

but while in England will tour as the special correspondent for several important newspapers.

At a meeting held in Sydney for the purpose of raising a benefit fund for the stranded Maori professional team in New South Wales, Harold Judd, the well-known N.S.W. ex-representative forward, said he considered athletes should always render assistance to other athletes when necessary, irrespective of their status, and to back up his opinion Judd started the benefit list with £5 5s.

The final match between the Harp of Erin Hotel team and the Ellerslie Hotel fifteen is to be played on the Ellerslie football ground on Saturday. As both teams have a win each to their credit the forthcoming contest is arousing particular interest as it is expected the game will be a very close and exciting one. The proceeds of the match will be devoted as a benefit to Mr Harry Phillips, the well-known horseman, who is practically disabled for life through his horse falling while riding in a hurdle race at Ranwick (Sydney). A large number of tickets have already been sold and everything gives promise of a large number being in attendance at the match. The teams have been picked as follows:—Harp of Erin: Backs, H. Murdoch, P. Cleave, J. Hardwick, H. Blackburn, J. Peach (capt.), M. Chaafe; forwards, C. Chaafe, R. Handcock, E. Cleave, J. Kean, G. Peach, L. E. Austin, C. Hodder; emergencies, McMahon, Barnes, Speakman, E. Stewart, Gillespie. Ellerslie Hotel: Backs, Saunders, Kendall, Graham, Sorreson, Murray, Chapman; forwards, Rhodes, Strong, T. Cawley (capt.), H. Hull, T. Williams, W. Kean, J. Cawley, W. Hull, T. Crotty.

According to J. L. Williams and W. Morgan, both of whom belong to the London-Welsh Club, few New Zealanders can conceive the difficulties under which Rugby is played in the great metropolis, a stronghold of the Association code. For some years the club had to pay £10 a week for the hire of a ground. Very often on a wet Saturday, the takings would not amount to more than half that amount, and the members had to make up the balance out of their own pockets. Needless to say, the club often found itself in difficulties, and would have gone to the wall but for the assistance given by the Welsh Union, which loaned it sums of money up to £100 to tide over any temporary embarrassment. The players, of course, provided their own outfits, and taking it all through, it cost each player at least 7s a week for his football. "So, you see, we play the game for the pure love of it," remarked the Welsh international forward to an interviewer.

It has been rumoured in Palmerston for some time that the professional game was to be established in the Manawatu district. The Manawatu Times has been supplied with the following:—The promoters have been in communication with the members of the Wellington combination that toured to Auckland lately, but nothing of a definite nature was settled. Since the team's return, it is more than probable that a match will be arranged in the near future. The movement is well supported, and all the financial arrangements for the working of the game are complete. The number of players offering is largely in excess of those required. As regards payment of players there is no foundation for the statements, for all those who are willing to take part have signified that they do not want payment, nor will they or the promoters benefit to the extent of one shilling over the venture. The players who are to take part are most of the leading lights in Rugby, and their main object is to try and place a more attractive game before the public. Otherwise their motives are disinterested. Our informant states that the public in a few days will have all the facts placed before them; until then nothing more can be revealed.

Mr J. Williams, of Dunedin, who was referee in the Auckland v. Taranaki match, has made himself very popular with Aucklanders. On entering the field on Saturday he received an ovation, the warmest I ever remember a referee getting during my thirty years' experience of the game. Mr Williams is always on the ball and his rulings, while perfectly just, are always in the direction of keeping the game open.

Zealand, evidently struck it in New South Wales in the first game. Says the "Daily Telegraph":—The performance of full-back Dyke against the New South Wales team has been the theme of football conversation during the week, and experts declare that not only has it never been excelled on any metropolitan ground, but it has rarely been approached in point of consistency anywhere. The certainty with which the "last man in" fielded the ball, the accuracy of the line-kicking, and the soundness of his defence generally were remarkable, and there was small wonder that at the close of the struggle he had become the idol of the spectators. It has frequently been urged against Sydney crowds that they take defeat unkindly, and are wanting in that good grace which admits the supremacy of victorious opponents. Anyone, however, who saw the occupants of the stands all around the playing area giving Dyke an ovation as he walked towards the dressing-rooms will concede that Sydney Rugbians are ready to recognise merit in play, no matter who is responsible for it.

The Otago representative team which goes on tour this month playing matches against North Otago, Canterbury, Wellington, Taranaki, and Auckland, has been selected and given forth to an expectant public. Generally, the team has given satisfaction, but there are isolated instances of dissatisfaction. Personally I hold that it is a good side from the players available and certain to give a good display of Rugby on the tour. The weakness of the team certainly lies in the back division, and I am not optimistic enough to hope that the rearguard will paralyse the flying backs of the north. But if the backs are not in the first flight (continues the same writer) and the division does not boast any "stars," the forwards are of the best possible type. Indeed, it is doubtful if any Otago touring team was ever represented by such a pack. With players like Fitzpatrick, Ivimey, Patterson, McDonald, and Paton in the vanguard, Otago's scrumming brigade to go on tour this year is something to ponder on. Two years ago Otago sent on tour a team which was criticised off the field, yet it returned covered with glory, and carrying the scalp of old foe Wellington dangling at its belt. This team won its matches through the agency of those Trojans of the scrums—the forwards. Even now the Otago forwards of 1906 are spoken of with awe by Wellington Rugby enthusiasts. What will they say when the McDonald-Patterson-Fitzpatrick-Ivimey quartet get swarming in amongst Mitchison, Evenson and Co.? It may be that the Otago forwards will not play up to reputation, but at this writing the probabilities of that dire happening are remote, and I look to them to "play the game" throughout the tour.

On the first Test match of the Anglo-Welsh team with New Zealand, Dr. P. F. McEvedy in the "Sportsman"; "Our forwards battled gamely, but the backs, with the exception possibly of Jackett, were all below first-class form. Football in New Zealand is altogether different from what it is at Home, and until it is possible to get a side to play them at their own game, I fear the 'Ashes' must remain in the Dominion."

COUNTRY MATCHES.

At Waihi the local fifteen suffered defeat at the hands of the Thames representatives by 9 points to 6. For the Thames McCollum notched a try and Winder kicked two penalty goals, while Morpeth and Truscott scored a try each for Waihi.

At Whangarei the senior match between North Ward and Whakapara resulted in a draw, both sides having a penalty goal placed to their credit.

At Te Aroha the inter-union match between Hamilton and Piako resulted in a win for the former by 11 points to 3.

At Rotorua a match was played between the Waikite fifteen, holders of the Rotorua Rugby Union district championship, and the Rangiorua team, holders of the Te Puke Rugby Union district championship, both of which teams had not suffered defeat this season. The game was hotly contested throughout, and resulted in a victory for the Waikite men by 9 points to 8.

WELLINGTON BEAT CANTERBURY.

Wellington defeated Canterbury fairly easily on Saturday by 11 points

to 5. The teams were as follows:—Wellington (black): Fullback, J. Ryan; three-quarters, Matheson, Mitchinson, Evenson; five-eighths, Magee, McLeod; half-back, Roberts; forwards, Avery (wing), Ready, Hamilton, "Rangi" Wilson, A. C. Wilson, Rush, McKellor, Shadbolt.

Canterbury (red and black): Fullback, Doell; three-quarters, Fryer, Mason, Aitken; five-eighths, Weston, Fry; halfback, Burns; forwards, McPhail (wing), Thompson, Mahoney, Baker, Menzie, Ward, Webb, Evans. Magee got two unconverted tries and one from which Ryan added the major points for Wellington, while Baker scored a try for Canterbury, Weston converting.

THE GAME IN THE SOUTH.

At Dunedin the Otago fifteen scored an easy win over the Southland representatives by 28 points to 6.

At Napier the Hawke's Bay team defeated the Wanganui fifteen by 11 points to nil.

At Nelson the Wellington B team beat the Nelson representatives by 21 points to 3.

At Wanganui a match between the Ruapehu sub-union and the Wanganui B team resulted in a win for the latter by 31 points to 6.

At Christchurch the Wanganui Collegiate School defeated the Lincoln College fifteen by 20 points to 6.

THE ANGLO-WELSH TEAM CONCLUDE THEIR TOUR.

The Anglo-Welsh team brought their tour of the colonies to a close on Saturday with a match against Queensland, and it proved hard and fast.

Queensland showed good form, and the first spell ended three all, Gibbs and Gallacher scoring for the visitors and locals respectively.

The second spell was very rough, and McEvedy (the British skipper) had his collarbone broken.

It was opened by Queensland with a brilliant attack on Britain's goal, which ended in Maher scoring, the try being converted.

Play then became very exciting, and Williams and Gibbs got over the line for the visitors. Dyke converted the latter's try, and the game ended without further score, Britain thus winning by 11 points to 8.

THE ANGLO-WELSH TEAM'S RECORD.

The following is the record of the British team's tour:—

- IN NEW ZEALAND.
- Matches played, 18; won, 10; lost 7; drawn, 1.
- May 23.—At Masterton, v. Wairarapa and Bush Unions. Won by 17 points to 3.
- May 27.—At Wellington, v. Wellington. Lost by 13 points to 19.
- May 30.—At Dunedin, v. Otago. Lost by 6 points to 9.
- June 3.—At Invercargill, v. Southland. Won by 14 points to 8.
- June 6.—At Dunedin, v. New Zealand. Lost by 5 points to 32.
- June 10.—At Timaru, v. South Canterbury. Won by 12 points to 6.
- June 13.—At Christchurch, v. Canterbury. Lost by 8 points to 13.
- June 17.—At Greymouth, v. West Coast. Won by 22 points to 3.
- June 20.—At Nelson, v. Nelson and Marlborough. Won by 12 points to nil.
- June 27.—At Wellington, v. New Zealand. Draw, 3 points each.
- July 1.—At Napier, v. Hawke's Bay. Won by 25 points to 3.
- July 4.—At Gisborne, v. Poverty Bay. Won by 26 points to nil.
- July 8.—At Palmerston North, v. Manawatu. Won by 12 points to 2.
- July 11.—At Wanganui, v. Wanganui. Won by 9 points to 6.
- July 15.—At New Plymouth, v. Taranaki. Lost by 5 points to nil.
- July 18.—At Auckland, v. Auckland. Lost by 11 points to nil.
- July 22.—At Rotorua, v. Maoris. Won by 24 points to 3.
- July 25.—At Auckland, v. New Zealand. Lost by 29 points to nil.

- IN AUSTRALIA.
- Matches played, 7; won 5; lost, 2.
- August 5.—At Sydney, v. New South Wales. Won by 3 points to nil.
- August 8.—At Sydney, v. New South Wales. Won by 8 points to nil.
- August 12.—At Bathurst, v. Western Districts. Lost by 15 points to 10.
- August 15.—At Sydney, v. Metropolitan Team. Won by 16 points to 13.
- August 22.—At Sydney, v. New South Wales. Lost by 6 points to 3.
- August 26.—At Brisbane, v. Queensland. Won by 20 points to 3.
- August 29.—At Brisbane, v. Queensland. Won by 11 points to 8.

Frank Kramer, recognised as the fastest racing cyclist seen on the track during recent years, has written the League of Victorian Wheelman that he intends visiting Australia on a racing trip in October next. As Ellegaard, the Danish champion, will also be out there, some good racing should result this season, especially if the Australian crack, A. J. Clark, returns home from America in time.

AQUATICS.

Logan Bros. are to build a 26ft centre board yacht for Mr T. Percy, of St. George's Bay.

Mr Ed. Thornton's new barque rigged yacht Modwena, is the first English ocean cruiser to be fitted with internal combustion engines. She has a 200 h.p. Gardner motor.

Bailey and Lowe have recently finished a 30ft tuck stern launch for Mr A. T. Coleman. The motive power is a 12 h.p. Westman engine.

The 28ft torpedo stern launch which Bailey and Lowe have built for Mr R. Limbrick, of Napier, has been shipped south.

Logan Bros. have commenced work on the new yacht for Mr Alf. Gifford. She will be somewhere near a 9-metre boat, but will not conform to the new measurement rules, being more of a wholesome cruiser.

FROOTOIDS

For Headache, Indigestion, Constipation, and Biliousness.

The immense number of orders for Frootoids, sent by post direct to the Proprietor, is convincing proof that the Public appreciate their splendid curing power over the above-named complaints. They are elegant in appearance, pleasant to take, and, what is of the utmost importance, are thoroughly reliable affording quick relief.

Frootoids are immensely more valuable than an ordinary aperient, in so far that they not only act as an aperient, but do remove from the blood, tissues, and internal organs, waste poisonous matter that is clogging them and choking the channels that lead to and from them. The beneficial effects of Frootoids are evident at once by the disappearance of headache, the head becoming clear, and a bright, cheery sense of perfect health taking the place of sluggish, depressed feelings, by the liver acting properly, and by the food being properly digested.

Frootoids are the proper aperient medicine to take when any Congestion or Blood Poison is present, or when Congestion of the Brain or Apoplexy is present or threatening. They have been tested, and have been proved to afford quick relief in such cases when other aperients have not done any good at all. It is of the utmost importance that this should be borne in mind, for in such cases to take an ordinary aperient is to waste time and permit of a serious illness becoming fatal.

Frootoids act splendidly on the liver, and quickly cure bilious attacks that "antibilious pills" make worse. Many people have been made sick and ill by "antibilious pills" who could have been cured at once by Frootoids. People should not allow themselves to be duped into contracting a medicine-taking habit by being persuaded to take daily doses with each meal of so-called indigestion cures that do NOT cure. Frootoids have been subjected to extensive tests, and have in every case proved successful in completely curing the complaints named.

The ordinary adult dose of Frootoids, of which there are 72 in a bottle, is 2 to 4—more or less as required—taken, preferably at bedtime, when constipated, or at the commencement of any other disease requiring an aperient, as an auxiliary with the special medicine necessary for the case. A constipated habit of body will be completely cured if the patient will on each occasion, when suffering, take a dose of Frootoids, instead of an ordinary aperient; making the interval between the taking of each dose longer and the dose smaller. The patient thus gradually becomes independent of Aperient Medicines.

For sale by leading Chemists and Storekeepers. Retail price, 1/6. If your Chemist or Storekeeper has not got them, ask him to get them for you. If not obtainable locally, send direct to the Proprietor, W. G. HEARNE, Chemist, Geelong, Victoria. N.Z. BRANCH OFFICE:—No. 11, First Floor, Hume's Buildings, Willis Street, Wellington.

NOTICE.—The materials in FROOTOIDS are of the VERY BEST QUALITY and consist, amongst other ingredients, of the active principle of each of FIVE different MEDICAL FRUITS and ROOTS, so combined and proportioned in a particular way that a far BETTER result is obtained than from an ordinary aperient.