colville, J. B. Steele, H. N. Douglas, Walter Hill, Robert Keller, Professor Hasel Mayer, Sir William and Lady Don, Robert Heir, Fanny Cathcart, Morton Tavares, Miss Sintees, Louie Beaudet, Herr Bandmann, Lizzie Watson, Pol-

A HAMBOURG ANECDOTE.

Mark Hambourg tells a good story of an incident which marked his recent South African tour. He was playing in some little up-country town the residents of which, as after events proved, were certainly not musically educated, though they turned up in great force to the recital. The evening's programme contained both a concerto and a sonata, the different movements of which were in the customary style mentioned in the centre of the sheet, while the items were numbered down the side. At the end of each movement Hambourg paused, bowed to the applause, and went on again. Unfortunately the audience, unable to identify the pieces except by the printed word, thought that each movement was a listed item. As a natural consequence they had arrived at the end of the programme when Hambourg had really reached about half-way through the first part. So they got up and walked out, and Hambourg's manager had to hasten after them and explain that they were still a long way from getting their money's worth. The result was that, not to be caught again, the reclaimed audience sat on after the concert had concluded, and had to be politely but firmly requested to leave the building.

A VERSATILE CHOIR.

A glance at the repertoire of the Royal Welsh Male Choir, now in Sydney, reveals the very wide range they cover in their vocal efforts. Songs as wide apart as the rousing "March of the Men of Harlech," and the "Pilgrim's Chorus" from "Tannhauser," "Strike the Lyre," "The Soldier's Chorus" from "Faust," "The Tyrol," "The Martyrs of the Arena," "The Destruction of Gaza," the Welsh hymn "Aberystwyth," the "Misereere" from "Il Trovatore," all find a place in it, while one of the finest efforts is "Lead, Kindly Light," which they sing as the Besses o' the Barn played it—exquisitely.

MARGARET ANGLIN ON HER ART.

The ever-vexed question as to whether an actress should, on the stage, be merely a mirror of emotions or whether she should really feel the troubles and sorrows of the character she is portraying, was submitted to Margaret Anglin the other day by an interviewer. Her view of the case is a modern one, for she believes in associating herself so thoroughly with the part she is playing, that she forgets her own personality entirely and lives and moves and speaks as the

woman she is representing. In other words she must lose herself completely in the part, otherwise there will be an air of superficiality, unconvincing and artificial about her work which will keep her from making the strong appeal to the audience which she sets out to do.

TOO MUCH HOSPITALITY.

Twenty-six teas, dinners and so on, in a little over a month, was what Madame Ada Crossley was looking forward to when she last wrote from London five weeks before her departure for Australia in the Orontes. That does not mean, of course, the total of her meals in that period—one supposes she has three meals a day at least—but the extras thrown in by all sorts and conditions of people anxious to say good-bye in proper form to the Australian contralto who has made herself so popular in Great Britain. The Austral and the Lyceum Clubs had already organised special "At Homes" in her honour, while several other women's clubs were following suit. Miss Marie Correlli, who boasts that she never gives away a photo, to anybody but her nearest and dearest friends, had included Madame Crossley in that charmed circle and had bidden her to Stratford-on-Avon, there to take a fond farewell. Then again Mr. and Mrs. Henniker-Heaton entertained her at tea on the far-famed terrace of the House of Commons with a debate in the House of Lords to finish up with. It is highly probable that by the time she sailed, the twenty-six functions she wrote about had swelled to nearly double that number, and one can quite understand that now she is revelling in the enforced idleness of shipboard.

UP-TO-DATE.

Adelaide is to have a big attraction for its September show. A syndicate, consisting of several well-known theatrical folk, has purchased the huge tent originally used for Bostock and Wombwell's Circus, and intends running pictures of the American fleet's visit to Australia. Arrangements have been made for pictures of anything that happens from the day of the departure from San Francisco to the end of the tour—the calls at Honolulu, Auckland, Sydney, and Melbourne. The tent will hold 4000 people, and popular prices will be charged.

A YOUTHFUL MARGUERITE.

Miss Marie Lohr, "Daddy" Lohr's daughter, who is to play the part of

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Margaret to Mr Tree's production of "Faust," will be the youngest actress who has ever played the character. At present she is studying under Mr. Herman Vezin, the world-known actor. Mr. Vezin is a marvel—80 years of age, yet with his memory unimpaired—in fact, he knows several Shakesperian plays by heart, "Julius Caesar," for instance. He can go through this from beginning to end—servants' lines, entrances, exits, everything. It is doubtful whether any young actor of the present day could equal this as a feat of memory.

Messrs. J. and N. Tait are arranging for a visit of the famous Maori guide Maggie Papakura and her sister Bella to Australia with a typical Maori entertainment. She would have been here at Fleet time, but decided to stay on to take Mark Hambourg through the sights of Rotorua, when that famous pianist visits the Dominion.

The extension of the New Zealand tour of "The Merry-makers" has now been definitely arranged, and they will stay some weeks longer in the Dominion than the tour Messrs. J. and N. Tait originally fixed for them.

The Victorian provinces are this week and next having a brief visit from the Julius Knight Company, which opens a three weeks' season in Adelaide next Saturday (August 29).

Some idea of the enthusiasm Mark Hambourg created in Melbourne may be gauged from the fact that at the conclusion of one of his concerts he came on and bowed fourteen times before he gave his last encore—and the audience had been insisting on them all the evening.

So encouraging was the reception of "Peter Pan" by the Parisians that Mr. Charles Frohman has set about arranging for its being staged in Berlin. Its hold upon English audiences remains as strong as ever, and even at the beginning of last month in London inquiries by the public and references by the press were being made regarding its revival (for the sixth consecutive year) at the Duke of York's Theatre next Christmas.

Syd. Day has finished a most attractive souvenir of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," full of characteristic photographs of the different members of the company. It has just been issued by Mr. J. C. Williamson.

Mr. John Harrison, the tenor of the Ada Crossley party, had a most romantic debut into solo work. He was a mill hand at Colne, Lancashire, and a member of the local Philharmonic Society when the defection of a well-known soloist, specially engaged for the "Messiah," gave him his chance. So well did he take advantage of it that he was at once inundated with engagements, though it was not until some time after that he definitely decided to follow a musical career.

Mr. Herbert Flemming's Co., headed by Miss Beatrice Day, opened a season at Broken Hill last week with "The Mummy and the Humming Bird." There was a large house, and a splendid reception was accorded principals and company.

Australia, at the present moment, boasts the presence of Kubelik and wife, Mark Hambourg and wife, and Tommy Burns and wife. The violinist at best only yields 21s for front row tickets, whilst Hambourg may be heard for 6s or less, but Tommy Burns' performance raises the price of tickets to £5.

Mr. George Lauri, who was in Sydney up to recently, has left there by the s.s. Manuka for a trip to America. He was accompanied by his wife, and goes in search of better health.

Alf Stephens, formerly of Pollard's Opera Company, and later with the "Firm," is again in Melbourne (says the "S. and D. News"), after a tour in India, which proved successful. Stephens is a versatile artist, and has appeared both in New Zealand and Australia, in over twenty different comic operas, and musical comedies. Perhaps two of his best hits were as Bronson in "The Belle of New York," and Gaspard in "Les Cloches"—the latter being an excellent performance. He will play Gobo in the forthcoming operatic revival of "Les Cloches de Corneville" at Melbourne Royal.

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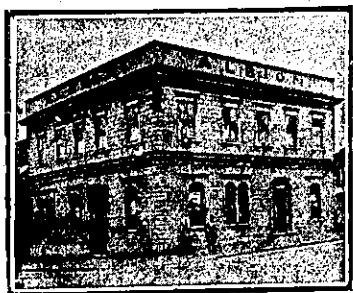
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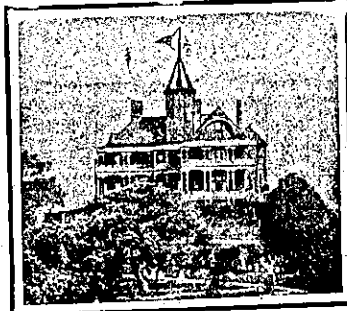
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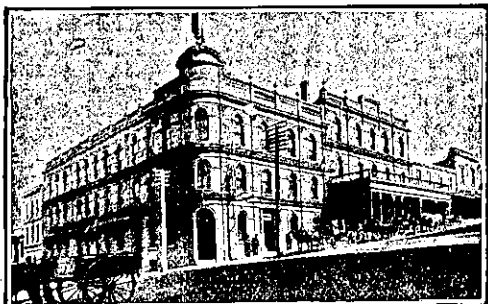
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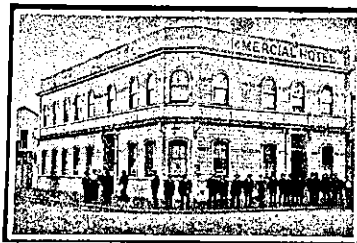


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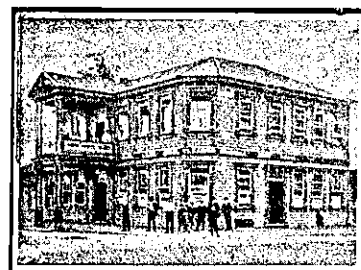
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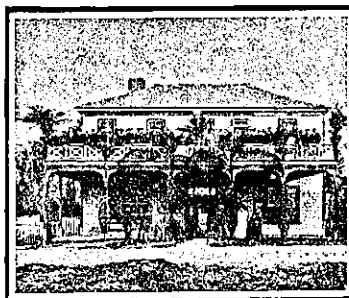


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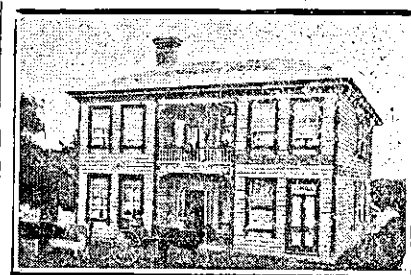
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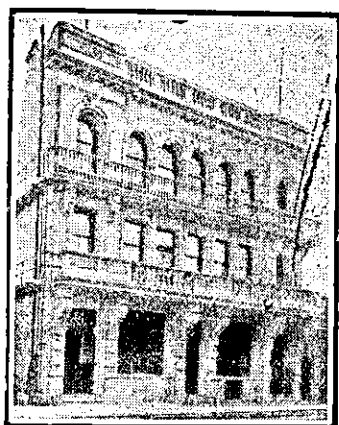
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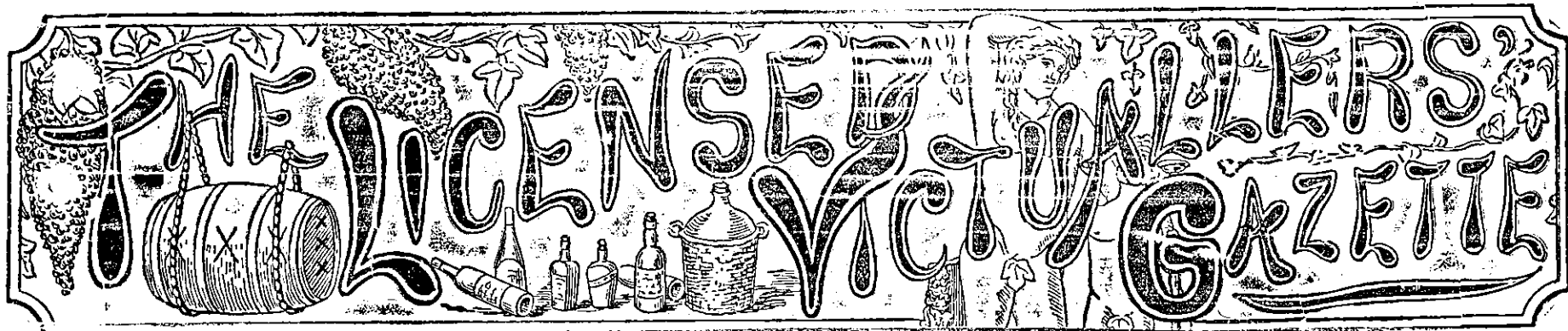
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What is designated as the True Temperance Association has been started in London. It aims at reform on a large scale of public-houses. Mr Balfour and Mr Austen Chamberlain support the new movement.

It is reported that in reply to an influential requisition, representative of the whole of the electorate, Sir Joseph Ward has selected Mr Vernon Reed as Government candidate for Bay of Islands seat at the general election.

In regard to the absurd and untruthful statements made by a visiting temperance lecturer from Sydney, regarding the drunks in Auckland during fleet week, his story was first given to a representative of the "Dominion" newspaper, and reappeared in the local "Herald," having been sent through the Press Association. In view of the serious reflection that the report in Wellington cast on our city, it is passing strange that local patriotism was not sufficiently strong to prevent the publication of the untruthful and damaging statement.

A coining plant and five bottles of brandy, which it is believed were covered with earth for forty years, have been found near the workings of the Rocky Mountain Gold Sluicing Company's mine, Beechworth (Victoria.)

Business men of Kansas and St. Louis have declared against Prohibition. Here is a resolution passed by the St. Louis Business Men's Association:—"Whereas, the adoption of general laws prohibiting the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquor is being much agitated, and whereas, we believe such laws violative of the personal liberty of the citizen, productive of hypocrisy, and disrespect of all law and a blow to legitimate enterprises in which a vast amount of capital has been invested; and, whereas, we believe this question one of vital importance to every business man, and that all who feel as we do should declare themselves and thereby strengthen the opposition to such legislation; now, therefore, we hereby declare this association to be opposed to the prohibition by law of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors.

At the Paeroa police court last Thursday, a man named W. Redfern, was charged with being on the premises of the Tramway Hotel at Karangahake, after closing time, and with refusing to leave when requested to do so by the police. He was fined 10s and costs 7s, on each charge.

It was reported from New Plymouth last Friday that shortly after midnight the head waiter at the White Hart Hotel, returning from a dance, disturbed what appears to have been preparations by burglars to break open the landlord's safe. In a sitting-room adjoining the bar, where the safe stands, were found four plugs of gelignite, two with caps attached, and two lengths of fuse. The window of the bar parlour was open, and a light was found in a sitting-room. On approaching the hotel the waiter noticed two men about the premises, but attached no importance to their presence until the discovery was made, which leads to the supposition that a clumsy attempt was about to be made to rob the safe.

Every day 45,000 sovereigns pass over the Bank of England counters.

It is estimated that 25 per cent. of the cigars sold in London are not made from tobacco at all.

In the local police Court last Friday, a young man named Harry Silcott was sentenced to a month's imprisonment for stealing a gold ring the property of a guest at the Pukekohe Hotel.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. F. J. Little, who for many years was licensee of the Globe Hotel, Wakefield Street. Mr Little was extremely popular among his fellow hotel-keepers and the public generally, his large heartedness, geniality, and general good qualities making him an ideal landlord, and one of the sort that will be greatly missed and ever regretted.

The Napier Working Men's Club have carried a proposal to call for competitive designs for a plan for a new building, the cost not to exceed £10,000. A premium of a hundred guineas is offered for the best plan.

At Feilding last week, the Cheltenham Hotel, owner by Mr E. J. Riddiford, and leased by Mr. S. W. R. Evans, was totally destroyed by fire. The only occupants were Mr Evans, his wife and child, and one boarder, who had narrow escapes, only getting out with their night clothes on. The origin of the fire is unknown. Adjoining buildings, including a general store and the post office, were saved with difficulty. The building destroyed, a large two-storey one, was burnt to the ground in fifteen minutes.

The Turkish Sultans have for generations smoked the finest cigarettes in the world. Cigarettes like these, bought over here, would cost quite a shilling apiece. In the Royal palace there has been from time immemorial a small cigarette factory—a light, airy room, a bale of exquisite tobacco, one or two simple hand-cutting machines, and a half-dozen workmen of marvellous skill. Here the cigarettes of the Sultan are turned out. The best cigarette tobacco comes from Turkey, and the best of that goes to the Sultan. A hundred-weight of leaves is rejected before a pound sufficiently fine and flawless is found for the Royal use.

The promoters of the Brewers' Exhibition in London on October 17, offer diplomas in six classes for wine and one for brandy, open to the products of colonial-grown grapes bottled in the country of origin. Entries close on October 3.

It was in a Dublin hotel, and as I closed the bedroom door (writes a newspaper correspondent) I noticed that the end of one of my bootlaces was inside the room—the boot, to which it was attached, having been placed, as usual, outside. When I awoke next morning the boot lace end was still there, and I opened the door, expecting to find that the boots had not been cleaned. But I was wrong. A very careful hotel servant, a very model amongst "boots," had found the lace tightly gripped by the door, and rather than disturb me had carefully removed it from the lace-holes, and carried away the boot. Presently I heard a quiet noise outside the door. The model "boots" had brought my boots back again, and was industriously relacing that one which he had unlaced.

At Dunedin recently the Operative Butchers' Association and Grocers' Assistants' Association decided that they could not adopt the motion recommended by the Trades and Labour Conference regarding no-license, as the question was one for individual action.

The other day at the Lyttelton Magistrate's Court, before Mr H. W. Bishop, S.M., T. and W. Young (Wellington) claimed from W. R. Cooksley, licensee of the Mitre Hotel, the sum of £50 15s for 5000 cigars ordered by defendant from plaintiffs. Evidence was given to the effect that in November last Cooksley had ordered from Mr Montague, traveller for Messrs T. and W. Young, 5000 cigars, and had signed an order which was made out in triplicate. Defendant stated that he had ordered only 500, but after hearing the evidence and perusing the signed order and the subsequent correspondence, his Worship gave judgment for the amount claimed with costs.

An American visiting Dublin told some startling stories of the height of New York skyscrapers. "Ye haven't seen our newest hotel, have you?" asked an Irishman. "No," replied the Yankee. "Well," said the Irishman, "it's so tall that we have to put the two top storeys on hinges." "What for?" asked the American. "So that we can let 'em down while the moon goes by!" said Pat.

On Saturday information was received that Mr Field, the proprietor of the Apiti Hotel, had been robbed of a sum of about £100 (says the Feilding "Star"). The money was in the hotel cash-box, which Mr Field kept in his room, and included cheques, notes, and silver; and so far as is known, it was taken on Friday night. The thief or thieves must have effected a burglarious entrance to the room, and they were evidently no strangers to the place. So far, no arrest has been made.

Hamilton is generally known as the capital of the Waikato, and it is going ahead very fast. Naturally with the increase of business more and more people have occasion to visit the town. To these it may not be out of place to point out that the Royal Hotel is a very comfortable place to stay at. Mr. F. Molesworth is now the proprietor, and a popular host he makes. This is achieved by personal supervision as to the wants of visitors, and by keeping the best of everything. Under the circumstances it is not to be wondered at that the Royal is a favourite hostelry with the general public.

ABSURD EXAGGERATION.

The "New Zealand Herald" stated one day last week that strong exception has been taken in many quarters in the city to some remarks made in Wellington by the Rev. H. F. L. Palmer, of Sydney, who is on a lecturing tour under engagement to the New Zealand Alliance. He stated that Auckland had been treated to a bacchanalian orgy for Fleet Week. As an off-set against this, the remarks of Mr Leonard Isitt may be quoted. On the Friday of Fleet Week he said that, as a temperance lecturer, he could only describe the behaviour of the men of the American fleet as wonderful. A "Herald" representative spoke to several police officers the other day on the subject, and the reply in every case was that the percentage of drunkenness was remark-

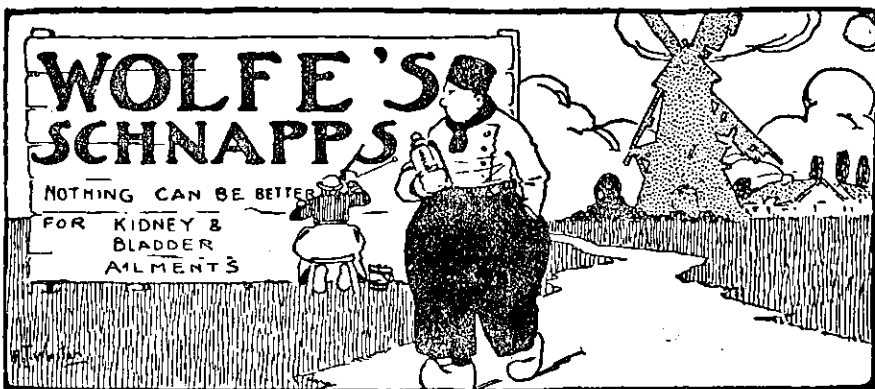
ably small considering the enormous crowds gathered in the city, and the fact that a round of festivities was on. "Of course," said one officer, "It was to be expected that sailors let loose after a long cruise would get a little too much refreshment, but in the biggest percentage of cases they simply 'got merry,' and probably many of them 'put it on.' On the whole I may say that the police were more than agreeably surprised by the absence of crime and the small percentage of 'drunks' during Fleet Week. I think Auckland has reason to be proud of the well-behaved crowds, and of the general sobriety of the people, while the behaviour of the sailors, on the whole, would be a credit to any fleet of battleships." If further corroboration were needed, the remarks of Mr C. C. Kettle, S.M., might be referred to. He said he was pleased to see so few persons brought forward on charges of drunkenness, and he had been much impressed by the orderly behaviour of the crowds. "To say that Auckland was treated to a bacchanalian orgy," said a gentleman who had good opportunity of observing the whole of the proceedings of Fleet Week "is simply absurd exaggeration."

CONTRARY TO FACT.

The statement made by the Rev. H. F. L. Palmer, of Sydney, as to Auckland being treated to a "Bacchanalian orgy" during Fleet Week has aroused strong expressions of dissent from several members of Parliament who were in Auckland during the fleet festivities. Mr Baume, who has taken the trouble to ascertain the views of a large number of members on the subject, states that the consensus of opinion is that the remarks of Mr Palmer were quite uncalled for, and that the general behaviour of the visitors, as well as the Auckland people themselves, during Fleet Week was most creditable. Dr Chapple, a member of the no-license party in the House, speaking to the "Herald" representative, said that he was surprised, not to say indignant, that a statement so much at variance with facts should have been made by Mr Palmer. "As one who observed the conduct of the American officers and men with a critical eye," he said, "I may say that their conduct throughout their stay in Auckland was most exemplary. I saw absolutely no intemperance amongst the men. I was also very gratified to notice that the proverbial respect shown by Americans to women was exemplified in the conduct of the American sailors." Mr Laurensen also expressed the greatest astonishment at the statement. Taking the whole of the circumstances into consideration, he considered the small extent of drunkenness to be seen was phenomenal.—"N.Z. Herald."

AN UTTER FARCE.

According to a Parliamentary return, there have been sent into the Invercargill district, in accordance with section 5 of the Licensing Act, 1904, since no-license came into force there, 123,952 gallons of alcoholic liquors. Oamaru, since "going dry,"



has received in the same way, 29,196 gallons, 37,766 bottles, eight barrels, 612 cases, one keg, one jar, 18 hogsheads, and 167 flasks of liquor. The Ashburton figures are 102,982 gallons, 3330 bottles, 8788 cases. These, of course, are only the declared amounts. How much is smuggled into these so-called "dry towns" it is impossible to say, but it would doubtless far exceed the above figures. Yet there are actually people who think that prohibition really does prohibit. Surely the common sense of our Southern friends will soon reject a refutation which has proved such an utter farce.

NO-LICENSE.

HOW IT WOULD AFFECT BUSINESS MEN.

No-license apologists long since abandoned as hopeless any attempt to appeal to the reasoning powers of the the electors. No one knows better than they how unsound economically their proposition is, and all attempts to delude the voter quickly failed. Their appeal to our sympathies succeeded a little better, but the continued reports from no-license districts have shown how little justification there was for the high moral tone they adopted, and the public can no longer be gulled by mock heroics.

Appeals to the head and the heart having thus failed them, they are making desperate attempts to recover lost ground by an ignoble appeal to the pocket. "It will pay you to strike out the top line," is their battle-cry. "There is a large sum of money spent annually in drink; if this were spent in other ways the business men would reap the benefit." In other words, one body of traders is to be ruined to benefit the rest.

It is scarcely a moral ground of appeal and it is certainly unsound. It would not pay business men. The capital invested in licensed premises is officially estimated at £3,677,665, and it cannot be supposed that this enormous sum would be allowed to remain idle if licenses were abolished.

Other outlets would have to be found, and probably the whole sum would be invested in competition with existing businesses, which would suffer accordingly. It is extremely doubtful whether no-license would mean "less beer and more boots," but it is certain that it would mean more boot sellers.—"N.Z. Times."

SLY-GROG SELLERS FINED.

Before Dr A. McArthur, S.M., in Wellington, last Friday, Joseph Piaggie was charged with having been found, on August 9th last, on certain premises in Forester's lane for the purpose of illegally dealing in liquor. Duilo Millante, who was not licensed to sell liquor, was charged on two separate informations, with having done so on August 2nd and 9th, by disposing of beer to probationer constables Macnamara and Ferguson respectively. John Macarthy and William Nolan were also charged with having unlawfully sold liquor to the probationer constables on August 9th and 16th respectively. Both accused pleaded guilty.

In connection with the charges against Piaggie and Millante, Sub-Inspector Phair stated that the two probationer constables had been sent along to investigate on August 2nd, in consequence of complaints received. Two bottles of beer were purchased for 3s from Millante, some of the contents being drunk at the latter's house, and the balance taken to the Mount Cook Police Station. The constables paid another visit on August 9th and got a bottle of beer for 2s. A second one was ordered, but before it could be brought a number of police entered the place. Search revealed eleven bottles of beer under the bed in a basket. For some considerable time past complaints had been made respecting the number of unlicensed vendors of liquor, but they were very hard to detect. Therefore he asked for the imposition of a severe penalty.

Macarthy was apprehended in consequence of complaints having been received that men were going about and acting as walking beer shops. The probationer constables saw him going down a little side street off Taranaki street. After watching someone get something from him, which looked like a bottle of beer, they also went along and secured a bottle on payment of 1s 6d. The case of Nolan was practically the same, his offence being committed in Courtenay place. Severe penalties were asked for in these cases also. His Worship said that though accused had pleaded guilty, he did not

give them much credit for that; they could not very well have done otherwise. Their offence was a very serious one under the law. For a first breach they were each liable to a fine of £50 or one month's imprisonment, for a second one to £100 or three months, and for a third to £100 or six months. The great difficulty in discovering breaches of the kind was, no doubt, the reason for the severe penalties provided. It was also a reason, when offences were found out, why the Court should act up to the spirit of what the Legislature intended. Not only had they sold liquor in an illegal way, but they had interfered with the business of those who had got to pay a very heavy revenue to the State. It was no use fining them small sums, for as soon as they were paid, they would be at it again. However, he did not think that anything he could say would do them much good. Piaggie would be fined £2, with 7s costs, in default fourteen days' imprisonment. For his first offence Millante would be fined £25, and for his second £10, each with the addition of 7s costs, or in default one month's imprisonment. Macarthy and Nolan would each be fined £25, plus 7s costs, or one month in prison.

"Can I have a week to pay in?" asked one of the accused.
"No," said his Worship.

EFFECTS OF NO-LICENSE.

"Traveller" writes to the "Otago Daily Times":—"A few weeks ago I visited Invercargill, and can speak authoritatively of the drunkenness which goes on among the youths of Invercargill, both in regard to outside and inside drinking. In the footsteps of no-license has followed the introduction of the two-gallon keg. This means a cheaper and easier method of getting liquor, and naturally it is a means which wins the approval of all. But the pity of it is that the two-gallon keg has not been confined only to those well advanced in years, but it has now become the custom of hundreds of youths—many of them of an age which would prevent their being supplied with drink in a well-conducted hotel, to obtain their two-gallon keg of beer. The young fellows combine in parties of six and eight, each contributing his share to the common fund. In the afternoon, the eldest of the party buys a keg and secretes it in one of the town reserves, or takes it to a crib, which signifies a room or rooms where the young fellows gather for amusement. On the evenings of those days on which a keg is bought disgraceful scenes are enacted, and evil practices are performed. The most sinister feature of it all is that the incoming of the two-gallon keg has engendered the custom of drinking beer among the youths. This custom will grow into a habit, which will develop into a vice. Such conditions do not prevail in a well-regulated licensed town. In short, no-license is striking at the very foundation of the moral integrity of the youth of Invercargill."

CURRENCY DIFFICULTIES.

Mr Donald Macdonald tells a good story in the "Argus" regarding the American sailors and the currency question during their stay in Auckland. He says:—"What puzzles them most is the English money. 'Blamed if I can understand it! A shilling! I understand that's a quarter-dollar. And two shillings! That's half a dollar. But then What's this here thing? (pulling out half-a-crown and planking it down on the dirty tea-stained table cloth of a crammed little oyster shop.) There's a man here; he told me that's half a dollar, too, and I just told him that I don't know what to call him in New Zealand, but in America I should say he lied.' One explains that in Australia the half-dollar is sixpence more than the American half-dollar. 'Now, there you have me right up against it,' he says. 'That sixpence! I've been chasing it round all day. What's sixpence? A half-shilling, and ten shillings is half a pound.' To hear an American talk English money you would think he was selling tea. They find it just as amusing as we. 'Never stopped laughing since we landed this morning,' said our friend. 'Those big, round copper pennies and half-pennies started me off, and I have not stopped yet.'"

HISTORY OF THE CIGARETTE.

The modern cigarette seems to have originated in Spain, where maize or other suitable vegetable envelopes for the tobacco being unobtainable, a thin

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sheet of paper was substituted. Thus the cigar and cigarette assumed distinct forms. A Spanish proverb declares that "a papelitos (a paper cigar), a glass of clear water, and a kiss from a pretty girl will sustain a man for a whole day."

The dainty, unsubstantial, airy cigarette is the natural smoke of the Latin people. Its use in America dates from only some 40 years ago. In 1845, a writer noted that the cigarette was smoked by foreign visitors only. The Crimean War of 1854-56 led many military and naval officers to adopt this mode of smoking, then common in Malta, the Levant, Tur-

key, and Russia.

The first well-known person who smoked cigarettes publicly in London was Laurence Oliphant, who had acquired the practice during his many years' residence in Russia, Turkey, and Austria.

At that time smokers made their own cigarettes as they needed them. About 1865 or 1866 the use of cigarettes had so spread that manufacturers began to cater for cigarette smokers. Even then manufacturers employed only a single man, usually a Pole or Russian, to make up cigarettes occasionally.

The firm that now turns out the

most cigarettes in England at that time made only a few hundred pounds of tobacco a year into the dainty, paper-enveloped rolls. The demand for cigarettes increased, and they are now turned out by machines, which are marvels of ingenuity, at the rate of 200 to 400 a minute.

Rice paper, with which cigarettes are made, has nothing to do with rice, but is made from the membranes of the bread fruit tree, or more commonly of fine new trimmings of flax and hemp. France makes cigarette papers for the whole world, the output of Austria and Italy being insignificant.

DRINKING VESSELS IN 1635.

An old writer in "Philocothionista," a work of the above date, gives the following names of the tavern ware of the period:—

"Of drinking cups divers and sundry sorts we have; some of elm, some of box, some of maple, some of holly. Mazers, broad-mouthed dishes, nag-gins, whiskins, piggins, creuzes, als-bowls, wassail-bowls, court-dishes, tankards, cans, from a pottle to a pint, from a pint to a gill.

"Other bottles we have of leather, but they are mostly used among shepherds and harvest people of the country. Small jacks we have in many alehouses of the city and suburbs tipped with silver; black-jacks and bombards at the court, which, when the Frenchmen first saw, they reported at their return into their country that the Englishmen used to drink out of their boots. We have besides cups made of horns of beasts, of cocker-nuts, of goords, of eggs of ostriches; others made of the shells of divers fishes brought from the Indies and other places, and shining like mother-of-pearl. Every tavern can afford you flat bowls, French bowls, prounet-cups, bear bowls, and breakers."

PRIEST DEFENDS SUNDAY SALOONS.

POOR MAN ENTITLED TO BEER ON SABBATH, SAYS FATHER M'CANN IN SERMON.

The local option faction in Elgin (Illinois, U.S.A.), is in confusion today as the result of a scathing sermon preached by Father J. J. M'Cann, of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The ministers who are at the head of the local option movement were likened to one who "searches after dirt with a spyglass," and were told that if they were to work as hard to save the souls of some of Elgin's aldermen as they do to "take beer away from the poor labouring man," much more good would be done.

"Brethren, I beseech you," said Father M'Cann, "while you are making your New Year's resolutions, that you put in a clause that you will not join the local option movement that is sweeping across the country.

"LOCAL OPTION FOR RICH."

"Every time you vote for local option you vote against the rights of thousands of poor men. Local option is all right for the rich. They do not have to go to the saloons.

"Their wine cellars are full, and they have all they want to drink in the privacy of their homes. But when the labouring man wants a glass of beer the law comes and says that he cannot have it.

"There is absolutely no harm in Sunday saloons if they are conducted properly. The Sunday saloon is the poor man's club. The rich man has a fine private club of his own, which sells liquor every day and night the year round.

PREACHERS RAISE WAR FUNDS.

"He does not have to go to the saloon, and so he is for local option. As long as the people—the labouring people—behave themselves, they should have their beer the same as the rich man has his wine.

"It is time these preachers were going in for something better than hunting dirt with a spyglass. The aldermen and church members need more moral suasion than all the men who frequent Sunday saloons."

The ministers of Elgin have been busily engaged for some time in raising a 3000 dollar (£600) local option campaign. Father M'Cann said he was asked to join this movement, but refused because he believed it to be absolutely wrong.—"Bar and Buffet."

ON THE "LOUISIANA"

The social life of the American sailor is somewhat different to that of his brother on an English man-o-war; and writing upon this subject recently in "The Chicago Sunday Tribune," Franklin Mathews gives a detailed account of the social arrangements in vogue on board the U.S. "Louisiana." He says a modern American man-o-war contains within its steel walls a series of clubs—one large and several small ones—and the large club's membership consists of the entire crew except with the exception of the officers.

The officers' clubs are graded according to rank. On a flagship the admiral may form a club by himself, or he may enlarge the membership, as Admiral Evans does, by having his staff officers join his mess. The captain is also a club of one member. The commissioned officers make up the wardroom mess. The midshipmen, junior paymaster, junior officers of the marines, and the pay clerk from the steerage mess. The warrant officers—bos'n, carpenter, machinists, gunners, and the like—have another mess, and the largest of the small clubs is that of the chief petty officers.

With the exception of the general mess all these clubs provide their own supplies of food and drink. The government used to allow every man on a ship, no matter what his rank, 30 cents a day for rations. The members of the crew in the old days formed various messes of from twenty to forty members. Some of these messes drew provisions from the ship's stores amounting to the value of 30 cents a day for each man. Others drew only three-quarters of the ration and commuted the rest of the 30 cents, to which they added more or less money of their own, and purchased food luxuries from time to time. The allowance of 30 cents a day to all hands was made just after the civil war, and Jack celebrated the event by a song which closed:

They gave us 30 cents a day
And stopped our grog forever.

Jack's grog did stop, although other navies still serve out liquor regularly to their sailors; but he got pretty good rations. There were times, however, when he did not fare

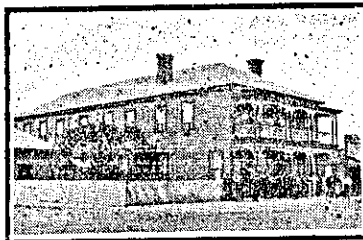
well. Sometimes the mess treasurer would go ashore with the mess treasury and would fall into the hands of the Philistines, and the mess would



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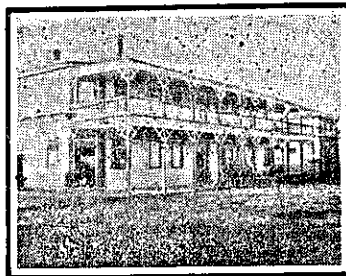
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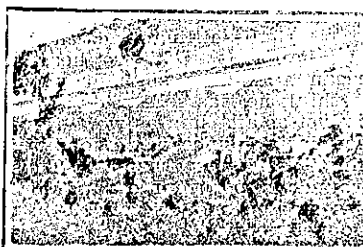
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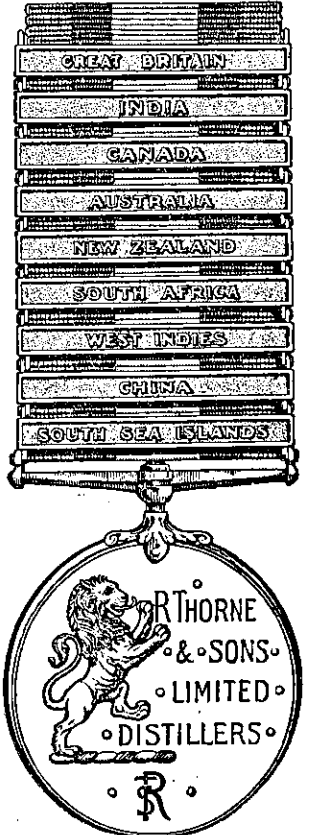


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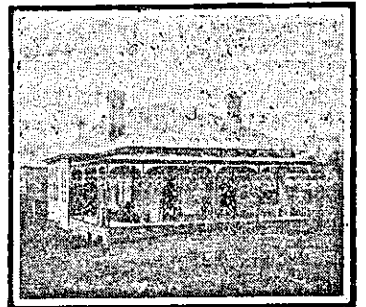
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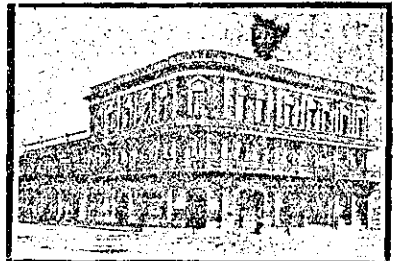
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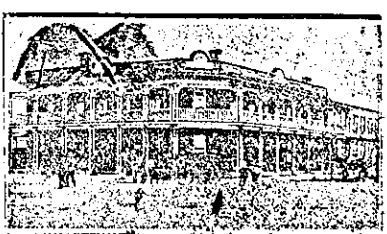
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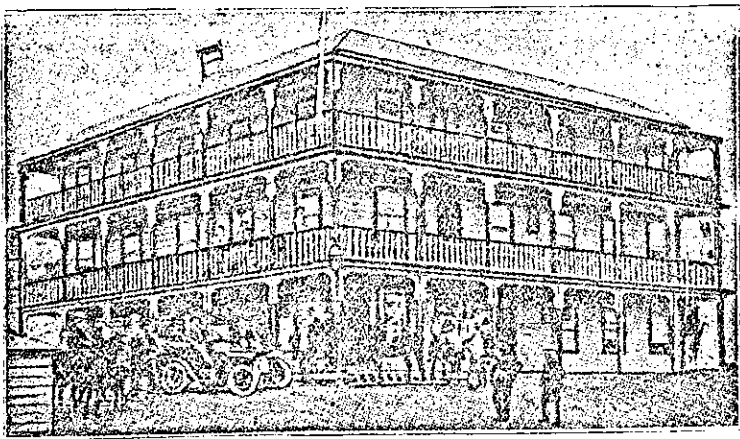
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With regard to the wine mess, the writer of the article points out that the mess is composed of such officers as wish to join it. They get their supplies from a dealer who backs them and to make up for breakage and loss they charge non-members of the mess 10 per cent. more than the cost prices of the wines, beers, waters, and cigars consumed. The officers are not allowed to have distilled spirits in the wine mess. The menus of every ship have to be forwarded to the flagship every week, so that the admiral may observe whether the men have had the proper kind of food. Now Jack no longer kicks seriously about his food on a warship. No working man in the world gets better.

There are two libraries on every ship, the ship's library and the crew's library. It is scattered about the officers' quarters in various cases, some in the wardroom, some in the captain's or admiral's quarters, some in the steerage. There are about thirty classifications, dealing with technical subjects, with history, travel, adventure, poetry, a limited amount of fiction, and so on. The crew's library is three times larger. There is a great deal of history and travel and adventure and some science in it, but the larger part is made up of as good fiction as the English language provides. The classic authors are represented, but a large amount of the newer fiction is also represented. You find Kipling, Anthony Hope, E. W. Hornung, W. W. Jacobs, Jack London, Weir Mitchell, Booth Tarkington, S. J. Weyman, along with Bret Harte, Mark Twain, R. L. Stevenson, Scott, Thackeray, Charles Reade, Washington Irving, Bulwer Lytton, and so on.

There are those who lament that in these days of steel ships and electrical appliances all the picturesque side of a sailor man's life on a warship has disappeared. They talk of the old days of romance and poetry and sentiment aboard ship. Well, things have changed for the sailor man, but those who know how much his creature comforts have been improved, how his health is safeguarded, how his mental necessities are looked after, are glad with him that there has been a change. A warship is not intended to be a poetry factory. It's a fighting machine and with the best guns that you can get you need the best men available to shoot them.

No longer is the navy the last refuge to the scum of the town and country, the receptacle of jailbirds temporary at large, the resort of men not fit for any decent toil on land. The navy needs men of intelligence and good character, the bright boys from the farm; young lads from the city and otherwise would have to spend their lives in factories. The navy needs these men, and it is getting them all the time. Why? Because largely there have been many changes from the old methods, because no working men in the world have better food, more comfortable clothes, more sanitary housing, more opportunities for mental improvement, more wholesome recreations.

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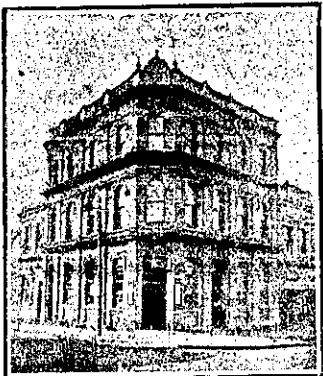
Andy McTavish was "no feelin' juist weel," so he went to the doctor and stated his complaints. "What do you drink?" demanded the medico. "Whuskey." "How much," "Maybe a bottle a day." "Do you smoke?" "Yes." "How much?" "Two ounces a day." "Well, you must give up whisky and tobacco altogether." Andy took up his cap, and in three steps reached the door. "Andy," called the doctor, "you have not paid for my advice!" "Ahm no takkin it," snapped Andy, as he shut the door behind him.

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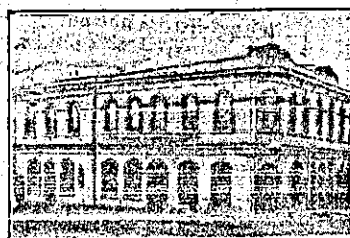
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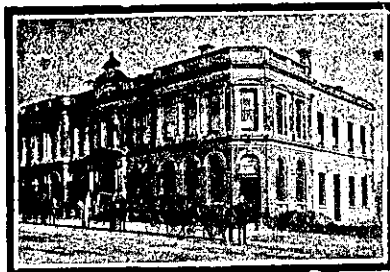
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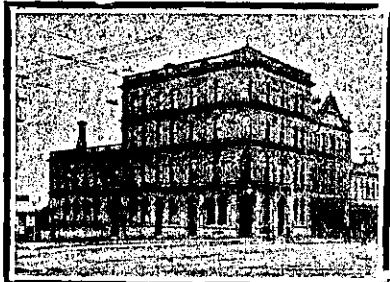
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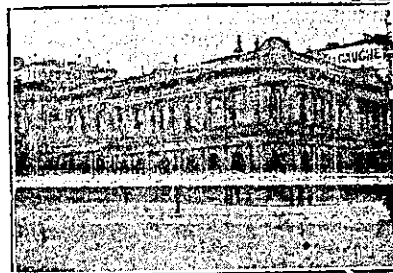
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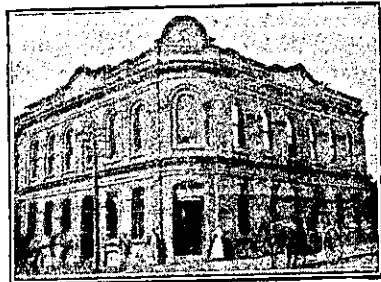
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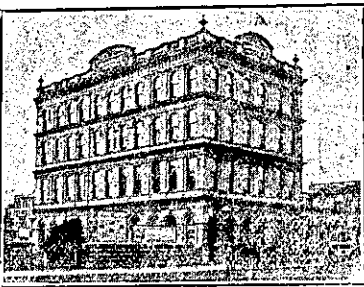
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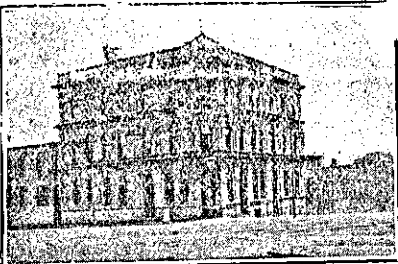
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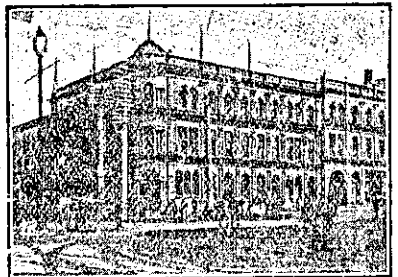
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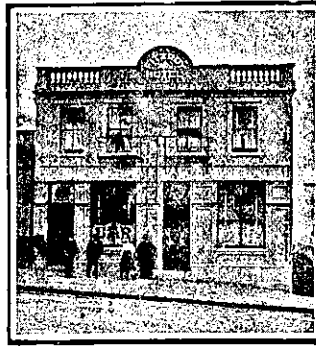
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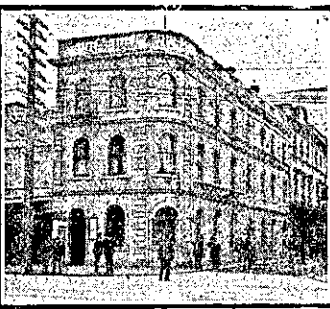
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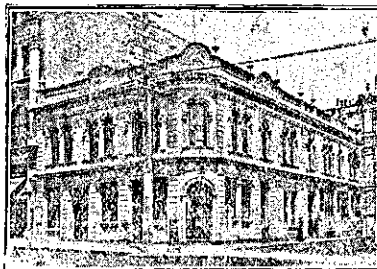
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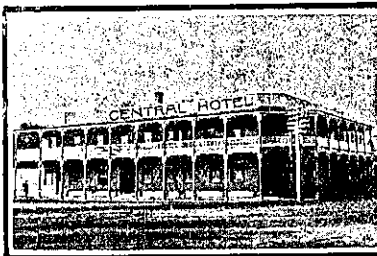
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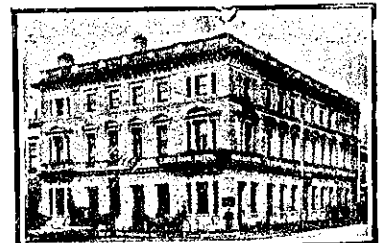
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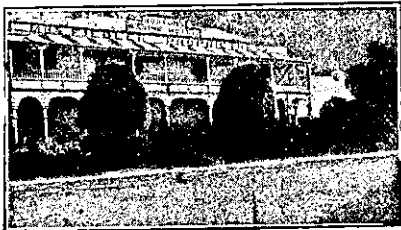
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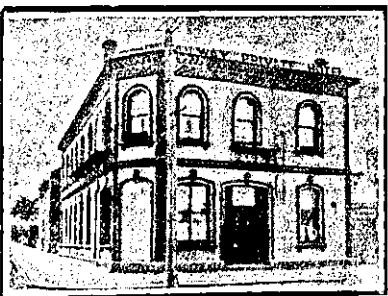
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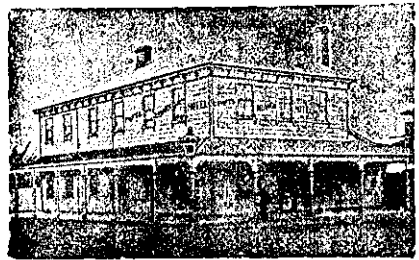


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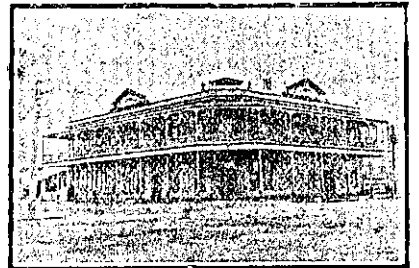


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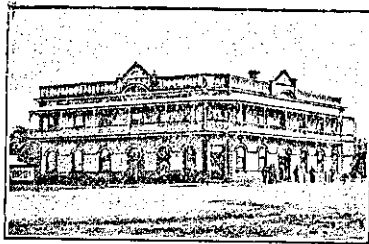
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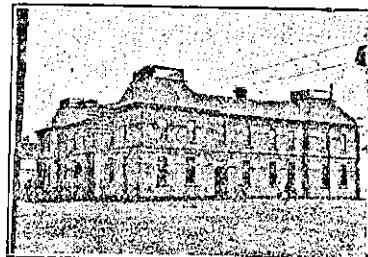
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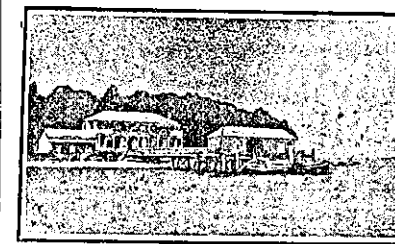


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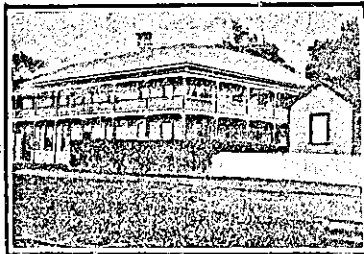
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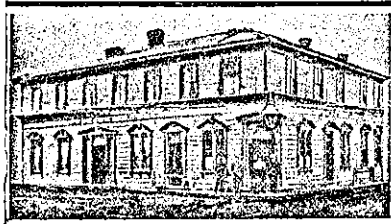
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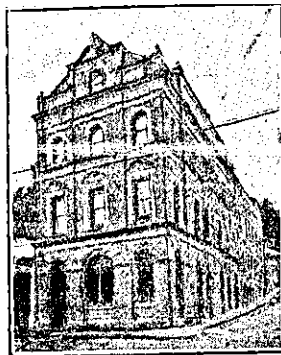
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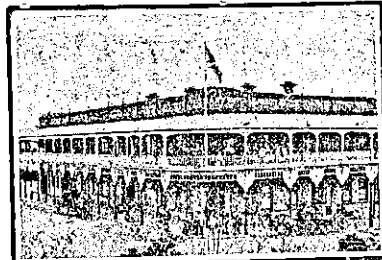
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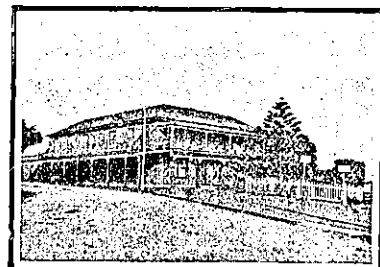
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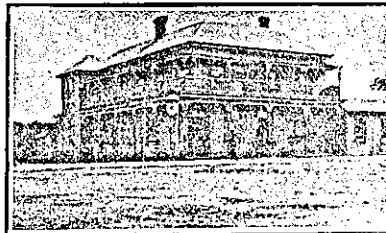


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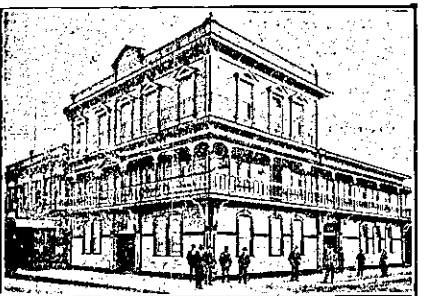
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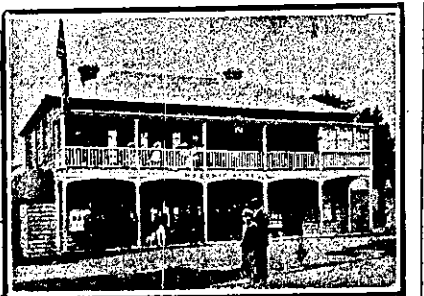


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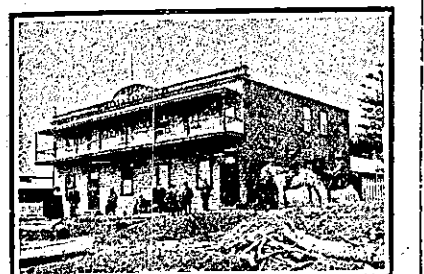
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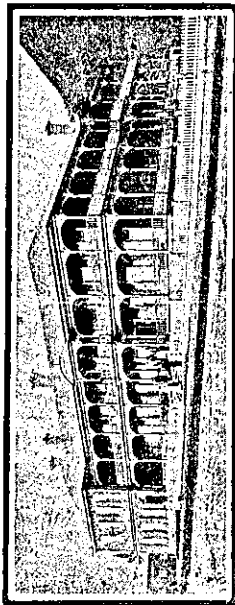
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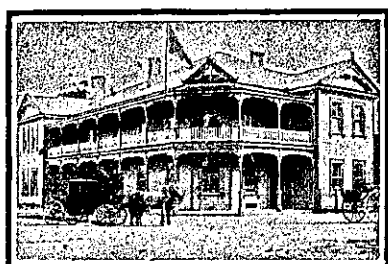
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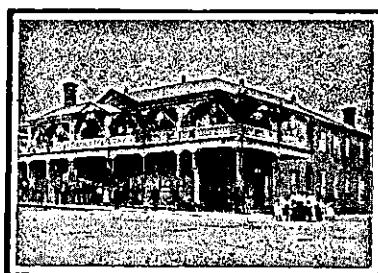
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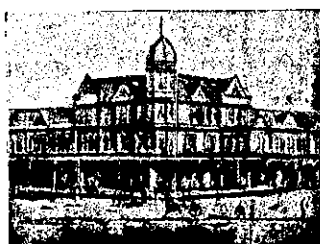
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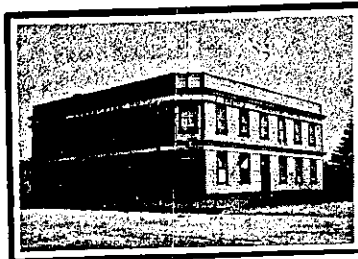
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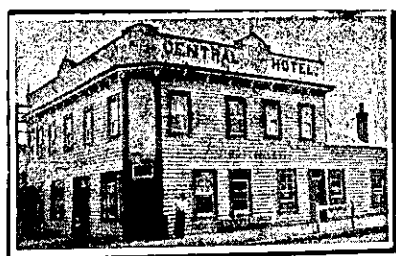
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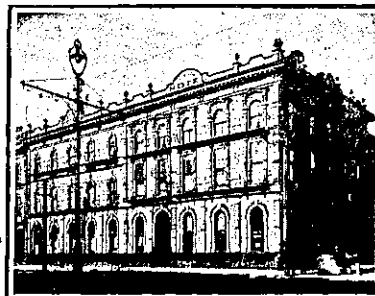
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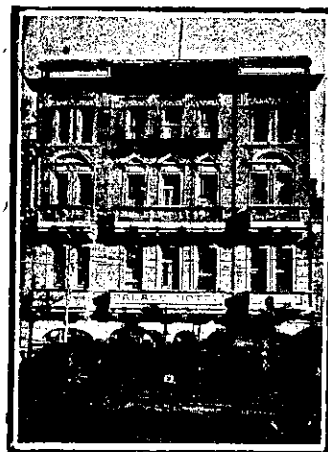
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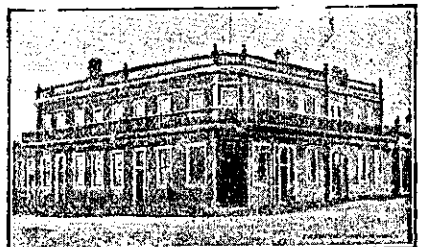
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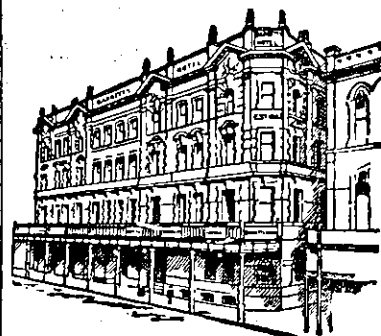
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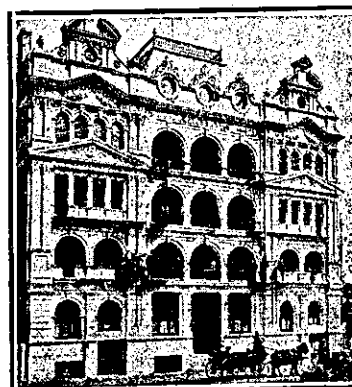
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