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FIRST DAY.

- THURSDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER, 1908.
- 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, 2 sovs. To start at noon.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - OKHEHU HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stakes. About one mile and three-quarters; over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
- 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.
 - MOUTOA HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. Distance, three-quarters of a mile. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 30s.
 - BRUNSWICK HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5 sovs from the stakes. Distance, about one and a-half miles; over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov.
 - ARAMOHO 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.
 - 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, 4 sovs.
 - 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.
 - MARANGAI HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stakes. Distance, one mile. Nomination, 1 sov; 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 21st, 1908, at 9 p.m.:

NOMINATIONS.—Flying Handicap, Maiden Hack Race, Okhehu Hurdle Hurdles, Gonville Hack Hurdle Handicap, Putiki Hack Handicap, Spring Handicap, Owen Handicap, Moutoa Hack Handicap, Brunswick Handicap, Aramoaho 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, Okhehu 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, Aramoaho Handicap Hack Hurdles, Higgie Handicap, Railway Hack Flat, Marangai Handicap.

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

SECOND FORFEIT—Jackson Stakes, 1909.

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

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

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SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1908.

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

AVONDALE CUP HANDICAP of 300 sovs; 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 100 sovs; 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, 1 sov; 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 3 sovs 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, 1 sov; 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, 1 sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, seven furlongs.

MOUNT ALBERT HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, 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 5 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised hurdle race of the value of 40 sovs, 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 130 sovs; 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 Steeple, Grandstand Handicap, Electric Handicap, Members' Handicap, Publicans' Handicap. H. H. HAYR, Secretary.

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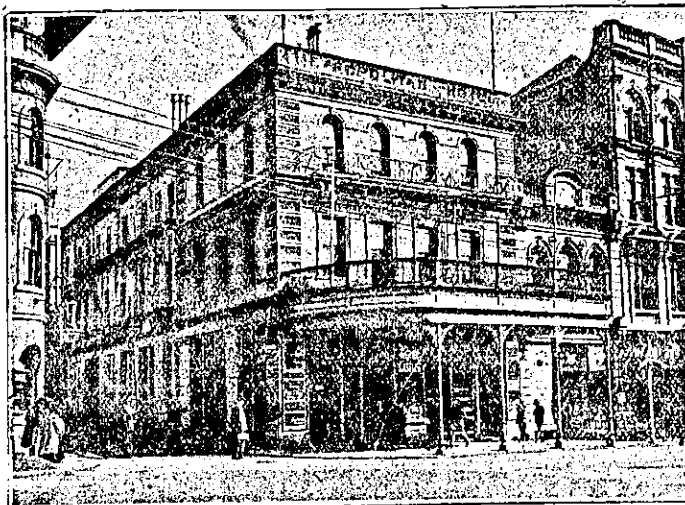
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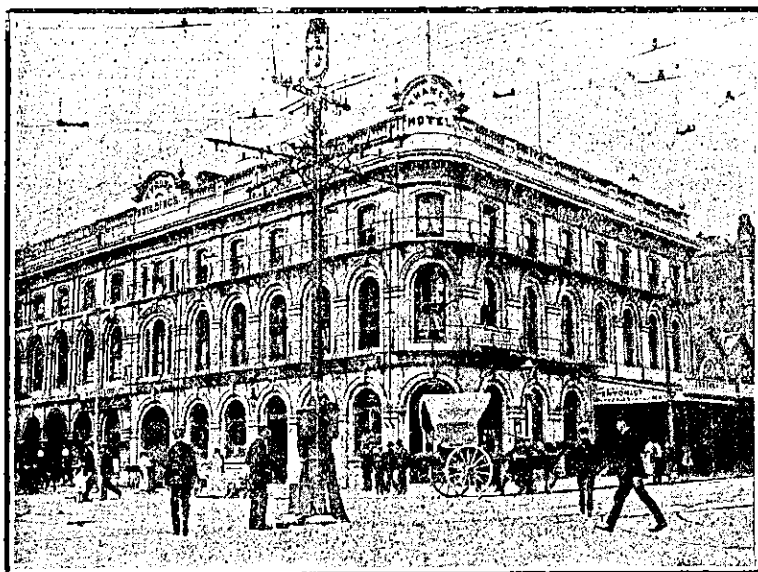
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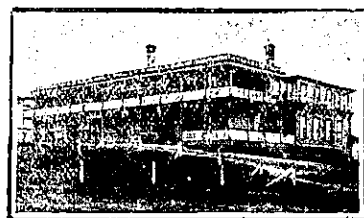
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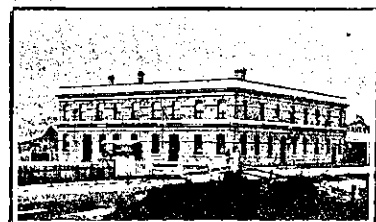
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RACING CALENDAR.

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FIXTURES.

September 2, 3—Marton J.C.
September 19, 23, 28—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. 23, 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.

BOOKMAKERS' ADVERTISEMENTS AND THE GAMING ACT.

AN ACT WHICH SHOULD BE REPEALED.

In another column will be found an account of a police court case which is of much interest to racegoers. From this it will be seen that the proprietor of this Journal was fined for publishing advertisements from turf accountants. It will be noted that Mr. Dyer, S.M., in giving his decision against this paper, was not altogether certain that his ruling was a correct one, in which most people will cordially agree with him. He said that he would be pleased to offer every facility to take the case to a higher Court, and if he was wrong the higher Court would put him right.

Now, we have no grievance whatever against Mr. Dyer, who is a most conscientious magistrate, and, although we entirely disagree with his reading as to the meaning of the Act, we are compelled to abide by it. What we do take exception to, as, indeed, we have done all along, is the cause of all the trouble—viz., the Act itself, which is one of the most absurd bits of farcical legislation ever placed on the Statute-book of the Dominion, and that is saying much. Here we have an Act which allows bookmakers to do business, but does not allow them to notify the public that such is the case. Could absurdity go further? It is an Act which allows the use of the totalisator, the Government deriving a revenue from it, but which refuses to allow the dividends to be published, although the dividends are the sole raison d'être for the totalisator. These dividends are publicly notified to everybody on the course, who pass along the information to those who do not attend; but the newspaper must not say a word about them. This strongly suggests the action of the ostrich, which, hiding its head in the ground, thinks it cannot be seen. This extremely crude effort at legislation, badly digested and ungrammatical as it is, would be amusing if it were not so vexatious, and it has made us the laughingstock of the world. The English footballers, when it was explained to them, refused to look upon it otherwise than as a joke; while the American sailors never could grasp how such an inane law could be tolerated by common-sense individuals. If a shopkeeper was allowed to sell goods, but was not allowed to advertise the fact, or if the members of the Stock Exchange were allowed to buy and sell shares, but were not permitted to publish the quotations for them, there would very

soon be an outcry, and the public would demand the instant repeal of such a ridiculous enactment. Yet this is exactly analogous to some of the provisions of the Gaming and Lotteries Amendment Act.

The fact is, and it is no use burking it, this most objectionable measure was most hurriedly conceived as a sop to the clerical party, was badly drawn up, and most ill-considered. Intended no doubt to stamp out gambling, it has done nothing whatever of the sort, as anyone with any knowledge of human nature must have known would prove the case.

It is a matter for general complaint that our best men do not nowadays go to Parliament, and that all interest in politics is fast dying out. Also it has been suggested if the Chamber at Wellington was closed for the next ten years the country would be saved an infinity of expense, and would be so much the better off. When one considers the exceedingly little worth of the bills passed during the last twelve months, and what the country has paid for them, there seems a great deal of merit in the contention. What will have to be stopped, however, is the constant whittling away of the liberty of the subject, and the passing of unnecessary laws, which are neither asked for or required. Such a measure is the Gaming Act, which is vexatious, unnecessary, and has proved an utter failure. Its prompt repeal should be one of the earliest acts when the new Parliament is gathered together.

EGMONT-WANGANUI HUNT CLUB.

There was some good racing at the annual race meeting of the Egmont-Wanganui Hunt Club, held on Thursday, 27th August, and the gathering was in every way one of the most enjoyable yet held by the club. The weather was beautifully fine, and the attendance fair, while the fields were good. Some excellent jumping was witnessed, and several of the competitors should be heard of later on in other than hunting events. The gathering was well managed, and the officials are to be heartily congratulated on the success achieved, which should tend to popularise hunting on this coast.

The proceedings opened with the Hack Hurdles, which fell to Mr. J. Wilkie's Cloudy Morn, a six-year-old gelding by Sou'-wester—Vigorous. There were four starters, Xavier being made favourite, with Cavil next in demand. The latter made a big effort, but Cloudy Morn beat the Natator gelding at the finish after a good race by two lengths.

The Licensed Victuallers' Handicap Steeplechase followed, six facing the starter. King John was looked upon as the most likely winner, but though the Bay King gelding took his obstacles in fine style and was in the van a quarter of a mile from home, Gone Away (by Handsome Jack) tackled him in the straight and got home after a most interesting race by some four lengths. The jumping was good throughout.

Then came the Open Hack Handicap of four furlongs, for which ten started, the winner turning up in Over-time, a five-year-old gelding owned by Mr. Fred. Faber and trained by Frank Lind. The son of Musketry—Leonessa jumped off the mark well, and galloping strongly never gave anything else a chance, winning with the greatest ease by three lengths in 51½. Judging by the manner in which he handled himself, this gelding should win more important races before long. He is a very quick beginner for such a big fellow, and gallops in nice even style. Old Sedgemoor was made favourite, but he had to be content with third place. Saltpetre (who put in a very fast run at the finish) being second.

The Hunters' Hurdles, one mile and a-half, brought out a field of five. This was an excellent race. Taupo (the favourite) led until the straight was reached, where Kauroa got on terms, and the pair raced neck and neck to the last hurdle. Here Valima came on the scene, and the three took the obstacle together, but Valima crashed into the hurdle and came a terrible cropper, turning a somersault apparently right on top of her rider (Mr. D.

Buick). Fortunately the latter escaped without injury. The other pair fought out a desperate finish, victory resting with Kauroa by a quarter of a length. The winner is a five-year-old black gelding, owned by Mr. H. J. Cameron, who had the mount himself. By Captain Webb out of Sassapas, a mare Mr. Donald Fraser used to race, and which was a good performer, Kauroa is bred to jump. He is at present in very poor condition, but should be capable of winning something better if properly trained.

The Second Open Hack of five furlongs fell to Research, the four-year-old Renown gelding, trained by Frank Lind and owned by Mr. G. Frimley. He got off the mark smartly, and never left the issue in doubt. Tonderghie (by Daunt) was second all the way. There were five other starters. Time, 1m. 10 1-5s.

The big event—the Hunt Club Steeplechase—came next. Six went to the post, and a splendid race was witnessed. Rapanui and King John led the way for about two miles, the jumping being first-class so far, but here Gone Away came to grief through clearing a fence into the training track, Mr. Carter (his rider) getting a nasty spill. The leading pair were well out in front now, but Awatere put in a big run, and was rapidly reducing the gap, when he came a cropper, and immediately afterwards King John came down. This left Rapanui with such a big lead that his victory was being loudly proclaimed, when Cavil began to move up, and, being driven along, could be seen to be rapidly overhauling the fast-tring Rapanui. The latter made a big effort when Cavil drew alongside, and the pair were driven at the last fence together. Both got over safely, and a great race up the straight ended in a win for Cavil by less than a length. Had Rapanui got home the victory would have been immensely popular, as he is such a game old battler, and, moreover, is owned by such a genuine sport as Mr. J. Blair. Cavil is owned by Mr. Chas. Gordon, and is by Natator. The owner is also a real good sport, and was heartily congratulated on his win.

The concluding event—the Ladies' Bracelet, one mile and a distance, was won by Mrs. D. Buick's gelding Netherby (by Son of a Gun) from old Starfish. Sedgemoor and six others also ran.

THE AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

The date for the holding of the spring meeting is drawing on apace, and this recalls the fact that owners should not overlook the time for the closing of general entries. The events to be dealt with and amounts required are as follows.—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. Mr. H. H. Hayr, the secretary, will take entries up to 9 p.m. to-morrow (Friday), on which date final payments for the Avondale Stakes and Avondale Guineas must also be made. The full programme appears in another column.

A GREAT AUCKLAND-BRED MARE.

Last year Prophecy ran third in the Kalgoorlie Cup with 9.4, but that form, consequent on the way she had been acquitting herself in shorter races previously, was only good enough to raise a doubt as to whether a mile and a-half was not a trifle far for her (says the "Referee.") That such is not the case she demonstrated by winning last Wednesday's Kalgoorlie Cup very easily with 9.6, Czarovitch running second, and Quibble (7.3) third. As was only to be expected, Prophecy had an easy task in the Kalgoorlie Stakes, a seven-furlong weight-for-age race, run on the concluding day, and it is safe to say that she is the best mare racing in Australia at the present time. As a yearling she was sold at Auckland

at 57gs., and commenced her racing career in West Australia, where, at her second start, she won a two-year-old race in Perth. In all she has won 13 races out of 24 starts, so her record is a particularly payable one. She is by a St. Simon horse, Phoebus Apollo, from Problem, for whom Mr. Sol. Green recently gave 750gs.

THE WELLINGTON PONY AND GALLOWAY RACING CLUB.

This club proposes to hold a meeting on the Miramar racecourse, Wellington, on Saturday, September 26, when the following programme will be submitted:—The Encourage Handicap of 20sovs (14.2 and under), four furlongs; the Maiden Handicap of 15 sovs (15 and under, maidens), four and a-half furlongs; Spring Cup of 60 sovs (15 and under), seven furlongs; Wonderland Handicap of 25sovs (14.2 and under), four furlongs; September Handicap of 20sovs (14.3 and under), five and a-half furlongs; Flying Handicap of 40sovs (15 and under), four and a-half furlongs. Mr. J. M. Cumming, the managing steward and secretary, will take entries up to 9 p.m. on Monday, September 14. Then comes a meeting on October 17, after which meetings will take place every month throughout the season.

NOTES.

(By The Judge.)

John Chaaffe, sen., returned from Gisborne last week, where he has been for some time past.

The Messrs. Stead do not intend to send any horses over to Sydney to run at the A.J.C. Spring Meeting.

W. O'Connell rode four winners at the Amberley steeplechase meeting.

Cross Battery and Sea King were shipped to Sydney last week.

The death is reported of the brown gelding Uhlander (Uhlen—Dolly), as the result of an acute attack of strangles. Mr. Renwick's gelding was a fair performer, winning among other races the Waitemata Handicap at Ellerslie, the Whangarei Cup, and the Tradesmen's Plate at Hamilton, and the Birthday Handicap of 450 sovs. at Ellerslie. He was insured for £200.

Master Soult has made a good recovery from his recent accident, and has been out on the tracks each morning recently doing light work.

Handicaps for the first day of the Wanganui J.C. spring meeting are due from Mr. Morse on September 11.

Mr. Wynyard will declare his adjustments for the first day of the Avondale meeting next Monday.

Miss Winnie and Sir Artegal have been scratched from the Flying Handicap at Avondale, while Uranium's name has disappeared from the Cup.

The English St. Leger will be decided next Wednesday on the famous Doncaster Town Moor.

The attention of the stewards of the English Jockey Club having been called to the fact that shoes having a sharp flange round the outer edge of the shoe, to prevent slipping, have been used on horses running in races, they have given notice that they consider such shoes, and those known as American toe-clipped shoes, very dangerous to other competitors, and direct that horses running in them shall be disqualified, and the trainer responsible reported to them.

During the last five seasons, descendants of Grafton have won 782 races, valued at £96,958. Other successful sires during the same period were:—Lochiel, 633 races, £65,180; Wallace, 230 races, £62,417; Positano, 156 races, £55,627.

The Southern jumper Pilot is under orders for Sydney, where he will tackle the cross-country contingent.

The bay gelding by Eton—Rapid has been named Fleetnote, and the gelding by Eton—Kotera, Eton Boy.

The bay colt by Seaton Delaval—Lady Hester has been named Royal Scotland.

The Wanganui J.C. spring meeting will take place on September 24 and 26.

The A.J.C. Derby of 2000sovs will be run for on October 3.

Mr. W. Delander is the new owner of the ex-Auckland pony Kilderkin (Cyrenian—Kinnorey). The brown gelding realised 47 guineas.

Mr. W. E. White, who recently purchased Golden Slipper for a record price, has sent her to be trained by J. C. Finn.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond has scratched all his horses for the A.J.C. Derby, and in doing so expressed regret that he had nothing quite good enough to compete.

Nautiform (Multiform—Rattler), who was sold at Yaldhurst for 2050gs., has been scratched for the A.J.C. Breeders' Plate and Gimcrack Stakes.

Webb has made his final deposit of £100 in connection with the sculling race with Arnst for the world's championship and a stake of £1000.

Sir George Clifford's mare Strategem (Nelson—Dudu) is much fancied for the New Zealand Cup. Our Otago correspondent, in his weekly budget, enumerates her best performances.

Most of the horses purchased by buyers from this State at the Yaldhurst sale arrived from New Zealand yesterday by the Moeraki. (says the Sydney "Referee"). They included Multiform, Otterden, Sans Peur, Royal Plumes, Isolt, Golden Slipper, Saucer (bought for Mr. T. Longworth), and Fantan, the latter's owner being Mr. J. H. S. Barnes, of Lyndhurst, North Queensland. Prior to leaving New Zealand Mr. Chisholm sold the brood mare Barley Bree at a considerable advance on what he gave for her, and purchased the four-year-old mare Nancy Stair (Soul—Chiara) and the aged mare Pretty Maid (The Officer—Norsemaid).

The smartest two-year-old seen out in the Old Country this season is Bayardo, a bay colt by Bay Ronald from Galicia, by Galonin from Isoletta, by Ironomy from Muncaster. At Sandown Park in July he won the National Breeders' Produce Stakes, of £4357 from thirteen other runners, second place being filled by an unplaced chestnut colt by Gallinnie from Excellenza, while Vivid, a sister to Leobla and half-sister to the Victorian-owned horse Bright Steel, was third. Though he has only won two races Bayardo has put £6174 10s to his owner's credit.

The cable advised us of Noctiform winning a race in July at Leicester, but the victory was of little account, as he only beat two others, from one of whom he was in receipt of 9lb.

With Golden Slipper (4500gs.) and Orca (2050gs.) among the runners, the gold for the A.J.C. Derby will, as a whole, be about the most expensive that has ever contested that race.

The State of New York has never received a severer blow than that sustained by the passing of the Anti-Racing Bill, in the opinion of Judge E. P. Coyne, of New York, who is now in London. "As counsel for the Jockey Club I suppose my views on the subject will be considered as prejudiced," he said to a "Herald" correspondent at the Savoy Hotel, "but as a private lawyer I think the Bill is unconstitutional, and that therefore in the end it will be found impossible to enforce its provisions. The love of gambling is a hereditary weakness in most men, and especially Americans, and the law making betting a misdemeanour punishable by a fine and imprisonment is a curtailment of the liberties of citizens and therefore, unconstitutional. The Bill was even passed in an unconstitutional way, for to gain his ends Governor Hughes repeatedly called extra legislative sessions. The majority of Senators even did not vote as they wished. The Bill will kill racing, discourage horse-breeding, hurt agriculture, and throw thousands of men out of employment. In the end, I am sure, the courts will decide that the Bill is a violation of the constitution."

The Australian buckjumper is a product of hereditary rebellion and inferior methods of horse-breaking. There are horses bred of buck-jumping stock which can never be trusted, although their latent powers of getting rid of their riders may never be fully exploited. There are other horses of shifty manners and vile tempers which may do everything in their power to make things unpleasant for those who have to deal with them, and yet they may never be able to "buck." Bucking is a fine art, a talent which in a few notable cases approaches genius; but owing to better methods of handling and breaking horses in the bush, the buckjumper is gradually becoming extinct, and possibly, in three years such a thing will be unheard of as a bucking horse.—Will H. Ogilvie, in the "Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News."

According to the "Referee" the racehorse Earlston (Love Wisely—Monday), who was purchased in England on behalf of Messrs W. and F. A. Moore, reached Sydney on Friday in charge of J. Pinfield (who brought out Rambling Jack and Rouvray). Earlston, who is to be raced here before being retired to the stud, was landed in splendid trim, and his owners are highly pleased with their purchase.

The Auckland bred pony Balgonie, who won the Richmond Thousand at Ascot (Vic.) on the 6th of last month, is reported to have been purchased for exportation to the East by Mr. G. Powell, but may not leave Australia for some little time. It is more than probable that she will be again raced in Australia. An offer of £600 was refused for Balgonie after her victory in Melbourne, so her sale price must have been a fairly stiff one.

The estate of G. Cooper, a well-known English bookmaker, has been proved at nearly £500,000.

It is rumoured that the Auckland Racing Club have made a very substantial increase in the amount of stake money to be distributed this season.

The South Auckland Racing Club's balance sheet for last season shows the receipts to be £1163 15s 9d, which included a balance brought forward, £236 16s 4d; donations, Publicans' Purse, £30; totalisator, £220 3s 6d; bookmakers' licenses, £190; members' fees, £57; privileges, £297; and jockey's fees, £164 10s. The expenditure totalled £165 6s 5d, leaving a balance of £1 9s 4d. The expenditure included: Stakes, £600; printing and advertising, £57 15s 9d; handicapper, £16; starter, £14; rent, £50 3s 10d; band, £14; totalisator tax, £41 13s 4d; refund jockeys' fees, £100 10s; loan refund, £75; and sundries, £51 13s 9d.

In advertising Aurum for the coming season it is announced that the owner undertakes to keep and care for mares free of charge for 12 months, but will charge 50gs for the foal. No foal, no charge for services or keep.

It has been decided to instal at Flemington, posts bearing the names of each bookmaker fielding during the day. The idea has been in use at Kensington Park for some time, and is much appreciated, particularly on a busy day. It wouldn't be a bad idea to copy this at Ellerslie.

A good cause is often damaged by excess of fervour, and there was just a trace of this in some of the speeches delivered at the Pan-Anglican Conference discussion on gambling and speculation. There was a good deal of truth in the observations made by Mr. Killik, of the London Stock Exchange, who pointed out that the element of speculation entered almost inevitably into every business transaction. When the manufacturer buys a large or small quantity of raw material, he generally does so in the expectation that there may be a rise or a fall in price. He speculates or gambles on his knowledge. It is much the same in dealing with securities, and though it is easy to define certain transactions as a gamble, it is not equally easy to draw a line between fair business and pure speculation. Neither is it very easy to distinguish sharply between the harmless custom of giving a stimulus to one's pastimes by a paltry monetary stake and the act of gambling—using that word in a strict sense. But we know (says an English paper) that the man who whets his appetite with a glass of wine or beer is not a drunkard, though it would be as reasonable to apply that description to him as to call the player for nominal stakes at bridge a gambler.

That one-time smart filly Glenowlet (Clanranald—Madowla) has thrown a colt to Treadmill.

Gosling, of Wellington, defeated Ireland, of Sydney, in four rounds in a boxing match at Wellington on Tuesday.

Kotiti showed the way to Marangal and Reservoir in a round of the hurdles at Ellerslie on Tuesday.

L. H. Hewitt won the Stand Handicap at the Ayr meeting on Pleman, the favourite.

San Paulo and Regent were schooled over the big jumps at Ellerslie on Tuesday, the latter showing to most advantage.

The autocratically-bred Lady Lucy (Seaton Delaval—Hilda) won the Malden Plate at Marton yesterday.

The Horowhenua meeting takes place next Wednesday and Thursday.

The black horse Ghoorka (Lochiel—Fiancee) is to go to the stud.

Lothair, an aged bay gelding by The Officer from Tiratu, won the Shorts Handicap at the Marton meeting yesterday.

It appears to be generally understood that the English jockey, Mornington Cannon, who suffers from rheumatism, has finally retired from the saddle.

THE AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

The annual general meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club will take place this afternoon at 3 p.m. at the Durham-street office. The business is to receive the report and balance-sheet, and to elect stewards and committee in place of those retiring. Subsequently an extraordinary meeting of members will be held to consider the question of increasing the subscription.

STUD NEWS.

At Cambria Park Miss Annie (dam of Lady Annie, Annette, Cambrian, Hierarch, etc.) has foaled a colt to Soul. At the same stud Gwendal (Brigadier—Gwendoline) has a colt to Hierarch.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

The following weights have been declared by Mr R. Wynyard for the leading events to be run on the opening day of the Avondale Jockey Club's Spring Meeting, which opens on September 19:—

AVONDALE CUP of 300sovs, one mile and a quarter—Uranium 9.6, Wailthe 8.13, Uhländer 8.13, Leonator 8.9, Celtic 8.2, Delegate 8.1, Douche 8.0, Lochbuhle 8.0, Carl Rosa 7.12, Tui Cakobau 7.11, Comedian 7.9, King Post 7.9, Lord Seaton 7.3, Dardanus 6.12, Aristocrat 6.10, First Gun 6.8, Epsom Lass 6.7.

FLYING HANDICAP of 100sovs, six furlongs—Grenadier 9.10, Miss Winnie 8.13, Uhländer 8.9, Sir Artagal 8.6, Lochbuhle 8.4, Foremost 8.1, Haldane 7.13, Master Soul 7.13, King Post 7.12, Devonport 7.12, Lucio 7.11, Dogger Bank 7.9, Duart 7.9, Waihuka 7.4, Imprimus 7.3, Talepitcher 6.10.

AN ANTI-BETTING ABSURDITY.

Touching on the effect the anti-betting law has had in New York, an American writer says:—"Here is a sample of officialism. On Friday, at the Brighton Beach, as the horses in one race were parading past the grand stand a gentleman—one of a party of four from a Long Island town—remarked: 'I'll bet Cairngorm beats anything you name for the dinners this evening.' Immediately a policeman arrested him and conveyed him to court, where the magistrate dismissed the case at once and gave a very decided opinion as to the action of the authorities at the race track. If in a sense it was not serious and inconvenient the situation at the track would be amusing. We have Pinkerton detectives employed by the Jockey Club to carry out the club's instructions that the law must not be broken; the Pinkertons are closely watched by the Sheriff's officers, the District Attorney's detectives keep their eyes on the Sheriff's men, the regular policemen shadow the District Attorney's men, and Governor Hughes, afraid that reform is not getting a fair deal, has a force of State private detectives to watch the regulars. Yet you can read in the afternoon papers full details of the opening and closing prices, and, in fact, the typical yellow sheets vie with each other in giving details of the betting for their clientele, the pool rooms, and betting dives in the city."

ENGLISH HORSEMANSHIP.

A London paper says: The horsemanship of the English Life Guards, so long pointed out as a model for some of the armies of the world, seems in danger of proving the same sort of myth as the real bath tub, which, as every American tourist who has discovered England knows, had no existence so far as the traveller was concerned, until a French hotel manager here, yielding to the threats of an American, decided to install a few in his hosiery. In other words, it has been discovered that the English cavalry officers cannot manage their horses with a skill that compares with that of officers of foreign armies. This has been demonstrated at the international Horse Show, where officers of the French, Italian, Belgian and Austrian armies have given exhibitions of equestrian skill that simply have dazzled beholders. When his Majesty saw what an exhibition his officers made he was shocked, and it is said on good authority that he sent for Mr Winans and suggested to the latter that he let the British officers ride some of Mr Winans' best horses in the contests, and Mr Winans' mounts have been popular with these officers ever since. Comments have been freely heard as to the inferiority of native horsemanship as compared with the foreign. "Good Heavens! Look at them!" one disgusted Britisher was heard to exclaim. "They cannot fight and they can't even ride." In justice to the English officers it should be said that fancy riding and jumping are not regarded in England as essential requirements of military horsemanship.

Elevation's half-brother Gravitation is being spelled owing to an injury to his knee.

ENGLISH FORM.

Three-year-old form has been difficult to follow in England this season, and seemingly every "classic" is likely to be won by a different horse. Norman III. won the Two Thousand, and ran nowhere in the Derby, which, as well as the Oaks, was won by Signorinetta, who was subsequently beaten by White Eagle, one of the unplaced division in the Derby. Then, just as everybody was singing the latter's praises as "the best of the year, he missed a place with 9.2 in the Sandown Park Eclipse Stakes, won by Mr. J. B. Joel's Persimmon colt Your Majesty, 8.13, with Santo Strato, 8.13, in second place. For this race Lesbia was favorite, with White Eagle next in demand while Your Majesty's price was much larger. The going was so heavy that the mile and a quarter took 2min. 15 3-5sec. to cover, but that there was no semblance of a fluke in Your Majesty's success was evidenced when, at Liverpool less than a week later, he carried 9.12 to White Eagle, 9.8 in the St. George Stakes, 1 mile 3 furlongs, and outstayed the latter in the good time of 2min. 18 4-5 sec. Rhodora, 9.7, was one of the unplaced lot, and, it may be added, Your Majesty was favorite.

NOT WANTED.

Mr. Jas. R. Keene's experiment of sending nineteen yearlings from America to England for sale was not a marked success. The critics pronounced the youngsters "a poor lot," and though one filly realised 750gs., the next highest figure was 410gs, and a couple changed hands at 80gs and 50 gs respectively. Naturally English breeders do not take kindly to American competition, and subsequent to the Keene sale the "Special Commissioner" expressed satisfaction at the fact of Messrs. Tattersall having exercised their right of censorship, and discouraged Mr. Haggin's idea of sending between 100 and 200 yearlings to the old country for sale. Fifty was Messrs. Tattersall's estimate of the highest number that might find buyers in October.

SOME FACTS ABOUT HORSES.

Prof. Marshall, a great American authority, has compiled some good points about horses. He says different kinds of work require different kinds of horses. A horse is of no particular value except for what he can do. To fulfil his mission he must travel. If he can draw a buggy containing one or two persons at the rate of ten miles an hour he is valuable as a roadster. Another horse that can draw his share of a load weighing upward of a ton, even though he moves slowly, performs an equal amount of actual work, and is just as useful to his owner as is the roadster.

Since all horses are valuable because they travel, although at various rates and under varying conditions, it will be interesting to make a study of those parts of the horse's body directly connected with his locomotion. It is not difficult to understand that with the horse, as with ourselves, all motion is the result of the action of the muscles. About forty per cent. of the weight of the ordinary horse is muscle. All muscles concerned with locomotion are attached to bones, and when they contract they cause the bones to which they are fastened to move. The lower part of a horse's legs are nearly all bones, but the muscles in the body and upper part of the limbs are attached to various parts of the bony construction by tendons and can thus produce a motion of the parts located some distance away. The muscles we are discussing, when contracted, are about three-quarters as long as when at rest. The amount of motion produced by the action of the muscles of, say, one of the horse's hind legs, will depend upon the length of the muscles and the length and the relation of the bones to which they are attached. The commonest idea among students of this subject is expressed in these words: "Long muscles for speed, short muscles for power." We have already seen that a long muscle enables a horse to get over the ground rapidly. A short muscle, however, is not powerful because it is short, but because in horses constructed on that plan the muscles are thicker, contain more fibres, all of which pulling together when contracted exert a much greater pulling force than a long, more slender muscle. It is because of this that in buying horses to draw heavy loads we look for large and heavy muscles, while in roadsters we must attach importance to the length of the muscles.

The most of a horse's muscle is in the hind quarters. This may be a surprise to you, but the next time you have an opportunity to see a horse pulling a very heavy load study him carefully. You will be impressed with the idea that most of the work is being done with the hind legs. When the hind foot is moved forward the toe rests on the ground and the leg is bent at the hock joint; if the toes does not slip, and the horse is strong enough for his load the muscles above, pulling on the tendon fastened to the back and upper point of the hock, will close the joint, or, in other words, straighten the leg and cause the body to move forward. It is by the performance of this act at every step that the horse moves, although, of course, the strain on all the parts is much greater when pulling very hard. This will also show the necessity of having large, broad, straight joints and legs, that give the horse the most secure footing. You have probably also noticed when driving that many horses put their hind foot on the ground in front of the mark left by the fore foot, and the faster they go the greater will be the distance between the marks made by the fore and the hind feet. This shows that the length of a step is determined by the hind quarters; it also explains the need of large, strong hocks and legs that are not so crooked as to seem weak or so straight as to lessen the leverage afforded by this very wonderful arrangement of the parts.

Then there are some other things that are desired in all kinds of horses. One of these is a short back—that is, short from the hips to the top of the shoulders (the withers). From what we have learned of the hind parts we see that the horse is really pushing the rest of his body along. If the back is short and strong instead of long and weak, the whole body will move more easily and rapidly in obedience to the force produced in the hind parts. Although the hind parts have most to do with the horse's travelling, we must not forget that the front parts are also very important. No matter how much muscle a horse has or how strong his hocks are, if there is anything seriously wrong with his front legs he cannot travel, and so derives no benefit from his good parts. Some horses may be seen whose knees are not straight, others when looked at from in front show that their feet are not in line with their legs. Such animals are more likely to slip or strike one leg with the opposite foot, thus making themselves lame and unable to do any work.

There are a great many interesting things about a horse which cannot be told here, but which you may learn at home or from some neighbour who keeps good horses. We will, how-

ever, say something about horses' feet. Inside a horse's hoofs there are some very sensitive parts resembling the attachment of the finger nail and the finger. When anything gets wrong with the foot, these parts cause a great deal of pain, and even though the horse is otherwise perfect the pain in his feet makes him too lame to travel. Horses with large, wide feet that are wide across where they touch the ground when you look at them from behind (or in the heels) are not likely to have this trouble.

Sires of the Season.

AT CAMBRIA PARK.

OBLIGADO, 16.

Among the sires in the Auckland district whose services are available to breeders is the chestnut horse Obligado, now stationed at Cambria Park. He was bred in 1895, and was got by Orville (by Ormonde, winner of the 2000 Guineas, Derby, and St. Leger, from Shotover, winner of the 2000 Guineas and Derby), his dam being The Flirt, by Trappist from Frivolity, by Macaroni, from Miss Agnes, by Birdcatcher. Obligado stands over sixteen hands, and is an exceedingly handsome horse, showing great bone and substance, and possessing a strain of blood that until recently was poorly represented here, but has a reputation second to none North of the Line—a family which has produced many of the greatest horses of modern times, including Flying Fox, the highest priced colt, and Sceptre, the highest price filly of all time.

A glance at Obligado's pedigree discloses a remarkable array of champions. He is inbred to the great Agnes family—it will be noted that Ormonde, his grandsire, is a brother to Ornament, the dam of Sceptre. Frivolity, the granddam of Obligado, is three-quarter sister to Lily Agnes, the dam of Ormonde and granddam of Sceptre. Ormonde is the sire of Orme, who is sire of Flying Fox, Orby, and many good horses.

Obligado, with limited opportunities, has sired a number of winners. Among these are Pensive, Zetland, Cathron, Lady de Vere, Little Medallist, Miss Adare, Flavour, Octave, Redmorn, Rosebloom, and others. Now he is at Cambria Park Obligado has been given a chance, and he should make a rapid upward move in the list of winning stallions. A few approved mares will be taken at twelve guineas.

HIERARCH, 12.

This young stallion was bred in 1904, being got by Cyrenian (a son of the great St. Simon and the Springfield mare Daisy Chain) from Miss Annie, by Seaton Delaval from First Love, by Nordenfeldt—Fishgirl, by Yatendon, from Fanny Fisher, by Fisherman. That is running blood which speaks for itself, for there is the famous St. Simon—Musket strain superimposed on Fisherman and Melton. Hierarchy was retired from the turf early through an unfortunate turf scandal, otherwise it is highly probable he would have made a big name for himself, for his dam, Miss Annie, has thrown such good ones as Lady Annie, Annette, and Cambria. He is a handsome young horse, and should make a very high-class sire. A few mares can be booked to him at ten guineas. Full particulars of these two sires may be found in our advertising columns.

AT GLENORA PARK.

SOULT (IMP.).

The stallions standing at Mr. Walters' stud farm, Glenora Park, are Sould and Gluten. Of Sould it is unnecessary to say much. This son of St. Simon and the See Saw mare Beaugharnais is one of the most successful stallions ever imported to the colonies, and it was indeed a fortunate dip into the lucky bag when Mr. Walters secured him. Being the sire of such horses as Wairiki, Maniapoto, Solution, Waipuna, Sonica, Avalanche, Soli, and scores of other big winners, it is not surprising to find that his list is already full, even at 40 guineas per mare.

GLUTEN (IMP.).

This dark chestnut stallion is a son of Thurio from the See Saw mare Bran Bread. On the turf he was a great stayer, winning the Lingfield Welter Plate, the Birmingham Autumn Handicap, the Gatwick Oval Handicap (two miles), the Goodwood Stakes (two and a-half miles), and in India the Bangalore Cup (one mile and three-quarters), carrying 9st 4lb. His

stock have won numerous races in Australia, among the successful ones being Glucose and Filament, both good stake-earners. Gluten has not had a proper chance until recently, but the yearlings by him are very promising. Gluten should nick well with the fiery St. Simon mares, for such a combination ought to be able to both race and stay. Gluten's fee is 10 guineas per mare.

The coaching stallion Merry Prince, by Merry Boy from Queenie, is also doing stud duty at a fee of 3 guineas. Further particulars will be found on glancing through our advertising columns.

INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, September 2.

G. Hepburn is now training Pronun, a horse that won at Wellington and was backed all over New Zealand, Sweet Angelus, purchased at the Stead dispersal sale, and Truthful, a once prominent North Island hack, and one or two youngsters.

Ringdove is nominal favourite for the N.Z. Cup, but from what I can gather about town it is not yet decided whether this highly bred English mare will start in the big race. She is entered at Ashburton and may be given a run in principal event there prior to taking part in the bigger events.

Flitaway, a filly in the Chokebore stable, with the reputation of being as fast as Fleetfoot, is suffering from a burst hoof, but is able to do light exercise.

Leeside was sold to Mr C. Machell just before W. J. Taggart left for Sydney with Mr H. F. Nicolls' pair—Cross Battery and Sea King. Leeside is now being trained by W. McDonald.

L. G. King met with an accident at the Amberley races and has decided not to go over to Sydney with Mr Nicolls' horses.

The Ashburton Club has not received many entries of Cup horses for its Spring Meeting. Ringdove, Don Orsino, Restless, Probable, Armamento and Field Gun are the only Cup candidates engaged in the Ashburton Racing Club Handicap. Coralie was scratched for the New Zealand Cup on Monday.

W. O'Connell rode four winners at the Amberley Steeplechase Club meeting on Thursday last.

Both Cross Battery and Sea King were very well before they left for Sydney last week. Even if they do not succeed in winning either the Epsom or Metropolitan Handicaps, they should not return without winning a minor event. I think Sea King is likely to win a good race on the other side. I would not put the Epsom Handicap beyond him. He is a great galloper over this distance.

Artillerie, who is weighted at 6st 9lb in the New Zealand Cup, is one of the New Zealand horses that left for Sydney. This mare is in both the Epsom and Metropolitan Handicaps.

The Messrs Stead Brothers are having many alterations made at Grasslea, and are evidently going in for racing and breeding on a fairly large scale.

Pilot, one of the best steeplechase jumpers ever seen at Riccarton, will go over to Sydney about the middle of the month. He is in great form and should give a good account of himself in the jumping events on Australian soil.

E. Price has joined G. Hepburn's stable.

B. Hack is now working for W. McDonald.

The racing at the Amberley Steeplechase Club's meeting was very poor. Fields were small and cronk running was, it is alleged, a feature of the day's racing. There was an enquiry into Pretty Nell's running in the Waipara Handicap, and the matter has been referred to the C.J.C. It is quite time stipendiary stewards were appointed to watch racing at the country race meetings.

Maharanui did not show his best form at the National Meeting, but he should go near winning a race at Marlon.

Discipline, by Treadmill-Madownla, has gone amiss. He has been thrown out of work.

Ringdove, Signora, Master De'aval and Mahuta have all been well backed for the New Zealand Cup since the appearance of the weights.

OTAGO.

DUNEDIN, September 2.

Mr Harry Goodman, son of the well known owner and trainer of the same

name, was the recipient of a presentation on Monday evening from a few friends prior to his departure to Australia where he intends to settle.

The North Otago Club are issuing particulars of the Stepiak Stakes of 200 sovs to be run at their Spring Meeting. The race is for two-year-olds (colts 8st, fillies 7st 9lb, geldings 7st 11lb) over four furlongs. Entries are due on Friday next, September 4, and no money is required with the nominations.

A prominent metallician, at present on a visit to Dunedin, was accosted the other day by a client with the salutation: "What's favourite for the N.Z. Cup?" "Whatever you want to back," quoth the purveyor of odds.

It is reported from Australia that Notus, the upstanding son of Lord Rosslyn and Lady Gertrude was recently sold in Melbourne for 55 guineas. An English sportsman who was looking through the Hon. George McLean's stable when Notus was a three-year-old, offered 500 guineas for the colt, whom he thought looked the beau ideal and the makings of a Liverpool 'chaser, and that offer was refused. Another 500-guinea offer was refused for Apollodoris, and in commenting on the fact to the writer, the Hon. Geo. McLean said: "He could never understand why he refused the offers."

Some of the critics regard Stratagem as one of the best handicapped horses in the N.Z. Cup, and as her best displays took place at this end of the island, it may prove of interest. She won the C.J.C. Midsummer Handicap with 7st 11lb, in 2min 40sec, but they were not a particularly good lot behind her, as Paragon was top weight with 9st. Lapland is also down 25lb whilst Stratagem comes down 3lb. She won the Suburban Handicap in excellent style and ran a mile and two furlongs in 2min 9.3-5sec with 8st 9lb, but her display in the Great Autumn under 7st 9lb was disappointing in comparison. She ran badly at Wellington, where Tangimoana gave her 12lb and beat her out of a place in the Autumn Handicap. The Oamaru Cup fell to her with 8st 6lb, and she wound up by winning the D.J.C. Birthday Handicap with 8st 12lb in 2min 12.4-5sec. In her winning effort at Wingatui, Stratagem was galloping on at the finish, but there is an additional six furlongs to be traversed at Riccarton and she will have to give a better display than she did in the Great Autumn where she looked a winner at ten furlongs, but was well beaten at 12.

Racing in this part of the island will carry an unusual interest this spring as it will introduce us to the newly established Dunedin Stakes, of 250 sovs, for two-year-olds, and another valuable race for the babies is the Stepiak Stakes, of 200 sovs, which will be decided a week later than the Wingatui races. These races would make a nice double for a smart juvenile and open his eyes for more serious events ahead.

J. Beale, one of the leading riders, who had the misfortune to lose one of his eyes as the result of a shooting accident, is again doing riding work at Wingatui.

An unusual amount of interest was taken in the annual meeting and committee election of the Tahuna Park Trotting Club. Such a state of affairs is pleasing to note, because it indicates an increasing amount of interest in the sport and incidentally that the officials will have to be alive and progressive to hold places.

HAWKE'S BAY.

NAPIER, September 2.

The following foaling took place at Longlands this week:—Float (Captain Webb-Bonnie Idea), a filly to Merriwee; the new arrival is therefore full sister to Cork.

Amongst the new colours registered this season are those of Mr Paul Hunter whose racing uniform is listed as blue jacket and red cap.

Mr R. Smyth of Wairoa owns a three-year-old full brother to Tongimoana whom he has christened Rangikapua. The colt is a big chap and still appears to be growing.

The Stepiak Royal Plumes yearling filly that fell to the nod of Mr H. Gaisford at the Stead dispersal sale has arrived safe and sound at Orangi station and will study under J. Webster. The latter has just finished handling a yearling filly by Wai-pawa out of Snuffer.

The Wairoa country racing club are increasing the stakes for their next annual venture by 30 sovs. which means that they will distribute £470 in prize money next January.

Dexterous, who is now domiciled at Petane, is being got ready for the fray. Torpedos daughter will probably make her reappearance at the annual fixture of the Petane hack racing club.

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Bad habits or York hams.
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cure
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There is another new local aspirant for training honors. I refer to B. McCormack of Hastings, who is going to try and get going at the business. Though comparatively new at the game he possesses several recommendations from owners and trainers who state that he is a capable man with horses and from his experiences with the equines both in and out of the saddle should prove a success in his new associations.

The annual meeting of the Dannervirke Jockey Club was held at the Club Hotel Dannervirke yesterday evening. There was a large attendance of members. Mr. R. N. Blakeston presided and the annual report and balance sheet were read and adopted. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. Geo. Hunter; Vice-presidents, Messrs. G. G. Lloyd and R. M. Blakeston; treasurer, Mr. C. Baddeley; auditor, Mr. J. J. Patterson; committee, Messrs. R. Roarke, G. Cork and Manahi Paewai; trustees, Messrs. Gordon Lloyd, W. Hunter and C. Baddeley. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. J. S. Freeman the Secretary, for his services in obtaining an additional permit for holding a spring meeting. A discussion took place with reference to increasing the subscription of members consequent upon the two days racing but no action was taken. The balance sheet showed a credit balance at the Bank of £491 17s 6d and a Balance of assets over liabilities of £934 19s 6d. The assets of the club have increased from £733 to £934.

At the annual meeting of the Wairoa Racing Clubs the secretary Mr. W. G. Nightingale was voted a bonus of £20. Several members speaking in warm terms of praise of the secretary's excellent work in connection with the annual race meeting.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, September 2.

A large number of local racegoers are patronising the Marton Jockey Club's meeting, held on Wednesday and Thursday, the 2nd and 3rd September, and which meeting practically sets the ball rolling for the season in earnest on this coast.

The New Zealand Cup Mahuta is reported to be going along nicely in his work at Marton, and is described as being a regular ball of muscle. He is to be given a run at the Marton meeting. It is understood that Charlie Jenkins will ride the black horse in the N.Z. Cup.

Daisy Paul, who has been treated to a spell, is said to be brightening up a lot and should be in good heart to join the active brigade.

Campfire (by Carbine) has been leased and has been taken to Auckland to stand the season there. His owner does not think he will stand a preparation again, as he has gone in the legs. He will not start in the N.Z. Cup. He stood the season at Patea last year, and it is understood that the owner got back his purchase money.

Weights for the first day's races at the Wanganui Jockey Club's Spring Meeting will be declared by Mr George Morse, on September 11.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, September 2.

The local stables, presided over by Messrs W. Davies and F. Higgott, are represented at the Marton Racing Club's meeting this week. Mr Davies has taken Seaman, Landwern and Llanwern, whilst Wallethe was Higgott's sole representative. The horses mentioned have been in sound work all the winter and should play a prominent part during the racing.

The nominations for the A.J.C. Spring events included a large number of New Zealand-owned horses. The Sydney weight adjuster did not, however, offer the owners of the Maoriand racers much encouragement to show their paces at Randwick with the result that only Soul-

tine, Cross Battery and Sea King will be seen under colours at the meeting. The last two mentioned were none too favourably handicapped for Epsom and Metropolitan handicaps, but under more favourable conditions may win a race or two ere they return to New Zealand. W. J. Taggart, their trainer, will be remembered at Randwick as having charge of Gladstone when that fine mare made her first appearance at the A.J.C. meeting.

Gold Crest, Frisco, Apa, Sir Frisco, King Billy, Rose Noble, Nobel and Shimose have all discontinued their A.J.C. engagements. Most of their owners would have made the trip had circumstances been more favourable. However, the A.J.C. loss will be New Zealand's gain as the horses enumerated will be available to assist at the various spring race meetings held in New Zealand during the next couple of months.

Private information from a reliable source has reached Wellington re the favourable prospects of the New Zealand bred Maranui. D. O'Brien's colt had a high reputation when he left New Zealand 12 months ago, and there are a solid few who quietly expect him to uphold his reputation when the settlement of the principal handicaps in the A.J.C. programme comes round. Several backers have supported Maranui for the Metropolitan at what would not appear to be very liberal odds; whilst another local sport has, on information received, accepted a big bet for the double—Epsom Handicap and Metropolitan, Arlington and Maranui being the animals chosen.

The number of locally owned horses trained in the neighbourhood of Wellington has increased at least fourfold during the last couple of years. There are at present quite a number of men of means identified with the ownership of race horses, and trainers owning establishments near Trentham have their boxes full to overflowing. C. Pritchard, who trains at the old Hutt Park course, has no less than a dozen horses under his care. His patrons include Mr Barclay (owner of Penates), Mr R. W. Paterson (Mon Ami and Snip), Mr Whitney (Saga), Naumia, Glentui, Lady Paul (St. Paul—Lady Chester), Burns, by Euroclydon—Loo, a colt by Soult—Dodono, a filly by Stepniak—Coroune and an untried Birkenhead gelding. Pritchard is assisted by a couple of brothers, one of whom Tom, is a fairly good horseman, either on the flat or over obstacles.

J. Lowe also has upwards of a dozen horses under his care. He quite recently had to increase the number of his loose boxes with the view of accommodating his numerous racing patrons who keep on adding to their studs. The Hon. Jas. Carroll is one of Lowe's staunchest supporters, the latest additions being the Royal Artillery—Culroy colt and a filly by St. Ambrose—Sequin. Both are regularly exercised on the Trentham tracks.

Frank Higgott and W. Davies have each their boxes full and in all, over forty horses are in work either at the Hutt Park or Trentham. If there is added to this number some twenty horses trained by J. Prosser at Porirua, a fair idea of the interest local folks take in the sport of kings may be gained.

Mr H. Nettlefold, well known and associated with D. Price, now of Melbourne, was in Wellington during last week. He had instructions to spend upwards of £5000 in useful racing stock and made a bid of 1000 guineas for the Conqueror gelding Motoa. The owner of the latter brought the gelding down from Foxton, but as Motoa would not pass the vet., the sale fell through. Motoa, it appears, contracted a cold returning from the C.J.C. winter meeting and as Nettlefold could only purchase subject to a vets. certificate he had most reluctantly to leave Mofoa behind. He, however, secured Little Mary by Merriwee—Moir and Ngatrappa by Tupuhi—Kalma, and left for Sydney by the Maheno on Friday last.

THE WAY OF A TOUT.

The wiles of the tout, or guesser, as we call them, are much the same all over the world. The American paper "The Washington Post" has the following amusing account of two of them:—

At the Benning track the other day, a Washington tout—a pretty green one, you'll be saying—got the buttonhole clutch on John Madden and spent five minutes trying to steer Madden on to one of his own two-year-olds.

"The tout didn't know the smartest horseman in the United States from a cake of soap, and he used up a lot of good hot breath trying to tell John what a cinch Madden's Requitall filly, Abandon, was for the next race.

"John let the tout talk. He wasn't busy, and the tout amused him. The tout told him that he was such pals with John Madden that Madden cried like a baby whenever they had to be separated for fifteen minutes or so, and a good deal more like that. Then Algy Dangerfield, the Jockey Club secretary, swung along and addressed Madden by name, and the tout, gasping like a stranded dog-fish, took it on the lops for a shad-ow corner of the grounds, where presumably he kicked himself some.

"Some of the biggest men in the racing game have had these entertaining encounters with touts who didn't get some fun out of these incidents. One day Lucky Baldwin had his pet, Emperor of Norfolk, in a race at Washington Park, Chicago. Lucky figured with so much certainty that his great horse was in, as we say, that he had his commissioners in all of the big cities to get the coin down.

"About an hour before the race the old man strolled up to the bar for a little drink. He was tossing in the drink when Spinner Laffin, a well-known Chicago tout of his day, ambled alongside. Spinner had been in a hospital for several months, and the great Lucky, who'd only been operating on the Chicago tracks for a short time then, was a new one on him.

"'Judge,' said Spinner to Lucky, 'I ain't no slaminsky, but I sure hate t' see good people like you look t' be let a wealthy chanct grease by 'em.'

"'Why,' said Lucky, looking as if he was pleased to be noticed by a person with a pair of field glasses slung over his shoulder, 'do you know something about this race?'

"'Do I know somet'in'?' almost groaned Spinner 'Why, gran'pa, I'm back down town now, openin' wine on my winnin's.'

"'You don't tell me,' excitedly exclaimed Lucky. 'Well, I declare. You must have some remarkable information.'

"'C'mover here,' panted Spinner, taking Lucky by the lapel of his frock coat and dragging him off to a corner of the bar inclosure. 'Pop, you look right t' me. You look like class and like you'll stik th' route. Lis'nt t' me and git somet'in' f'r yourself.'

"'Indeed I shall!' put in Lucky, playing it along because he enjoyed it.

"'Pop,' went on Spinner, 'd'jevver hear o' that gay ol' maverick that owns 'bout half o' California an' got a mortgage on the rest of it? Lucky Baldwin, I'm speilin' about.'

"'Seems to me like I've heard that name somewhere or other,' said Lucky.

"'Uh-huh. All right,' said Spinner. 'Well, lemme tell you somet'in', gran'pa. If there's anythin' foxier 'n deeper 'n coinier racin' around these groun's than that same ol' shorthorn, Lucky Baldwin, then I'll lap up buttermilk f'r th' rest o' my life an' pretend t' like it.'

"'Is—er—is Mr Baldwin represented in this race?' inquired Lucky, pretending to be eager to arrive at the point.

"'Is he represented in it?' repeated Spinner, in a tone of pity. 'Is the sun a-shinin'? Pop, he's got a pup in this race that'll be lyin' down poundin' his ear in his box w'en all th' rest o' them woodchucks is roundin' the far turn. His one's named Emp'ror of Norfolk. The Emp'ror could win this if he had th' shingles, th' housemaid's knee, an' th' bubonic plague all at onct. Go to that one, gran'pa—Emp'ror of Norfolk, pipe th' name—there's all th' 8-t'-I you can eat—and if he don't come home with th' carrots I'll snag a job drivin' a truck f'r Marshall Field and Co., and start takin' a business course at th' night school!'

"'I really believe,' said Lucky to Spinner, who was brick-red in the face by this time from the joy of having nailed a live one, 'that I shall follow your advice in this matter. The betting ring seems to be very much crowded to-day, though. Could I ask you to make the wager for me?'

"'Naw, I couldn't think of doin' it,' said Spinner, holding out his hand with a grin for Lucky's money.

Lucky pulled out a yellow roll of the size of a prize squash and skinned off one of the hundreds into Skinner's mitt. The tout sallied into the ring and found a chalker who was laying 10 to 1 against the Emperor. He bought a ticket reading 1000dol to 100dol, and vamped back to where Lucky was waiting for him at the bar.

"'You hold the ticket, if you please, young man,' said Lucky to Spinner when the tout offered to pass him the ticket. 'I never have any luck holding tickets myself.'

"Then Lucky passed with the tout on to the lawn to witness the race. The horses were on their way to the post. All of the friends of Lucky marvelled to see him walking around the lawn and conversing chummily with one of the best known touts around the Chicago tracks.

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WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS
For an all-round tonic-beverage. As good for Women as for Men.

Woods' Great Peppermint Cure for Coughs and Colds never fails. Is 6d and 2s 6d.

"Emperor of Norfolk got away from the post on his toes, and when he came down to the wire all alone at the finish he was merely lolling in his boy's lap.

"Awful poor, ain't I, grandpa?" gloated Spinner. "Putrid, ain't I? Didn't know a t'ing about Lucky's ace in th' cistern, did I, or nothing? Wait'll I go get th' kale on this ticket—meet me at the bar, and the tout dashed for the ring.

"Lucky wandered up the lawn and over to the bar, picking up excited friends as he walked. By the time Spinner got the ticket cashed and reached the bar there was something doing in the bar inclosure. About forty of Lucky's friends had formed a cordon around the old man, and they were dancing an Injun ring, around-rosy around him. The magnums were stacked up on the bar three deep, and the contents of the magnums were for anybody that swung along with a thirst.

"What's the matter with old man Lucky? He's all right!" the bunch of dancers around Baldwin were howling at ten-second intervals.

Spinner, returning, saw this stuff and halted. He stood at the entrance to the bar for a minute or so, trying to grasp the meaning of the scene, and then the big white light splattered all over him.

"Gov'nor," he said, hoarsely, trying to slip the 1100dol to Lucky after the cordon had broken up and the jubilant ones were drinking, "I feel bum enough. Don't make it any worse. Don't put nobody hep to it, that's all. I ain't asking f'r a t'ing, Guv'nor, exceptin' please don't put th' gang hep. That'd be worse'n rulin' me off—I'd never git th' last of th' kiddin'."

"Lucky smiled. He was always a magnanimous old fellow, and he never was known to intentionally hurt even a stable boy's feelings.

"In you means with the little roll, son," he whispered to Spinner. "I've had my fun out of it. I wia about ninety thousand to the race if my boys got the money down right, and so it's all right. Your conversation saved me from being a heap nervous before the race, and so you're welcome to your bit."

BOOKMAKERS' ADVERTISEMENTS

ALLEGED BREACH OF THE GAMING ACT.

Arthur Cleave, proprietor of "The Sporting and Dramatic Review," was charged before Mr. R. W. Dyer, S.M., in the Police Court last Friday with committing a breach of the Gaming and Lotteries Act by inserting in his journal "an advertisement or notification whereby it was made to appear that a certain person was willing to give information or advice as to the probable result of any horse race, either in or out of New Zealand, or to make any bet or wager on the result of any such horse race." Mr. Selwyn Mays appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. Clayton defended.

Mr. Mays explained that the information was laid under section 31, subsection 2, of the Gaming and Lotteries Act of 1907. The advertisement referred to ran as follows:—"Arthur Law—turf accountant—Wellington. All correspondence attended to promptly. No reply, no business; unless by special arrangement."

Mr. Mays proceeded to call evidence regarding the meaning of the advertisement, when Mr. Clayton objected that such evidence would be irrelevant. "We are simply concerned with the advertisement," said Mr. Clayton.

The man referred to in the advertisement was, explained Mr. Mays, a well-known Wellington bookmaker. Mr. Clayton admitted that that was so.

Mr. Dyer said he supposed that Mr. Clayton intended him to look upon the matter as if Mr. Cleave had merely received the advertisement, read it, and inserted it, while the prosecution, on the other hand, contended that by reading it Mr. Cleave should have known that it was illegal to publish it.

After reading over the advertisement, Mr. Dyer said that it appeared to him that "turf accountant" was a "swell" name for a bookmaker. "Of course," said his Worship, "it must have some meaning. A man would not pay for its insertion for fun. The sporting public would put a certain translation on it."

Mr. Dyer then said he would like to bear evidence, and Mr. Mays called Sergeant Eales, who stated that he had known the bookmaker referred to for the past eighteen years. Witness's translation of the advertisement was as follows:—"Turf accountant"

(a bookmaker who made bets on horse races); "All correspondence promptly attended to" (the bets were immediately registered by him); "No reply, no business; unless by special arrangements" (if one did not give a reply before the start of a race, unless otherwise agreed upon, there was no bet on).

Mr. Clayton: Supposing that a man who knew nothing about racing were to read that advertisement, would he gather from it what you have told us,

Witness: A man with ordinary intelligence would gather so.

Would you really say that advisedly?—A man must have experience to understand betting.

Detective Cox gave similar evidence.

Mr. Clayton said that he did not propose to call evidence, but contended that no breach had been committed, as the advertisement was not a "straight-out" one. It did not intimate that this man was prepared to bet on such and such a race, as the advertisements did before the passing of the Act.

The section was then read out by Mr. Mays, and Mr. Dyer remarked: "The question is—Is that advertisement a notification?"

Mr. Clayton laid great stress on the words "whereby it is made to appear." He pointed out that the advertisement had been running for years, and produced a recent issue of an English journal of the same nature as "The Sporting and Dramatic Review," which not only contained a full page advertisement from a bookmaker, intimating his willingness to do business on certain and any races, but also included a four-column "write up," pictures being given of the advertiser's offices. Mr. Clayton further mentioned that it was 13 years since any exception had been taken to any of Mr. Cleave's advertisements, and that he had always endeavoured to conform with the law.

Mr. Mays: I believe that this is the first case of its kind in New Zealand.

In delivering his decision, Mr. Dyer stated that to any man or woman who frequented race meetings Sergeant Eales' interpretation of the advertisement was a correct one. The point had been raised by Mr. Clayton that the advertisement must state in straight-out terms that the man was prepared to bet on a horse race. In answer to the question, "Does the advertisement make it appear to the ordinary reader that the advertiser is willing to bet on a horse race?" he (Mr. Dyer) thought that it did. He considered the advertisement to be a notification to the effect that the advertiser was willing to make a bet on any horse race. To him the questionable part was contained in the words, "All correspondence attended to promptly. No reply, no business." A conviction must be entered, but as it was the first case of its kind in the Dominion, he would not inflict a heavy penalty, and would be pleased to offer Mr. Cleave every facility to take the case to a higher Court. "If I am wrong," said Mr. Dyer, "the higher Court will put me right. I shall only inflict a nominal penalty."

His Worship thereupon imposed a fine of £1, and £5 19s. costs.

Fifteen other identical informations against the defendant were withdrawn by Mr. Mays.

WELLINGTON PONY

AND

GALLOWAY RACING CLUB.

To be held on the MIRAMAR RACECOURSE, WELLINGTON, on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th, 1908.

PROGRAMME.

1. ENCOURAGE HANDICAP of 20 sovs., for 14.2 ponies and under. Four furlongs. Entrance, 20s.
 2. MAIDEN HANDICAP of 15 sovs., for ponies and galloways, 15 hands and under, that have never won a race. Four and a-half furlongs. Entrance, 20s.
 3. SPRING CUP of 60 sovs., for all ponies and galloways, 15 hands and under. Seven furlongs. Nomination, 20s.; acceptance, 30s.
 4. WONDERLAND HANDICAP of 25 sovs., for ponies 14.2 hands and under. Four furlongs. Entrance, 20s.
 5. SEPTEMBER HANDICAP of 20 sovs., for ponies 14.3 hands and under. Five and a-half furlongs. Entrance, 20s.
 6. FLYING HANDICAP of 40 sovs., for all ponies and galloways, 15 hands and under. Four and a-half furlongs. Nomination, 20s.; acceptance, 20s.
- Entries close MONDAY, 14th September, 9 p.m. Official programme in "N.Z. ber," 9 p.m. Official programme in "N.Z. Next Meeting" with a similar programme will be held on the 17th October, followed by Meetings every month throughout the season.
- J. M. CUMMING,
Managing Steward and Secretary.

COURSING.

The North New Zealand Coursing Club bring the season to a conclusion at Middlemore Park, Otahuhu, next Saturday afternoon, when the Champion Stake, a 16-dog event, will be decided. If the stake fills properly there should be some excellent sport shown.

At the Dunedin Plumpton Coursing Club's smoke concert, strong exception was taken to the Bill now before the House concerning the stopping of Plumpton coursing. It was stated that the mortality among the hares was very low. At the last Oamaru meeting there was only one kill throughout the whole meeting.

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 SIRE'S PRODUCE STAKES (Second), a sweepstake of Sires' subscriptions, with 1000sovs added. For two and three-year-olds. Two-year-olds 7st 1lb, 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, Soult, Papakura, Royal Artillery, Stepniak, Conqueror, Renown, Quarryman, Multiforum, Kilcheran, Birchenhead, Martian, Field Battery, Merriwee.

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.

At Rooty Hill, Sydney, it is no uncommon occurrence to run through a meeting with only 5 per cent. of kills. There was a far greater number of hares killed in open coursing, the percentage ranging from 70 to 90 per cent. It is only one more instance of so-called legislators tinkering with subjects on which they know nothing.

GLENORA PARK

STUD.

SEASON 1908.



The following Stallions will be at the Service of Breeders this season at Glenora Park:—

SOULT

(IMP.), BROWN HORSE BY ST. SIMON —BEAUHARNAIS, BY SEE SAW.

Terms: 40 gns. List Full. During his stud career the descendants of Soult have won stakes to the value of over £55,000.

GLUTEN

(IMP.), DARK CHESTNUT BY THERIO —BRAN BREAD, BY SEE SAW.

Terms: 10 gns. Single Mare. Reduction for two mares the property of one owner.

GLUTEN is regarded as one of the most promising young stallions imported to Australasia, and his yearlings, sold in March, 1906 and 1907, at Melbourne, were highly thought of, one of the number realising top price.

GLUTEN was a fine performer on the turf, amongst his wins being the Lingfield Welter Plate (11st.), Birmingham Autumn Handicap, Gatwick Oval Handicap (two miles), and Goodwood Stakes (2½ miles). In India he won the Bangalore Cup (1¾ miles), carrying 9st. 4lb. GLUTEN'S STOCK SHOW GREAT PROMISE, AND ARE RACING WELL IN AUSTRALIA.

Amongst some of his stock are Glucose, who won, besides other races, the Gang Forward Stakes in Adelaide last season, and Filament, who won the Adelaide Stakes of 1908, 7 fur., 300 sovs.

An inspection of this horse's Yearlings cordially invited.

COACHING STALLION.

MERRY PRINCE, 3 years old, by Merry Boy, dam Queenie, by Muskapeer out of Norah.

This is a fine-looking young horse, and Merry Boy's Stock have proved themselves as first-class hacks and harness horses in the Waikato.

Terms: 3 guineas. Every care taken, but no responsibility incurred.

For further particulars apply to W. WALTERS, Glenora Park, Papakura.

CAMBRIA PARK

STUD.

TO STAND THIS SEASON AT CAMBRIA PARK.



CHESTNUT HORSE.

OBLIGADO

(16), 1895 (IMP.).

By Orville 13 (by Ormonde 16, winner of 2000 Guineas, Derby, and St. Leger, and never beaten; from Shotover, winner of 2000 Guineas and Derby) from The Flit, by Trappist 1 (a great horse up to a mile, and sire of l'Abesse de Jouarre, winner of the Oaks); from Frouvilly (three-quarter sister in blood to Lily Agnes, the dam of Ormonde, and granddam of Sceptre and Colbar).

OBLIGADO is a magnificent horse. Through both his sire and dam he descends from the great Agnes' family, which has produced those successful sires and racehorses, Ormonde, Star Ruby, Colbar, Muncaster, Kendal, Zinfandel, St. Gatien, Marcion, Martagon, Andree, Knight of Snowdon, etc., and the following famous mares—Sceptre, Ornament, Farewell, Bonny Jean, l'Abbessee de Jouarre, Lily Agnes, Philomel, Laodamia, Little Agnes, Maid, Zsupan, Edeldame, Ahnenprobe, Maria, etc., etc. His youngsters are very sound, nice movers, possess perfect tempers, and plenty of size.

With most moderate opportunities, OBLIGADO has sired a number of winners, including Zetland, Pensive, Cathron, Lady de Vere, Little Medalist, Miss Adare, Flavour, Octave, Red Mo'n, and Rosebloom, winners of nearly £4000 in stakes.

A valuable horse to mate with mares possessing St. Simon blood, such as daughter's of Soult and Cyrenian.

Limited to 30 mares, including the owners.

Fee: 12 guineas.

BAY HORSE

HIERARCH

(12), 1904.

By Cyrenian 10 (St. Simon 11—Daisy Chain)—Miss Annie (dam of Lady Annie, Annette, Cambrian, and Terrazini), by Seaton Delaval 4 (sire of Nonette, Gladstone, etc.)—First Love (dam of Lady Avon, etc.)—by Nordenfeldt 13 (V.R.C. and A.J.C. Derbies, etc.)—Fish-girl (dam of Swordfish 11, etc.), by Yattendon 17 (sire of Grand Fleuret and Chester)—Fanny Fisher (dam of Torpedo, etc.), by Fisherman 11 (winner of 70 acres, and sire of Angler, Fishhook, etc.).

This pedigree shows an unbroken line of the best running blood.

Limited to 20 mares, including the owner's, at a fee of 10 guineas.

Further particulars to Stud Groom, Cambria Park, Papakura; or to E. A. Price, Buchanan's Buildings, Albert st., Auckland.

THE FOOTBALL WORLD.

AUCKLAND R.V. FIXTURES.

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

AUCKLAND V. TARANAKI.

The third match in which the Auckland representatives were this season called upon to defend the Ranfurly Shield was contested at Alexandra Park on Saturday, when the Taranaki fifteen, challengers, made an unsuccessful attempt to wrest the coveted trophy from the present holders. After handsomely defeating the Wellington representatives by 15 points to nil, the Taranaki men were expected to put up a very tough fight against the Aucklanders, but from the expiration of the first quarter of an hour's play until the call of time the issue cannot be said to have ever been in doubt, the blue and white combination proving too solid for their opponents. The match was played in the finest of weather, the only disadvantage being a fairly strong breeze which was not very favourable for kicking operations, but despite the anticipations of a hard-fought game, only 8000 persons were induced to put in an appearance at the Park. The small attendance can perhaps be attributed to the fact that, owing to the many big matches that have been played here this season, enthusiasm is now on the wane. Saturday's game, however, did not by any means provide the onlookers with the keen and exciting exhibition which many were looking forward to, and after a short period of play the prediction that Auckland would win appeared to be a foregone conclusion. Great achievements were expected of the Taranaki backs, wherein the strength of the team from the butter country is chiefly centred, but the splendid work of the Auckland forwards afforded the amber and black rear division comparatively few opportunities of distinguishing themselves. Realising that their success lay in making the game a forward one, the Aucklanders kept play very close; and though this was a sure means of placing a victory to their credit—the blue and white forwards, as is well known, being quite powerful enough to do justice to a New Zealand team—it nevertheless had the effect of considerably spoiling the match from a spectator's point of view. The Taranaki forwards were a weighty lot, but were unable to show up to advantage against so formidable opponents as Francis, Cunningham, Seeling and Co., whose tactics were far superior both in the scrum and in the open to those of the amber and blacks. The Auckland backs gave a good account of themselves, their handling of the ball being smart and certain, and they suffered nothing by comparison with the Taranaki rear division, who were but seldom seen on the attack. The final score: Auckland 9, Taranaki 0, indicates that there is very little difference in the strength of the relative sides, the winners managing to secure tries on only two occasions. A noticeable feature of the play of the Auckland fifteen in Saturday's match was the passing of the ball over the shoulder, a practice that was followed with no end of success, the various members of the team displaying splendid judgment in this respect. Now that the Auckland representatives have defeated Wellington and Taranaki, the result of both matches being convincing as to the merits of the teams engaged, there can be little doubt regarding their ability to keep the Ranfurly Shield in their possession for the present season at least.

During the course of the afternoon West's Band rendered a musical programme, the various selections being of an enlivening nature and being greatly enjoyed by those in attendance.

The teams lined out as follows:—
Auckland:—Fullback: A. Renwick. Three-quarters: F. Wilson, G. Murray, J. Johnson. Five-eighths: G. Bater and R. Magee. Halfback:

J. Morse. Forwards: G. Gillett (captain, wing), F. Herring, J. McGuire, A. Francis, W. Cunningham, G. Nicholson, C. Seeling, H. Hayward.

Taranaki: Fullback: A. Hardgraves. Three-quarters, C. Sheahan, D. Cameron, and E. Dive. Five-eighths: J. Hunter (captain) and H. Mynott. Halfback: B. Frewin. Forwards: J. Colman (wing), H. Whittington, C. Kane, Tamu, Pukere, J. Crowley, H. Rothery, and J. O'Sullivan.

Mr J. Williams, of Dunedin, controlled the game in a most able manner and his decisions gave no cause for dispute.

Auckland, winning the toss, elected to play with the wind and sun behind their backs in the first spell, and for the greater part of the time were engaged on the attack. The bright sun was a source of trouble to the Taranaki men, while the stiff breeze which they had to face hampered their kicking to no small extent. Colman set the ball rolling for the amber and blacks, Gillett returning into touch. The game had only been

and with a dodgy run, eluded a number of Taranaki men, and on reaching the full-back, jumped over him and scored amid a scene of wild enthusiasm. Magee failed to add the major points. Just before the close of the spell, the Taranaki backs indulged in a likely-looking passing run, but solid tackling by Murray, frustrated their efforts to get over and half-time was called with the score:

Auckland	6 points.
Taranaki	0 points.

With the weather conditions in their favour in the second half, it was thought Taranaki would prove a source of trouble to the Aucklanders, but on the contrary the home team still continued to assert their superiority. Play had not been long in progress, when from a penalty kick Colman had an unsuccessful attempt at goal from about half-way. Taranaki then took a turn at attacking, but without success, the Auckland backs breaking away with a neat passing run, and the leather,

the other's defence, the game ended in favour of the Auckland representatives by 9 points to nil.

For Auckland Renwick, at full-back, was responsible for some fine line-kicking, but on the other hand detracted from the merit of his display by waiting on more than one occasion for the ball to bounce. No fault could be found with the three-quarter line, Wilson Murray and Johnson proving a reliable trio and all putting in some sound work. The last-named player's solid tackling is a treat to witness and is a very strong feature of his play. R. Magee, at five-eighths was a veritable tiger for work and he played a most serviceable game throughout. Bater, the other five-eighths, lost no time in smothering the opposing backs, and his services in this respect were invaluable. Morse, at half, gave further proof of his capabilities in that position, and left nothing to cavil at.

It is unnecessary to single out any of the forwards for individual mention, as one and all grafted like Trojans. Gillett, on the wing, was, however, the hero of the match, the popular Auckland skipper being always in the thick of it and playing up to the top of his form.

Of the Taranaki backs, Hargraves, at full, was below his usual form in the first spell, but in the second half rendered a much better account of himself, his powerful kicking particularly proving very effective. Of the three-quarters Sheahan had the most work to do but was only responsible for an ordinary exhibition. Dive and Cameron seldom got any chances, but each of them made the most of what came his way. Cameron would undoubtedly have shone out had he played on the wing-three-quarter instead of centre. Hunter, at five-eighths, gave a very heady display, his "corkscrew" runs and clever tricks baffling the Aucklanders a good deal. Mynott was a tower of strength to the Taranaki team at five-eighths, and his work throughout was of a very creditable order. Frewin, at half, was not a success in the position and his exhibition was of a rather poor standard.

Whittington and O'Sullivan were the pick of the forwards, both men playing rattling good games. Colman, on the wing, spoilt his display by off-side tactics. Still he rendered good service for his side by paying special attention to the Auckland skipper.

JUNIOR REPS. V. WAIUKU.

Prior to the Auckland-Taranaki match a "curtain raiser" was played between the Auckland junior representatives and a team from Waiuku. In previous years the contest between these two teams has always formed a keenly-fought-out struggle, and Saturday's game proved no exception to the rule. The match was not one calculated to arouse a great deal of excitement, but both teams, however, were very evenly matched. In the first spell Fricker scored a try for the junior reps, while Middleton got over for Waiuku, and neither of the tries being converted half-time was sounded with the score equal—three points each. In the second half the only score obtained was a try for the junior reps. by Smith, making the home team winners by 6 points to 3.

NOTES.

It is stated that the tour of the Australian team to the United Kingdom will cost £9000.

Thus the Sydney "Referee":—"In the forwards of the Anglo-Welsh team there is no one with the bounce and ubiquity of D. R. Bedell-Sivright and A. F. Harding, of four years ago. It has been stated in New Zealand that the British team is superior to Sivright's. So far as form in Sydney indicates, there is a big difference between the two teams, with that of 1904 the stronger. There cannot be any two opinions on that point.

E. Booth, the ex-Otago player, who has been residing in Sydney of late, left with the Australian Rugby team for England a couple of weeks ago. Booth is going on private business,



MR GEORGE GILLETT, the Auckland skipper, whose fine play on Saturday did much to win the game against Taranaki.

in progress a few minutes when Colman was penalised for off-side play, Auckland being awarded a free kick, but Francis' shot proved fruitless. Soon after Bater took a mark, and Magee being entrusted with the kick, made an unsuccessful attempt. Taranaki then attacked hotly and lost a certain score as the result of one of the forwards knocking the ball on. A forward rush by the Aucklanders gave promise of ending in a score, but Gillett, at the critical moment, knocked the ball on. Seeling shortly after lost a certain try by failing to take a pass when in close proximity to the goal line. Play onwards was mostly confined to the forwards who got to work vigorously, until finally Colman getting off-side, Auckland were given a free kick. Gillett took the shot and kicked a splendid goal. A period of open play followed, in which the excitement of the barrackers reached fever heat. The next incident of note was a line-out, in which Gillett obtained the ball,

finding its way into Johnson's possession, the speedy Goldfields three-quarter sprinted down the line and when about to be tackled transferred the ball over his shoulder to Murray, who took the pass in fine style and ran in and scored Auckland's second try. Gillett's kick at goal proved a failure. From the kick off at quarter way the Aucklanders carried matters into Taranaki's 25 and Seeling, with a determined dash, dived over at the corner flag, but in doing so was shoved into touch. Shortly after Hardgraves, the amber and black full-back, securing the leather at halfway, attempted a pot at goal, the kick, though not successful, being a highly praiseworthy one. A passing run by the Auckland forwards resulted in Nicholson being collared and falling over the line, the referee ordering a scrum, from which the visitors heeled the ball out and forced. The remainder of the spell was not of a very exciting character, and neither side succeeding in breaking through

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.

Dyke, the British full-back, who failed to show his true form in New

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 Rangiora 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 with 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.

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BOXING.

Chas. Bailey launched a very handsome steamer on Saturday morning. She is named the Tui Rangi and is intended for the Northern River trade. This latest addition to the Sellars-Allen line is 92ft long, with a beam of 18ft and a draught of 6ft and has a 150h.p. triple expansion engine.

It transpires that in the great race between the champion crews of the Louisiana and Illinois, which took place when the battleships were in Port Jackson, the Louisiana's boat only weighed 1000 lbs., to the Illinois' 1400 lbs. which accounts for the easy win.

G. Reid is building a 30ft launch to be driven by a 6 h.p. Buffalo engine.

Dick Arnst returned to New Zealand by the s.s. Ulmaroa on that boat's last trip.

THE RUDDER CUP.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE RACE.

The Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron have adopted the following conditions to govern the race for the Rudder Cup, presented by Mr W. Fleming Day, editor of "The Rudder." The course will be from the Queen's Wharf round Sail Rock (Tuturu) and return, a distance of 110 knots. Sail Rock, it may be pointed out, is between Bream Tail Point and the Hen (Taranga) the largest island of the Hen and Chickens group. The race is for cruising boats of not less than 25ft water line and with a water line breadth of not less than one-fifth of the water line length. A cruising boat is one built and used for cruising. It must have a cabin containing sleeping, cooking, and general accommodation for crew.

An explosive engine operated by gasoline, kerosene or alcohol, must be the motive power. The boat must be fitted with solid propellers, adjustable or reversible propellers, will not be allowed.

The crew, which shall not be changed during the race, must consist of not less than four persons, two of whom may be paid hands; steering and running of engine to be performed by amateurs only. In the event of the owner not being on board during the race, he must be represented by a member of a recognised club. Names and vocations of the crew must be given. Each boat must carry or tow a dinghy at least 8ft long, must carry two anchors and gear. Side and other lights required by the Board of Trade, a life preserver for each member of the crew, compass, charts, lead line, buckets and at least one fire extinguisher.

Racers may enter any port and anchor, if necessary through stress of weather, but must enter and leave under their own power. Any racer accepting a tow will be disqualified.

Each captain must keep a log to be handed to the committee within twelve hours of finishing.

Boats carrying sails of any description must have them sealed by the committee before the start, and seals must be intact at the finish.

The committee reserve the right to reject any entry if, in their judgment, the boat is not a bona fide, seaworthy craft, or whose status is not in accord with the rules. The race, which will be the biggest affair of the kind ever held in N.Z., will take place in December next, and a large entry is anticipated.

In connection with the above conditions I cannot help thinking that two of them should be amended. One of these is the proviso that the running of the engines must be performed by an amateur. This will probably bar such boats as the Vanora, Waitiri and other bona fide cruisers from entering. Where owners regularly employ a man to look after the engines, that man should be allowed. Such owners should not be driven to hunt up an amateur to run the engines, as the thing is unreasonable. The other regulation is the one prohibiting sails. Now this is to be an ocean race given solely with the idea of encouraging ocean cruising for which sails are a necessity. Then why bar them? Because some owners are so foolish as to go cruising without any sail power to help them back to port in the event of mishap, is that any reason why the more sensible owners should be penalised? In the New York to Bermuda race the vessels carried sail, as was the case in the London to Cowes race. To bar their use is to do away with one of the very conditions for which the cup was given, viz., for a cruising race under cruising conditions.

Messrs Osborn and Jerdan took a biograph picture of the Burns-Squires match with a specially constructed camera within a camera, 4ft by 4ft. The length of the film was about half a mile, and the whole of the night was occupied in developing it.

Burns will very likely fight Jack Johnson, the coloured pugilist, in Australia.

THE END OF THE BIG FIGHT.

After giving an enthusiastic account of the world's championship between Burns and Squires, the Sydney "Referee" tells of the final round as follows:—

After some light exchanges they got together, and Burns unwittingly held with the left while he punched the right to the chin twice, then his left stabbed the stomach, and the fighting was high-strung again. Squires sent a light left to the chin in the break-away, and when they got close once more Burns brought a short-arm right jolt to chin, while Squires' head was almost against Tommy's breast. Poor Bill dropped to a sitting posture, and as he leaned over blood came from his mouth. At "eight" the plucky fellow stood again, and mixed it to the king's taste. Oh, how that crowd roared its joy! Burns' right hit the jaw hard, and Squires was down again on one knee for "eight." Hardly was he erect than he floundered about, and while dazed ducked an imaginary blow. Then Burns' right crashed on the back of his neck, and, falling flat on his stomach, Squires was counted out to recover a few seconds later. Bill's was a gallant effort all the time, and the great volume of applause that rose at the moment was as much for the vanquished as the victor.

THE WORLD'S CHAMPION.

"TOMMY BURNS"
(Noah Brusso).

Born June 17, 1881, at Hanover, Canada. Height, 5ft 7in. In Tommy Burns we have, for the first time in the history of boxing, a world's heavy-weight champion who is not of English, Irish, or American descent (says the "Referee"); he is a native of Hanover, Canada—born on June 17, 1881—and of French-German extraction, his father being of the first-mentioned nationality. Tommy owes all his development, his quickness, and his remarkable endurance to the great Canadian game Lacrosse, of which he was so capable a devotee at the age of 12 as to be considered good enough for Chesley's (a town whither his parents had shifted their residence) representative team; the other members were full-grown men. Lacrosse held the lad and then the man in a close grip, so great was his infatuation for it, but still he found time to win distinction at football, skating, swimming, diving, baseball, basketball, and even hockey—truly an all-round top-notch. Burns got into the boxing business by the merest accident; he became a member of the Detroit Athletic Club, and soon afterwards, while a spectator on the occasion of a special "boxing night," offered to fill the breach caused by an absent entrant, and won his first public fight in the fifth round.

The die having been cast, Tommy determined to woo fortune; how he fared will be told as briefly as possible. His first two fights of consequence took place less than eight years ago, and were with Fran Thornton, who was knocked out on both occasions. For a good while (a couple of years) Burns continued to win, and received his first check at Detroit, in 1902, at the hands of Mike Schreck, then voted a more than probable world's champion. Subsequently, however, Tommy enjoyed a large measure of success, and men of the calibre of Jim O'Brien, Dick Smith, Tom McCune, Jimmy Duggan, Jack Butler, and Jack O'Donnell fell victims to his superior powers. The Canadian's next reverse was through the agency of Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, at Milwaukee, on October 7, 1904, when O'Brien gained a points decision, and Jack ("Twin") Sullivan scored similarly within a few days of exactly twelve months later. Since then Burns has won every battle, and defeated, among others, Dave Barry (twice), Marvin Hart (who claimed the world's championship after vanquishing the big negro, Jack Johnson,

Jim Flynn (who since accounted for Bill Squires), Bill Squires (thrice), Gunner Moir, and the Irish champion Jem Roche, whose downfall was brought about within one round.

Jack O'Brien, on December 20 1905, out-pointed and badly defeated Bob Fitzsimmons (upon whose shoulders the championship mantle had fallen owing to Jeffries' retirement) in thirteen rounds, and on November 28 of the following year O'Brien and Burns met at Los Angeles, with the result that, after twenty fierce rounds had been contested, the referee's verdict was a draw. Burns claimed he should have had the decision, and tried hard and successfully for a second meeting with the lawyer pugilist, which took place in the following May, and Tommy gathered the honours contested, with attendant spoil, on points.

Tommy Burns as may be seen by his list of battles to follow has been the busiest world's heavy-weight champion ring history wots of. While his latter day predecessors almost invariably went "on the road," as monologue entertainers or "actors," with vaudeville or theatrical companies, and gave sparring displays the while, Burns, like the cobbler, stuck to his last, and took on all comers as fast as they happened along, with the result that he has already acquired ample to not only keep the wolf from the door, but enable him to live on "easy street" till his "hour" peters out.

The present world's champion has a long reach for one of his height, and both his weapons are solid and effective; he is broad-shouldered, as tough and enduring as any heavy-weight in the game, and can take a world of punching without losing a grain of grit.

Burns' record is as follows:—

Year	Opponent	Location	Result
1900.	K—F. Thornton	Detroit	5 Rds.
	K—F. Thornton	Delray	5
1901.	K—B. Walsh	Detroit	5
	K—A. Steele	Detroit	2
	K—E. Sholtreau	Detroit	1
	K—B. Walsh	Detroit	6
	W—D. Smith	Mt. Clemens	10
1902.	K—Smith	Mt. Clemens	9
	K—Phillips	Lansing	9
Sep. 19	K—O'Donnell	Butler, Ind.	8
	W—McCune	Detroit	10
Nov. 29	L—Schreck	Detroit	10
1903.	W—O'Brien	Delray	10
Mar. 26	K—Smith	Delray	2
Mar. 26	K—Phillips	Delray	3
	K—Peppers	Detroit	2
	K—McCune	Detroit	7
	K—Duggan	Houghton	9
Oct. 25	D—Houghton	Houghton	10
	K—Hammond	S. Ste. Marie	3
	K—Butler	St. Ste. Marie	2
	K—O'Donnell	Evanston	11
1904.	K—O'Grady	Detroit	5
	K—Shrosbee	Chicago	3
Feb. 27	D—Schreck	Milwaukee	6
	D—Caponi	Chicago	6
	W—Caponi	Chicago	6
	K—Ward	Salt Lake	1
Aug. 20	K—Kelly	Tacoma	4
Sep. 16	D—Woods	Seattle	15
Oct. 7	L—O'Brien	Milwaukee	6
Dec. 2	K—Indian Joe	Ballard, Wash.	6
1905.	Mar. 7—D—Sullivan	Tacoma	20
	May 3—W—Barry	Tacoma	20
	Jun 7—D—Kelly	Detroit	10
	July 2—D—Kelly	Los Angeles	20
	Aug. 31—K—Barry	San Francisco	20
	Oct. 17—L—Sullivan	Los Angeles	20
1906.	Feb. 23—W—Hart	Los Angeles	20
	Mar. 28—K—O'Brien	San Diego	1
	Mar. 28—K—Walker	San Diego	1
	Oct. 2—K—Flynn	Los Angeles	15
	Nov. 28—D—O'Brien	Los Angeles	20
1907.	Jan. 10—W—Grimm	Philadelphia	3
	May—W—O'Brien	Los Angeles	20
	July 4—K—Squires	San Francisco	1
	Dec. 2—K—Moir	London	10
1908.	Feb. 12—K—Palmer	London	4
	Mar. 17—K—Roche	Dublin (88s.)	5
	Apr. 18—K—Smith	Paris	1
	Jun. 13—K—Squires	Paris	8
	Aug. 24—K—Squires	Sydney	13

THE LIGHT-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

BATTLING NELSON BEATS GANS.

Joe Gans, the negro, and Battling Nelson, met on Independence Day in America to fight for the light-weight championship of the world. The fight took place in the same ring that Burns and Squires used. The purse was, of course, a heavy one. Both men weighed in at 133lb, the stipulated weight, and there were as many present as when the heavies fought the previous year. In previous battles Gans had proved himself slightly better than Nelson, but in his last few fights he had shaped as though his punches had become less deadly than they were. His friends thought, however, that he had gained in knowledge and most of the wiseacres laid considerable odds on Gans. One believer in Nelson took all he could get at this price, and won a considerable stake. In these light-weight encounters, the spectators generally get a good show for their money.

Burns settled Squires in less than a round. Gans and Nelson were expected to go about 20 rounds, and they went seventeen. From the first Gans failed to shape like an odds on chance. He did not take the lead, as was expected. On the contrary, Nelson, who can stand a tremendous amount of punishment, was dealing out as much as he received. Gans, in fact, was soon playing second fiddle. At the end of the seventh round it seemed plain that Nelson would win bar accident. There was no accident. Gans fought on and here and there made a rally, but even when most successful he did not make much impression on Nelson. He was thoroughly exhausted towards the finish, and could hardly walk to the centre of the ring. In the 17th round his legs would not hold him up any longer, and a slight blow sent him to the floor from which he could not rise. In spite of the one-sidedness of the contest, Gans and Nelson are matched to fight again on September 9. Gans claims that he can train better than he did for the fourth of July fight. Next time, of course, the thick end of the purse (30,000 odd dollars) will go to Nelson. He is to get 20,000 dollars and Gans 10,000 dollars.

HOCKEY.

The following will represent Auckland against Wellington on Saturday:—

- Goal: N. Howell (Auckland B).
- Full backs: F. S. Shiriffs (captain, United), H. B. Speight (University).
- Halfbacks: J. R. C. Badham (St. George), D. K. Porter (United), V. C. Kavanagh (Auckland A).
- Forwards: H. O. Welham (United), R. W. Barry (United), F. R. Mason (Auckland A), H. W. Mather (Auckland A), W. Brooke-Smith (Auckland A).
- Emergencies: Forwards, N. R. Jacobsen (University), L. Alderton (University); half-back, E. V. Spear (Auckland A); full back, E. G. Whitley (Auckland A).

The interprovincial match between Auckland and Wanganui will take place at Remuera on Saturday week.

Y.M.C.A. have won the First Junior Championship, the same club also carrying off the Second Junior Championship.

Thames defeated Paeroa on Saturday by 6 goals to 1.

By defeating Ladies' College on Saturday, Moana have won the Ladies' Championship. Their record for the season is 36 goals for and 2 against. Ladies' College have also shown good form this season, having hit 21 goals and had four scored against them.

The big tournament for ladies commences in Wellington on Friday. It is expected that there will be at least 130 visitors, the members of nine teams. Only those clubs whose entry has been authorised by the association controlling hockey in the district are allowed to take part. The senior clubs sending teams are the Hawke's Bay, Wairarapa, Nelson, Christchurch, and Otago, and the junior are the Otaki, Wairarapa, Napier, and Wanganui Clubs. On September 7 there is to be a conference of delegates from all the ladies' hockey associations in N.Z., when it is hoped that a New Zealand ladies' hockey association will be formed, which can make uniform rules for all clubs represented, and settle various minor points on which there is now a difference of opinion.

NEXT SATURDAY'S BIG MATCH.

Great preparations are being made for the interprovincial match next Saturday between Auckland and Wellington when it may be expected that the latter will make most determined efforts to wrest away the shield from the Blue and Whites. The match is to be played at Victoria Park, and if the weather proves fine, should attract a very large attendance. Auckland will be represented by the team which has done so well in the past, and may be depended upon to make every effort to hold the shield. The Wellington players, who are due in Auckland to-morrow morning from New Plymouth, are a fine and fast lot and their supporters expect them to win. The team will be as follows:

- Goal: Sanders.
- Fullbacks: C. Hickson, T. Brewer.
- Halfbacks: Exley, Reid, Christie.
- Forwards: Smythe, Dixon, Thompson, Elliot, Willis.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

Messrs. T. H. Pardington, club captain, and R. J. Sutherland, chairman, have presented the Onehunga Club with a handsome silver mounted challenge shield, the winner on each occasion to receive a gold medal. The committee meet next Friday, when a date will be fixed for the first race for the shield. Mr. Chas. Bagley, president, has promised another trophy for competition, and others are expected.

The Eden Cycling Club and Onehunga Cycling Touring Club had a very enjoyable combined run to Lake Takapuna on Sunday.

The first of this season's big New South Wales road races was carried to a successful issue over the Bathurst-Sydney road a distance of 133 1/2 miles under ideal weather conditions. Out of an entry of 126 riders, 98 started, the scratchmen, T. Larcombe and G. Horder conceding starts extending out to 80 minutes. The race, which was organised by the Continental Co., was run under the rules and management of the League of New South Wales. The event attracted a big crowd at the start, and great interest along the route. Early in the race, Patterson (45 minutes) and Turner (48 minutes) took the lead, and were never afterwards headed, A. S. Turner (Goulburn) winning easily from P. Patterson (Springwood), with A. J. Hyslop (52 mins.) third. The winner's time was 8 hours 4 min., whilst Patterson covered the course in 8 hours 15 min. 7 secs. Both the first and second men rode Dunlop Tyres. T. Larcombe, who last year won the fastest time and the Australian Road Championship in the Dunlop road race from Warraambool to Melbourne, again proved what a great road rider he is, by establishing fastest time, by covering the course in the good time of 7 hrs. 53 mins. 40 secs., and finishing fourteenth from scratch.

From a conversation the writer had with a recent visitor to Europe, who had exceptional opportunities of witnessing the Grand Prix Motor Race held in France last month, one can realise the enormous cost of such an event to the big tyre firms who lay themselves out to win such a contest at all cost. In the event under notice, one firm tyred 32 cars, and what those 32 cars eat up in rubber during the 478 miles' race only those who came into intimate touch with the contestants can have any idea. My informant stated that after one lap (47 1/2 miles) he saw one driver

change 9 tyres, four new ones for the wheels and five spares for another five torn to pieces during the lap. Such havoc in tyres can hardly be conceived, for under average touring conditions, similar tyres would have a life of about 3000 miles each, but the stress of tearing around curves at 60 and 70 miles an hour and the desperate application of brakes, together with the terrific heat engendered simply melts the tyres in a few miles. At an average it would be under the mark to state that each contestant used up six sets of tyres, which would bring the tyre bill of the firm who tyred 32 cars up to a figure that would leave little change out of £7000. They call motor racing the "Sport of Kings"—the "Sport of Millionaires" would be more appropriate.

A novel idea, being nothing more or less than a reliability bicycle test, has been suggested, and will probably be carried out by one of the leading English cycle clubs. The idea is to organise a 24 hours' run, in which a scheduled speed of 10 miles an hour must be maintained. The event to be opened to all cyclists: Special arrangements to be made along the proposed route—London to Bath and back for food supplies, etc. The proposal has been favorably received by English cyclists. After the Dunlop Rubber Co. have run off all their big road races for the season they may consider the advisability of organising similar runs in New South Wales, and Victoria, awarding time medallions to all who finish the scheduled course within the time allowance.

According to the results issued by the League of Victorian Wheelmen in connection with the recent 100 miles Victorian Cycle Traders' Road Race, 140 riders out of the 218 starters won time medallions by covering the course under seven hours. The protest against J. Jenkins, the winner, for alleged assistance at Kellor, was not sustained, and the result stands good.

Particulars are to hand from America of a big three event match between Henri Mayer (the German champion who raced in Australia a few years back) and A. J. Clark, the Australasian champion, that was recently decided at Salt Lake City Saucer Track. The match demonstrated that while Clarke has played plenty of speed he needs more match racing experience, before he will be able to class as a World's champion in every respect. French style was employed and the efforts of Mayer and Clarke to keep from falling off their wheels created some amusement. The German crack, who affects a fondness for odd stockings, proved the better trick rider and each time he forced the Australian to take the lead. Clarke won the first heat and Mayer took the second. Then the final was started and there was considerable delay at the start, as neither man wanted to take the lead. When a quarter of the way around the track on the first lap Clarke stopped and held on to the rail for support, balancing himself on his bicycle until Clarke was ordered by the referee to let go the rail. It was a bitter fight then for eight laps, but the German got the jump on Clarke on the last lap and won the heat and match by a half wheel's length.

BILLIARDS.

A very convenient billiard room for Auckland players is the Zealandia, next door to His Majesty's Arcade. The proprietors are Messrs Shaw and Kinsey, who see to it that every attention is paid to visitors, and, as there are five well-kept tables, those who visit the rooms have not to wait for a game.

THE GRAYS.

The Gray combination is now at Gisborne and will probably arrive here next Saturday. During the trip through from Wellington to Napier, young Harry Gray appeared in thirteen engagements during eighteen days, and showed consistently good form. A beautifully put-together 208 was his best effort, but he exceeded the century on numerous occasions. The combination will appear at the Newton saloon on Monday next, and at His Majesty's saloon, Denham St., on Wednesday. Billiard lovers should certainly have a look at this boy wonder.

THE AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

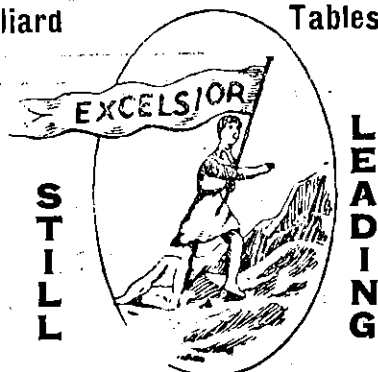
This event is to start on Monday, September 14 next, entries closing on Saturday next. The Victorian Amateur Billiard Association have nominated A. H. Tricks as their representative, while J. B. Belfield will represent New South Wales. Invitations have been sent by Mr. J. E. Barlow (hon. secretary, Australian Buildings, Melbourne) to the amateur bodies in Perth, Brisbane, Adelaide, Launceston, Hobart, Dunedin, Wellington, Christchurch, and Auckland; but it is unlikely that there will be any competitors outside Messrs. Belfield and Tricks, in which event the game will be 3000 up in five sessions over three days.

THE N.S.W. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The amateur championship of the State has not changed hands, says the "Sydney Referee." The previous holder, J. B. Belfield, was again triumphant by a margin of no less than 674 points. He deserved the victory, for in every phase of billiards, with the exception of winning hazards, he soared away from his opponent. The average of 14.38 put up has never been excelled in a game of 2000 up in Australia by an amateur; and in searching through my records I cannot trace any better performance in an English final, although it has been exceeded in a few heats in preliminary games. Had Belfield been in good health during the second session, I have not the slightest doubt but that he would have knocked championship records "galley west."

There can be no doubt about Belfield's skill as a billiardist. He is quite in the professional class. In fact, outside three or four who make their living at billiards, the amateur champion is the best player in Australia today. Hubert Rumball, who has battled so frequently and well in these

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events since their inauguration, hardly displayed his old-time skill, and at no time during the contest did he fill the eye as a likely winner. It may be that his cueistic powers are on the wane.

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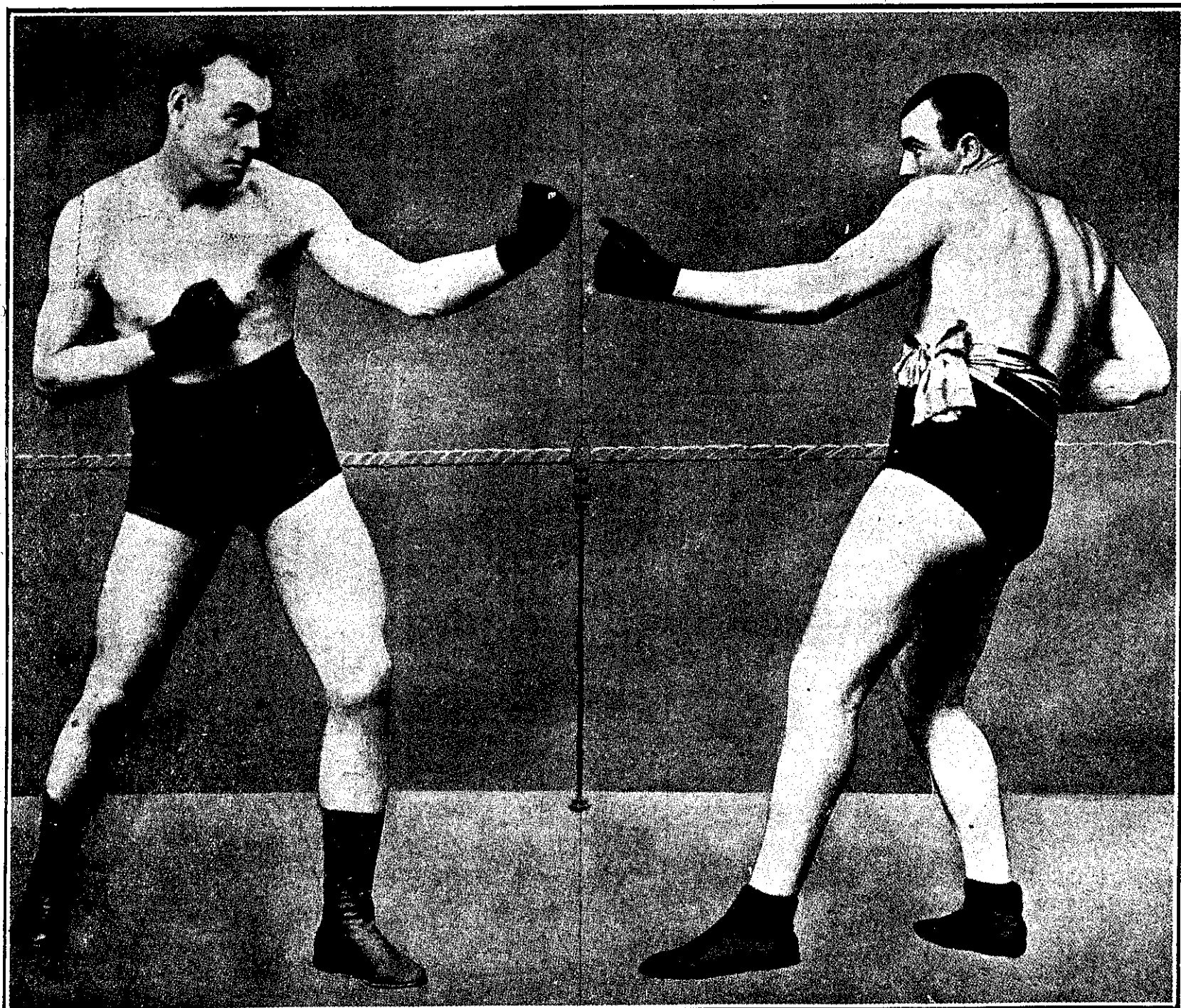


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THE STAGE

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

"THE MERRYMAKERS."

Messrs. G. P. Huntley and H. Clayton's English Company, who aptly call themselves "The Merry-makers," and who have been touring the Dominion under the direction of Messrs. J. and N. Tait, opened for a short season at His Majesty's on Monday, before a full house. The entertainment, which in reality consists of refined vaudeville, was of a very bright character, the only flaw, so far as the programme was concerned, being that too many of the items had been heard many times before. Unfortunately, on Monday night, a few hoodlums, who laboured under the entirely mistaken idea that they were being funny, interrupted the performance, and generally made themselves a source of annoyance to the audience. "The Merry-makers," who were brightly arrayed as pierrots and pierrettes, introduced themselves in an amusing concerted number. Miss Doris Lind sang brightly "Looking for a Needle in a Haystack," with chorus. Mr. Gavin Wood's song, "Sandy McClusky," had been given so often when the Brescians were here that it lacked novelty, although the chorus effect was humorous enough. His other vocal contribution, "Drinking," has also been done to death. Miss Elsie Williams sang with good effect the comic song, "Mr. Schneider," and later on "Flies Round the Honeypot," with buzzing chorus. Mr. Sam Walsh's few remarks on "Music" were of a highly diverting character, and he also proved to be a pianist of considerable ability. His amusing monologue during the second half of the programme was unfortunately marred by the discreditable actions of some of the gallery patrons above referred to. On returning he was greeted with salvos of applause. "There's a Sun Still Shining" was Eric Blore's contribution. Mr. J. M. Campbell introduced "Mrs. Wizen," a Dickensonian character, with a weakness for old port, whose tribula-

tions, as told to her friend, Mrs. Cooper, caused general hilarity. Mr. Campbell also contributed an imitation of the famous Scotch comedian, Harry Lauder, giving some highly amusing anecdotes, some of which were fresh and others were antiques, although funny enough. Miss Betty Ohls, who possesses a very sweet voice, proved very successful in a French chansonette. Another very dainty item by her was "Two Dirty Little Hands," and as an encore the quaint "The Goblin'll Get You," both being warmly applauded. Other items introduced by "The Merry-makers" were "Soothing Stimulants," "Lonely Girls," an amusing rendering of "The Baby on the Shore," "The Farmyard," and "Hark! The Tea Bell." The evening's entertainment provided by "The Merry-makers" was bright without any semblance of vulgarity, and as such is entitled to a full measure of praise.

THE FRANK THORNTON COMPANY

The last three nights of the Frank Thornton Company were given up to a revival of that prince of laughter makers, 'The Private Secretary.' Despite the fact that Mr. Thornton has played the role of the milk and water Curate many times before when in Auckland on previous visits, it went just as well as of yore, there being packed houses each night during the production, the season thus coming to a very successful finish. Mr. Thornton has now said good-bye to New Zealand audiences, and it is improbable that we shall ever see him again. It will be many a long year before his creations of 'Charley's Aunt' and 'The Private Secretary' are forgotten, for of a truth nothing funnier has ever been seen on the stage.

OPERA HOUSE.

FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS.

Vaudeville, continues to hold popular sway with Opera House patrons, who roll up in large numbers nightly to witness the splendid entertainment



MISS ADA DWYER, as Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch. This quaint comedy is achieving a great success in Australia, and will be seen in Auckland later on.

provided by the enterprising Fullerian management. The programme being submitted this week is one of exceptional merit, a particularly strong combination of artists at present appearing. Alberto, the clever conjurer, is seen in a series of magical achievements, which cause the audience no end of mystification. Out of nothing he produces billiard balls, flags, artificial flowers, ribbons, and other such-like articles right under the public gaze with astonishing freedom, while his pleasant and sparkling chatter adds greatly to the enjoyment of his performance. Mr. Arthur Elliott is not only a comedian of some repute, but is also a clever acrobat, with no small show of elasticity. His comic items are always assured of a hearty reception, and this week his best effort is his rendering of "England's Heroes." Mr. Albert Lucas, the talented elocutionist, makes a particularly happy hit with his excellent reciting of "Midnight Charge," a soldierly narration full of patriotism. Maude Fanning's coon specialities are a most welcome contribution to the evening's entertainment, being sung and acted with wonderful originality, and she may justly claim the title of Australia's leading coon cantatrice. Scott (Bob) and Beresford (Kitty) are seen in their pathetic playlet, entitled "For His Sake," which they interpret in a decidedly creditable fashion. This talented pair of artists carry out their respective parts with an air which betokens competence in their profession, and their successful efforts are not let go unappreciated. Master Herbert Wilverton is heard in a taking vocal item, in which he finds full scope to display his fine boyish voice to the best advantage. Little Violet Elliott sings a couple of pretty songs in a really clever style, her rendering of "My Golly-Wog, Good-night," being a particularly praiseworthy effort. Hagan (Martyn) and Fraser (Lucy) present their Irish sketch, "Forest Echoes," and their quaint humour and harmonious singing are greeted with much laughter and applause. The Cambry Sisters make their appearance in a neat song and dance, their singing of "Ring up Your Girlie" forming a delightful item. They also give a selection on their mandolins, which is highly appreciated. Carlton and Sut-

ton, patterists, cause a good deal of merriment with their comic gags and witty sayings, while their original song items are followed by loud applause. Julia Longman is heard in a couple of illustrated ballads, her rendering of "Killarney" meeting with most favour. The biograph pictures are of a high standard, that depicting the costermonger and his pumpkins being an exceedingly amusing film.

MR. AND MRS. CHAS. SAUNDERS' SONG CYCLE CONCERTS.

More enthusiastic audiences than those which assembled at the Choral Hall on Saturday and Monday evenings could not have been wished for, and the concerts proved very enjoyable. Mr. Saunders wisely departed from the beaten groove of ballad concerts, and instead gave something in the nature of a little essay on each song on the programme. This had the effect of heightening the interest in the song itself, and the innovation proved very acceptable to the audience. On Saturday Mr. Saunders, who possesses a tenor voice of remarkable power, got through a big task, as may be judged from the list of songs entrusted to him. These were as follows:—"Lend Me Your Aid" (Gounod), "The Enemy Said" (Handel's "Israel"), "Twenty-one," "The Irish Emigrant" (Barker), "My Pretty Jane" (Bishop), and as an encore the dainty song "To Mary," "The Death of Nelson" (Braham), and as an encore, "Let Me Like a Soldier Fall"; the magnificent "Sound an Alarm" (Handel's "Judas Maccabaeus"), while he joined with Miss Robson in the duets, "Home to Our Mountains" (Verdi) and "Good-Night" (Sutton). Auckland audiences are somewhat unreasonable, and with such a big programme it savoured of greediness to encore item after item, although of course it was a fine tribute to the singer's ability. Miss Clara Robson possesses a sweet and well cultivated contralto voice, and her renderings of homely old ballads were full of expression and charm. Particularly good in this respect were Mollo's "Darby and Joan" and Lady Nairne's plaintive "Caller Herrin," the melody of which is said to have been founded on the chimes of St. Giles, Edinburgh. Miss Robson was recalled



MISS FLORENCE YOUNG as Natalie in "The Merry Widow," a musical comedy, now making a great hit in Australia.

again and again, her other contributions being "Come, Sweet Morning," "A Land of Roses," "Lascia chio pianga" (Handel), "The Auld Scotch Songs," "Killarney," and the ever-green "Good-bye" (Tosti).

The second concert on Monday evening proved just as popular, an excellent programme being submitted. Included among the list were such gems as "Siciliana" (Mascagni), "Waft Her Angels" (Handel), "Come into the Garden, Maud" (Balfe), "My Queen" (Blumenthal), "I will arise and go to my Father" (Sullivan), "The Macgregors' Gathering" (Lee), "Take a Pair of Sparkling Eyes" (Sullivan), Miss Marjorie Lusher, Mr. Max Scherek, and Mr. Midgley lent able assistance at the piano.

COLEMAN'S ENTERTAINERS.

Coleman's Entertainers and Picture Company, a strong combination of artists who are well known in the metropolitan towns of New Zealand and Australia, will visit the Northern Wairoa and Whangarei, playing the large towns in these districts. The company consists of Madame Blanche Carelli, Miss Nellie Power, Miss Clara Devereau, Mr Bob. Lloyd, Mr A. Coleman, Mr G. Budd and Mr C. C. Waud. The machine to be used for projecting the living pictures will be Urbius' latest invention, and has come direct from the makers in London. The films will include the great series of Living Ireland, which show every-day life in all conditions and in all parts of the beautiful isle. The latest in humorous pictures include such screamers as "The Runaway Horse," "The Nursemaid's Strike," and a host of others. Later on the company will tour the Waikato.

THE BLAND HOLT SEASON.

On Wednesday evening next Mr Bland Holt's Dramatic Company will open a season at His Majesty's Theatre with Cecil Raleigh's London success "The Great Millionaire." In describing the play, an Adelaide paper says: "It is both sensational and spectacular, and the various scenes were worked out with a conscientious care that has come to be accepted as an ordinary corollary to the management of Mr Bland Holt. The opening tableau, in Deerwood Park, Devonshire, was attractive, with a realistic forest glade in the foreground and the ear-s castle overlooking the prospect. Here Franca, the gypsy, told fortunes, Bill boiled his billy and made tea, and a picnic was held in a convincing way. The rustic surroundings of the cottage of Solomon Dawes in the second act, as well as the revelry in Lord Deerwood's flat, were pictured with artistic skill, while the reception of the King and Queen at the Guildhall was a veritable blaze of colour, the civic magnates, nobles, judges, bishops, and courtiers being grouped in a picturesque fashion to do honour to their Majesties, who advanced in dignified state to the dais while the strains of the National Anthem filled the theatre. Vivid contrasts were presented in the brilliantly lighted saloon of the Carlton Hotel and the London slum, with its hungry denizens, and the riot before the bread-sealer's shop. The scenes in the last act were also full both of the fascinations of art and the triumphs of stage mechanism, the plunge of the recklessly-driven motor car over the lofty cliffs at Paignton being cleverly simulated. The final picture was the terrace at Deerwood Towers, which was enhanced by a charming garden effect. Mr Holt has with him Mrs Holt, Miss Harrie Ireland, Miss Jennie Pollock (of Auckland), Miss Violet Canty, Miss Bessie Major, Miss Daisy Ireland, Miss Masters, Messrs Arthur Styan, Max Maxwell, Godfrey Cass, Charles Brown, George Bryant, Alfred A. Harford, Charles Wheeler, Maurice Kemp, A. Scarlett and others. Lovers of superior melodrama are in for a good time. The box plan is now open.

THE CHRISTCHURCH BY-LAW.

The new by-law dealing with the numbering and reserving of all seats in theatres was discussed at the Christchurch City Council's last meeting. After debating the matter at length the by-law as originally drafted was unanimously confirmed. It reads as follows:—

(1) The lessee of any building used as a public theatre or concert hall shall see that every seat therein intended for the use of the public is marked with or otherwise visibly distinguished by some particular number different from that of any other seat therein; but such seats may be

grouped under letters of the alphabet or otherwise, and be numbered as of such groups respectively.

(2) Such lessee shall cause to be furnished to every person admitted to any building so used for the purpose of witnessing any public performance therein a ticket, with a number written or printed thereon of some one such seat in such building; only one ticket shall be issued for any one seat in such building.

(3) No person shall be admitted to such building without such a ticket as aforesaid.

(4) Such person shall keep the said ticket in his personal possession, and shall be entitled to use the seat referred to in the said ticket during the whole of the performance.

(5) Every such person shall, when occupying a seat in such building, exhibit the said ticket on demand to any inspector.

THE THEATRICAL SEASON IN NEW YORK.

The recent theatrical season in New York forms the subject of a lively article by Matthew White, jun., in "Munsey's" for July. "Irene Wycherley," it seems, failed across the Atlantic to enjoy its London prosperity. All that New York saw of Shakespeare was a few Saturday night performances of "Hamlet" by Mr Sothern, and a fortnight of a comparatively unknown actor named Henry Ludlowe in "The Merchant of Venice" and "Richard III." Mr Henry Arthur Jones' play, "The Evangelist," fell flat. "John Glayde's Honour" (lately produced in Melbourne by the Kingston-Brough company) only ran for a fortnight. "Its big hit in London, where it ran for months at George Alexander's Theatre, did not," says Mr White, "make New York accept the disagreeable family relations embodied in the plot." As the heroine in "My Wife" Miss Billie Burke at once gained the favour of American playgoers. The only hit of the season for British-made drama was with Mr Charles R. Kennedy's play, "The Servant in the House." Packed houses have all along been the rule for "The Merry Widow," which is still being played at the New Amsterdam Theatre, and will run on until Christmas, but "Toddles" has been a complete failure. In variety the event of the year has been Snaip's turn at the Hippodrome—"a truly wonderful trick with a piano, played by the performer while apparently seated on nothing, himself and the instrument meanwhile whirling around at lightning speed." Speaking generally, Mr White declares that "New York audiences are not partial to spoken verse at the playhouse," that they welcomed a change from "the overwrought emotion, and banal chit-chat of certain modern examples of play-writing," and that "straying from the beaten path, not hugging it close, that brought fame and royalties to the playwrights who won" during the season.

EDDY GEACH.

A recent number of "Fair Play" has the following to say about Mr Geach, every word of which I should like to endorse:—"If any man has added to the gaiety of Australasia, that man is the well-known entrepreneur, Mr Edwin Geach. For years his name has been associated with those cheerful sort of plays that leave a pleasant taste in the mouth, when the curtain rings down, and one is always sorry there is not more. The words on a bill, 'Mr Geach presents' is quite sufficient guarantee that the goods will be up to sample, and we should be sadder folks here but for this theatrical manager's happy ventures. Among some of the successes that have toured Australasia under Mr Geach's management have been the Willoughby, Ward, Grace Palotta Company, Frank Thornton in his delightful merrymaking, the Human Hearts Company, the Dramatic Company headed by that charming little actress, Miss Ethel Buckley, and many other companies too numerous to mention. But perhaps of all Mr Geach's ventures, the one that went direct to the hearts of all Australasia, was the West-Brescian combination, and though that talented company has now disbanded, Mr West is still delighting every capital in the Commonwealth with his pictures, under Mr Geach's auspices. Of the man himself, it is hard to write. He is too modest to talk of his own achievements, but the highest that can be said of any man can be said of him. He is a good son, a good brother, and the best friend in the world.

The Russian play "A Life's Revenge" is being played at Anderson's King's Theatre, Melbourne.

H. R. Roberts and "The Prince Chap" are now at the Melbourne Princess Theatre.

Miss Margaret Anglin is now appearing in "The Thief" at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne.

The Royal Welsh Male Choir opened at the Sydney Town Hall on September 1.

The Miles Stavordale Quintette, recently in Auckland, are now at the Sydney Tivoli.

Messrs MacMahon and Carroll took a big cinematograph picture of the Burns-Squires fight on Monday, August 24, and it was shown by the British Biograph at the Stadium, where the original fight took place, two nights later. This is up-to-date enterprise indeed.

Mr John Archibald Crain, who toured New Zealand some thirty years ago with Riccardi's Comic Opera Company, died at Sydney recently at the age of sixty-two years. Mr Crain was a tenore robusto, and belonged to the old school of conscientious singers. He was the original Ralph Rackstraw in "H.M.S. Pinafore" in these parts.

In Chicago there is a theatre conducted exclusively for coloured people. The company and all the house attaches are negroes and the plays given are of all kinds, principally those with music as a feature.

What is probably the finest collection of antique jewellery in America is owned by the Russian actress, Mme Nazimova, who has in her possession some "priceless" specimens from the middle ages, among them a carved old silver ring done by Benvenuto Cellini, and a "poison" ring which formerly belonged to the great family of the Borgias.

The most popular creature in theatrical circles is "the ghost," and the ghost is said "to walk" when salaries are paid. The credit for originating this phrase belongs to a company of English strolling players, who, although their salaries had long been in arrears were rehearsing "Hamlet." The rehearsal progressed, but when Hamlet, referring to the ghost, exclaimed, "Perchance 'twill walk again," that sordid spirit yelled back again, emphatically: "No! I'm damned if the ghost walks any more until our salaries are paid."

Mr Charles A. Loder, who came from America under engagement to Mr J. C. Williamson to appear as Hans Wagner in "The Prince of Pilsen," has been playing German dialect parts for the last 20 years. Mr George Whitehead, the principal baritone of the company, was a member of one of Mr George Edwards' gaiety repertoire companies, which also included Miss Florence Young, in South Africa, before the war.

Mr and Mrs Bland Holt, who begin a season at His Majesty's Theatre on Wednesday, September 9, arrived by the Mokoia from Sydney on Sunday. They were accompanied by Mr and Mrs Christie Simonsen. The members of the company will arrive by the next boat.

The first recital of Miss Katherine Goodson, the brilliant English pianist, is to take place in the Melbourne Town Hall on September 18th.

In saying good-bye on Saturday night, Mr Thornton, amidst much cheering, expressed his thanks for the cordial manner in which Aucklanders had always received his plays. It was now 22 years since he first visited New Zealand, and his first appearance was in the character which he had played that evening, viz. "Rev. Robert Spalding." Since then he had visited the Dominion five times. He hoped that the public would always remember that he had tried to present the best plays obtainable, and in their recollection of him and his efforts would remember that he had given them of his best up to the end. Much of the credit attributed to him was due to the loyalty of the company which supported him, and he said farewell to the Auckland footlights with much regret. The orchestra then played "Auld Lang Syne," and the audience joined in heartily.

From Mr. George Tallis comes two beautifully illustrated booklets dealing with those two big successes, "The

Merry Widow" and "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." Both pictures and letterpress are exceptionally well done.

Writing from Aberdeen, "La Milo" sends press cuttings which show that the famous living statue act has proved a great hit in the Scottish city.

The Royal Artillery Band has concluded its tour of Australia, and has left on its return to England. The agreement was for a three months' tour with the option of extending it, but the poor patronage, combined with the unfavourable weather in the North and in the country was such that the tour was practically a failure, and no further engagement was entered into (says the "Reference"). This is much to be regretted in the name of the Australians' love for good music and in the interests of the band and the promoters.

Mr Clyde Meynell, on behalf of his firm, has secured the Australian rights of "The Hypocrites," by Henry Arthur Jones, which created controversy when produced in New York; and "Lucky Durhan," by the late Wilson Barrett, his last play. Mr Meynell is engaging a special company to produce these plays in Australia.

"On Our Selection," a comedy by Steele Rudd and Beaumont Smith—founded on Stevie Rudd's "Selection" stories—is about to be staged for copyright purposes on one afternoon at the King's Theatre Melbourne. It ought to be funny enough for anything.

The itinerary of the New Zealand tour of the Meynell and Gunn "Little Breadwinner" Company is as follows:—Wellington, September 2 to 22; Palmerston North, 23rd and 24th; Wanganui, 25th and 26th; New Plymouth, 28th; Auckland, 30th to October 16th; Hastings, 19th to 22nd; Napier, 23rd, 24th, 26th; Dannevirke, 27th and 28th; Masterton, 29th and 30th; Marton, November 8; Feilding, 3rd Christchurch, 6th to 14th; Timaru, 16th; Oamaru, 17th; Invercargill, 19th and 20th; sail for Hobart 23rd; open in Hobart, 27th to December 3; arrive Melbourne, December 5.

Maggie Papakura, who is to visit Australia under the direction of Messrs J. and N. Tait for the Spring Racing Carnivals in Sydney and Melbourne, is taking with her a company of 22 Poi Dancers.

Miss Stella Gastelle, a musical comedy actress, who has been touring as leading lady in "La Poupée," was among the passengers on board the Pericles, which arrived in Melbourne the other day. She has come out to Australia for a six months' contract with Mr George Musgrove.

Miss Amy Castles has decided to revisit Australia next year for a six months' tour, when New Zealand will also be included. She leaves London in February.

Madame Blanche Arral, the gifted soprano, who has been touring Australia and New Zealand for the past two years with great success, has returned to London.

Robert Courtneidge is definitely to produce a pantomime in London this Xmas. The subject will be "Cinderella." Miss Carrie Moore will return to London to play "boy" to Miss Phyllis Dare's "Girl."

It is the proud boast of Miss Marion Winchester, now fulfilling an engagement in the London Palace, that the precious stones with which she adorns herself on the stage are worth fully £100,000. The rope of pearls she wears around her neck is alone said to have been valued at £54,000. An American by birth, her home is in Paris, and is noted for a wonderful collection of miniatures and antiquities.

Leon Sametini, the violinist, who comes to Australia with Madame Ada Crossley, was born at Rotterdam in March, 1886, and is a protegee of the Queen of Holland, who granted him, at the age of 15, a scholarship and presented him with a violin. He studied under Sevcik, in Prague, until 1903, when he appeared in London, and then toured Holland. In 1906 he put in necessary service in the Dutch army, and then returned to England. Sametini is looked on as one of the most brilliant of the younger generations of fiddlers and his successes have been great.

THE CORRICKS GO HOME.

The Corrick Family of Entertainers are now on their way to London, after a twelve months' tour of Ceylon, India, Singapore, Java, and the Dutch East Indies. The Calcutta "Statesman" describes the Indian tour as "by far the most successful of the year." Many of the native potentates, a member of the family writes, paid immense sums for private performances at their palaces. In Peshawar the company had an exciting experience. The entertainment was in full swing when word came of a raid on the station by the Zakka Keil tribes. In less than five minutes the immense military theatre was empty and the several regiments in line ready for action. The Corricks intend spending a three to six months' holiday in England.

THE CULT OF THE FIDDLE.

A remarkable performance took place at the Alexandra Palace, London, recently, when an army of young violinists totalling 1409 were heard to great advantage on the string instruments. These only represented the violin classes of London. It is computed that altogether throughout Britain there are between 300,000 and 400,000 day scholars, belonging to something like 5000 elementary schools, who are violin students, the National Union of School Orchestras being the outcome of what was originally the Maidstone violin class.

THEATRE OVERCROWDING.

INFORMATIONS DISMISSED.

The Northern Boxing Association was proceeded against by Mr Maxwell, city building inspector, at the Police Court on Saturday, on charges of having allowed overcrowding in the dress circle at His Majesty's Theatre on the occasion of the recent Tracey-Ross boxing contest, and, further, with having allowed more persons to remain in the building than it was licensed to contain, viz., 1528. Alternate informations were laid against Mr F. D. Yonge, as being secretary of the association. Mr Stanton appeared for the prosecution, and Mr R. Singer for the defence.

Mr Maxwell gave evidence, stating that he had counted 55 people standing in the dress circle, the seating accommodation being fully occupied; eight standing in the stalls, with two unoccupied seats; 2½ rows of people standing at the back of the family circle, about 60 people in excess of its seating capacity; while between

80 and 100 people were on the stage.

Mr Singer contended that no evidence had been called to show that the Boxing Association or Mr Yonge were the occupiers of the building.

Mr Maxwell: I was introduced to Mr Yonge at the theatre, as being the secretary of the association.

Mr Kettle: There is certainly no evidence either that there is any association called the Boxing Association, or that Mr Yonge was acting on their behalf. All that is proved is that Mr Maxwell was at a performance and saw persons standing and sitting. If the City Council wants to get a conviction there should be no difficulty whatever in getting the evidence, if it exists. But I am not going to make proof or going to assume it. The case will be dismissed without prejudice, with costs £1 1s against the prosecution.

The Elton Comedy Company are about to commence a tour of New Zealand. Among the artists is Grace Elton, emotional actress, who can play 17 instruments, and is a serio and dancer. She has just finished sixteen weeks on the Rickards' circuit in a musical act, comprising bells, xylophone, and acrobatic violinist playing.

Although it was decided long ago that a stage play must not be performed in a music hall, the question whether a variety entertainment may be given in a theatre was left open. At the Clerkenwell Sessions, London, recently, it was held that the Lord Chamberlain's license does not permit of this kind of entertainment being given. If this applied out here it would be good-bye to the touring variety shows.

Madame Clara Butt and Mr Kennerly Rumford gave their first concert since their return from Australia on June 27 at the Albert Hall, London. Both singers were in capital voice. The Maori song by Mr Alfred Hill, was so well received that Mr Rumford had to repeat it.

The production of "The Gayest of the Gay," William Anderson's recent Drury Lane purchase, has been put back for a few weeks, and will be staged at the King's Theatre after Fleet time. A scene in it is a lake of water, with people in boats rowing on it.

Miss Clara Clifton, the musical comedy actress, for some time past a member of J. C. Williamson's companies, who went to England for a

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six months' holiday, will return to Sydney in time to join the Royal Comic Opera Company for the Christmas production.

"Miss Hook of Holland" is drawing crowded houses at the Criterion Theatre, Sydney, where the delightful Dutch comic opera is in its fourth week. Judging by present indications, the Melbourne run of ten weeks will be exceeded. "Miss Hook" will be revived in Melbourne after the production of the Christmas pantomime of "Cinderella."

The New Zealand tour of the Harcourt Beatty-Madge McIntosh Co., now drawing to a close, has been a successful one, good houses being the rule throughout the Dominion. For the forthcoming season in Adelaide commencing on September 19, an interesting repertoire will be presented, comprising "A Beggar on Horseback," "Fedora," "Her Love Against the World," and "Masks and Faces."

On the conclusion of the Adelaide season, the Harcourt Beatty-Madge McIntosh Co. will be disbanded. Miss McIntosh, Harcourt Beatty, and Gaston Mervale will be the principals of a company to be formed later, and for which Meynell and Gunn are securing an entirely new repertoire.

Adelaide audiences will see Madge McIntosh as Peg Woffington in "Masks and Faces" for the first time in Australia. It was in this role that Miss McIntosh made a success in London and the provinces. Mr Beatty will be Triplet, and Mr Gaston Mervale Sir Charles Pomander.

When the Pericles drew near her berth in the Yarra last Monday week the wharf was thronged with Welshmen, assembled there to bid a rousing welcome to the Royal Welsh Male Choir, and as the vessel warped in they struck up, as though by a preconcerted arrangement, their hymn "Land of our Fathers." The effect was fine, but it was even more so when the Choir responded. They were not together, small groups were congregated here and there along the

deck from bow to stern, but so perfect was their training that their voices blended and their time was as well defined as though they were on a platform under the conductor's baton. When they had finished "The Men of Harlech" followed, and it was to the stirring strains of that march that the steamer made fast. It was a great introduction to Australia, and the Choir, as well as their countrymen here, must have felt the impetus of national pride on the occasion. They only stayed a day or two in Melbourne, before going on to Sydney, there to open their tour on Tuesday next, September 1st, under the direction of Messrs J. and N. Tait.

The Royal Welsh Male Choir had a royal time of it coming out on the Pericles. They were kings of the ship as a matter of fact, and their capacity for entertaining the ship's company was practically unlimited. When they got to Capetown some musical enthusiasts discovered they were round, and though the ship was only to stay 24 hours in port they "hustled" and arranged a concert for the evening. There was no preliminary announcement—not even press advertisements, and placards and handbills were all that were used to publish the news, but in spite of these drawbacks there was a bigger attendance at the concert than had ever before been gathered in Capetown.

Mark Hambourg proved so popular with Melbourne music lovers that Messrs J. and N. Tait were compelled to arrange no less than three extra concerts in that city. One, a Beethoven concert, on the lines of the Chopin recital, earlier in the service, was given in response to shoals of begging letter asking the young virtuoso to devote one of his programmes entirely to that great master. Mark Hambourg is playing in Melbourne for Fleet week. Visits to Tasmania and New Zealand follow.

When Blumenthal, the great Berlin manager, confessed to Tolstoi that he didn't understand Ibsen, Tolstoi remarked: "Ibsen doesn't understand his own plays; he just writes them and sits down and waits. After a while his expounders and explainers come and tell him what he meant."

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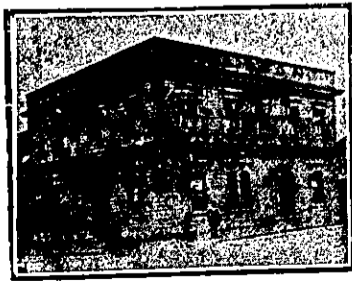
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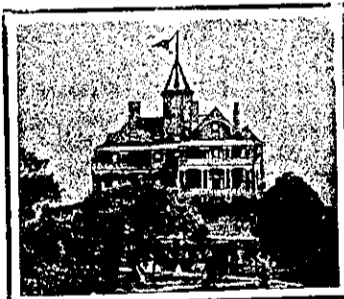
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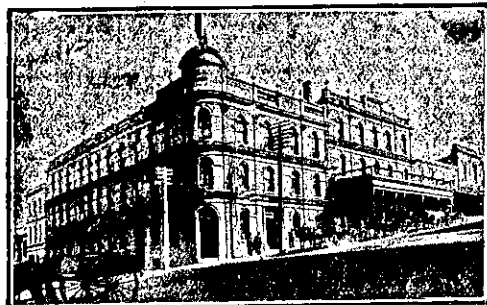
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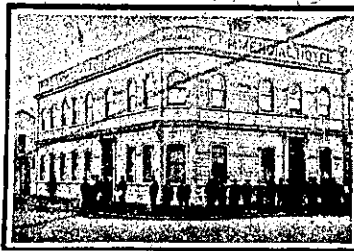


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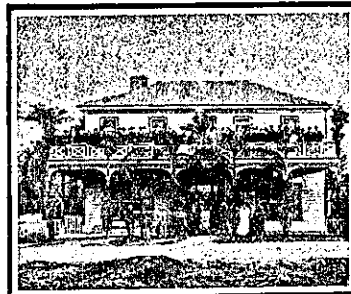
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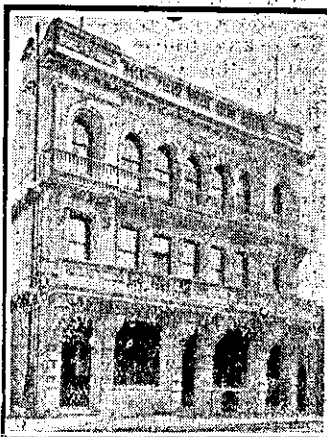
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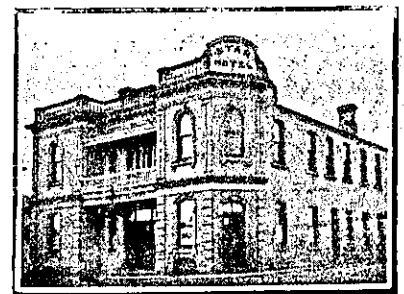
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This season's English hop crop is reported to be magnificent in quality.

At New Plymouth last Saturday morning, Mr. Fitzherbert, S.M., dismissed an application by the Crown for the rehearing of the charge against the licensee of the Taranaki Hotel of permitting drunkenness on his premises. The case at the hearing caused remarkable interest.

Londoners spend £1,300,000 a day.

We hear that Mr. W. Watts, who was licensee of the Edinburgh Castle Hotel for some time, contemplates going into the hotel business again.

Mr. J. W. Shand, of the Grand Hotel, Te Aroha, paid Auckland a visit last week. His many friends were pleased to see that the Springs district agrees with his health, for he looked well and hearty.

In the charge against Mr. Charles Molloy, which was heard at the police court last Friday, it appears from the evidence that one of his boarders, after having been away from the house some hours, returned in an intoxicated state. The case has resolved itself into one of how far is a licensee liable for the condition of guests who return to his house after having procured liquor elsewhere. Mr. R. W. Dyer, S.M., who heard the case, reserved his decision, which will be put in writing.

Sir Andrew Clarke, the well-known physician, advised an old lady who took her daughter to him suffering from anaemia to "give her claret." Six weeks later the old lady returned with the girl, now rosy-cheeked and healthy. "I'm glad she has taken her medicine," said Sir Andrew. "Oh, yes," replied the old lady. "I gave her plenty of them. We boiled them, and stewed them, and gave them to her at every meal." She thought the doctor had ordered "carrots!"

At Oamaru last week, Mr. Hutchinson, S.M., fined Richard Andrews £20 for keeping liquor for sale in a no-license district. A similar charge against Mrs. Andrews was withdrawn when Andrews pleaded guilty.

In the course of an interesting interview given to a representative of the New Zealand "Herald," Mr. A. M. Sedgwick, a leading South African wine expert, who is visiting Australia for the purpose of studying and comparing New Zealand and Australian wines with those of other countries, states he has not been greatly impressed with the quality of the New Zealand wines he has sampled, but he makes an exception in favour of one of the three-year-old white wines grown on the Government experimental farms at Waerenga. This wine he classifies as a good, sound, light wine, with an excellent bouquet. Mr. Sedgwick thinks the New Zealand climate rather rainy for the production of a good wine grape, with the requisite qualities in proper proportion of sugar and fruit acid, but he points out that he is judging from his experience of one season only. He offers some interesting hints on winemaking, which should be of value to New Zealand wine-growers.

Owing to the "night raiders" campaign, the American Tobacco Trust announces that its buyers will henceforth forsake Kentucky, and transact business from Cincinnati. It intends to concentrate its supplies in Ohio. The night raiders have for some time been destroying crops, raiding offices of the Trust, and committing other acts of lawlessness in revenge (as they declare) for the Trust reducing the price of the leaf.

Mr. Hunter, manager of the State Hotel, Gwalla, W.A., interviewed at Perth last week, stated that in three years the capital cost of the hotel and

buildings (£9000) had been paid off, and £1000 clear profit made. Rigid adherence to 11 o'clock closing, and an absolute bar to any Sunday trading, were factors in the success achieved. Men were refused liquor if they made a row, and told that they would be put on the State Hotel prohibited list for a week or a month. That quietened them.

In the Wellington Police Court last week two charges of unlawfully selling wine, brought against Charles C. Wilson, and a charge against Emily Weiss for being the occupier of licensed premises where liquor was unlawfully sold, were adjourned.

The citizens of a town in Taranaki, not very far from New Plymouth, are having some amusement at the expense of a hotelkeeper in the place. This hotelkeeper came to New Zealand while very young, and is not well acquainted with his relatives. A couple of weeks ago a stranger called at the hotel and informed mine host that he was his younger brother just out from England. The unsuspecting Boniface promptly took the stranger to his bosom (figuratively speaking), and gave him a right royal welcome. The stranger was very plausible. He had, he said, brought several presents of valuable jewellery and curios for his sister-in-law and niece, but some of his baggage had gone astray. This still more endeared him to the family. He was introduced to all and sundry as 'My brother from England.' With free board and lodging, and the best of everything, he was enjoying himself immensely. But the local policeman recognised the stranger, and the hotelkeeper received a rude shock when he was informed that his "brother" was a well-known criminal, whose special line was false pretences. But the stranger had scented trouble, and had vanished.

The charges of stealing cash and jewellery from the Waverley Hotel, brought against William Wright, a sailor from H.M.S. Powerful, were dismissed by Mr. C. C. Kettle, S.M., who said he felt satisfied that no jury would convict on the evidence, which was mainly one of identification.

Harry Crook, Karangahape Road. —Both Simon and Samuel held licenses in this city, but we cannot answer with certainty if the latter ever held the license for the hotel you mention.

According to a recent report from the Government Commissioner in the Cook Islands, the natives have taken to drinking bay rum and scent, as a substitute for liquor.

One of the oldest identities in the hotel trade, in the person of Mr. James Corbett, of Hikutaia, died last week. Mr. Corbett came to the Thames Goldfields from Victoria in the sixties, and was manager of many important mines. He settled at Hikutaia nearly thirty years ago, and was for many years a member of the Thames County Council. Through failing health, he retired from public affairs about three years ago. He was widely respected, being a man of sterling character, and his death will be deeply regretted. The deceased was born in the West of Ireland, and leaves a widow and three sons and five daughters to mourn their loss.

In the Arbitration Court in Wellington last week Walter Gandar, hotelkeeper, was fined £2 for paying a porter less than the award rate of wage, and Percy Sanderson, the porter, was fined 10s for accepting the same. Henry Dodley, another hotelkeeper was similarly fined for a like offence, and a breach of award recorded against the porter.

A man taking nothing but solids would die in eight days.

The world's average annual wine production is now estimated at 3,775,606,000 gallons. Of this Europe furnishes slightly more than 95 per cent.

During a hailstorm which broke over the district of Benziers 15,000 acres of vineyards were laid waste. The quantity of wine lost to the owners is estimated at 19,500,000 gallons.

With reference to a paragraph stating that Mr. M. Walsh was retiring from the City Club Hotel, Mr. Walsh wishes it known that he has obtained an extension of his lease for another fifteen years. His customers could not possibly spare friend Michael.

QUARTERLY LICENSING MEETINGS.

SEPTEMBER 1908.

Franklin, Thursday 3rd September, Courthouse, Mercer.

Eden, Thursday 3rd September, Epsom Hall, Epsom.

Waitemata, Friday 4th September Borough Council Chambers, Devonport.

Thames, Friday 4th September, Courthouse, Thames.

Bay of Islands, Friday 4th September, Courthouse, Kawakawa.

Manukau, Monday 7th September, Courthouse, Onehunga.

Waikato, Monday 7th September, Courthouse, Hamilton.

Marsden, Tuesday 1st September (to be adjourned), Courthouse, Whangarei.

Kaipara, Tuesday 1st September (to be adjourned), Courthouse, Dargaville.

A QUESTION OF LIABILITY.

Last Friday a case of considerable interest to hotelkeepers came before Mr. R. W. Dyer, S.M., in the Police Court, when Charles Molloy, licensee of the Bricklayers' Arms Hotel, was charged with permitting drunkenness on his premises on August 2. Mr. Selwyn Mays appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. T. Cotter defended.

The case resolved itself into one of law, as to how far a licensee is liable in permitting a lodger in a state of intoxication to remain in a public room on his licensed premises.

The facts of the case, which were admitted by both parties, were as follows:—On Saturday, August 1, a resident of Wellsford came to the defendant's hotel, and engaged a bed until the following Wednesday. He slept there on the Saturday night, and on Sunday morning had two small glasses of ale before breakfast. About 10 o'clock he left the hotel perfectly sober, but meeting some friends, who were possessed of a bottle of whisky, near the sawmills at Freeman's Bay, he proceeded to quench his thirst, returning to the hotel under the influence of liquor about one o'clock. He had his lunch, no drink being supplied him, and afterwards went into the sitting-room. About 2.30 Sergeant Hanson found the man there. The sergeant spoke to Molloy, who explained the position to him. The

visitor was making no disturbance.

Mr. Dyer: The question is, Is Molloy guilty of permitting drunkenness?

Both sides quoted the two leading New Zealand cases bearing on the subject, viz., Faber v. Dyer (Wanganui), before Mr. Justice Edwards; and McRobie v. Bowden (Otago), before Mr. Justice Williams. Mr. Mays also cited the latest case under the English Licensing Act, that of Thompson v. McKenzie, the prosecution having taken action in view of this judgment.

His Worship reserved his decision, intimating his intention of putting it in writing.

UNDER NO-LICENSE.

Particulars of alcoholic liquor sent to the licensing districts of Invercargill, Oamaru and Ashburton since no-license came into force in those districts were presented to Parliament last week. To Invercargill there went 112,463 gallons of beer, 2209 of porter, 7131 of whisky, other spirits bringing the total up to 123,952 gallons. To Oamaru there went 23,023 gallons of beer, 4942 of whisky, and 466 of brandy, the total being 29,196 gallons; the number of bottles of beer, whisky, stout and spirits being 37,766. In the Ashburton district 102,982 gallons of beer and stout were received, 3330 bottles of spirits, and 8788 cases of whisky and wine.

NOT FOR THE HAIR.

"The craving for strong drink, which would seem to be a Polynesian characteristic, has been exhibited in a very singular manner during the year," says Colonel Gudgeon, Commissioner in the Cook Islands, in his annual report to the New Zealand Government. "The people would seem to have become dissatisfied with the ordinary bush beer, whether made from the orange, banana, or pineapple, and are fast becoming confirmed drinkers of scent. I suspect that a special brand of scent has been manufactured for their benefit, otherwise I find it difficult to account for the wholesale consumption of Florida water, bay rum, and other abominations of the same nature, which was disclosed by the fact that one firm imported 288 11-oz bottles by one trip of the steamer, it being well known that the native does not require bay rum for his hair. Previous to the arrival of this shipment, my attention had been called to the increasing import of scents and hair wash, and the matter was referred to New Zealand, with the result that an Order-in-Council has been issued restricting this infamous traffic.

ETIQUETTE OF THE BEER HALL.

Berlin is organised for eating and drinking, and so are the Berliners organised for it. Scattered all over the city are enormous places where food is served—wine halls, where only wines are served, and beer halls, which deal in beer alone, some not so impeccable. It is the rule that it is perfectly proper to take your mother or your wife or your sister to a beer hall or wine hall that is frequented by the officers of the army. They go only to the proper ones pub-

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- AUCKLAND (Near)—Lease 3 years (over); rent, £7 10s; takings, £70. Price for lease and furniture £1125.
- WAIRARAPA—Lease, 5 years; rent, £4; takings, £50. Price for lease and furniture, £1750.

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AN IRISH CIGAR.

Holy. The etiquette of these places is most formal. If the hall is crowded and tables are scarce, before you sit down you draw your heels together and make a military bow to everyone sitting at the table you select. Then, also, you raise your glass or stein to those at the table when your refreshment is served. On leaving, you bow all round again. Or the other people at the table bow, if they leave before you do. The American way of asking the others at the table for permission to sit down is not ceremonious enough for the Germans, who are the most formally polite people in the world.

A good story was told in the lobbies a little while ago. The Prince of Wales, during one of his visits to the House of Commons, had been chatting with John Burns. One Irish M.P., interested in the growth of Irish tobacco, afterward suggested to the President of the Board of Trade that he should get the Prince to smoke an Irish cigar. "No," replied John, "as a Cabinet Minister I am sworn to protect the life of the heir-apparent!" However, in the House of Commons, the Chancellor of the Exchequer has made an announcement of consider-

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The Success of No-License.

JUDGED BY ACTUAL RESULTS.

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

CRIME IN ASHBURTON.

In 1902 the total charges laid in the Police Court numbered 309; last year they had increased to 316. In 1902 the offences relating to liquor were 93; in 1907 they numbered 103, made up as follows:—

Drunkenness	44
Selling liquor without a license	22
Prohibited persons procuring liquor	6
Disorderly conduct while drunk	1
Keeping liquor for sale	4
Failing to notify vendor under Licensing Act	2
Failing to notify clerk of Court	6
Failure to label package of liquor	4
Failing to give name and address when ordering liquor	3
Procuring liquor for prohibited person	3
Found in premises when sly-grog search-warrant executed	9
Total	103

Thus the only unanswerable argument that Ashburton can furnish in favour of No-License is an increase in crime and in offences relating to drink.

THE PROSPERITY OF THE TOWN.

In the five years since No-license the population of Ashburton has increased from 2500 to 2563, which of itself is eloquent testimony to the utter stagnation of the town. Business is very bad, over 40 establishments having changed hands since 1903, and fully a dozen businesses are now in the market. At least six prominent Prohibitionist tradesmen have shown themselves so satisfied with business under the regime they advocated that they have removed themselves and their businesses to places where licenses exist. No less than eleven shops have been burnt out in the last eighteen months, and the town is so prosperous that in many cases no effort has been made to rebuild. The debts sued for in the Magistrate's Court have increased in amount from £3115 in 1902 to £4633 in 1907, an increase of 49 per cent., which disposes of the frequently expressed opinion that people pay their debts better under No-license. It is said that a large proportion of business people are satisfied, but actions speak louder than words, and at the Court-house polling-booth, in the centre of the business population, the votes cast in 1905 were:

For restoration	613
Against restoration	335
Majority for restoration	288

A QUESTION FOR TEMPERANCE REFORMERS.

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

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

able interest. He stated that the Treasury had decided to allow £6000 for the encouragement of tobacco culture in Ireland instead of a rebate on the duty. Claims were at once put in for England and Scotland for similar treatment, and Mr Lloyd George stated that when in these countries real efforts were made to grow tobacco, the matter would be considered. The precedent set by the Councillor of the Exchequer in the Irish case will probably have interesting results. The late Marquis of Bute used to grow tobacco at his Welsh seat, but the resultant cigars were so fearful and wonderful as to be unsmokable.

GOOD ENOUGH.

A story is told of a thirsty Scot who never could understand why people "took to drink." "A glass of whisky every hour," he was wont to say, "that's good enough for me."

Which recalls what was "good enough" for another modest man:—

Let princess revel at the pump,
Lords with the pond make free,
But whisky, wine, or even beer
Is good enough for me.

A PROMPT REPLY.

A temperance lecturer was describing to his audience how his life had been influenced by total abstinence. "You know," he said, "that I am now head of my business. Four years ago there were two men in our office who held positions above mine. One was dismissed through drunkenness, the other was led into crime, and is now in prison—and all through that cursed drink, the invention of the devil! Now, what I ask is," he cried—"what has raised me to my present high position?"

"Drink!" was the unexpected reply he received from a member of his audience.

THE PASSING OF THE FIFTH AVENUE HOTEL.

With the closing of the doors of the Fifth Avenue Hotel at midnight on April 4 there passed out of existence, practically, the last of the celebrated hostelries of New York (says "Bonfort"). There exists no hotel in New York that has given shelter to more celebrities than has the "old Inn" that forever closed its doors on the fourth of last month. During the last evening of its existence the corridors were thronged by a multitude of people—those on curiosity bent and hundreds to whom the passing of the old hotel meant the severing of the ties of a lifetime.

Reservations of seats in the celebrated dining-room for the last dinner to be served in the hotel were so great that many had to be refused. Many of the employees of the hotel had been there more than a generation and there was a sadness on all their faces as they performed their accustomed duties for the last time.

Thomas Gray, the head waiter for more than forty years, was the most affected of any. During his connection with the hotel he had served every President of the United States from Lincoln to Roosevelt, inclusive, and also many foreign celebrities, including King Edward VII., who when Prince of Wales stopped at the hotel. The following are several of

the anecdotes that he related to a reporter of the "Evening Mail":—

"None of the men who were at the hotel when I came are alive now. I have buried them all—proprietors, employees and guests. I am the last. I guess I have come into personal contact with more great men than any other fellow in the States.

"I'll tell you how General Phil Sheridan got to be the only man in New York who had free access to the bar during the war.

"I had been at the hotel only a few months when Sheridan and General Baird, who had married old General Garrett Smith's daughter and was living at the hotel, came in one night and wanted a drink. The bar was closed, and the clerk told them so. That made Sheridan mad.

"I don't give a—-if the bar is closed; I'm going to have a drink!" he shouted. "Wait a minute," said General Baird, who knew me "Perhaps I can fix that all right." He went upstairs, where I was at work on the park floor, and called me aside.

"Phil Sheridan is down below, and he has got to have a drink. What can you do for us?" he said.

"I slipped down a back stairway, opened the back bar and gave General Baird a hint that it was all right. He and Sheridan slipped in and opened a bottle of bourbon whisky, Sheridan's favourite drink. General Baird told him I had arranged it, and he never forgot me.

"He used to say: 'Hello, you white-haired boy,' wherever he saw me, and after that he was the only man in New York who could get a drink at the Fifth Avenue Hotel when the bar was closed.

When General Grant was in the city he made his headquarters at the Fifth Avenue. Whenever there was a dinner at which he was a guest he used to come to me and ask to have the waiters serve him with a plain dinner, which meant corned beef and cabbage, his favorite dish.

"He always insisted on having this fare while the other guests were eating capons, truffles and other fancy dishes. I never knew him to eat rich food, and I don't think I ever saw him without a cigar, except at meal time.

"Those old days have passed now. Ladies come to the hotel now whose mothers I used to put in high chairs when I first became head waiter. I'm going out West on a little farm I have bought with my savings, and my wife is coming to join me soon. I am going to-day because I do not want to see them begin to tear down the old hotel."

The hotel will shortly be replaced by a modern office structure.

So one by one the old landmarks of the city, each of which is filled with anecdotes of the past, give way to the irresistible march of progress.

THE WRONG GLASS.

A clergyman very particular about his personal experience was once on circuit, and found himself due to preach in a country parish. Finding that there was no glass in his vestry, and fearing that his hair might not be quite as smooth as it should be,

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he asked the clerk whether he could get him a glass. The man was gone some minutes, but at length returned and produced a parcel very myster-



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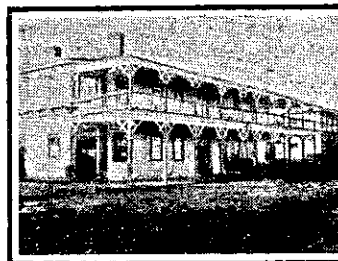
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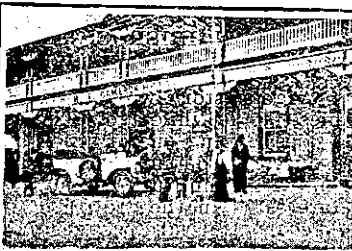
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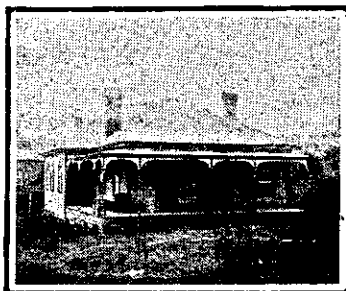
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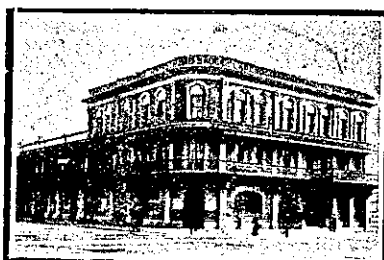


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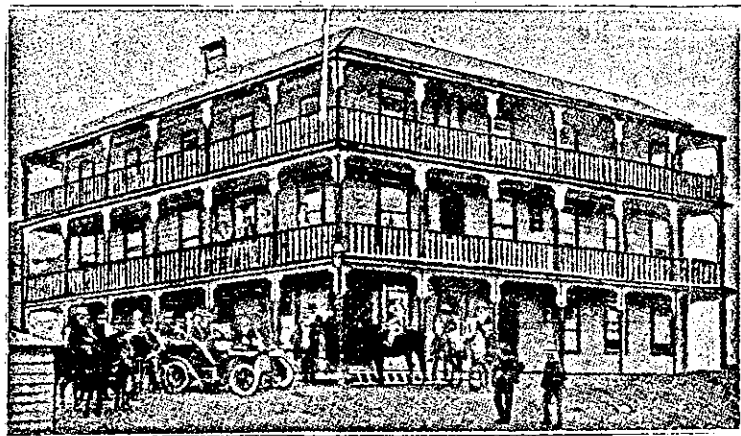
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iously from under his arm. To the astonishment of the clergyman, when it was opened it contained a bottle of whisky with water and a tumbler. "You mustn't let on about it, mister," said the clerk, "for I got it as a great favour, an' I shouldn't ha' got it at all, being church hours, if I hadn't a-said it was for you."

IS COFFEE DRINKING DECLINING.

The suggestion may surprise many persons that coffee-drinking is on the decline; yet, on the authority on the London Chamber of Commerce, the total consumption of coffee throughout the country is year by year decreasing. It is a surprising statement, because there seems little evidence of any decrease of coffee-drinking in restaurants; rather would it seem that it is steadily increasing.

The explanation is probably this: Coffee, in the first place, gives the housekeeper a considerable amount of trouble to make, and then it is neither economical nor convenient to make it in small quantities, whereas the making of tea requires merely the pouring of boiling water on to the leaves, while the beverage is better when it is made in small pots than in large urns. The consequence is that tea is to a large extent superseding coffee in the home, whereas in the restaurant improved methods of making coffee in large quantities, together with improvements in the blending and roasting of the berry by wholesale houses, have led to a steady increase in its popularity in restaurants.

Strangely enough, however, there are still English people who do not appreciate good coffee, and really prefer to have it slightly adulterated with chicory. It has even been stated by a coffee merchant that pure Mocha would be nauseating to the majority of people.

Mocha used, some fifty years ago, to be the special beverage of French restaurants of a high class. Now, however, it has been superseded by the cheaper Brazilian kind, and even in the best hotels a blend of Mocha and Martinique is the nearest approach to it that can be obtained. In London, however, there are hotels and restaurants, such as the Savoy and the Cafe Royal, where the guests can drink pure Mocha coffee, if his tastes be sufficiently epicurean to make him desire it.

So far as the decrease in the total consumption of coffee goes, it does not really prove that the taste for coffee in England is declining; for the fact that it can be made more economically in large quantities than in the domestic coffee-pot indicates that the consumption of a certain quantity of the berry in restaurants represent more coffee drinkers than the same weight of coffee consumed domestically.—("The Caterer.")

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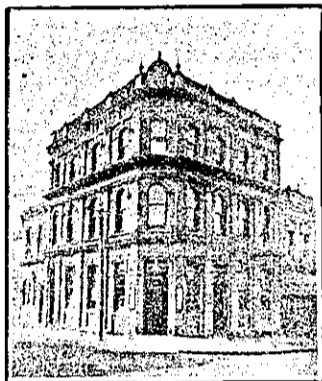
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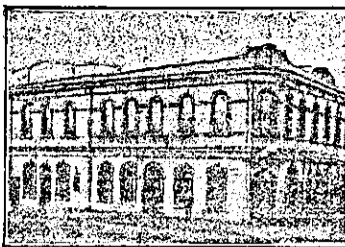
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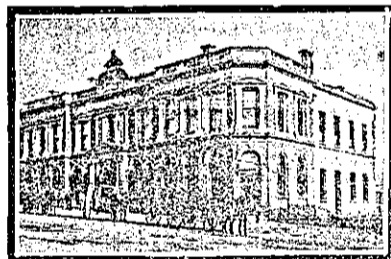
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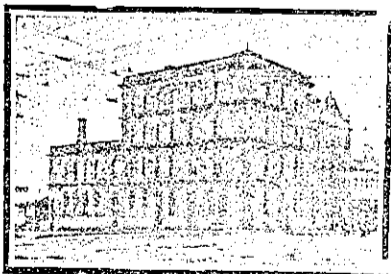
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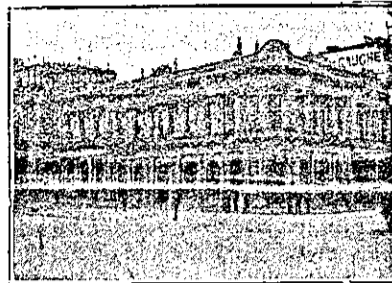
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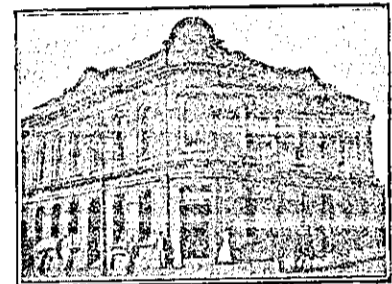
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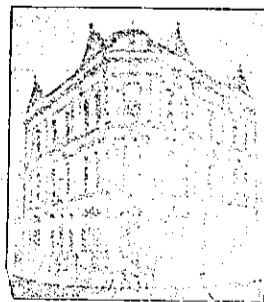
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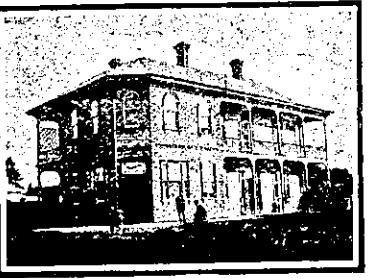
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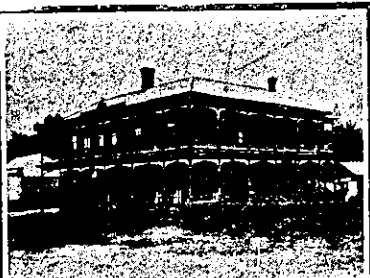
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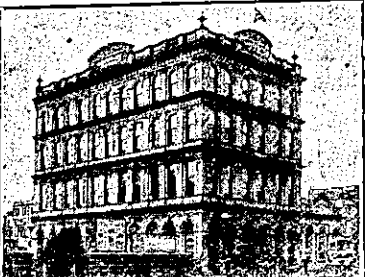
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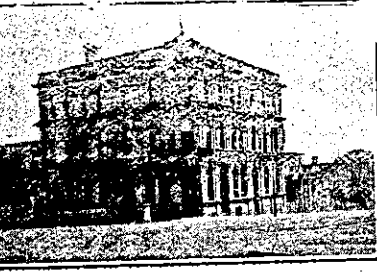
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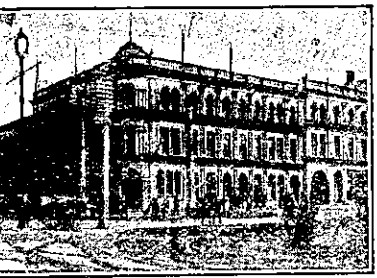
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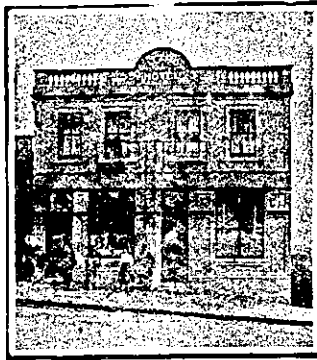
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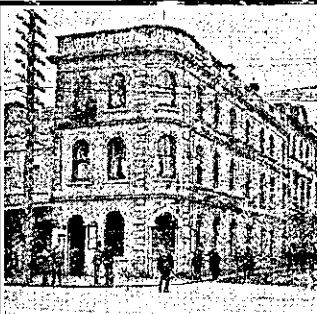
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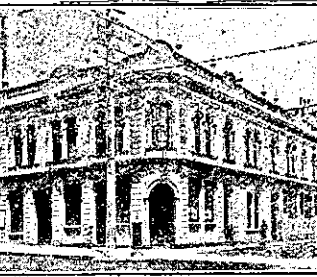
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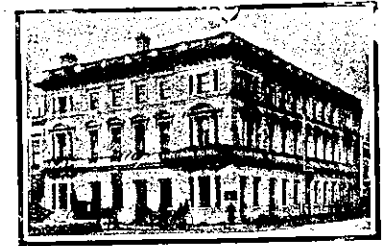


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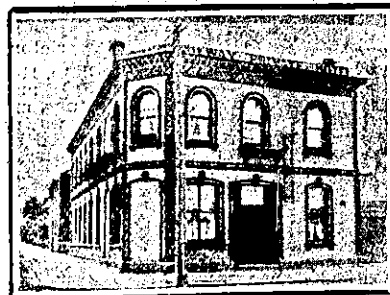
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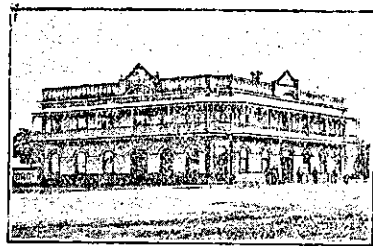
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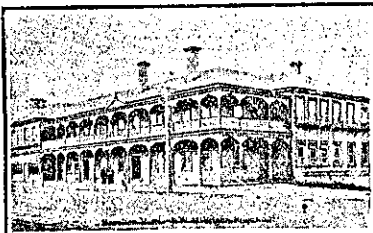
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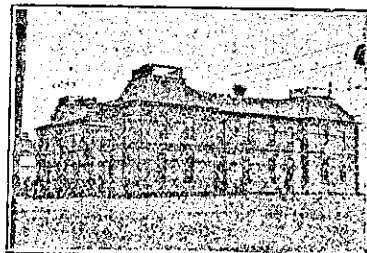
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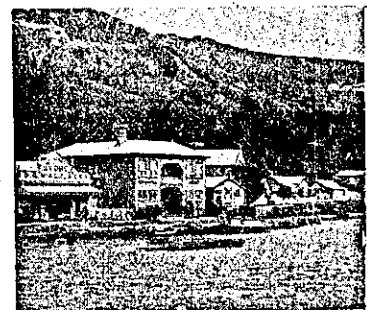
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PRIVATE BOARD AND RESIDENCE.
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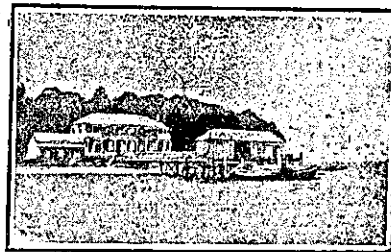


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A. J. JURY Proprietor.
The Proprietor (late of the Okalawa Hotel, and formerly of the Shamrock) begs to inform his friends and the public generally that he has taken over the above popular Hotel, and trusts that, by strict attention to their comfort, and by keeping only the best of liquors, to retain their patronage.

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WOHUKOHU HOTEL, KOKUKOHU, HOKIANGA.
THE PRINCIPAL TOWNSHIP IN THE NORTH.
Every Accommodation in this New, Clean, and Tidy Hostelry. All Liquors of the very best. Billiards, Stables, Good Meals. Charges in all Departments—Moderate.
JOHN NICHOLSON .. Proprietor.



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The Tourists' Resort of the North. Adjacent to Sea Beach, where Tourists can indulge in Sea Bathing, Boating, Fishing, Horse Riding, Tennis, etc.
A. S. ANDREWES .. Proprietor.
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COMMERCIAL HOTEL, REVELL STREET, HOKITIKA.
THOS. PALMER .. Proprietor.
(Late Cameron's Hotel).
This Hotel is situated next to Cameron's Stables, and has been renovated throughout, and has every convenience for Travellers, Tourists, and the General Public. Hot and Cold Water Baths. Visitors will receive a hearty welcome. Only the Very Best of Wines, Spirits, and Ales kept. Board and Lodging Moderate Charge; Permanent Boarders, by arrangement.

HUKERENUI.

HUKERENUI HOTEL, HUKERENUI.
THE TERMINUS OF THE RAILWAY.
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M. E. KEATLEY Proprietress.

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HUNTERVILLE HOTEL, HUNTERVILLE.
E. D. HAMMOND Proprietor

The Proprietor wishes to intimate that he has just taken over the above premises. This Hotel offers superior Accommodation to Travellers. Good Table. Best of Wines, Ales, etc. Terms: 4s 6d per day.

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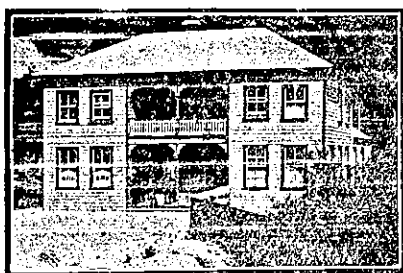
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This Hotel is now one of the largest in the Waikato. All trains stop at Huntly, and the Hotel is a few yards from the Station. First-class Accommodation and Excellent Table.

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A. J. J. MEYER .. Proprietor.
Good Accommodation for Visitors and Travellers.
Best Brands of Wines and Spirits. Good Stabling and First-class Paddock.

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KARANGAHAKE.



TRAMWAY HOTEL, KARANGAHAKE (Across the Bridge).

This is a New and Up-to-date Hotel, having recently been re-erected. First-class Ales and Spirits. Hot and Cold Baths and Every Convenience.

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KARANGAHAKE HOTEL, MAIN-ST., KARANGAHAKE.

Centrally situated. Coaches stop at the door. Dining-room capable of accommodating 90. Speight's Dunedin Ales, also Campbell-Ehrenfried's. Central Hall for Concerts, etc. is the largest in the town. Hotel and Hall lighted by Acetylene Gas. Spacious and well-lighted rooms.

G. INGLIS Proprietor.

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STAR HOTEL, KIKIKIHI.

FREDERICK HENWOOD .. Proprietor

FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION.

ONLY BEST BRANDS OF ALES, WINES AND SPIRITS STOCKED.

MACKAYTOWN.

MACKAYTOWN HOTEL, MACKAYTOWN.

J. QUINN Proprietor.

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

MANGONUI.



THE MANGONUI HOTEL, MANGONUI.

THOS. WEBB Proprietor.

T.W. begs to inform the Settlers of the North generally, and all Visitors to Mangonui, that he has taken over the New and Commodious Hostelry, near the Wharf, and trusts by strict attention to Business and Civility, to meet all demands. A GOOD TABLE KEPT. None but the best of Liquors, Beers, etc., kept in stock, and on Draught.

KAITAIA HOTEL, KAITAIA, MANGONUI.

C. F. MOLLOY (Brother of Jos. Molloy, Albion Hotel, Hobson-street, Auckland), Proprietor of the above old and well-established Hostelry, begs to inform the Travelling Public that every Accommodation is now afforded. Stables, Paddocks, and Plenty of Feed for Horse and Owner. The Best of Wines, Spirits and Beers.

MARTON.

CLUB HOTEL, MARTON.

R. J. WALTERS Proprietor.

First-class Accommodation for Visitors and the Travelling Public. Only the Best Brands of Ales, Wines and Spirits kept. First-class Billiard Room.

RAILWAY HOTEL, MARTON JUNCTION, (Right Opposite the Station).

All Trains stop, ample time for Refreshments. All Wines and Spirits guaranteed. The very best Table kept.

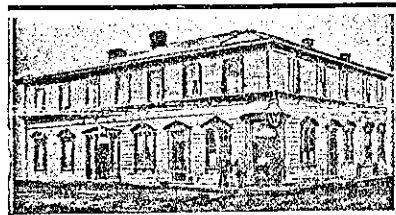
ARTHUR PATERSON.

MARTON.—Continued.

MARTON HOTEL, MARTON.

J. A. PAWSON Proprietor. Mr. Pawson begs to intimate that he has taken over the above Hotel, and the travelling public can rely on First-class Accommodation at a moderate tariff. Only the Best of Ales, Wines, and Spirits kept. Tariff: 4s 6d per Day.

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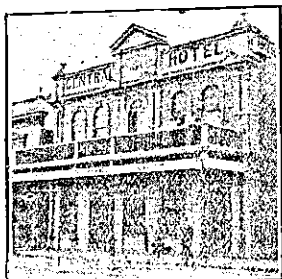


LANGHOLM HOTEL, MANGAWKA.

First-class Accommodation for the Travelling Public. Only the Best Wines, Ales and Spirits kept. Telegrams receive prompt attention.

G. F. BONNOR Proprietor.

MASTERTON.



CENTRAL HOTEL, MASTERTON.

MR. F. S. COOPER, late of the Empire Hotel, Hawera, and formerly of Wellington, wishes to inform the Travelling Public that he has taken over the above well-known house. This hotel offers superior accommodation to travellers, and is a First-class Family Residence in every respect. The rooms are well ventilated, lofty, and comfortably furnished.

Good Table, Best of Wines, Ales, etc. Telegrams and Letters will receive prompt attention.

F. S. COOPER Proprietor.

CLUB HOTEL, QUEEN-STREET, MASTERTON.

Patronised by His Excellency The Earl of Ranfurly.

Now under the Management of TOM PORTER, (Late Manager Royal Oak Hotel, Wellington).

Having made arrangements for the use of Sample Rooms, which are adjacent to the Club, Travellers can rely on being accommodated by wiring for Sample Rooms. Nothing but Staples and Co.'s Beer sold.

TOM PORTER Proprietor.

MERCER.

RAILWAY HOTEL, MERCER.

First-class Accommodation for Tourists and Travellers. Wines and Spirits of the best brands only kept in stock.

M. GALLERY Proprietor.

MORRINSVILLE.

NOTTINGHAM CASTLE HOTEL, MORRINSVILLE.

(Five Minutes from Railway Station).

JAS. GANLEY Proprietor.

This Hotel has recently been renovated and many additions made.

First-class Accommodation for the Travelling Public. Meals at all hours. Wines and Spirits of Best Brands only.

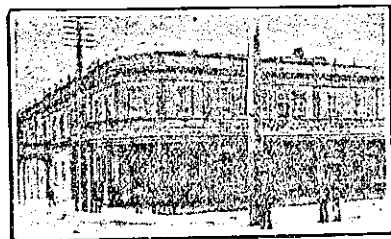
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FUSZARD'S FERNHILL HOTEL,

MIDWAY BETWEEN NAPIER AND HASTINGS.

EVERY ATTENTION TO THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC. EVERYTHING OF THE BEST.

WINTER FUSZARD .. Proprietor.



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An Up-to-date Hotel with every Modern Convenience.

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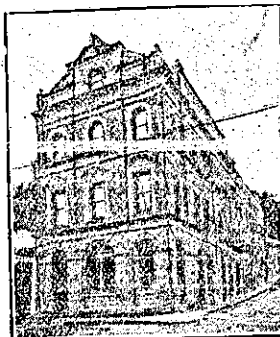
PERCY MARTIN .. Manager (Late Railway Hotel, Hastings)

NAPIER.—Continued.

ROYAL HOTEL,

CARLYLE-STREET, NAPIER (Right opposite Recreation Ground).

GEO. H. GILDING Proprietor.



EMPIRE HOTEL, NAPIER.

(Close to Post Office).

18 Bedrooms, Commercial Room, Sitting Rooms, Study, etc. Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. Tam-o-Shanter and Oban Whisky. Speight's and Manning's Ales. Tariff, 6s per day; 25s per week.

JOHN BURRIDGE Proprietor. (For 28 years manager of Hawke's Bay Club).

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CENTRAL HOTEL, EMERSON-STREET, NAPIER.

Now prepared to receive the Travelling Public. First-class Accommodation. Beer, Wine, and Spirits guaranteed of the best.

CLUB HOTEL, DANNEVIRKE.

J. HALLIGAN Proprietor.

This Well-known Establishment, which adjoins Dannevirke Railway Station, offers unsurpassed Accommodation to Travellers and the General Public.

ONLY BEST QUALITIES OF ALES, WINES, AND SPIRITS STOCKED.

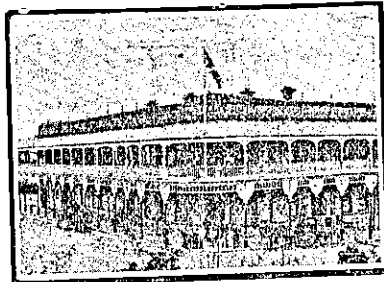
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MASONIC HOTEL, NELSON. CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.

This long-established Hotel, which has always been the Headquarters in Nelson for Tourists and Commercial Travellers, has recently been purchased by Mr. H. Baigent.

The Hotel has been thoroughly Renovated, and all the Rooms are being Refitted in modern style. No effort will be spared to make all visitors thoroughly comfortable.

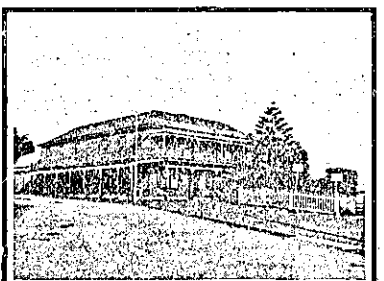
NEW PLYMOUTH.



WHITE HART HOTEL, opposite Post and Telegraph Government Offices, NEW PLYMOUTH.

C. CLARKE Proprietor. P.O. Box 30. Telephone 48.

The above well-known Hostelry is the appointed house for the Commercial Travellers' Association. Only the best brands of Wines and Spirits. Speight's Dunedin Ale always on draught. First-class Accommodation for Tourists, Travellers, and Families.



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The above Hotel is situated on the Beach, opposite Railway Station, and one minute from Post Office. Beautiful gardens attached to hotel overlooking the sea, and guests may rely on receiving the very best attention.

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TERMINUS HOTEL COMPANY, LTD., F. FOSTER, Manager.

NEW PLYMOUTH.—Continued.

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Situated three minutes' walk from the Wharf. Only the best of Ales, Wines and Spirits kept. Excellent Accommodation and Good Fishing. Telephone, 152.

TOMMY KNOWLES .. Proprietor.

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MASONIC HOTEL, OPOTIKI.

Wines, Spirits, Ales and Cigars of the Best Brands only. Table a Specialty. Every attention. Speight's XXX ways on draught. Commercial Sample Room. The Leading Commercial Hotel Bay of Plenty. Excellent Accommodation for Tourists, Travellers and Visitors. Telegraphic Address: "Mann," Opotiki.

G. H. MANN Proprietor

OTAKI.

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JAS. WOODS Proprietor.

This New Hostelry is now open to the public, and the Proprietor will be pleased to greet old friends and new at the Hotel.

The whole of the Furniture, Fittings, etc., are absolutely New and Up-to-Date, and Customers may rely on receiving the best of attention, and most comfortable apartments at the Telegraph.

ALL LIQUORS OF THE BEST BRANDS.

JAMES WOODS.

PAEROA.



PAEROA HOTEL, PAEROA.

Directly opposite Railway Station and Nearest Hotel to Steamers to and from Auckland.

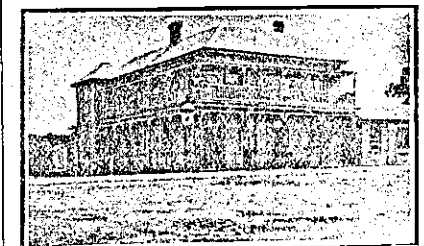
This New and Commodious Hotel is replete with every Modern Convenience for the Travelling Public.

FIRST-CLASS CUISINE.

Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. Terms moderate.

E. F. MORIARTY

(Late of Northern Waeroa), Proprietor.



COMMERCIAL HOTEL, PAEROA.

J. H. MOORE Proprietor.

First-class Accommodation for Travellers and Tourists. Cheapest Rates in the district, 4s 6d per day, and Cuisine cannot be surpassed. Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only kept in Stock. Coaches pass the door for all surrounding districts.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

GRAND HOTEL, PALMERSTON NORTH.

MARTIN CREAVEN .. Proprietor.

The finest and most up-to-date Hotel in New Zealand, and equal to many grand Continental Hotels, being most elaborately furnished. Tourists and Travellers can rely on getting the best attention. All the best-known brands of Wines, Liquors, Spirits, Ales, etc., in stock.

ONLY WHITE SERVANTS EMPLOYED IN THE GRAND HOTEL.

MARK O'MALLEY (late Masonic Hotel, Napier), MANAGER.

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MRS. J. ADAMS .. Proprietress. (Late of Marquis of Normanby Hotel, Carterton).

Opposite Railway Station. Travellers may rely on catching early trains. Speight's Beer.

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PALMERSTON NORTH.—Continued.

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T. CHILDS Proprietor.
The proprietor of this conveniently-situated Hotel having had the premises entirely renovated and remodelled, is prepared to receive travellers and the public generally, and guarantees strict attention, the best of Wines and Spirits, and trusts to obtain by these means a fair share of patronage.

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A First-class Family and Commercial Hotel. Convenient to all public offices and places of amusement. Letters and telegrams will receive prompt attention. Telephone 108. P.O. Box 193.

W. DEVINE Proprietor.

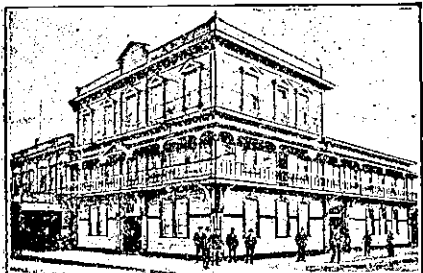
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(Opposite Railway Station)
PALMERSTON NORTH.

J. HURLEY Proprietor.
Over 70 Rooms, 6 Bathrooms (hot and cold water), newly furnished throughout. Up-to-date in every respect. First-class Table. Best Liquors only. Terms Moderate.

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H. B. TUCKER Proprietor.
This Hotel stands on about two acres of land, and includes a large garden and stables, twelve large, well-lighted and ventilated Sample Rooms. Telephone 29. P.O. Box 46.

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The Central Hotel on Main-st. West in Palmerston is surely the best. The tables good, the bedrooms fine. With best of spirits, beer and wine; Fine sitting-rooms, baths hot and cold. And a welcome sure for young and old. So, call on me when next you pass, And you'll enjoy a friendly glass.

A. F. ANDERSON Proprietor.

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MASONIC HOTEL, RAWENE.

Every Accommodation at this old and favourite Hostelery may be found for Commercial Travellers, Tourists and Family Parties.

No Trouble Spared. Good Table Kept. All Charges Most Reasonable. WINES, SPIRITS AND BEERS OF THE BEST. Billiards, Boats, Stables, etc.

E. FERGUSON Proprietor.

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GLADSTONE HOTEL, REEFTON.

This Hotel, having been thoroughly Renovated and Re-furnished throughout, now offers Superior Accommodation at a moderate tariff. Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Ales etc.

TARIFF: 4s 6d PER DIEM.

R. DUNPHY Proprietor

RUSSELL.



DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH HOTEL, RUSSELL, BAY OF ISLANDS.

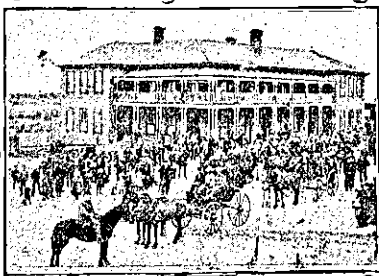
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Wishes everyone to know that he has taken over the above long and favourably-known House. Attention and Civility, as well as a Good Table guaranteed, with "some" Fish of the choicest almost every day. Give the House a Call, and try the new Proprietor. Boats and Horses for Hire. Billiards, etc Charges Reasonable. Nothing but the Best of Beers and Liquors - pt in Stock.

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TE AROHA.

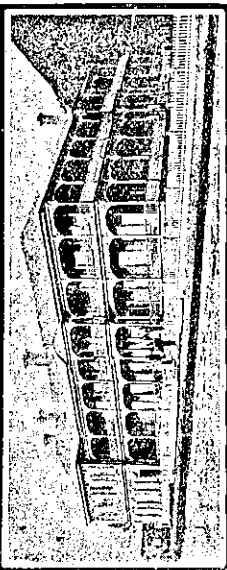


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THE PREMIER HOTEL OF TE AROHA.

FRANK PILLING Owner.
Offers Special Accommodation for Tourists, Families and Visitors. Commercial Sample Room. Telegrams Promptly Attended to. Spacious Bedrooms, Private Parlours. Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths.

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EVERY MODERN CONVENIENCE.
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First-class Accommodation; Moderate Tariff. Only Best Brands Ales, Wines, A Free House. Dunedin Beer on Draught

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Nearest Hotel to Wharf and Railway Station. All Modern Conveniences, Best of Accommodation. The Best Brands of Wines and Spirits only Stocked. Telephone No. 17. P.O. Box 32. Night Porter in Attendance. W. H. GAW Proprietor.

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EXCELSIOR HOTEL,
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The most centrally situated Hotel in Timaru, and the home of the Commercial Traveller. Only one minute's walk from railway station and P.O.

Hotel Express meets all trains. Terms—From 6s. 6d. per day, and from 35s. per week.

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W. QUIRK Proprietor (Late of Oamaru).
Has pleasure in notifying the Public of Timaru and surrounding districts that he has taken over the above well-known Hotel, and will run it on the best lines. Good Table and Accommodation. All the Best Brands of Ales and Liquors on sale.

W. QUIRK Proprietor.

MELVILLE HOTEL, TIMARU.

J. REILLY Proprietor

(Late of Wallingford Hotel, Temuka). The Proprietor will be pleased to see Old and New Friends at the Melville. BEST WINES AND SPIRITS ONLY.

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Superior Accommodation for Visitors and Boarders. All the Comforts of a Home. Wines, Spirits and Ales of the Best Brands. Charges Strictly Moderate.

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Close to Railway Station, and offering Excellent Accommodation to Travellers.

Liberal Cuisine. Hot and Cold Baths. Best Brands of Liquors Stocked.

Moderate Tariff.

E. WARD .. Proprietor.

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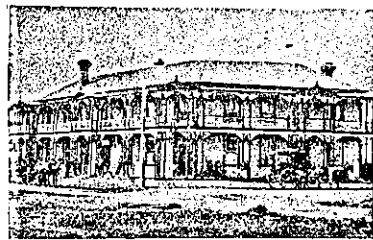


ROB ROY HOTEL, WAIHI.

"Cead Mille Failte."

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Only the Best Brands of Liquor stocked. Campell-Ehrenfried's XXXX Ale. Accommodation of the Best provided.



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Every Modern Comfort and Convenience for Tourists, Travellers, and Families. First-class Table. Only Best Brands of Ales, Wines and Spirits on Stock. Terms Moderate.

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Telegrams: "Meyer." Waihi. Box 24.

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Superior Accommodation for Travellers, Visitors and Tourists. Hot and Cold Shower and Plunge Baths. Sample Rooms. First-class Table. Every Attention.

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COMMERCIAL HOTEL, WAIPAWA.

Private Suites of Apartments and every Convenience for the Accommodation of the Public. WINES, SPIRITS and BEER OF THE BEST QUALITY ONLY. A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD TABLE. Good Stabling and Paddock Accommodation.

W. PELLOW .. Proprietor.

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FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.
WINES AND SPIRITS OF THE BEST BRANDS.

Gasoline and Naphtha stocked for the convenience of Motorists.

R. CONEYS Proprietor.

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Best of Wines and Spirits. Speight's XXX Ales always on Tap.

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JOE MOLLOY Proprietor.

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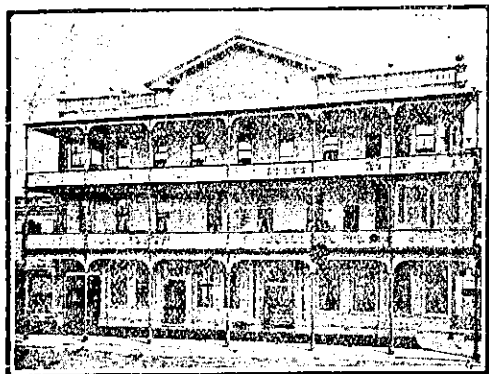
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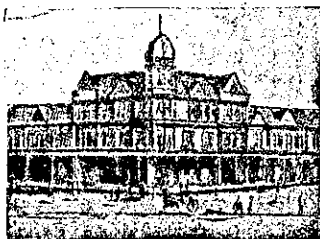
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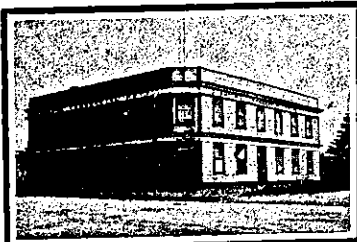
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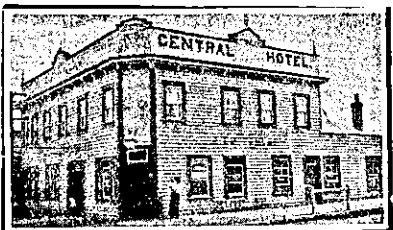
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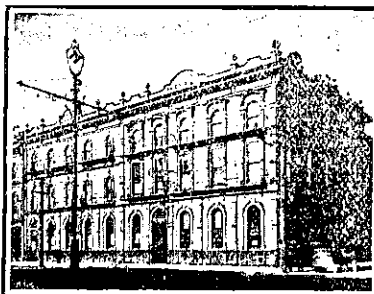
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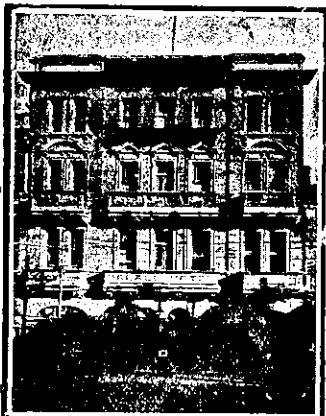
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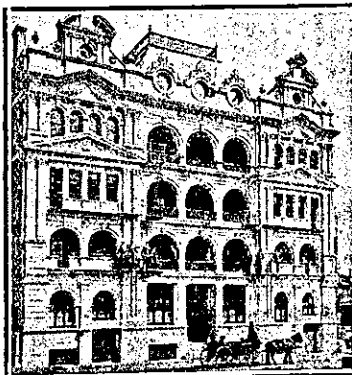
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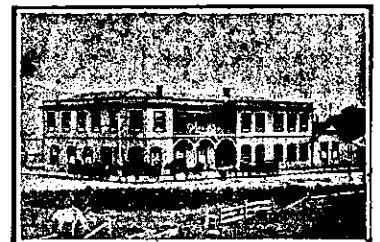


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