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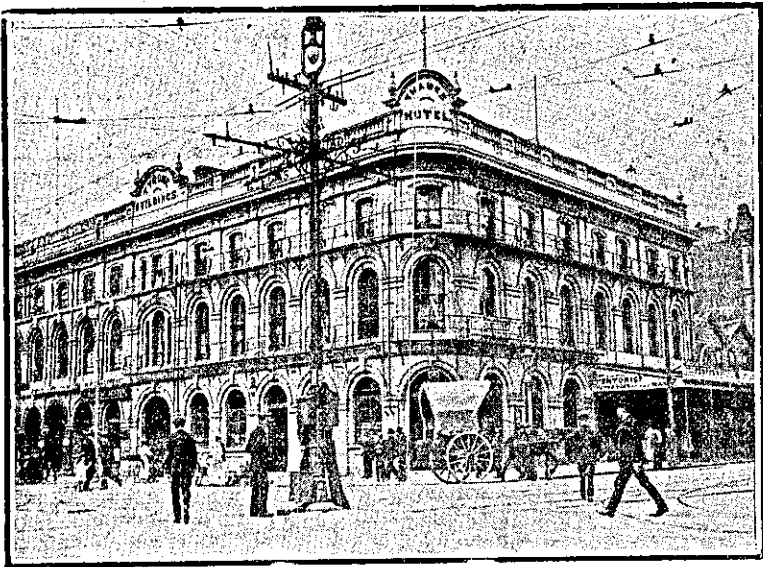
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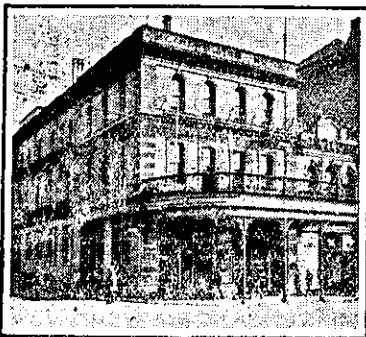
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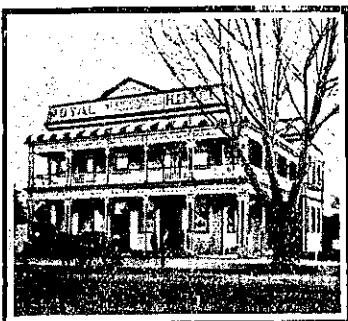


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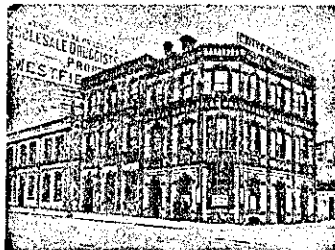
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SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1908. TRIAL HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov and acceptance 1sov each. Seven furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30th, 1908. BOWEN HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov and acceptance 1sov each. Six furlongs.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1909. FERUGSON HANDICAP of 100sovs. second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov and acceptance 1sov each. Six furlongs.

NEW YEAR'S HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Two miles.

35th GREAT NORTHERN DERBY of 750sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. Colts 8st 10lb, geldings 8st 7lb, fillies 8st 5lb. By subscription of 7sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in December, 1908, 3sovs forfeit; if left in after this date liable for the whole 7sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. One mile and a-half.

COUNTY HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each. Six furlongs.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 750sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 7sovs each. One mile and a-half.

MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each. Five furlongs.

MAIDEN HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov and acceptance 1sov each. One mile and a-quarter.

GLASGOW HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Seven furlongs.

FOURTH DAY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1909. GOODWOOD HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile.

SYLVIA HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Six furlongs.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP of 500sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov and acceptance 4sovs each. One mile and a-quarter.

FOURTEENTH ROYAL STAKES of 500sovs; the owner of the second horse to receive 10 per cent., and the owner of the third horse 5 per cent. out of the stake. For two, three, and four-year-olds. Weight-for-age. Two-year-olds 8st 12lb, three-year-olds 8st 6lb, four-year-olds 8st. Winners after August 1st, 1908, of any race or races collectively of the value of 250sovs. 3lb; of 500sovs, 5lb; of 750sovs, 7lb, of 1000sovs, 10lb extra. Maiden four-year-olds at time of starting allowed 14lb; three-year-olds 10lb, two-year-olds 7lb. By subscription of 5sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeit is declared and paid as follows:—2sovs by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in December, 1908. All horses remaining in after the first Friday in December, 1908, must pay their total subscription of 5sovs at the post. Should there be any surplus arising from the subscriptions it will be given to the race. Six furlongs.

AUCKLAND HURDLE RACE HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Two miles.

NEWMARKET HANDICAP of 375sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. Six furlongs.

AUCKLAND PLATE of 325sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. Weight-for-age. Entrance 1sov and final payment of 2sovs each on January 1st, by 9 p.m. One mile and a-half.

GREY HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC. SUMMER MEETING, 1908-9. With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.R.C.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2nd, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS. Auckland Cup 1sov, Grafton Hurdle Race 1sov, Railway Handicap 1sov, Summer Cup Handicap 1sov, Auckland Racing Club Handicap 1sov, Grandstand Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4th, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES. Auckland Cup 5sovs, Grafton Hurdle Race 1sov, Railway Handicap 4sovs.

SECOND FORFEIT. Great Northern Foal Stakes, 1908-9 4sovs, Thirty-fifth Great Northern Derby 1908-9 3sovs, 14th Royal Stakes of 1908-9—For four-year-olds, three-year-olds, and two-year-olds, 2sovs.

FIRST FORFEIT. Champagne Stakes, 1909, 1sov. The Oaks, 1909, 1sov.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4th, GENERAL ENTRY, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS. Trial Handicap 1sov, Nursery Handicap 1sov, Robinson Handicap 1sov, Christmas Handicap 1sov, Bowen Handicap 1sov, Ponsonby Hurdles 1sov, Visitors' Handicap 1sov, Alexandra Handicap 1sov, Criterion Handicap 1sov, Waitemata Handicap 1sov, Salisbury Welter Handicap 1sov, Ferguson Handicap 1sov, New Year's Handicap Hurdles 1sov, County Handicap 1sov, Midsummer Handicap 1sov, Maiden Handicap 1sov, Glasgow Handicap 1sov, Goodwood Handicap 1sov, Sylvia Handicap 1sov, Auckland Hurdle Race 1sov, Newmarket Handicap 1sov, Auckland Plate 1sov, Grey Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18th, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES. Trial Handicap 1sov, Nursery Handicap 1sov, Robinson Handicap 1sov, Christmas Handicap 1sov.

FINAL PAYMENT. Auckland Cup 12sovs. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26th, at the Post. Great Northern Foal Stakes (sub.), 7sovs.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28th, by 12 noon. ACCEPTANCES. Bowen Handicap 1sov, Ponsonby Hurdles Handicap 1sov, Visitors' Handicap 1sov, Summer Cup Handicap 6sovs, Alexandra Handicap 1sov, Criterion Handicap 1sov, Waitemata Handicap 1sov, Salisbury Welter Handicap 1sov.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st, by 12 noon. ACCEPTANCES. Ferguson Handicap 1sov, New Year's Handicap Hurdles 1sov, County Handicap 2sovs, Auckland Racing Club's Handicap 7sovs, Midsummer Handicap 2sovs, Maiden Handicap 1sov, Glasgow Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st, at the post. Great Northern Derby (sub.) 7sovs.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES. Goodwood Handicap 1sov, Sylvia Handicap 1sov, Grandstand Handicap 4sovs, Auckland Hurdle Race 1sov, Newmarket Handicap 3sovs, Grey Handicap 1sov.

FINAL PAYMENT. Auckland Plate 2sovs. SATURDAY, JANUARY 2nd, at the Post. Royal Stakes (sub.) 5sovs.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR. FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20th. Auckland Cup, Grafton Hurdles, Railway Handicap.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11th. Trial Handicap, Nursery Handicap, Robinson Handicap, Christmas Handicap.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28th. Bowen Handicap, Ponsonby Hurdles Handicap, Visitors' Handicap, Summer Cup Handicap, Alexandra Handicap, Criterion Handicap, Waitemata Handicap, Salisbury Welter Handicap.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st. Ferguson Handicap, New Year's Handicap Hurdles, County Handicap, Racing Club Handicap, Midsummer Handicap, Maiden Handicap, Glasgow Handicap.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st, by 8 p.m. Goodwood Handicap, Sylvia Handicap, Grandstand Handicap, Auckland Hurdle Race, Newmarket Handicap, Grey Handicap.

J. F. HARTLAND, Secretary.

WHANGAREI RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING. TO BE HELD ON THE KENSINGTON RACECOURSE, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 8 and 9, 1909.

LIST OF OFFICERS. Patron: F. Mander, Esq., M.P. President, F. Foote, Esq. Vice-Presidents, Dr. Good, Dr. Baxter, J. T. Stone, Esq. Judge, Mr. L. W. Nelson. Clerk of Scales, Mr. H. Stuart. Clerk of Course, Mr. W. Clotworthy. Timekeeper, Mr. M. J. Goodson. Handicapper, Mr. J. Chadwick. Starter, Mr. O'Connor. Secretary, Mr. R. J. Dent. Auditor, Mr. W. A. M. Bain. Treasurer, Mr. J. W. McGregor. Committee, Messrs. A. R. Crane, J. S. Dent, A. G. McKenzie (Chairman), J. R. McInnis, J. W. McGregor, H. Stuart, H. Weaver, L. W. Nelson, A. J. McKay, J. T. Stone, J. J. Fraser, J. M. McCarroll.

PROGRAMME. (Approved by Auckland Racing Club.) FIRST DAY. 1. 1 p.m.—RAILWAY HANDICAP of 25sovs, second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 10s. Six furlongs.

2. 1.45 p.m.—FIRST HURDLE HANDICAP (open) of 40sovs, second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination, 15s; Acceptance, 20s. One mile and a-half, over six flights of hurdles, about 3ft. 6in in height.

3. 2.30 p.m.—KENSINGTON WELTER HANDICAP of 25sovs, second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 10s. One mile. Minimum weight 9st.

4. 3.15 p.m.—WHANGAREI CUP HANDICAP (open) of 60sovs, second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. Nomination, 15s; Acceptance, 15s. One mile and a distance.

5. 4 p.m.—SETTLERS' HANDICAP of 20sovs, second horse to receive 3sovs from the stake. For horses that have been owned and located in any County north of the Waitemata County three months prior to date of entry. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 10s. Six furlongs.

6. 4.45 p.m.—PUBLICAN'S PURSE HANDICAP of 25sovs, second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 10s. One mile.

7. 5.15 p.m.—FLYING HANDICAP (open) of 25sovs, second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 10s. Five furlongs.

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SECOND DAY.

1. 1 p.m.—MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP of 25sovs, second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Open to horses that have never won a flat race exceeding £10 at time of starting. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 10s. Seven furlongs.

2. 1.45 p.m.—SECOND HURDLE HANDICAP (open) of 30sovs, second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 10s. One mile and a-half, over six flights of hurdles, about 3ft. 6in in height.

3. 2.30 p.m.—LADIES' BRACELET HANDICAP of 25sovs. A bracelet of the value of 20sovs for the first horse and a bracelet of the value of 5sovs for the second horse. All horses to be nominated by ladies. Gentlemen riders. Minimum weight 9st 7lb. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 10s. One mile.

4. 3.15 p.m.—PARK HANDICAP (open) of 40sovs, second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Nomination, 15s; Acceptance, 15s. One mile.

5. 4 p.m.—MARSDEN STAKES of 20sovs, second horse to receive 3sovs from the stake. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 10s. Five furlongs.

6. 4.45 p.m.—HACK HANDICAP of 25sovs, second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. For horses that have not won a race exceeding 20sovs at time of entry. Other conditions same as Settlers' Handicap. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 10s. Seven furlongs.

7. 5.15 p.m.—FAREWELL HANDICAP (open) of 30sovs, second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. Nomination, 10s; Acceptance, 10s. Five furlongs.

NOMINATIONS for all Races close on FRIDAY, 31st December, 1908, at the Secretary's Office, Whangarei, and with MR. H. HAYR, High street, Auckland, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS for the First Day will be declared on or about WEDNESDAY, December 30th, 1908.

ACCEPTANCES for First Day close at the Secretary's Office, Whangarei, and at H. H. Hayr's Auckland, TUESDAY, January 5th, 1909, at 9 p.m.

WEIGHTS for Second Day will be declared on FRIDAY, January 8, at 8 p.m. ACCEPTANCES for Second Day close at 10 p.m. on FRIDAY, 8th January, 1909, at Secretary's Office, Whangarei.

PENALTIES, FLAT RACES—The winner of any Flat Race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 10lbs, and of every additional race a further penalty of 6lbs. Horses handicapped at 8st 10lbs or over to carry only half the above penalty. (Applies to Whangarei Meeting only).

The winner of any race of £40 or upwards after declaration of weights may be re-handicapped.

NOTE: Races First Day, Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6; Second Day, Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6, are open only to any horses that have been owned and located in any County north of the Waitemata County three months prior to date of entry. Nos. 2, 4, 7, First Day, and Nos. 2, 4, 7, Second Day, are open races.

RULES AND REGULATIONS. All races to be run under the N.Z. Rules of Racing. Entries by telegram must be confirmed in writing at the earliest possible opportunity.

Owners, Trainers, and others are notified that entries or acceptances must be accompanied by the necessary amount in cash. Owners are responsible for all penalties.

All persons intending to withdraw horses are required to give notice to that effect to the Secretary or Clerk of the Scales one half-hour before the official time for starting the race. Any person neglecting, or refusing to comply with this rule shall pay a fine, to be imposed by the Stewards, not exceeding 20sovs, to the race fund.

Prior to any race the Stewards may order a parade in front of the stand. Any horse absent from such parade, without the permission of the Stewards, will be fined 2sovs.

Any owner running a horse in colours other than those named at time of entry will be fined 1sov.

Gentlemen riders will require to hold a Gentleman Rider's certificate.

R. J. DENT, Secretary, W.R.C.

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SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 29th, 1909.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 80sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 50sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile.

CALLIOPE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of the stake. For TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

ZEALANDIA HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

TAKAPUNA CUP (HANDICAP) of 400sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs

and third horse 15sovs out of stakes. Winner of any race of the value of 50sovs after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 3lb; of 100sovs, 5lb; exceeding 100sovs, 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 5sovs. One mile three furlongs and a-half.

FERRY HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

OREWA HANDICAP HURDLES of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile and three-quarters.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP of 75sovs; second pony to receive 10sovs, and third pony 5sovs out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards, 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. Winner of Zealandia Handicap to carry a penalty of 5lb; of the Takapuna Cup, 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

SECOND DAY,

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30th, 1909.

MOANA HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Seven furlongs.

HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile and a-half and a hundred yards.

SUBURBAN HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

TAKAPUNA J.C. HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP of 80sovs; second pony to receive 10sovs, and third pony 5sovs out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards, 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Four furlongs.

HOBSON HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

RANGITOTO HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. 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 entry. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Suburban or T.J.C. Handicaps to carry a penalty of 5lb; or both, 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Seven furlongs.

THIRD DAY,

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, 1909.

WAIWERA HANDICAP HURDLES of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile and three-quarters.

BOROUGH HANDICAP of 100sovs second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Four furlongs.

SUMMER HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. One mile.

THIRD PONY HANDICAP of 75sovs; second pony to receive 10sovs, and third pony 5sovs out of stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards, 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

PONUUI HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

MARINE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. For Maiden Two-year-olds that have not won a race at time of entry. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Four furlongs.

DEVONPORT HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stakes. Winner of the Borough or Summer Handicaps to carry a penalty of 5lb; or both, 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 5lb. Lowest weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 9 p.m.
Takapuna Cup Isov, Takapuna Jockey Club Handicap Isov, Stewards' Handicap Isov.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8th, 9 p.m.
FIRST DAY.
Handicap Maiden Plate Isov, Calliope Handicap Isov, Zealandia Handicap Isov, Ferry Handicap Isov, Orewa Handicap Hurdles Isov, First Pony Handicap Isov.

SECOND DAY.
Moana Handicap Isov, Maiden Handicap Hurdles Isov, Suburban Handicap Isov, Second Pony Handicap Isov, Hobson Handicap Isov, Anniversary Handicap Isov, Rangitoto Handicap Isov

THIRD DAY.

Waiwera Handicap Hurdles Isov, Borough Handicap Isov, Summer Handicap Isov, Third Pony Handicap Isov, Ponui Handicap Isov, Marine Handicap Isov, Devonport Handicap Isov, Welter Handicap Isov.

WEIGHTS.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8th, 4 p.m.
Takapuna Cup Handicap, Stewards' Handicap.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15th, 4 p.m.
First Day's Racing.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29th, 8 p.m.
Second Day's Racing.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1st.
Third Day's Racing.

ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22nd, 9 pm.
FIRST DAY.
Calliope Handicap Isov, Handicap Maiden Plate Isov, Zealandia Handicap Isov, Takapuna Cup Handicap 5sovs, Ferry Handicap Isov, Orewa Handicap Hurdles Isov, Stewards' Handicap Isov, First Pony Handicap Isov.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29th, 9 p.m.
SECOND DAY.
Moana Handicap Isov, Maiden Handicap Hurdles Isov, Suburban Handicap Isov, Takapuna Jockey Club Handicap 3sovs, Second Pony Handicap Isov, Hobson Handicap Isov, Anniversary Handicap Isov, Rangitoto Handicap Isov.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 12 noon.
THIRD DAY.
Waiwera Handicap Hurdles Isov, Borough Handicap Isov, Summer Handicap 2sovs, Third Pony Handicap Isov, Ponui Handicap Isov, Marine Handicap Isov, Devonport Handicap Isov, Welter Handicap Isov.

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WAIWERA HANDICAP HURDLES Isov, Borough Handicap Isov, Summer Handicap 2sovs, Third Pony Handicap Isov, Ponui Handicap Isov, Marine Handicap Isov, Devonport Handicap Isov, Welter Handicap Isov.

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FIRST DAY.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1908.

MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding 20sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

EDEN HANDICAP TROT of 15sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. For trotting horses only. Limit, 2.45 to the mile. Nomination, 1½sovs; acceptance, 2sovs. Distance, 1½ miles.

PONY CUP HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each out of the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1½sovs; acceptance, 2sovs. Distance, six and a-half furlongs.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CUP HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs each out of the stake. For all horses that have won in 2min 42sec or better to the mile. Limit, 5min 12sec. Nomination, 2sovs; acceptance, 2sovs, and a final payment of 2sovs at the post. Distance, two miles.

MIDDLE-CLASS HANDICAP TROT of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third 5sovs each out of the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race at better than 2min 40sec to the mile at time of entry. All entrants will be handicapped to trot 2min 48sec or better to the mile. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1½sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

GREAT NORTHERN TROTTING HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third 5sovs each out of the stake. Limit, 2min 36sec. Nomination, 1½sovs; acceptance, 2sovs. Distance, one mile.

WAITEMATA TROT HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. All horses must compete in harness. Limit, 2min 43sec. Nomination, 15s. acceptance, 1sov. Distance, one and a-half miles.

ST. HELIER'S HANDICAP TROT of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5sovs each, out of the stake. Limit, 2min 45sec. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1½ sovs. Distance, one mile.

SECOND DAY.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1908.

SECOND MAIDEN HANDICAP TROT of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding 20sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile.

EPSOM TROT HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each from the stake. For trotters only. Limit, 2min 43 sec to the mile. Nomination, 1½ sovs; acceptance, 2sovs. Distance, 1½ miles.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each out of the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1½sovs; acceptance, 2sovs. Distance, five furlongs.

SUMMER TROT CUP HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each out of the stake. Limit, 5min 14sec. Nomination, 1½sovs; acceptance, 2sovs. Distance, two miles.

TRAMWAY HANDICAP TROT of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trot-

ting race at better than 2min 40sec to the mile at time of entry. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2min 48sec or better to the mile. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, one mile and a-half.

CLASS HANDICAP TROT of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each out of the stake. Limit, 2min 36sec. Placed horses on the first day may be entered for this race. Such entry must be made on the night previous to the handicaps being declared. Nomination, 1½sovs; acceptance, 2sovs. Distance, one mile.

DOMINION HANDICAP TROT of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. All horses must compete in harness. Limit, 2min 45 sec. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, one mile.

DASH HANDICAP TROT of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each out of the stake. Limit, 2min 42sec. Nomination, 1½ sovs; acceptance, 2sovs. Distance, one mile and a-half.

THIRD DAY.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1909.

TRIAL HANDICAP TROT of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For horses that have never won an advertised race exceeding 20sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, one mile and a-half.

ASSOCIATION TROT HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, third horse 5sovs each from the stake. For trotting horses only. Limit, 2min 43sec to the mile. Nomination, 1½sovs; acceptance, 2sovs. Two miles.

NEW YEAR HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs each out of the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1½sovs; acceptance, 2sovs. Distance, about four and a-half furlongs.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP TROT of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third 5sovs each out of the stake. Limit, 2min 37sec to the mile. Nomination, 1½sovs; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, two miles.

PARK HANDICAP TROT of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race at better than 2min 40sec to the mile at time of entry. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2min 48sec or better to the mile. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, one mile and a-half.

HIGHCLASS TROT HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third 5sovs out of the stake. Placed horses at the Meeting may be entered for this Race. Such additional entry must be made on the night previous to the Handicaps being declared. Limit, 2min 35sec or better to the mile. Nomination, 1½sovs; acceptance, 2sovs. Distance, one mile.

WARD HANDICAP TROT of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from the stake. All horses must compete in harness. Limit, 2m. 45sec. to the mile. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, 1½ miles.

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP TROT of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third 5sovs each out of the stake. Limit, 2min 43sec. Nomination, 1½sovs; acceptance, 2sovs. Distance, one mile.

NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS for all Events Close on **FRIDAY, December 11th, at 9 p.m.**

HANDICAPS.
Handicaps for the First Day to appear on the 15th December, 1908.
Handicaps for the Second Day to appear on the 29th December.
Handicaps for the Third Day to appear on the 2nd January, 1909.

ACCEPTANCES.
Acceptances for the First Day close on December 18th, 1908, at 9 p.m.
Acceptances for the Second Day close on December 29th, 1908, at 9 p.m.
Acceptances for the Third Day close on 6th January, 1909, at 9 p.m.

Any Horse After Winning may be Re-Handicapped.

STAKES PAID IN FULL.

Order of Running subject to alteration.

All Races Saddle or Harness, except where stipulated for harness only.

By the entry of or endeavouring to enter, a horse, every person having or subsequently acquiring, any interest in such horse, shall be deemed to accept all the conditions and restrictions imposed or implied by these Rules, and to be barred from questioning the action of the Club or other body holding a sports meeting or of any official of the Club or other body in respect of such horse, or of any person connected therewith otherwise than is provided for in Part XXX of the Rules.

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No Pony shall be allowed to race under the Club unless a certificate of height has been previously obtained from a measurer appointed by the Club. Ponies may be measured with or without shoes, and may be re-measured at the pleasure of the Stewards. No protest or dispute will be allowed in regard to the height of any pony after being passed by the Club's Measurer or Measurers.

C. F. MARK,
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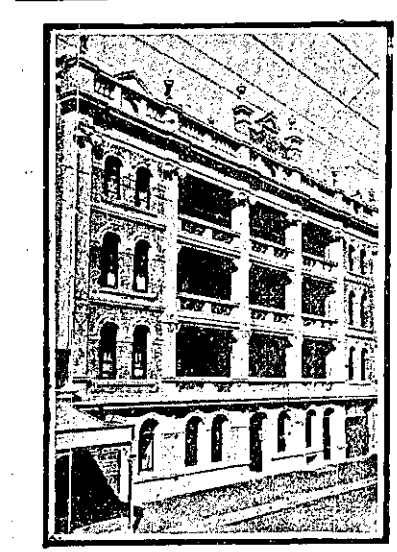
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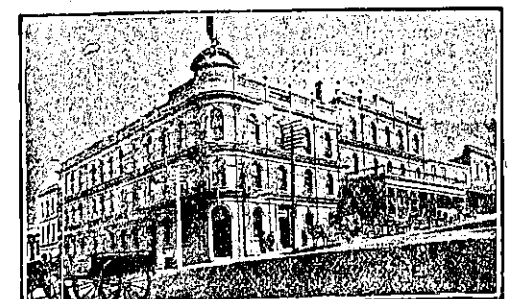
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RACING CALENDAR.

SEASON 1907.

FIXTURES.

- Dec. 9, 10—Woodville District J.C.
- Dec. 11, 12—Lake County J.C.
- Dec. 12, 16—Christchurch R.C.
- Dec. 16—Rakaua R.C.
- Dec. 16, 17—Dannevirke R.C.
- Dec. 18—Alexandra J.C.
- Dec. 23, 26, 28—Manawatu R.C.
- Dec. 26—Murchison R.C.
- Dec. 26—Alexandra R.C.
- Dec. 26—Waipapakauri R.C.
- Dec. 26—Kaikoua R.C.
- Dec. 26—Porangahau R.C.
- Dec. 26, 28—Dunedin J.C.
- Dec. 26, 28—Reefton J.C.
- Dec. 26, 28—Lower Valley J.C.
- Dec. 26, 28—Cromwell J.C.
- Dec. 26, 28—Taranaki J.C.
- Dec. 26, 28—Thames J.C.
- Dec. 26 and 28—Thames J.C.
- Dec. 26, 30, Jan. 1, 2—A.R.C.
- Dec. 28, 31, Jan. 9—Auckland Trotting Club
- Dec. 29—Ashhurst-Pohangina R.C.
- Dec. 31, Jan. 1—Greyouth J.C.
- Jan. 1—Cheviot R.C.
- Jan. 8 and 9—Whangarei R.C.
- Jan. 1—Houhora R.C.
- Jan. 1, 2—Hawke's Bay J.C.
- Jan. 1, 2—Stratford R.C.
- Jan. 1—Wynham R.C.
- Jan. 1—Waikouaiti R.C.
- Jan. 1, 2—Vincent J.C.
- Jan. 1, 2—Wairarapa R.C.
- Jan. 1, 2—Rangitikei R.C.
- Jan. 2, 4—Southland R.C.
- Jan. 6, 7—Tuapeka County J.C.
- Jan. 13—Wairoa J.C.
- Jan. 19, 20—Waioa County R.C.
- Jan. 20, 22, 23—Wellington R.C.
- Jan. 22, 23—Gore R.C.
- Jan. 22, 23—Foxton R.C.
- Jan. 23—Ohaupo R.C.
- Jan. 27, 28—Pahiatua R.C.
- Jan. 27, 28—Tapanui R.C.
- Jan. 29, 30, Feb. 3—Takapuna J.C.
- Feb. 11 and 12—Poverty Bay T.C.

NOMINATIONS.

- Dec. 11—Auckland Trotting Club
- Dec. 18—Takapuna J.C. (sprint events)
- Dec. 18—Whangarei R.C.
- Jan. 8—Takapuna J.C.
- Jan. 9—Poverty Bay T.C.
- Jan. 30—Poverty Bay T.C.

HANDICAPS.

- Dec. 11—A.R.C.
- Dec. 11—A.R.C. Summer.
- Dec. 15—Auckland Trotting Club
- Dec. 30—Whangarei R.C.
- Jan. 8—Takapuna J.C. (special events)
- Jan. 15—Takapuna J.C.
- Feb. 5—Poverty Bay T.C.

ACCEPTANCES.

- Dec. 11—Thames J.C.
- Dec. 18—A.R.C.
- Dec. 18—Auckland Trotting Club
- Jan. 5—Whangarei R.C.
- Jan. 22—Takapuna J.C.
- Feb. 6—Poverty Bay T.C.

FINAL PAYMENTS.

- Dec. 18—Auckland Cup
- Dec. 18—Thames J.C.

THE AUCKLAND CUP.

Acceptances fell due for the Auckland Cup on Friday last and much interest naturally centred in what horses would be paid up for. The result proved somewhat disappointing for, of the forty-nine horses handicapped by Mr Morse, but eighteen remain in the race. As several of those will hardly see the post all thoughts of a record field have departed and it is probable that not more than a dozen will contest the long distance handicap. The most prominent of those through whose names the scratching pen has been put are Signor, Frisco, Tangimoana, Mahutu, Aborigine, St. Aidan, Tip Toe, and All Guns. The top weight Zimmerman is evidently to be given a run and he is sure to do better than at Christchurch. The brilliant sprinter Bobrikoff also remains in the list, but it looks as though his owner is somewhat in the dark as to the horses staying ability, for he has also retained the N.Z. Cup winner Downfall to carry his colours. Master De'aval is certain to see the post—bar accidents, and will be running on when many are stopping. California has rather lost caste of late, but is nicely weighted, and Moral is sure to run better than he did during the Spring meeting at Ellerslie. All Red, Uhlando and Ikou are three more visitors, and another southerner in Diabolo may be ticked off as a certain competitor who will represent a powerful stable. Auckland's best representations will be Master Delaval, Carl Rosa, and Te Aroha and these hardly look strong enough to

defeat the very powerful visiting contingent. Under the circumstances it seems very probable that the richest prize of the A.R.C. Meeting will be carried off by a Southern owner.

THE GREAT NORTHERN DERBY.

We are somewhat accustomed to seeing the Great Northern Derby resolve itself into something of a one-horse race, but this does not look like proving the case on January 1. This will be the thirty-fifth occasion on which the event has been run and it would appear that there is considerable prospect of a strong and representative field going to the post for the big classic event. Sixteen have paid the second forfeit, but some of these would appear to have been left in by mistake. It is, however, quite possible there may be nine starters and most of the big stables will be represented. Mr J. Monk will have Diabolo, a black son of Stepniak to Tortulla, to represent him. The yellow and black livery of the Messrs Stead will be worn by the rider of the Seaton Delaval—Prob'em colt Nobel. The blue and white of Mr E. J. Watt will be seen on Aborigine, who ran so well at the A.R.C. meeting. Master Soul (Soul—Lady Hester) will be Auckland's strongest representative, who may possibly avenge his southern defeat, but would doubtless prefer a shorter course. A good word has been said for Shuja, a brown son of Soul and Sprite. The all cerise of the Hon. J. D. Ormond will be borne by the Birkenhead—Montread colt St. Aidan. Another Hawke's Bay representative still in the list is Chanteuse, the daughter of Merriwee and Cantatrice representing Mr. T. H. Lawry. Sir George Clifford will, of course, have acting on his behalf that greatly-improved colt Husbandman (Treadmill—Golden Vale) who recently won the C.J.C. Derby. Another likely starter is Mrs J. Leonard's black colt Santa Rosa (Soul—Vieux Rose) who won the Avondale Guineas. If this lot goes to the post it should prove the most interesting tussle for the Blue Ribbon of the North seen here for many years, and will prove furthermore a remarkably good betting race, which has not usually been the case. Indeed it would not be surprising to find the race rival the Cup in point of popularity with the noble army of punters.

GOLDEN PROSPECTS AT ASCOT AND RICHMOND.

Mr. John Wren, the well-known Victorian sportsman, has an interesting announcement to make in this issue. This is in stating his future intentions for the Ascot and Richmond racecourses. In March next there will be a Novice Handicap of £300 for all horses that have never won a race worth £25 or more to the winner. All ponies are eligible for this, notwithstanding what they may have won. In July there will be a Height class race of £300 (five furlongs), and in September another, the famous "thousand pounder." Then in July there is to be a £500 for horses, and in November one of £1000, these two 5½ furlong handicaps being open to all-comers. There is evidently money to be won on the Melbourne pony courses next year.

THE POVERTY BAY TURF CLUB.

The programme is announced of the Poverty Bay Turf Club's annual meeting which is to take place on the Makaraka racecourse on February 11 and 12. Eight events are to be decided each date, and it will be noticed on referring to the programme that a very considerable increase has been made in the stake money. The chief events on the opening day are the Turanga Stakes of 200sovs., 1¼ miles, and the Flying Handicap of 85 sovs., 6 furlongs. On the second day the leading items are the Stewards Handicap of 80sovs., 7 furlongs, the Sunderland Stakes of 150sovs., one mile, and the Publicans' Purse of 75 sovs., 5 furlongs. The programme is

easily the most attractive yet put forward by the club, and it should have the effect of inducing owners to nominate freely. Mr. D. R. De Costa, the secretary, will take nominations up till 9.30 p.m. on January 9, and for events in which there is no acceptance up to January 30.

THE AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

One of the chief attractions of the Christmas holidays in Auckland is the summer meeting of the Auckland Trotting Club, which will take place on December 28, 31, and January 9. So far as the light harness horse goes this is the premier event of the year in the North Island. Very substantial prizes have been hung up by the old established club, while every description of trotting horse has been catered for, as will be seen by the programme, which will be found on another page. Under the circumstances it may be expected that the entries will prove very numerous. Owners are reminded that these close with Mr. C. F. Mark, the secretary, to-morrow (Friday) evening, at 9 p.m.

THE WHANGAREI RACING CLUB.

When the host of holiday meetings have been got through and racing matters have cooled down somewhat, one of the meetings, which always engages a good deal of attention, is the summer meeting of the Whangarei Racing Club. This will take place on Friday and Saturday, January 8 and 9, and for it a good programme has been arranged, particulars of which can be found in another column. Owners must not overlook the fact that entries are due either with Mr. Dent or Mr. Hayr, on December 18.

WINNING JOCKEYS.

The month's suspension to which he was subjected for alleged foul riding undoubtedly cost F. Wootton premier position in this season's list of winning jockeys in England. On his return to the saddle Wootton rode with marvellous success, but though in about four weeks he scored 32 wins, bringing his total up to 130, that still left him nine behind D. Maher when the flat-racing season closed. W. Higgs finished third with 124, and O. Madden was probably fourth, for when the latest papers to hand left England he filled that position, and was a long way ahead of the fifth man on the list. The three leaders last year were: W. Higgs, 149; D. Maher, 114, and W. Halsey, 103; while Wootton was only thirteenth with 39. Though Maher has been riding in England nine seasons, this is the first time he has topped the list. On five previous occasions he got into three figures, and his English wins now total 846.

TARDY APPRECIATION.

Marcovill, winner of the Cambridge-shire, is not one of the easiest horses in the world to ride (says an English paper), and a less powerful jockey than Leslie Hewitt would probably have experienced considerable difficulty in keeping him straight. It is admitted on all hands that just at the present time the English Turf is poorly off so far as capable horsemen are concerned, and under the circumstances it is to be regretted that Hewitt has accepted a retainer to ride in Germany next season. The Australian cannot, however, be blamed for the step he has taken, the encouragement he has received in this country having been by no means on a par with his abilities.

NOTES ON THE RECENT FEILDING MEETING.

The Feilding Jockey Club's Summer Meeting was held in glorious weather, and there was a large attendance on both days, the crowd on the opening day being a record one. The amount of money handled by the "tote" staff showed a big drop on last year's figures. In 1907 the figures were: First day, £12,789; second day, £14,529;

total, £27,318. 1908: First day, £8909; second day, £8074; total, £16,893. The bookmakers' fees for the 1908 meeting amounted to £810, so that the club's income from betting channels would be about on a par with that of last year. The fields were large throughout, and quality was well represented, while the racing was very interesting. The starting on the first day was very faulty, Mr. R. R. Aldworth not proving a success at the barrier, but after his resignation of the position, Mr. Tom Cameron took up the duties and he excelled himself, the starts being really splendid in the various events.

The big fields showed that the club will have to devise some way of widening the course opposite the grandstand, where the track is too narrow to enable such big fields to be started properly.

Golden Eagle led off by beating a big field in the Flying Handicap, in which the St. Clements mare was made favourite. She got the best of the start, and won in the good time of 1.14 1-5sec. Catapult got left at the post. The Hack Welter saw Shuja (the three-year-old Soul colt) demonstrate that his win at Waverley was no fluke, as he beat a field of 14 like a racehorse, though he got away well. The time for the seven furlongs was 1.28 1-5sec., and as Shuja had 8.9 on his back it was a remarkably good performance. The Wanganui trained and owned Eclogue ran second.

Moral was made favourite for the St. Andrew's Handicap, but Husbandman gave further evidence of his quality by winning comfortably from The Lark. The latter slipped at the start, otherwise might have troubled the winner. Eleven started. Oryx jumped well in the Spring Hurdles, and put in a fine run at the finish which landed him a winner by half-a-head from Don Carlos, who looked to have the race at his mercy at the distance.

Stayboy scored a meritorious win in the Hack Hurdles, in which Mr. Coleman's Moose (by Sou'-wester) ran a very creditable second, and paid a good price. Gold Crest's win in the Feilding Stakes has been referred to as a lucky one, and it may be that had Provocation got off the mark with the Gold Reef horse the Birkenhead colt would have scored. However, the time recorded—60 3-5secs—and the ease with which he won, stamped the performance put up by Gold Crest as a remarkably good one. There were eight starters, Armlet being sent out favourite.

Fourteen went to the post in the Kiwitea Welter, which was won after a punishing finish by Ikon (San Fran—Nymph). The half-brother to Gold Crest got away particularly well, and was thus helped to victory.

Sir Antrim won the last event of the day—the Fitzroy Hack Flying—comfortably, and paid a surprisingly good dividend considering his recent Wairarapa successes.

On the second day proceedings opened with the York Stakes, which resulted in a head victory for Mr. D. Buick's fine colt Rangipapa, Crucinella making a great effort on the outside, and fighting out a most exciting finish. The time recorded was 1.14 2-5sec, which shows that the pace was hot. C. Jenkins rode the winner, and R. Hatch the half-sister to Nonette, and the two crack riders each put in some of their best work.

Lady Menschikoff next won the Nikau Hack from a good field after another race, and then Muskerry scored in the Manchester Handicap (the big money) from eight others easily in 2.6 3-5sec, a remarkably fast time for the mile and a-quarter. R. Hatch rode both Muskerry and Lady Menschikoff.

The big hurdles provided a splendid race, the jumping being good all round, old Mahoe getting home in capital style. D'Nil was made favourite for the Hack Hurdles, and the Crackshot gelding landed the stake for Mr. H. M. Speed (a popular official of the Wanganui Jockey Club.)

Stayboy won the Welter Hack comfortably from ten others, and then Ikon was made a slightly better fav-

ourite than Shuja for the Railway Welter. Ikon won comfortably, carrying 10.0, while Shuja ran third with a stone less on his back. The Soult colt got away badly, having to thread his way through a big field. At the home turn he commenced a very fast run, and was only beaten a length and a-half in 1.28 1-5sec, so that he was by no means disgraced. He will win some good big races all going well.

The Maiden Hack Scurry brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close, and fell to Eclogue after a good battle with Fond Memory.

R. Hatch and A. Oliver rode three winners each, and S. Reed and C. Jenkins each a couple.

Joe Morris, the rider of Oryx, which gelding came a terrible cropper in the Cheltenham Hurdles at Feilding, fell amongst the galloping horses, and it looked any odds that he would be kicked or jumped upon. He was lucky enough to escape with a severe shaking and bruising.

THE GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES.

Now that second forfeits have been paid for the Great Northern Foal Stakes it is possible to tick off the likely competitors. So far as can be seen the Aucklanders to face the barrier will be the brown colt Elysian (Soult—Dreamland) perhaps our best representative; Salute (Soult—Lady Musket) a filly who has proved that she can foot it vey smartly; Kakama, the brown daughter of Soult and Winsome; Snowfoot (Soult—Helen McGregor) who recently proved that he was no dunce when racing at Avondale; and the brown colt Chauvein (Soult—Inamoratu). Opposed to those will be Sir George Clifford's fine colt Broadsword, a bay son of Clanranald and Safeguard; the same owner's Sharpshooter (Clanranald—Weathereye); Messrs Stead's bay colt Nautiform (Multiform—Rattler); and the Hon. J. D. Ormond's bay colt Xylophone (Birkenhead—Banjo, who may be an absentee, however. Here is some fine material for a sharp skirmish over six furlongs and, like the Derby, the race looks far more open than is usually the case. Sir George Clifford has won the race three years in succession with Kirriemuir, Glenulloch and Fleetfoot, but this time the president of the Racing Conference will by no means have matters all his own way. The meeting of the two-year-olds should prove a particularly interesting feature of the big Eilerslie reunion.

A LUCKY FILLY.

The more one sees of the three-year-olds of 1908 the less reason does there seem to be to enthuse about them (says an English exchange). Perhaps the pick of the basket is Llangwm, though the last-named did not gain any fresh kudos by reason of his defeat of Primer at Sandown Park, since it was quite evident the latter refused to "put it all in." Still, the fact remains that, with a relative pull in the weights of 21lb, the Duke of Portland's colt failed to confirm the Epsom placings, and it is just as inconceivable how the son of St. Simon came to finish second for the Derby as it is that Signorinetta managed to win. The last-named deserves to go down to posterity as the luckiest animal that ever trod the Turf, since whereas the daughter of Chalureux has gained the highest pinnacle of fame as winner of Derby and Oaks, it is extremely doubtful if she could capture an ordinary handicap with 7st in the saddle.

A NEW WAY OF BRANDING.

An electrical device by means of which identification numbers may be tattooed upon the gums of army horses is being experimented with at Woolwich and other military depots in England. If it proves satisfactory, the system is destined to replace entirely that at present in vogue, by which reference numbers are burned into the horses' hoofs. Unless renewed every six months, such a reference number disappears completely, owing to the natural growth of the horse's hoof, which brings the number lower and lower until in the process of shoeing it is filed away. It is claimed that by the system which is being tried a number becomes absolutely indelible, and could only be removed by such a barbarous act as cutting away a portion of the horse's gum. The operation which the horse has to undergo is briefly this: Its upper lip is drawn back and a portion of the

gum above the incisor teeth is deadened to pain by an injection of cocaine. Then a metal pencil attached to an electrical battery is employed. In the pencil is a reservoir filled with indelible ink. At its pointed end is a tiny hollow needle, which under electrical impetus shoots in and out with tremendous rapidity, making tiny punctures in the horse's gum at the rate of many thousands a minute and depositing a minute drop of ink in each. A number containing five numerals can be "written" by an expert in a few seconds.

FOLLOWING FORM.

Sometimes it pays to adhere strictly to public form in the search for winners on a racecourse, but in the long run this system, if it may be so called, will pretty surely lead to bankruptcy. It may be that punters who are inclined to favour public running against all other methods of summing up the chances will now and again strike a good, reliable horse, raced in a sportsmanlike way, to gladden their hearts and fatten their pockets, but, as we have said, there is no royal road to fortune on the Turf by "following form." In-and-out running is always there to bar the way when the backers fortified with evidence as adduced from the latest running, set out to smash the fielders. It is difficult to find an explanation for the fact that so few horses can be depended upon to run two races alike. The more suspicious amongst the racegoers probably entertain their own ideas on this matter, but for ourselves, we should prefer to believe that the vagaries of the horses themselves are far oftener than is generally supposed responsible for upsets of "form."

Experience has, indeed, taught us that a really reliable galloper—one that can be trusted to "run up to it" at all times—is quite a rarity. You often hear trainers complaining about having "weshers" in their stable, and it must be very unsatisfactory to have to keep horses that can, but won't, win. By this we mean those equine imposters that have the ability to do deeds, but fail for the want of will or heart or courage, or whatever you like to call it. And the worst of it is, the ranks of these lions-at-home and lambs-in-the-field seem to have been largely added to the perplexities of backers.

What, it may well be asked, is the cause of this unwelcome increase? Well, in the first place, we should say that it is due in some measure to the wholesale introduction into the country of a line of blood that is liable to turn "sour" with racing, and that is notoriously unreliable at best.

Then, again, it may be taken for granted that the accepted training methods of the day are not calculated to give horses an extra taste for their business. The continual gallop, gallop, gallop against the watch in the mornings must necessarily have its effect, and it is quite probable that this treatment, instead of "improving the breed," adds to the number of "duck-hearted" horses seen under colours from week to week throughout the season. Anyhow, whatever way it may be summed up, those in the habit of "backing form" must find the first-to-day-and-last to-morrow brigade stumbling blocks in their path to fortune.—Sporting and Dramatic News.

Hastings, by Spendthrift, out of imported Cinderella, a mare bred by Sir William Throckmorton, by Blue Ruin or Tomahawk (foaled to Tomahawk's time, is now at the head of the list of winning stallions in the United States, his stock having won this season 69 races of the total value of 128,935dols. The dam of Hastings was sold by auction at Tattersall's in England for about 21gs, and has given to the United States not only Hastings, but also Plaudit (by Himyar out of Cinderella), who stands sixth on the winning sires' list with a total of 80,641dols to his credit.

One of the best known firms doing business in Auckland is that of Dalton, Queen-street, whose name has become almost a household word throughout the colony. This is, of course, in connection with the famous "Footballer" brand of clothing which has forced its way through the scrum-mage of opposition to the goal of success. This is because good material and sound workmanship are always to be found in clothes bearing the well-known brand, and as a result there is a constant and heavy demand for such goods. To cope with this Mr. Dalton has a large and fully equipped factory, with skilled men in charge, and the amount of work done is simply astonishing. Furthermore, the price is always remarkably low.

NOTES.

Entries for the Takapuna Cup close to-morrow week.

Ben Deeley is to have the mount on Carl Rosa in the Auckland Cup.

Mr C. O'Connor, of Auckland, is doing the starting at the Woodville meeting.

The Otamatia Racing Club intends holding a meeting on anuary 15. Entries close on the 28th inst.

A colt who later on should make a name for himself, made his appearance the other day in Australia, the youngster's parents being San Francisco (by St. Simon) from Bonnie Rosette (by Barcalaine) the dam of Mountain King.

There are eight colt foals and seven fillies at Glenora Park this season.

The trotter Star Pointer was taken south on Sunday to run at the inaugural meeting of the Wanganui T.C.

The Summer meeting of the Taranaki Jockey Club looks like proving one of the most successful held for a good many years past.

Bobrikoff is the most discussed horse in the Auckland Cup, the great question being whether he can stay the distance or not. So far his ability to do it has to be taken on trust.

Despite his very bad showing at the A.R.C. Spring Meeting the veteran Paritutu has been accepted for in the Auckland Cup.

The Huntly Racing Club intends holding another meeting on February next and every effort will be made to make it a success.

Sharpshooter and Stratagem have reached Elylerslie, having come up to run at the A.R.C. meeting.

With the completion of the Woodville meeting to-day there will be a short respite from racing preparatory to the big rush at Christmas time.

Deeley was the most successful horseman at the recent Takapuna meeting, four wins and a dead heat going to his credit.

The ex-New Zealander Aeolus won a jumpers' flat race at Flemington the other day. He carried 11st and started first favourite.

The lucky rider of the winner of the Auckland Cup is to receive a gold-mounted whip to commemorate the event. The whip has been presented by the management of the Royal Pictures, which combination opens in the Royal Albert Hall on Boxing Night.

The protracted enquiry of the Avondale Jockey Club into certain happenings at the spring meeting has nearly come to an end. One more meeting is to be held and then comes the verdict. It is said that this will be a bit sensational.

The meeting at Woodville commenced yesterday and will be concluded to-day.

Nominations for the Avondale classics are the best on record for the club. The list appears in another column.

Handicaps for the first day of the Thames J.C. Summer Meeting are due to appear to-morrow.

No less than 434 entries were received for the minor events to be run at the A.R.C. meeting. Last year the number was 397.

Only five horses have accepted for the A.R.C. Grafton Hurdle Race out of fifteen handicapped.

Among the early arrivals at Elylerslie are Husbandman, Flitaway, Broadsword, Sunglow, and Armlet, a more than 'useful' quintette.

In reply to "Argument" (Hobson St.) James J. Jeffries and Bob Fitzsimmons met at Coney Island on June 9, 1899 for the World's Championship, Jeffries winning in eleven rounds. They met again for the championship on July 25, 1902, at San Francisco and again Jeffries was the victor, this time in eight rounds.

Shuja, a son of Soult and Sprite, has been showing winning form at Waverley and Feilding. He is engaged in the Auckland Cup and G.N. Derby.

Mr. Nettlefold has bought the five-year-old horse Motoa (Conqueror—Marionette) from Mr. Messina, the price being, it is stated, 1000 guineas. The horse will be sent over to Melbourne.

It transpires that G. Price will be unable to ride Diabolo in the Auckland Cup, L. Wilson may have the mount instead.

H. Donovan will come up to Auckland to ride Armlet in the Railway Handicap.

Mr. R. D. Aldworth, who was recently appointed starter to the Feilding, Rangitikei, and Taranaki Clubs, resigned the position after an unsuccessful first day at Feilding.

The French-bred stallion Adam (Flying Fox—Amie) who recently returned to France from America, was sold in Paris last month for £11,600, being purchased on behalf of the Austrian Government. When sold to go to America £16,000 was paid for Adam.

The death occurred in Ireland a few weeks ago of Blairfinde (Kendal—Morganette), who was a brother to Galtee More, and half-brother to Ard Patrick. At one time £10,000 was refused for Blairfinde, but though he sired some good winners, including Demure, Revenue, and Dibs, his stud doings never fully realised expectations.

The sum of £14,112 10s went through the totalisator at the recent Takapuna meeting as against £14,990 10s at the corresponding meeting last year.

Of the numerous two-year-olds seen out this season in Auckland Effulgenu is easily the worst behaved at the barrier. So bad was she at Takapuna that no one would have been surprised if Mr O'Connor had sent away the fields without her.

Handicapping for French racing clubs is anything but a rosy post. At Le Temblay last month 272 horses were entered in a Free Handicap for three-year-olds, and the weight adjuster, commencing at 10.0, could not go below 6.13. Almost every three-year-old in the country with any pretensions to gallop was nominated.

At the meeting of an alumni association in this city recently one of the speakers told a story of the late Sir Henry Irving that seems to be new. The actor was once in need of a horse to ride in one of his theatrical productions, and had great difficulty in getting the right kind of animal. Finally somebody told him that a certain actor-manager had an animal that he thought would do. Sir Henry made inquiry and approved of the horse, but to make sure he said to the owner: "Is he fractious?" "Oh, no," replied the owner, "I have no fault to find with him, but occasionally he does yawn when I am on the stage." "Ah," said Sir Henry, "a bit of a critic then?"—New York "Tribune."

Captain Fenwick is the new owner of Noctiform, who has been given to F. Whittaker to train.

The stake-winnings of the unbeaten two-year-old Bayardo in this season total just over £13,000. He has won seven races.

According to report (says the Town and Country Journal), the New Zealand jockey L. Hewitt, who has been following his profession in England for the last couple of seasons, is on his way to Sydney. During a short stay it is said that he will be married, and then return to Europe, to fulfil an engagement in Austria.

The famous milk-fed French thoroughbred, Azote, which ran unsuccessfully in the English Derby this year, broke its leg during an obstacle race at St. Rouen, and had to be shot. Azote's racing career was brief and inglorious. He ran six times, and his best performance in a race was to finish fourth, and on that occasion there were only five runners.

Otterden, one of Mr. W. Brown's New Zealand purchases, has dropped a filly to Multiform (says the Referee). Being a full-sister to the unbeaten Boniform, the career of the former may be watched with some interest.

The high-priced filly Golden Slipper, who was sent to Windsor for a few weeks' spell, subsequent to running in the A.J.C. Derby, has resumed work.

The Auckland Trotting Club is calling for tenders for the sole rights for the publican's booth at the Summer meeting. Tenders must be in by 1 p.m. to-morrow.

During the next week a very large number of Southern horses are expected at Ellerslie. In fact the number of visitors is expected to top the record.

It is reported that Mr. W. Lyons was to leave Sydney for Auckland yesterday afternoon.

Handicaps for the first days events of the A.R.C. Summer meeting are due to appear to-morrow.

The Orakel people intend holding the customary meeting on Christmas Day. Entries are due on Friday.

The summer meeting of the Christchurch Racing Club commences on Saturday next, and will be continued on December 16. Amongst the prominent horses engaged are Grand Slam, Heorthen, Field Gun, Harvest, All Guns, Petrovna, Silk Webb and Armamento.

Don Carlos, who won the Hack Hurdles at Woodville yesterday, is a bay gelding by Mauser from Pin Money. Last season he started seven times without scoring a win.

It is stated on apparently good authority (says an exchange) that the opposition to Tattersall's sweeps is daily growing stronger even in Tasmania. When the island colony ejects the big gamble, it is not easy to see just where or how the executors of George Adams will continue their operations. It is stated that negotiations are proceeding for the sale of Kawau Island, and it is rumoured that the agents of Mr Adams are endeavouring to secure the island. Mr J. Agnew, of Thames, who has just returned from a trip to Australia, says that the price quoted is £30,000, although the figure is a big one, there are people in Melbourne who think that a purchaser will be found at the figure mentioned. The above may be true but I take leave to doubt it; firstly because the Tasmanians have thrown out by an immense majority a proposal to eject the famous consultations and secondly because the owner of Kawau has no earthly chance of getting the sum mentioned for the island.

The Stead Memorial Cup is said to be the finest trophy ever offered for competition in New Zealand.

The New Zealand-bred Equiform, by Multiform from Stressa, has been sold by Mr Avery to Mr A. C. MacDonald, of the Narylco Station, New South Wales, where the horse will in future do stud duty.

Master Soult and Elysian will be sold by auction at the conclusion of the Auckland Racing Club's Summer Meeting.

In Canada recently a jockey aged 103 years won a race. The man is a French Canadian named Tailifier, and began his racing career as a stable boy at the age of eighteen. Since then he has ridden in over six thousand races. To celebrate his 103 birthday, he donned spurs once again and secured third place in the race in which he competed.

The White Knight was saddled at the post for the Cesarewitch, permission being granted his owner. This was The White Knight's last race in England. Next year he starts stud duty.

Frank Bullock, the well-known Melbourne jockey, rode 62 winners and 47 seconds, out of 228 rides in Germany and other parts of the Continent this year. His successes included several of the big Continental races, and, as he was also at the head of the winning jockey's list in Germany, he has experienced a particularly good season. Bullock returns to Melbourne for a holiday trip this month. O'Connor came next in the German list and Reiff third.

Early in October the London "Sportsman" reported that Mr Croker's filly Rhodora had gone amiss, and would probably not race again. Shortly after this Rhodora came into the market for the Cambridgeshire, and this naturally caused the "Sportsman" to make inquiries. It was then discovered that the telegram, which was supposed to have come from Rhodora's trainer, was a forgery. The paper subsequently offered a reward of £100 for information which would lead to the discovery and conviction of the sender of the telegram. Rhodora, by the way, did not finish in a place in the Cambridgeshire.

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INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

Heorthen, who was second to Downfall in the N.Z. Cup, has been entered for the Manawatu and Ashhurst Cups.

The Hororata meeting was responsible for the downfall of several good things, outsiders prevailing in nearly every race. Bookmakers who took out licenses had one of their very best days.

Mythical, who has the reputation of being a speedy mare, again let her party down badly at Hororata last week. She is a very in and out mare, and is not to be relied upon at any time.

On their Timaru form Contender, Silkweb, and Teressa appeared to have an excellent chance of winning at Hororata, but they had to be content with second and third positions.

Armllet is one of the favourites here for the Railway Handicap at Auckland, and has been freely backed in doubles with Bobrikoff, Diabolo, Master Delaval and Downfall.

Sunglow was not seen at her best at the Cup meeting, having gone off in her work a few days before the meeting opened. This filly is well enough bred, is in good hands, and is capable of winning a big race when thoroughly well.

Heorthen, Sister Anne, Glenculloch, Applegarth, Fasnakyle and Kilwinning are the only Canterbury horses nominated at the Manawatu meeting, Sir George Clifford owning the last five named.

Nobel and Nautorm will be Messrs W. G. and G. L. Stead's representatives at the Auckland meeting.

The Stead Memorial Cup is one of the finest trophies ever offered for a horse race in New Zealand. It is now on view in this town, but will shortly be sent on to Hawke's Bay to Mr. T. H. Lowry, whose brilliant horse Bobrikoff has the honour of having his name inscribed on it.

The Christchurch Racing Club's meeting will be commenced at Plump-ton on Saturday next and concluded on the following Wednesday.

Ikon was backed to win a lot of money at Feilding in both races she started in, and a heavy commission was worked both days.

Lapland and Truthful were both schooled over hurdles separately on Saturday morning. The former made no showing, and would not jump at all, but Truthful shaped fairly well. Lapland will be given a few more chances in company with tried hurdlers.

Contender is a very disappointing horse. On the last day of the Cup meeting he gave a glimpse of his old form, and as a result was well backed for events at Timaru and Hororata. He ran very sluggishly in his two last races, and is evidently very unreliable.

Canterbury will be strongly represented at the Auckland Cup meeting, Armllet, Husbandman, Sunglow, Flit-away, Broadsword, Nobel, Nautiform and Sharpshooter form a formidable contingent from this part of the Dominion, and should capture a fair portion of stake money.

HAWKE'S BAY

NAPIER, December 9.

Although Ikon has been nominated for the Manawatu and Ashurst gatherings, San Fran's daughter has put in several right-handed gallops on the preparing grounds at Hastings, which makes it look as if her owner had not given over the idea of taking the mare up to Auckland for the summer venture of the A.R.C.

Owing to his having caught a severe cold, Moriarty was not taken to Woodville.

Goldlace, Gold Thread, and Golden Water, a portion of Mr. G. P. Donnelly's team, have been giving satisfactory replies to the questions put to them on the try out on the Napier Park track.

The Foxton Racing Club is negotiating to obtain the services of Mr.

Harry Piper to set the fields going at their annual race meeting next month.

Rerehau is the name that has been given to a six-year-old daughter of Nestor, owned by a Petane resident.

I understand this will be Merriwee's last turn of stud life in the Dominion, as his owner has made arrangements to send him over to the other colonies next year.

Good work is being accomplished by Bobrikoff and Downfall at the preparing circuits at Napier Park.

Mr. Watts' recent purchase, the coming two-year-old Stepniak—Couronne colt, had the saddle put on him with a pilot in it for the first time last Saturday. The youngster behaved in an orderly manner, and stepped out like an old hand at the business.

Alfred Neale, who fills the position of head lad at Mr. G. F. Moores training establishment at Tayforth, was in town this week, and during a chat I had with him informed me that with luck during the season the Wanganui sportsman would have some worthy carriers of the brown and crimson banner. All going well, Mr. Moore intends to send Signor and Carissima to Sydney and Melbourne early next year. The half-sister to Armistice has grown into a beautiful mare and greatly resembles her sire San Fran. Another item of news he supplied me with was that Helen Portland had been put in work again, and that a particularly nice half-sister by Sylvia Park to the Lark, named Sylvan Song, was also a stable comrade of Signor, Carrissima and company.

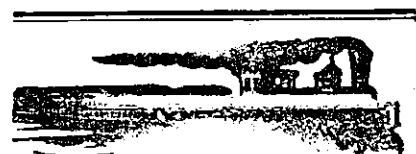
Tepuia, a rising three-year-old filly by San Fran, out of Black Ella, has been registered as the joint property of R. Brough and D. O'Meara. The latter is the well-known stud groom at Te Mahanga Station.

In consequence of having several of his students engaged at Manawatu, Ashhurst, and Hastings, T. Quinlivan, junior, will not accompany Aborigine to Auckland this month.

It seems hard luck to me, said a well-known local bookmaker when talking to me the other day, that I should buy a yearling, take all the risk and trouble with him, get him ready for racing, race him, lose money on him at the game, then sell him cheaply, and his new owner, who has won several races with him, should always have a good bet on him with me. What I'm worrying about now is whether I will quit fielding him or let somebody else take the risk. If I do and he misses I'll be mad, and if I keep on laying him and he wins I reckon I'll be madder.

Weights for the Manawatu Cup are due next week. The Wellington weight adjuster, Mr. J. H. Pollock, will act as starter next Saturday at the inaugural meeting of the Wanganui Trotting Club.

The Dannevirke Jockey Club has received first class nominations for their two days meeting next week, and with the handicapper up to his usual high grade standard, patrons of the fixture can look forward to a couple of days pleasurable sport.



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FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1909. To start at 12.45 p.m.

1. WELTER HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Minimum weight 8st. For horses that have not won a race of the value of 80sovs or upwards. One mile.
2. FIRST HURDLE RACE of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. The winner of any hurdle race of the value of 50 sovs after declaration of weights to carry 3lb extra, of 100sovs 5lb extra. One and three-quarter miles. Over seven flights of hurdles.
3. FIRST COUNTY STAKES HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. For all horses bred in the Counties of Cook, Waipatu, and Waioa. Six furlongs.
4. TURANGA STAKES HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stake. The winner of any race of the value of 50sovs after the declaration of weights to carry 3lb extra, of 100sovs 5lb extra, of 150sovs 7lb extra, of 200sovs 10lb extra. One and a-quarter miles.
5. MAIDEN SCURRY of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Minimum weight 8st. Winners on the flat at any time barred. Four furlongs.
6. TELEPHONE HANDICAP of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Five furlongs.
7. FIRST HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stake. Winner of any previous race 5lb extra. One mile.
8. FLYING HANDICAP of 85sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. The winner of any race of the value of 50sovs after the declaration of weights to carry 7lb extra, of 100sovs 10lb extra. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 1909.

1. STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Seven furlongs.
2. SECOND HURDLES HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stake. One and a-half miles. Over six flights of hurdles.
3. SECOND HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Seven furlongs.
4. SUNDERLAND STAKES HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Winner of the Stewards' Handicap to carry 5lb penalty. One mile.
5. MAIDEN SCURRY HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stake. Winners on the flat at any time barred. Winner of Maiden Scurry first day entrance money returned. Five furlongs.
6. SECOND COUNTY STAKES HANDICAP of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. For horses bred in the Counties of Cook, Waipatu, and Waioa. One mile.
7. PUBLICANS' PURSE HANDICAP of 75sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from stake. The winner of any previous race the same day to carry 5lb extra. Five furlongs.
8. FAREWELL HANDICAP of 60sovs second horse to receive 10sovs from stake. Winner of the Stewards' Handicap, Sunderland Stakes, or Publicans' Purse to be re-handicapped. Seven furlongs.

Stakes will be Paid in Full.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ENTRIES, WEIGHTS, ACCEPTANCES, AND MOUNTS.

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

NOMINATIONS.

SATURDAY, 9th JANUARY, 1909, at 9.30 p.m.

First County Stakes (no acceptance) 1sov, Turanga Stakes 1sov, First Hurdles 1sov, Flying Handicap 1sov, Stewards' Handicap 1sov, Second Hurdles 1sov, Sunderland Stakes 1sov, Publicans' Purse 1sov.

ENTRIES (No Acceptance).

SATURDAY, 30th JANUARY, 1909, at 9.30 p.m.

Welter Handicap 1sov, Maiden Scurry 1sov, Telephone Handicap 1sov, First Hack Flat 1sov, Second Hack Flat 1sov, Second County Stakes 1sov, Maiden Scurry Handicap 1sov, Farewell Handicap 1sov.

WEIGHTS.

FRIDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1909. Turanga Stakes Handicap, First Hurdles Handicap, Flying Handicap.

THURSDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1909, at 8.30 p.m.

(Night of First Day's Races.) The whole of the Second Day's Events.

ACCEPTANCES: First Day.

SATURDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 1909, at 9.30 p.m.

Turanga Stakes 3sovs, First Hurdles Handicap 1sov, Flying Handicap 30s.

THURSDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1909, at 10 p.m.

(Night of First Day's Races.) Stewards' Handicap 1sov, Sunderland Stakes 50s, Second Hurdles 1sov, Publicans' Purse 30s.

D. R. DeCOSTA, Secretary

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, December 9. Subsequent to the C.J.C. Winter Meeting at which the Foxton horse Moota put up a couple of really meritorious performances, his owner was made a substantial offer by Mr Nettelfold with the view of taking the gelding to Melbourne to join the team presided over by Price. Moota had, however, contracted a slight cold, and when examined by a vet. a certificate was not forthcoming. Mr Nettelfold's offer, it appears, still held good, and as the horse is now in the best of health, the necessary veterinary certificate has been obtained and Moota went on to Sydney en route for Melbourne by last Friday's steamer. The price paid for Moota is stated as one thousand guineas.

The circumstances following on the Feilding Racing Club's action in experimenting in an amateur starter has been the subject of much comment in racing circles. The gentleman entrusted with the office of starter at the club's recent spring meeting, obviously lacked any knowledge of the duties he undertook to perform. The result was disastrous to owners and those who indulged in backing their fancies, and after the sorry exhibitions in the first two races, comment was both painful and free. Horses that had been brought a considerable distance were debarred by the incapacity of the starter, from having any chance whatever of winning the events for which they were started. Those who backed them hardly got a run for their money, and as no one could fortell that a horse he intended backing would get away with the field, the investments on the totalisator were restricted accordingly and the totalisator turn-over showed a big falling off at the conclusion of the first day. It was a relief to all concerned when Mr Tom. Cameron was substituted as starter. His efforts were such a decided contrast to that of his predecessor that general surprise was expressed that he had not been appointed originally.

The Manawatu Racing Club, it is stated, also intend employing an amateur starter. As this club has begun badly owing to their nominations falling off about one-third when compared with the corresponding meeting last season, they may find the success of their gathering seriously interfered with should they persist in indulging in unwise experiments. An expert starter makes for the success of a race meeting. Backers must be studied and endowed with confidence that the animal they put their coin on will get a fair chance of winning, otherwise they are not foolish enough to risk their money.

The Wellington Racing Club's summer programme has been finally decided upon and will be circulated forthwith. The Wellington Cup is endowed with 100sovs added money, Racing Club Handicap 600sovs, and the Summer Handicap 500sovs. Valuable stakes are offered for the sprint and 2-year-old events, and horses qualified to race under hack conditions are offered a couple of good prizes of 200 and 250 sovs. Welter horses

are well catered for and the programme as a whole should satisfy owners of almost every class of racer. The meeting will open on a Wednesday and will conclude on the Friday and Saturday of the same week. "Mr Liskirk" recently disposed of the Auckland-bred gelding Hiro. He ran at Feilding in the interest of his new owner and if any reliance can be placed in the timekeeper, his very best performance was recorded. Hitherto Hiro has been estimated as a very moderate animal. His second to Boomerang's half-sister Muskerry in remarkably fast time, was a surprise to those who had watched his past form.

W. Davis, one of our local trainers, was represented at Feilding by Ballarat and Yosami. The black mare displayed some of her old dash in the spring events, but on the first day was greatly assisted owing to her rider taking liberties with the amateur starter. Yosami jumped badly in the hurdle race and seemed to tire quickly and will yet require some experience ere she meets with much success in good hurdle company.

J. Prosser only took Gold Crest to the meeting. The Gold Reefs horse's mission was the Feilding Stakes and in this event Gold Crest was greatly favoured by the lack of experience of the starter. C. Jenkins, who had the mount, simply beat the starter by half a dozen lengths, and the race was virtually over ere the bulk of the competitors got on their legs. A number of backers followed Jenkin's mount as they felt sanguine he would get Gold Crest away with a flying start and once in front the long-striding chestnut takes no end of catching. Provocation and Broadsword, the two-year-olds, put up sterling performances, but would require to be flying machines to give Gold Crest a start and beat him.

Prosser will shortly make a move in the direction of Auckland. His team will include Gold Crest, All Red, Diabolo and some lesser lights. The latter has a number of local admirers and his prospects in the Auckland Cup are highly estimated.

Local trainers will have their hands full during the next four weeks. There are some fourteen meetings at which they can race their charges, and unless we have some rain the tracks will be of an adamant nature and there will most surely be a lot of sore horses at the beginning of the new year. Messrs Lowe, Pritchard, Higgott, Davies, and Prosser have amongst them a large number of horses in condition to race and some good stakes should come their way before the conclusion of the summer meetings.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, December 9.

A great deal of interest is being taken in the Wanganui Trotting Club's meeting, which is to be held on Saturday, the 12th inst. The acceptances received are exceedingly good, and given fine weather the meeting should be a big success. It is many years since any trotting races were held here, and the novelty of the sport is bound to draw a large attendance. The officials of the club have made careful arrangements for the successful carrying through of the programme, and the management should leave little to be desired.

George Powell is treating Waddy to swimming exercise in the hope that this will benefit the filly's leg, which was rather badly bruised some three months ago. If the leg improves sufficiently the filly will compete at the Taranaki meeting.

The successes of D'Nil and Eclogue at Feilding were quite expected by those who had seen the pair working recently.

Research was sent up to Waitara, where the son of Renown was expected to run prominently in the Cup, but he could do no better than get fourth.

Nightmare and Contour will represent the Fordell stable at Woodville.

Both of these mares are in good nick, and should run prominently in their engagements.

After C. Jenkins had won the Third Feilding Stakes on Gold Crest, the crack jockey was presented by Mr. F. Y. Lethbridge, President of the Feilding Club, on behalf of Mr. Dunbar, of Feilding, with a handsome gold-mounted whip.

At a meeting of stewards of the Foxton Racing Club, a lengthy discussion took place re the suggestion made by the Wanganui Metropolitan Club in reference to the appointment of stipendiary stewards. Finally it was resolved that the secretary be instructed to reply to the effect that while the Foxton Club is in sympathy with the movement, it considers that it is a matter for the Racing Conference to take up before district clubs are asked for an opinion.

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NOMINATIONS.

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TRIAL HANDICAP.—Tui Cakobau, Cambrian, Maheno, Haldane, Delegate, Waihuka, Dunborve, Inglis, Guidwife, Te Kahurangi, Te Aroha, Aristocrat, Chanteuse, St. Aidan, Escamillo.

NURSERY HANDICAP.—Suneton, Royal Scotland, Fighting Fish, St. Amans, Etna, Tetraxini, Hyperion, Kakama, Etonian, Excalbur, Tuku Tuku, Lady Doon, Sharpshooter, Merriwa, Idealism, Golden Water.

ROBINSON HANDICAP.—Carmania, Dardanus, Waimangu, Rimlock, Mark Time, Rarata, Dogger Bank, Epsom Lass, Cyrona, Hard Rock, Explosive, Sedition, Lady Frances, Blue Rocket, Ngapuka, Totika, Malora, Escamillo, Seaton-dale, Kapuarangi.

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP.—Douche, Waimangu, Tui Cakobau, Leonator, Celtic, Cambrian, Maheno, Haldane Advocate, Shuja, Taitoko, Te Aroha, Aristocrat, Sunslow, Chanteuse, St. Aidan.

BOWEN HANDICAP.—Carmania, Ben Battle, Miss Advance, Rimlock, Mark Time, Rarata, Dogger Bank, Analogy, Blue Mountain, Explosive, Sedition, Heathen, Crown Rose, Ngapuka, Totika, Malora, Master Crispin, Hohungatahi, Perform, Seaton-dale, Kapuarangi.

PONSONBY HURDLE RACE.—Okaihau, Waihekau, Reservoir, Master Douglas, Luscombe, Darkness, Dolores, Kaipetipeti, Hautapu, San Paulo.

VISITORS' HANDICAP.—Mahinga, Tarina, Cambrian, Devonport, Lucio, Waihuka, Guidwife, Grizelle, Coromandel, Foremost, Te Kahurangi, Loongana, Armet, Flitaway, Contentent, Gold Lace, Miss Winnie, Wauchope.

ALEXANDRA HANDICAP.—Dardanus, Santa Rosa, Tui Cakobau, Cambrian, Maheno, Haldane, Grenadier, Royal Soult, Tamainupo, Inglis, Lochbuhie, Taitoko, Te Aroha, Loongana, Aristocrat, Nobel, Chanteuse, Dawn, Sir Tristram, Seaton-dale.

CRITERION HANDICAP.—St. Amans, Snowfoot, Elysian, Hyperion, Kakama, Excalbur, Tuku Tuku, Sharpshooter, Merriwa, Idealism, Xylophone, Golden Water, Salute.

WAITEMATA HANDICAP.—Okaihau, A'magh, Waimangu, Rimlock, Mark Time, Rarata, Epsom Lass, Cyrona, Hard Rock, Sedition, Shuja, Escamillo, Master Crispin, Kapuarangi.

SALISBURY WELTER HANDICAP.—Waimangu, Leonator, Celtic, Haldane, First Gun, Delegate, Paritutu, Advocate, Rauparaha, Guidwife, Aristocrat, Husbandman, St. Aidan.

FERGUSON HANDICAP.—Carmania, Miss Advance, Rimlock, Mark Time, Rarata, Dogger Bank, Analogy, Blue Mountain, Explosive, Te Kahurangi, Ngapuka, Totika, Keep Step, Field-Marshal, Malora, Master Crispin, Hohungatahi, Jena, Kapuarangi.

NEW YEAR HURDLE RACE.—Okaihau, Waihekau, Reservoir, Ben Jonson, Master Douglas, Luscombe, Lingerer, Dolores, Kaipetipeti, Hautapu, Rosavere.

COUNTY HANDICAP.—Santa Rosa, Tarina, Devonport, Cambrian, Maheno, Haldane, Waihuka, Grenadier, Tamainupo, Guidwife, Coromandel, Foremost, Taitoko, Loongana, Armet, Flitaway, Contentent, Dawn, Gold Lace, Miss Winnie, Wauchope.

MIDSUMMER HANDICAP.—St. Amans, Etna, Tetraxini, Hyperion, Kakama, Excalbur, Maewa, Tuku Tuku, First Wairiki, Sharpshooter, Broadsword, Merriwa, Idealism, Xylophone, Golden Water, Salute.

MAIDEN HANDICAP.—Carlyle, Dardanus, Waimangu, Rimlock, Mark Time, Rarata, First Gun, Cyrona, Hard Rock, Explosive, Sedition, Lady Frances, Kilmarnock, Kotiti, Ngapuka, Nobel, Escamillo, Master Crispin, Perform, Seaton-dale, Kapuarangi.

GLASGOW HANDICAP.—Dardanus, Santa Rosa, Tui Cakobau, Celtic, Cambrian, Maheno, Delegate, Royal Soult, Dunborve, Advocate, Rauparaha, Bully, Inglis, Lochbuhie, Taitoko, Te Aroha, Loongana, Aristocrat, Sunslow, Nobel, Chanteuse, Dawn, Sir Tristram, Seaton-dale.

GOODWOOD HANDICAP.—Dardanus, Waimangu, Tui Cakobau, Leonator, Celtic, Cambrian, Maheno, Haldane, Delegate, Paritutu, Maheno, Haldane, Delegate, Royal Soult, Dunborve, Advocate, Rauparaha, Bully, Inglis, Guidwife, Taitoko, Ngapuka, Te Aroha, Aristocrat, Husbandman, Nobel, Stratagem, Chanteuse, Sir Tristram, Escamillo, Kapuarangi, Seaton-dale.

SYLVIA HANDICAP.—Royal Scotland, Fighting Fish, St. Amans, Snowfoot, Tetraxini, Hyperion, Kakama, Excalbur, Roselike, Tuku Tuku, Lady Doon, Sharpshooter, Merriwa, Idealism, Salute.

AUCKLAND HURDLE RACE.—Okaihau, Carlyle, Waihekau, Reservoir, Ben Jonson, Master Douglas, Creusot, Luscombe, Lingerer, Darkness, Dolores, Kaipetipeti, Hautapu, Rosavere.

NEWMARKET HANDICAP.—Mahinga, Santa Rosa, Tarina, Devonport, Waihuka, Royal Soult, Tamainupo, Lochbuhie, Coromandel, Foremost, Taitoko, Ngapuka, Loongana, Aborigine, Sunslow, Armet, Flitaway, Chanteuse, Contentent, Dawn, Gold Lace, Miss Winnie, Wauchope.

AUCKLAND PLATE.—Douche, Waimangu, First Gun, Leonator, Ikon, Pohutu, Kilmarnock, Shuja, Master Delaval, Te Aroha, Aborigine, California, Husbandman, Downfall, Bobrikoff, Chanteuse, St. Aidan, Zimmerman, Diabolo.

GREY HANDICAP.—Carmania, Harrow, Aristos, Mahinga, Ben Battle, Miss Advance, Freevata, Hoanga, Censure, Tattoo, Mark Time, Rarata, Dogger Bank, Analogy, Blue Mountain, Hard Rock, Explosive, Silent, Mentira, Grizelle, Biddy Curran, Blue Rocket, Flying Soult, Heathen, Te Kahurangi, Crown Rose, Lady Jane, Stroller, Totika, Keep Step, Field-Marshal, Malora, Zinnia, Master Crispin, Hohungatahi, Jena, Perform, Laurel Wreath, Peggy Pride.

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Run at Spring Meeting, 1909.

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Cambria Park Stud's ch f, by Obligado-Senga
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Mr. W. Handley's b c, by Soult-Gladys May
Mr. W. Handley's b f, by Soult-Merly Maid
Mr. R. Rawhiti's b f, by Young Billingsgate-Spinning Jenny
Mr. R. Ferrall's ch f, by Young Billingsgate-Rangiora
Mr. E. W. Alison's br f, by Monoform-Antelope
Mr. Donald McLeod's br f, by Soult-Winsome

HANDICAPS.

TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

HURDLE RACE.—Stayboy 11.10, Haeremal 10.9, Tondergild 10.8, Linger 9.7, Bagatelle 9.7, The Leader 9.3, Black Banner 9.3, Drudgery 9.2, Sedgemoor 9.0. CHRISTMAS HANDICAP.—Ublando 9.0, Tiptoe 8.8, Glenullin 7.8, Wee Trinket 7.8, Star Rose 7.9, Mallet 7.0, Showman 7.0, Mikotahi 6.12, Kilmarnock 6.12, Pearlite 6.12, Fulminator 6.10. FLYING HANDICAP.—Golden Eagle 9.0, Tiptoe 8.0, Glenullin 8.3, Cyrene 8.3, Kareroa 8.2, Climax 7.9, Nicot's 7.7, Sir Artega 7.2, Kirsty 7.2, St. Maria 7.0, Lady Lancelot 6.13. STEWARDS' HANDICAP.—Nicotine 9.0, Lady Menschikoff 8.12, Hydraulic 8.8, Chase Mab 8.7, White Star 8.7, Timothy 8.3, Burton 8.0, Inaha 7.13, Mulga Bill 7.9, Tanekaha 7.6, Overtime 7.5, Otaroa 7.2, Whana 7.0, Flying Wind 7.0, Taubere 7.0, Plelades 7.0. FIRST WELTER HANDICAP.—Mikotahi 10.10, Resea ch 10.9, White Star 10.5, Recreation 9.7, Billow 9.6, Red Star 9.4, Mistress 9.4, Astraea 9.2, Paul 9.2, Goodwin Park 9.0, Rohepotae 9.0, Den's 9.0, Noi'a 9.0, Marshall 9.0, Gunstock 9.0, Jet de More 9.0, Mendip 9.0. BRACELET.—Kanewara 11.4, Starfish 10.13, Bismarck 10.13, Bon Cyr 10.6, Golden Park 10.3, W'ndrobe 10.3, Mendip 10.2, St. Clements gelding 10.2, Jet de More 10.1, Glen 10.1, Waddy 10.0, Melaphine 10.0, Denis 10.0, Andover 10.0, Forward 10.0, Maori Rifle 10.0.

ACCEPTANCES.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, and other details for the Auckland Cup of 1750sovs. Two miles. Includes names like Zimmerman, Bobrikoff, M. Delaval, Downfall, California, Moral, All Red, Uhlendo, Ikon, and Carl Rosa, Diabolo, Stratagem, Te Aroha, Shuja, Partuta, Rauparaha, Pohutu, First Gun.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, and other details for the Railway Handicap of 500sovs. Six furlongs. Includes names like Mas. Soult, Grenadier, Dawn, Cambrian, Lochbuhie, Armet, Aborigine, Ikon, and Royal Soult, (in. 3lb pn.), Flittaway, Miss Winnie, Santa Rosa, Gold Lace, Devonport, Loongana, Wauchope, Tamainupo, Coromandel.

GRAFTON HURDLE RACE of 200sovs. Two miles.

Table with columns: Name, Age, Weight, and other details for the Grafton Hurdle Race. Includes names like Hautapu, Dolores, Reservoir, Okaihau, 7lb pen., and Kotiti.

SECOND FORFEITS.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH GREAT NORTHERN DERBY of 750sovs. For three-year-olds. One mile and a-half. Mr. J. E. Paul's br c, by Pukaki-Merry Kate. Mr. J. T. Paul's b c, by Pukaki-Pauline. Mr. J. Monk's blk c Diabolo, by Stepnia Tortulla. Mr. R. J. Patterson's br c, by Stepniak Royal Plumage. Messrs. W. G. and G. L. Stead's b c Nobel, by Seaton Delaval-Problem. Mr. Lance Wood's b f Ukraine, by Stepniak-Madder.

- Mr. E. J. Watt's blk g Aborigine, by Merriwee-Indian Queen
Trustees Mrs. Coombe's br c Master Soult, by Soult-Lady Hester
Mr. C. Matthews' br c Shuja, by Soult-Sprite
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c St. Aidan, by Bl kenhead-Montread
Mrs. J. Lennard's blk c Santa Rosa, by Soult-Vieux Rose
Mrs. J. Lennard's blk c Waimangu, by Soult-Roxana
Mr. J. Ellis' br c Beneform, by Multiform-St. Ouida
Mr. J. Ellis' blk c My Lawyer, by Blackstone-Emmeline
Mr. T. H. Lowry's b f Chanteuse, by Merriwee-Cantatrice
Sir G. Clifford's br c Husbandman, by Treadmill-Golden Vale

THE FOURTEENTH ROYAL STAKES of 500sovs. For two, three, and four-year-olds. Six furlongs.

- Mr. R. J. Patterson's b c, 3yrs, by Stepniak-Royal Plumage
Mr. G. D. Greenwood's b f Armet, 3yrs, by Menschikoff-Armilla
Mr. G. D. Greenwood's b f Sunglow, 3yrs, by Multiform-Otterden
Messrs. W. G. and G. L. Stead's b c Nautiform, 2yrs, by Multiform-Rattler
Mr. Lance Wood's b f Ukraine, 3yrs, by Stepniak-Madder
Mr. J. Lynch's b c Coromandel, 3yrs, by Menschikoff-Golden Rose
Mr. G. P. Donnelly's br f Gold Lace, 3yrs, by Gold Reef-Kahuwal
Mr. G. P. Donnelly's ch g Golden Water, 2yrs, by Gold Reef-Ia
Trustees Mrs. Coombe's br c Master Soult, 3yrs, by Soult-Lady Hester
Trustees Mrs. Coombe's br c Elysian, 2yrs, by Soult-Dreamland
Mr. C. Matthews' br c Shuja, 3yrs, by Soult-Sprite
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Contendant, 3yrs, by Birkenhead-Content
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Xylophone, 2yrs, by Birkenhead-Banjo
Mr. J. Lennard's blk c Santa Rosa, 3yrs, by Soult-Vieux Rose
Mr. J. Ellis' b c Beneform, 3yrs, by Multiform-St. Ouida
Mr. J. Ellis' blk c My Lawyer, 3yrs, by Blackstone-Emmeline
Sir G. Clifford's ch f Flittaway, 3yrs, by Clanranald-Elusive
Sir G. Clifford's b c Broadsword, 2yrs, by Clanranald-Safeguard
Sir G. Clifford's ch c Sharpshooter, 2yrs, by Clanranald-Weathereye
Mr. D. McLeod's br f Kakama, 2yrs, by Soult-Winsome
Mr. J. R. McDonald's ch c Kina, 2yrs, by St. Ambrose-Seashell
Mr. T. H. Lowry's br c Merriwa, 2yrs, by Merriwee-Lady Helen.

THE GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES of 650sovs. For two-year-olds. Six furlongs.

- Trustees Mrs. Coombe's br c Elysian, by Soult-Dreamland
Mr. F. Ross' br f Salute, by Soult-Lady Musket
Sir G. Clifford's b c Broadsword, by Clanranald-Safeguard
Sir G. Clifford's c Sharpshooter, by Clanranald-Weathereye
Messrs. W. G. and G. L. Stead's b c Nautiform, by Multiform-Rattler
Manawatu Stud Company's ch f, by Formosan-Wepener
Mr. G. Baldwin's br f, by Kilcheran-Purity
Mr. D. McLeod's br f Kakama, by Soult-Winsome
Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Xylophone, by Birkenhead-Banjo
Mr. J. R. McDonald's ch c Kina, by St. Ambrose-Seashell
Mr. P. Smith's b c Snowfoot, by Soult-Helen McGreggor
Mr. W. Davies' br c Chauvelin, by Soult-Inamorata

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST FORFEITS.

THE NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 550sovs. For two-year-olds. Six furlongs.

- Mr. E. W. Alton's b f Elegance, by Seaton Delaval-Antelope
Mr. V. L. Bagnall's b c, by Seaton Delaval-Eve
Mr. W. E. Bidwill's b c Provocation, by Birkenhead-Stepfeldt
Mr. W. E. Bidwill's b g Expansion, by Birkenhead-Immersion
Mr. S. Bradley's b c First Wairiki, by Wairiki-Leo Delaval
Mr. S. Bradley's br f Ripple, by Wairiki-Volee

ASCOT AND RICHMOND. A LOOK AHEAD. GOLDEN PROSPECTS!

Table showing betting odds and stakes for Ascot and Richmond events. Columns include Month (March, July, September, November), Stake (£300, £500, £1000), and Class (Novice, Horses).

The Novice Handicap, "Three Hundred," of 5 Furlongs, is for all horses that have never won an Open Handicap Race with stake of £25 or more to the Winner. All Ponies 14.3 and under are eligible to compete notwithstanding what amount they may have won in any race or races. The "Height Class," Three Hundred, of 5 furlongs, and the famous "Height Class Thousand" of 5 furlongs, are Handicaps open to all ponies complying with the measurement conditions. The "Five Hundred" and "Ascot Thousand," each a handicap of 5 1/2 furlongs, are open to allcomers. The fullest detailed particulars in future issues or on application to the secretary Ascot Racing Club 197 Bourke-street, Melbourne. JOHN WREN, General Manager.

THAMES JOCKEY CLUB.

Registered under Auckland Racing Club, and New Zealand Racing Conference.

SUMMER MEETING, 1908.

SATURDAY AND MONDAY,
DECEMBER 26 AND 28.

Officers:—President, Hon. Jas. McGowan. Vice-president, Mr. A. Burns. Treasurer, Mr. C. J. Winder. Judge, Dr. Barclay. Handicapper, Mr. R. Wynyard. Starter, Mr. E. Hankins. Clerk of Scales, Mr. W. Taylor. Clerk of Course, Mr. A. Bateman. Time-keeper, Mr. D. Twohill. Committee, Messrs. A. Bruce (Chairman of Committee), C. J. Winder, E. J. Milnes, A. Burns, W. Taylor, J. Loughlin, J. S. Hope, J. Inglis, G. E. Buckland, D. Stewart, J. Connolly, D. Twohill. Stewards, Messrs. A. Bruce, C. J. Winder, D. Stewart, G. E. Buckland, J. Inglis, J. Loughlin, D. Twohill. Secretary, W. H. Potts, P.O. Box 7.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

1. MAIDEN HANDICAP of 35sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. For horses that have not won an advertised race of 25sovs in value at time of starting. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, seven furlongs.
2. FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 65 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stakes. Over 7 flights of hurdles. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 30s. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.
3. GOLDFIELDS CUP of 110sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of stakes. Winner Maiden Handicap to carry 5lb penalty. Nomination, 15ov; acceptance, 2sovs. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.
4. BOROUGH HANDICAP of 40sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stakes. Winner of Maiden Handicap to carry 5lb penalty and Goldfields Cup 10lb penalty. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, five furlongs.
5. FIRST HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 90sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of stakes. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 30s. Distance, about two miles and a-half.
6. STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 45sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. Winner of Maiden Handicap and Borough Handicap to carry 5lb penalty and Goldfields Cup 10lb penalty. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, seven furlongs.
7. FIRST HACK RACE, of 35sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of stakes. For horses that have never won a race of the value of 10 sovs. at time of starting. Confined to horses from the districts of Waikato, Plako, Ohinemuri, Bay of Plenty, Thames, and Coromandel, and that have been the bona-fide property of nominator's two months previous to day of nomination. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, six furlongs.
8. WELTER HANDICAP of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Minimum weight, 8st. 7lb. Winner of Maiden Handicap, Borough Handicap, or Stewards' Handicap to carry 5lb. penalty, and Goldfields Cup 10lb. penalty. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 20s. Distance, one mile and about 30 yds.

SECOND DAY.

1. SECOND MAIDEN HANDICAP of 40 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. For horses that have never won an advertised race of the value of 35 sovs. at time of starting. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 20s. Distance, six furlongs.
2. THAMES HANDICAP HURDLES of 65sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of stakes. Over 7 flights of hurdles. Nomination, 15s.; acceptance, 30s. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.
3. THAMES STAKES of 80 sovs.; second horse to receive 10 sovs. out of stakes. Winner of Second Maiden Handicap to carry 5lb. penalty. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 30s. Distance, about one mile and 30 yards.
4. THE BRUCE HANDICAP of 40 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Winner Second Maiden Handicap to carry 5lb. penalty, and Thames Stakes 10lb. penalty. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 20s. Distance, four furlongs.
5. THAMES HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 90 sovs.; second horse to receive 15 sovs., and third horse 5 sovs. out of stakes. Nomination, 1 sov.; acceptance, 30s. Distance, about three miles.
6. COUNTY HANDICAP of 45 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Winner of Second Maiden Handicap and Bruce Handicap to carry 5lb. penalty, and Thames Stakes 7lb. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.
7. SECOND HACK RACE of 35 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. For horses that have never won a race of the value of 10 sovs. at time of starting. Confined to horses from the districts of Waikato, Plako, Ohinemuri, Bay of Plenty, Thames, and Coromandel, and that have been the bona-fide property of nominators two months previous to day of nomination. Winner of First Hack nomination returned. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 15s. Distance, five furlongs.
8. MIDSUMMER HANDICAP of 40 sovs.; second horse to receive 5 sovs. out of stakes. Winner of Second Maiden, Bruce, and County Handicaps to carry 5lb. penalty, and Thames Stakes 10lb. Nomination, 10s.; acceptance, 20s. Distance, seven furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS AND ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1908, at 8 p.m.

NOMINATIONS for—Maiden Handicap, 10s.; First Handicap Hurdles, 15s.; Goldfields Cup, 20s.; Borough Handicap,

10s.; First Handicap Steeplechase, 20s.; Stewards' Handicap, 10s.; Hack Race, 10s.; Welter Handicap, 10s.; Second Maiden Handicap, 10s.; Thames Handicap Hurdles, 15s.; Thames Stakes, 20s.; The Bruce Handicap, 10s.; Thames Handicap Steeplechase, 20s.; County Handicap, 10s.; Second Hack Race, 10s.; Midsummer Handicap, 10s.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1908.

WEIGHTS will be declared for—Maiden Handicap, First Handicap Hurdles, Goldfields Cup, Borough Handicap, First Handicap Steeplechase Stewards' Handicap, Hack Race, and Welter Handicap.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1908, at 8 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES for—Maiden Handicap, 20s.; First Handicap Hurdles, 30s.; Goldfields Cup, 2 sovs.; Borough Handicap, 20s.; First Handicap Steeplechase, 30s.; Stewards' Handicap, 20s.; Hack Race, 15s.; Welter Handicap, 20s.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1908.

WEIGHTS will be declared at 9 p.m., and ACCEPTANCES will be received at the Club's Office, Pollen Street, up to 10 p.m. No acceptances will be received after that hour for:—Second Maiden Handicap, 20s.; Thames Handicap Hurdles, 30s.; Thames Stakes, 30s.; The Bruce Handicap, 20s.; Thames Handicap Steeplechase, 30s.; County Handicap, 20s.; Second Hack Race, 15s.; Midsummer Handicap, 20s.

REGULATIONS.

All Stakes paid in full. Owners responsible for all penalties. Penalties not cumulative unless otherwise stated.

All Entries to be sealed and addressed to the Secretary, P.O. Box No. 7, Thames; or to Mr. H. B. Massey, 10, High street, Auckland. Entrance money must be enclosed, with name, age, pedigree, name of owner, and colour of rider. Any jockey riding except in the colours entered will be fined one guinea. All disputes, claims, protests, and objections arising out of the racing shall be decided by a majority of the Stewards, or whoever they may appoint, and such decision on all points shall be final.

In no case will tickets of admission be issued to Trainers or Jockeys unless on production of licenses to the Secretary.

The Rules of the Thames Jockey Club will be strictly adhered to.

W. H. POTTS,
Secretary.

CRICKET.

The wickets were in good order on Saturday and some attractive cricket was shown in the continuation of the fourth round of the A.C.A. championships.

A good deal of curiosity was evinced as to how Grafton would fare against the big total of 337 for three wickets set them by Parnell. The latter's skipper made a mistake in not at once closing the innings. As it was a good deal of time was wasted taking the score to 362 for four wickets before the closure was applied. Grafton at first went for the runs, but finding the obtaining of them an impossibility, just managed to play out time, 290 being on the slate for nine wickets. A recruit in S. Cottell made 93 in very attractive style, while Sammy Jones, as we all called him years ago in Sydney, made 54, and Mason 39 not out. Parnell lost a lot of runs behind the wickets, extras totalling 44. The match thus ended in a draw.

To carry one's bat through an innings for 192 not out is a fine feat, yet MacCormick achieved it on Saturday for City against University. Archer 32, Rose 30 and Cossey 29, helped to carry the score to 366, which was 161 more than the collegians achieved on the previous Saturday.

Notwithstanding a valiant effort by Relf, who made 87, Eden Colts failed by 18 runs to reach the total of 209 set them by Ponsonby on the previous Saturday. J. Murray made 34, but none of the others did much to enthruse over.

North Shore having set Eden A. 200 to get, last year's champions should have managed it. Cummings (54) did his best and J. Mills (25) and Robinson (24) helped, but none of the others had anything, and all were out for 153, just 47 behind. The Shoremen went in again and rattled up 168, Kallender hitting a sixer and several boundaries in his score of 44.

SECOND GRADE MATCHES.

Parnell A were much too good for City, winning by an innings and 127 runs. Scores—Parnell 214; City 63 and 24.

Ponsonby beat Parnell B by three wickets and 12 runs. Scores: Ponsonby 116 and 93 for seven wickets; Parnell B 64 and 133.

University defeated North Shore B by nine wickets and 5 runs. Scores: University 123 and 45 for one wicket to 63 and 103.

At Dunedin on Saturday Dunedin beat Albion by 25 runs on the first innings. The former made 169 (Wilson 93), and Albion 144 (Drake 50 not out) and 69 for two wickets (Williams 33 not out). Carisbrook B beat Opoho by 170 runs on the first innings. Carisbrook compiled 332 (Adams 103 not out, Austin 54, Drumm 46), and Opoho 162 (Casey 47). Carisbrook A. beat Grange by 38 runs on the first innings. The former made 210 for nine wickets (Rutherford 67, S. Foster 61 not out), while Grange made 172 (Ogg 44, C. Beal 41 not out).

In Wellington on Saturday, Old Boys beat Midland by an innings and 86 runs. Wellington defeated Phoenix by 270 (for seven wickets) to 140 and 95. Petone secured an easy victory over Waiwetu by an innings and 200 runs.

The Christchurch matches resulted as follows:—Linwood, 264 (E. Humphreys 100, F. Wilding 47, S. H. Orchard 36), defeated East Christchurch, 220, beat Riccarton, 111, by 109 runs on the first innings; Sydenham, 189, beat St. Albans, 147, by 42 runs on the first innings.

The following team will represent Otago against Auckland in the Plunket shield match:—Austin, Ayles, Downes, Fisher, Howdon, Hopkins, Siedeberg, Torrance, Williams, Wilson, and Wordsworth; emergencies, Rutherford and C. Beal.

A team of English amateur cricketers will shortly make a short tour in Egypt under the auspices of the M.C.C. It is said that Lord Hawke will act as captain, and that Viscount Brackley, Hesketh Pritchard, Capt. E. G. Wynyard, and others will be of the party.

In addition to their usual matches against Lancashire and Yorkshire, the Australians will twice meet the combined strength of the two counties—at Manchester and Hull.

BOWLING.

Remuera beat Whangarei last Thursday by 102 to 54 in a four rinks a-side match.

N.S.W. has defeated Victoria in the annual Inter-State match.

The following clubs will play the holders of the Edwin Stars:—Waitemata, Richmond, Grey Lynn, Carlton, Ponsonby, Auckland, Rocky Nook, Onehunga, Devonport, Epsom, Mount Albert, and Remuera. This is the order of the draw.

The Mt. Eden four, Tattersall, Rev. McFarland, C. Baker, and Surman are now winning the Edwin Stars, Smith's Waitemata team falling badly in their effort at capture by 22 to 9.

It is cabled from Sydney that there is no chance of the New South Wales team visiting the Dominion this season. If true, this will prove a subject for much regret.

Club tournaments were in full swing on many of the greens on Saturday. At Remuera the following took place:—President's Match:—Headley, Smallbone, Baxter, Patterson (skip), 19, v. Cochrane, A. Wallace, Gamble, Holder (skip), 13. J. Scott, Hutchinson, Stevenson, Maxfield (skip), 19, v. Keesing, Moore-Jones, Menzies, Hegman (skip), 18. O'Halloran, Rees-George, Johnson, Clerk (skip), 22, v. Somerfield, McFarlane, Culling, Dingwall (skip), 16. Rose, Jobson, Bodle, Hull (skip), 20, v. East, Bell, Mahoney, Ruddock (skip), 25. Pierce, Curry, Ranson, Rev. Monro (skip), 7, v. R. Hall, F. Harris, Barstow, J. Wooller (skip), 29. C. E. Scott, Bullock, Shaldrick, Wilkinson (skip), 18, v. F. Wallace, Baker, Heron, McLean (skip), 16. Hood, Robertson, Hanna, Sanderson (skip), 22, v. Choyce, Nichol, Henderson, McCallum (skip), 14.

THE MT. EDEN CLUB.

At this well-known club the matches so far played have had the following results:—

Club Fours: Dickey, Lewis, Walker, Mercer (skip), 17, v. Burtley, Dickenson, Miller, Hooper (skip), 22. J. Smith, Captain Bettis, Esam, Brookes (skip), 20, v. Braithwaite, J. O. Brown, J. W. Jones, Rankin (skip), 16. Traves, Hamilton, Brimblecombe, Ferguson (skip), 21, v. Cordes, May, Coe, H. O. Brown (skip), 25. Davis,

Harle Giles, A. W. Jones, Hudson (skip), 22, v. E. Walton, Gavin, Mackie, Burns (skip), 21, v. R. Walton, H. Jones Gill, Young (skip), 32, v. Gatenby, Hosking, Wooller, Ross (skip), 21.

Handicap Singles: Gatenby, 23, v. Braithwaite, 9; Brimblecombe, 22, v. Traves, 18.

Champion Singles: Surman, 21, v. Little, 13; Traves, 21, v. Surman, 20; Gill, 21, v. Bartley, 12; Walker, 21, v. Davis, 17; Gill, 21, v. Dickey, 19; Surman, 21, v. Hosking, 15; Gatenby, 18, v. Burns, 21; Young, 22, v. Wooller, 17; Walker, 21, v. Hudson, 15.

Club Pairs: Braithwaite and Tattersall 19, v. Blake and H. O. Brown, 18; J. Smith and Gill, 25, v. Fernandez and Surman, 13. R. Walton and J. W. Jones, 16, v. J. O. Brown and Rankin, 24; Coe and Hudson, 26, v. Gavin and Ross, 18; Harle Giles and Garland, 19, v. Captain Bettis and A. W. Jones, 19; Burtley and Walker, 19, v. Cordes and Miller, 25.

THE GREY LYNN CLUB.

The matches at this Club's green are being pushed on with. So far results have gone as under:—

Club Fours: Cowden, Boyce, Camping, W. Wills (skip), 16, v. H. Buckley, McKellar, Webley, T. Mills (skip), 12. Bruce, Richardson, J. Rich, R. Waite (skip), 21, v. John Ferguson, Chombie, Gwilliam, J. L. Jones (skip), 18. James, Brinsden, Smith, Dimery (skip), 18, v. C. Mirfin, Ross, Courtnay, J. Pascoe (skip), 30. E. Buckley, Germann, J. Knight, C. Waddingham (skip), 20, v. G. Mirfin, Snelling, W. Baildon, sen., J. Volkner (skip), 10. Wheeler, Healey, Jas. Ferguson, F. Parsons (skip), 35, v. Cunningham, Jenkins, A. Burfoot, G. Baildon (skip), 30.

Club Pairs: Snelling, W. Dimery (skip), 25, v. E. Buckley, G. Baildon (skip), 21; H. Schofield, G. Gwilliam (skip), 25, v. Courtney, W. Smith (skip), 17; Ewan, J. Pascoe (skip), 22, v. Germann, W. Mills (skip), 21; John Ferguson, A. Burfoot (skip), 32, v. Crombie, C. A. Brown (skip), 19; Healey, T. Mills (skip), 24, v. J. Knight, W. Baildon, sen. (skip), 12; J. Ross, V. Casey (skip), 26, v. C. Mirfin, F. Parsons (skip), 18; F. Boyce, J. Volkner (skip), 26, v. James, D. Buckley (skip), 28.

Handicap Singles: T. Mills, 22, v. J. Knight, 17.

Championship: C. A. Brown, 22, v. W. Dimery, 14; J. Volkner, 19, v. Jas. Ferguson, 17; G. Baildon, 24, v. L. Cunningham, 17.

THE ROCKY NOOK CLUB.

The matches got off so ar this Club are as follows:—

Club Fours: H. Jenkin, Newbegin, McLeod, Ellisdon, 15, v. Eady, F. C. Taylor, Bryden, Wheeler, 22. Leece, Bain, Needham, Fletcher, 15, v. W. H. Jenkin, F. Browne, J. Scott, Butler, 12.

Club Pairs: Eady and Moir, 26, v. F. C. Taylor and A. B. Kayes, 11; F. Brown and J. McLeod, 17, v. Needham and J. Scott, 30; W. Taylor and G. Fletcher, 17, v. Pearce and Wakerley, 15; Jackson and J. C. Morton, 8, v. Thorpe and Bouskill, 24.

Champion Singles: Hodgson, 20, 17, v. J. Jenkin, 15, 11; Colledge, 19, 20, v. Wakerley, 18, 16; Bouskill, 19, 17, v. Dr. Moir, 12, 13; G. Martin, 23, 25, v. J. E. Wheler, 10, 13.

Handicap Singles: B. A. Kayes, 21, v. Hodgson, 17; J. Jenkin, 22, v. Alexander, 17; Butler, 23, v. F. C. Taylor, 11; Ellisdon, 21, v. Dr. Moir, 16; Thorpe, 23, v. Sayers, 10; White, 25, v. Newbegin, 11; Colledge, 22, v. Small, 15.

THE EPSOM CLUB.

The following games have been played on the Epsom green:—

Champion Fours: R. Clark, E. W. Burton, W. Foubister, E. A. Craig (skip), 17, v. J. Roberts, A. C. Scott, J. Wright, R. Eagleton (skip), 22; Rendall, Rapson, W. Smith, McGowan (skip), 15, v. A. E. Smith, Young, W. W. Hill, W. Davies (skip), 33.

Club Championship: First round—R. Eagleton, 23, v. E. W. Burton, 11; W. Williams, 21, v. W. Davies, 20. Bracelet Handicap Singles: J. Wright (owes 3), 20, v. L. G. Owen, 16.

Challenge Shield Handicap Singles: W. Foubister, 23, v. A. C. Scott (8), 19.

Kohn Trophy Handicap Singles: A. D. McGowan, 21, v. W. Rapson (3), 13.

First-year Players: First round—E. Young, 21, v. J. Roberts, 13.

THE CARLTON CLUB.

Matches played on the Carlton green have resulted as follows:—

Championship: Fookes, 20, v. Kent.

18; Rowe, 19, v. Cutler, 12; Wrathall, 19, v. Badeley, 18; Wilson, 24, v. McGregor, 16; Macgregor, 25, v. Alford, 18; Laurie, 19, v. Hislop, 15; Cutler, 20, v. Goldsmith, 11; Murray, 22, v. Lamp, 19; Murray, 18, v. Kent, 15; Holmes, 22, v. Badeley 17; Fookes, 25, v. Lamb, 23.

President's Handicap: Hislop, 17, v. Alford, 15; Macgregor, 21, v. Pollard, 19.

Club Fours: Sloman, Cottle, Heald, Cutler (skip), 19, v. Sims, Pollard, Badeley, Kent (skip), 17; Spiller, Totman, Raynes, Rowe (skip), 25, v. Fookes, O'Neill, Haresnape, Thomson (skip), 16; Morgan, Parker, Arey, McGregor (skip), 22, v. Ponton, Macgregor, White, Fletcher (skip), 14; Jaffrey, Davies, Murray, Laurie (skip), 24, v. Gilmore, Winks, Ronayne, Fookes (skip), 20.

Pairs: McEwain and Badeley, 24, v. Totman and Livesay, 13.

Consolation: Alford, 21, v. Parker, 17.

BOWLING AT TE AROHA.

The Te Aroha Bowling Club has issued the programme for the 6th annual open tournament, which will be held on the Te Aroha green on January 1 and 2, 1909. The events set down for competition are: Rink match for trophies valued at £2 2s each, and subscription pairs match for trophies.

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Aus... say... Clu... var... sup... Ras... Aus... cen... Cor... hea... for... fan... in... str... wh... Ne... ing... mo... fir... wh... ou... Brooke... of Queensland) are already enrolled. Mr. F. W. Haybittle (president of the Northern Bowling Association of New Zealand), who has been here for several months, and heartily joins Mr. Fortescue in the Australasian Bowling Club advancement, has this week

been under an operation for appendicitis, and is going on well. Mr. D. B. Macbride (president of the Chiswick and West London Bowling Club) states that not only are members of the Australasian club to be given honorary membership in their club for green play, but are to be invited to take part in all winter functions. The London Caledonians, who play on the green in the summer, and over indoor rinks in the winter, are also sending out similar invitations. The winter game is a novel one, and played over a felt-covered rink 24ft. by 3ft.

AQUATICS.

R. Allen, L. Sheffield, W. Buchanan and W. Logan (stroke) won the North Shore R.C. Trial Fours on Saturday.

The St. George R.C. Trial Fours were won on Saturday by H. Reilly, S. Stitchbury, A. H. Gillie, and D. Harris (stroke).

Furness, Stannsway, Barber, and Grierson (stroke, formed the winning crew of the Auckland R.C. Trial Fours on Saturday.

THE SCULLING CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD.

Next Tuesday on the famous Wanganui River will be decided yet another contest for the sculling championship of the world. The holder of the title, William Webb, is very fit and in his training work with Green has been pleasing everybody. He should be ready to row the race of his life. Dick Arnst, the challenger, is also in great form, and is full of confidence in his ability to win. All the crack Sydney scullers favour his chance, while the Wanganui folk will not hear of a defeat for their townsman Webb. Under the circumstances the race should be a great one. Immense interest has been taken in it, quite a number of enthusiasts coming over from Australia to see the contest. May the best man win.

THE DEVONPORT YACHT CLUB.

This club sailed off a cruising race on Saturday the course being from Devonport to Rankino Island. The wind came in from the seaward and therefore the fleet had a long work to windward. The starters were A. Ariki, on the scratch; Ida, 20m.; Ilex, 22m.; Wione, 24m.; Kotiri, 26m.; Aorere, 29m. Class B: Celox, scratch; Ronaki, scratch; Wiriki,

Second Class: Encounter, 5h. 5m. 39s.; Rose, 5h. 14m. 21s.; Eona, 5h. 18m. 11s.; Komine, 5h. 20m. 2s. On time allowance: Komine, 1; Encounter, 2; Rose, 3.

Third Class: Mowai, 4h. 6m. 51s.; Hetty, 4h. 8m. 23s.; Fairy Bell, 4h. 15m. 50s.; Rona, 4h. 21m. 19s.; Rawhiti, 4h. 14m. 33s.; Sea Bird, 4h. 23m. 32s. On time allowance: Fairy Bell, 1; Hetty, 2; Mowai, 3.

Fourth Class: Bronzewing, 4h 21m. 52s.; Avona, 4h. 27m. 22s.; Manu, 4h. 29m. 2s.; Countess, 4h. 29m. 18s. On time allowance: Manu, 1; Avona, 2; Bronzewing, 3.

H.M.S. VICTORY.

I have often been amused listening to Aucklanders who have been to England and seen the old Victory at Portsmouth. They have talked as though the famous three-decker was just as Nelson left it. As a matter of fact this is not so as she has the masts of H.M.S. Shot, the wrong rig, guns of incorrect type, and is painted a different way and has been altered in many other ways. It is pleasing to know that the Board of Admiralty intend to make the old line-of-battle ship exactly as she was on that fateful October 21, 1805. She will be docked and made thoroughly seaworthy, trimmed down to her proper water line, fully rigged, and a search made for all her original guns, most of which, by the way, have been found. Everything is to be historically accurate in regard to mast, sails, rigging, guns and internal arrangement, and she is to be an exact duplicate as it were of her old self. Furthermore, the old ship is to be painted as she was when she went into action, viz., black and yellow, with vermillion gun ports.

FOOTBALL.

THE WALLABIES ON TOUR IN ENGLAND.

The "Wallabies" (Australian amateur football team) suffered their second defeat, when they met Midlands and East Midlands combined.

The home team had the better of the game, and won by eight points, the scores being: Midlands, two goals and one try (13 points) to one goal (five points).

The game was a fast and even one. During the first half Midlands scored a try, which, however, was unconverted, and in the second spell, by a series of strong attacks, the home team scored two more tries, both of which were converted.

Burge scored a try for the Wallabies, Carmichael converting.

The "Wallabies" on Saturday played the Anglo-Welsh team which visited New Zealand, the visitors scoring three goals three tries (24 points) to nil. This should tend to disprove the stupid assertions by some of the Anglo-Welsh team that their defeats in New Zealand were largely due to unfair tactics by their opponents. The fact is they were a poor lot and were beaten by better players.

THE AUSTRALIAN PROFESSIONALS IN ENGLAND.

The match between the Australian team (professionals) and Halifax resulted in a win for the home team, the scores being:—Halifax, three goals two tries (12 points), Australians, one goal two tries (eight points). Halifax secured a goal in the second half from penalties due by their opponents for rough play.

Petrel. Heather made up a lot of lost ground over the rest of the course and the trio finished within 30sec. of one another, the Logan boat Petrel winning by 6sec. only from Fleetwing, which was 24 ahead of Heather, another Auckland-built one.

Results were as follows:—First Class: Emerald, 4h. 27m. 2s.; Gladly, 4h. 30m. 31s.; Why Not, 4h. 38m. 52s.; Lima, 4h. 45m. 40s. Ronaki, did not start. On time allowance the result was: Gladly, 1; Why Not, 2; Emerald, 3.

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ATHLETICS.

The running of the great "Marathon" races at Athens every four years, and the decision of a similar race, with the same title, by the International Olympic Committee at their games—also every four years—has caused quite a boom in long-distance running (says the well-known Sydney writer "Prodigal"). However, the use of the term "Marathon" races for all, or nearly all, of these distance events, no matter what the conditions, is now being overdone; in fact, it is becoming farcical. In America, Canada, England, and on the Continent there are ever-recurring "Marathons." One reads of 25 miles "Marathons," 20 miles "Marathons," and the other day I noticed an 11½ miles "Marathon" run over a 15 of 16 miles course.

Doubtless many are genuine races, others appear catchpenny affairs. A year or two ago a 25 miles "Marathon" race was held in Queensland, and another is to be held at Nowra next April—the last-named being the first of its kind to be decided in N.S.W. Like the Queensland event, it is for amateurs, and, like it also, it will be a very genuine sporting event. Every encouragement should be given to long-distance running, but, for one thing, I don't think the name of "Marathon" should be permitted by the governing bodies in athletics, for any event unless the full distance as negotiated at Athens is insisted upon, and, furthermore, that all the conditions are made as similar to is possible.

The course for the Auckland "Marathon" Race has been fixed upon as follows:—

From Howick through Panmure, past the Harp of Erin Hotel at Eilerslie, then on past the Junction Hotel at Epsom, and on to the Manukau Road and along that thoroughfare to the Domain Drive. From the Domain Drive the runners will emerge on to the Cricket Ground, then run once round and finish. The distance approximates 13 miles. The race will start at three p.m. and will finish about 90 minutes later, and it will be run in March.

The prize for the Marathon will be a silver laurel wreath of unique design and good value. The runners taking part in the race will at the same time compete in a sealed handicap, for which three additional prizes will be given. A sports meeting will take place in the Domain on the same day.

Mr R. Coombes, president of the Athletic Union of Australasia, arrived in Wellington last night by the Ulimaroa en route for Wanganui.

It is reported that there is a possibility of the next Marathon Race for the world's championship being decided in Sydney. Cables have been despatched to Dornando, in Italy, and to Hayes, in New York, inviting them to visit Sydney and take part in a Marathon Race to be promoted by the proprietors of the Olympic Grounds, Botany.

LAWN TENNIS.

The programme for the Auckland Lawn Tennis Association's championship and handicap tournament, to be held at Eden and Epsom tennis courts during the New Year holidays is as follows:—Men's championship singles and doubles, ladies' championship singles and doubles, combined championship doubles, men's handicap singles (two grades), ladies' handicap singles, men's handicap doubles, ladies' handicap doubles, combined handicap doubles. Six courts will be used. Play will begin at 9.30 a.m. each day. Entries for all events must reach the hon. secretary (Mr. A. Le Sieur), P.O. box 652, before five p.m. on Wednesday, December 16. The Match Committee is composed of Messrs. Hickson, Biss, Ohlsen, Palethorpe, and Wyatt. Mr. J. B. Howarth will act as referee.

The American player, Alexander, leaves Sydney with H. A. Parker on December 16, by way of Auckland, and will be a competitor at the New Zealand championships to be held in Nelson at Christmas. Parker and Alexander will play together in the doubles, as possibly will Wilding and Doust. The meeting of these pairs should be worth going a long way to see. Parker will play with Miss Pow-

drell in the combined, and Wilding and Miss Nunneley possibly will fight out the final with them.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

The Melbourne Bicycle Club's annual Austral Wheel Race carnival opened last Saturday, and will be concluded on Saturday next, as has already been stated. Prize money for the Austral Wheel Race is to be 10 per cent. of the gross takings at the two meetings, the minimum amount being fixed at £100 split up, and the maximum £400. Five events are programmed—the Austral, M.B.C. Plate, Victoria, Mile, Derby (scratch race), and a Teams' Handicap. Time was when the Austral was the great event of the cycling world in the colonies, but of later years it has had many rivals and appears to have lost much of its former glory. To increase the attraction a big balloon ascent was to form a portion of the programme.

Entries for the Christmas run of the A.A.A. to Wairakei so far include

Most Original Costume: G. Woolford (bride), 1; W. Knox (Chinaman), 2.

Best Combined Display: F. Roget, E. and G. Pople (the P. and S. Bush Tinkers), 1; Marks and Sims (Dr Kill-All and lady assistant, on a tandem), 2.

Fancy Costume: Mr W. Rawinson (Court Clown), 1; R. Pullen (Ould Nick), 2.

Hill-climbing: G. Knight, 20yds, 1; N. Wadman, 5yds, 2; H. Flewellyn, scratch, 3.

Free-wheeling: C. Mitchell, 1; H. Flewellyn, 2; C. Denize, 3.

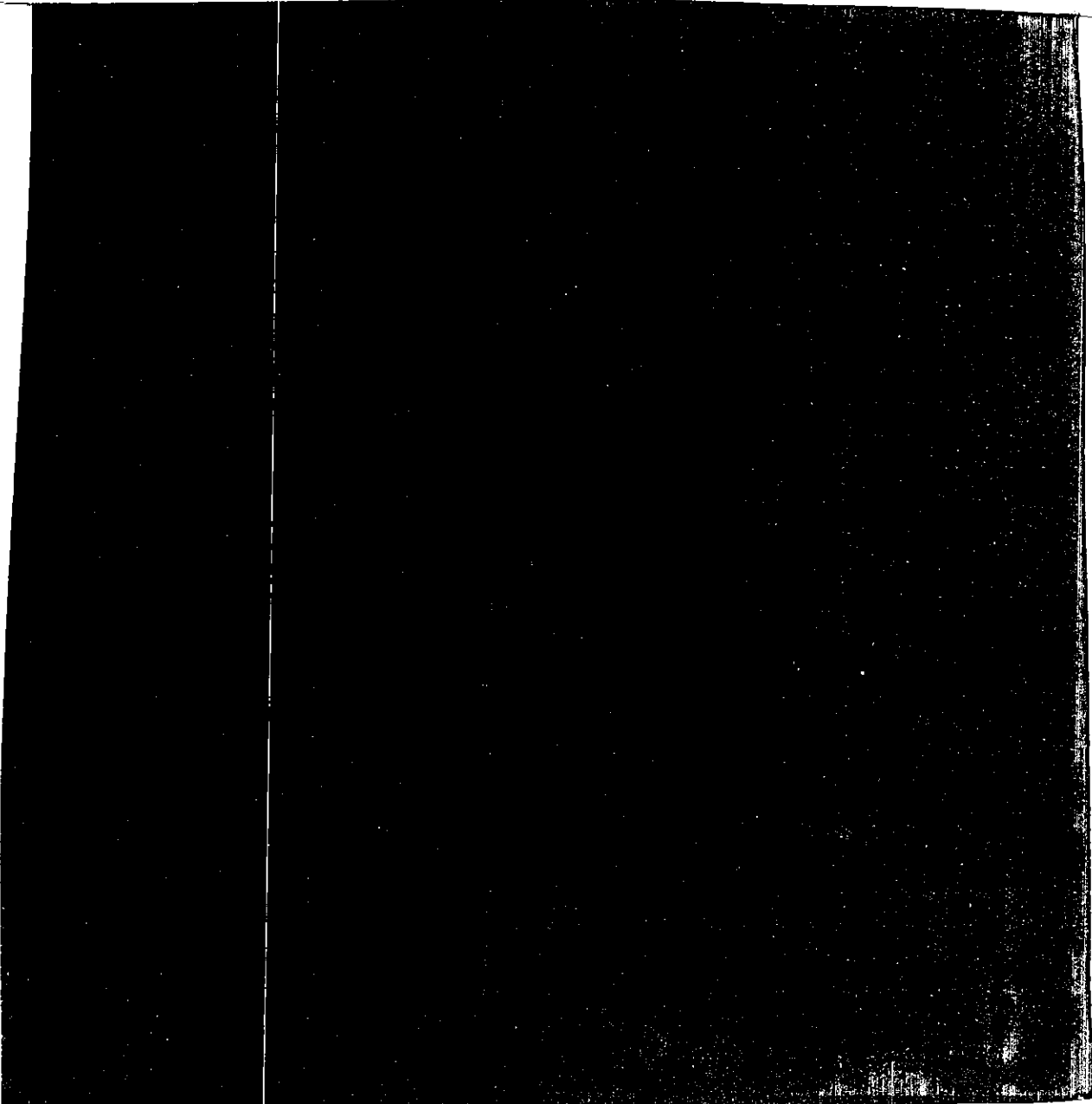
Slow Race: O. Lecky, 1; B. Maberley, 2.

Ladies' Slow Race: Mrs R. Leathart, 1; Miss F. Pardington, 2.

THE ROADING QUESTION.

It has passed into an axiom that the motor car problem is a road problem, so closely allied are the two great interests. The International Road Congress opened its sittings at Paris on 11th October last, and concluded its labours on 21st October. The Congress was divided into eight sections and one hundred papers were read. The best known road engineers of France, England, Germany,

controversy in regard to the bore of the engines, as English, German, Italian, and Belgian motorists favour a reduction in the size, while the French are insisting on 140mm., as against 102mm. in the Tourist Trophy Race. Germany favours one of 120mm. (about 4 4-5in.), but that desired by the French approximates 5½in., which, with a reduced minimum weight, will make for greater speed, which has already exceeded 74 miles per hour. A more powerful engine and a lighter frame to hold it! How will it end? There can be no useful development along these lines, for a speed greater than that which is safe, if it were required, has already been attained. It may be held that a distant advantage is to be gained by weight-reduction in the matter of tyres. In any case they will be forced very near to the limits of resistance, but would probably exceed them should there be a combination of indifferent road surface and hot weather. If detachable wheels, in addition to detachable rims, are allowed next year—and there is great probability that the French Motor Club will permit of their adoption—tyre troubles will be fewer, and perhaps the more readily overcome should they occur.



BILLIARDS.

Just prior to the mail leaving, John Roberts attempted to give C. Harvison 4000 start in 18000, but failed by 431.

The Scottish champion T. Aitken has been in great form recently. His latest victories include two easy wins over Bedford (rec. 250 in 1000) Aitken making a break of 461.

In the match against Dawson, Inman, who received 2000 start, was making no race of it when the mail left. Dawson was 1344 behind his proper point's.

When the mail left Sydney young Fred Lindrum was attempting to concede F. Smith 2000 up in a game of 16,000. The scores were then Smith 3618. Lindrum 2672, so that the latter had all the better of the easy exchanges.

There is much speculation as to what start Fred Lindrum could successfully concede Geo. Gray in 10,000. (says the "Referee"). The

the following:—Mr J. A. Moody, 12 h.p. Darracq; Mr Chas. Rhodes, 45 h.p. Daimler; Mr Julian, jun., 10 h.p. Oldsmobile; Mr W. E. Hutchison, 30 h.p. Oldsmobile; Mr W. B. Leyland, 15 h.p. Darracq; Mr G. W. Spragg, 20-20 h.p. Darracq; Mr G. M. White, 12 h.p. Darracq; Mr J. H. Adams, 7 h.p. Oldsmobile; Mr C. F. Gardner, 10-12 h.p. Darracq; Mr Hardie, 10 h.p. Caddillac; Mr G. Henning, 25.30 h.p. Daimler. It is fully anticipated that three or four more cars will be included in the list. With fine weather the trip should prove highly enjoyable.

THE ONEHUNGA CYCLING TOURING CLUB.

This club had an enjoyable opening run from the Royal Oak to Mangere on Saturday when the following programme was subsequently run through:—Messrs W. G. Rae and Ernest Sutherland acted as judges, while the starters were Messrs T. H. Pardington and S. H. Brooking. The following are the results:—

Most Comical Costume: J. Richardson (comic horse), 1; H. Flewellyn (a noisy girl on a tiny bike), 2.

United States, Romania, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Portugal and Russia participated in the discussions. It is a great pity that some one of the many road engineers of the Municipal Councils of Australasia who have been sent abroad to acquire some modern knowledge of road-making could not have been present at this great Congress, but doubtless arrangements have been made to secure a copy of the papers read and the conclusions arrived at in order that Australian road engineers may learn how far their systems of road construction are behind the demands of modern traffic conditions. Motor-cars are blamed for the dust they undoubtedly raise; but the blame for the dust rests on the road engineers, who, in face of modern teachings, persist in building roads of dirt, to become mud in winter and provide dust in summer.

THE GRAND PRIX.

In connection with the great French motor road race—the Grand Prix—arrangements are already being made for next year's contest. There is seemingly going to be considerable

Queensland boy will be in Sydney in the course of a few weeks, and it is probable that those inter-State and country visitors who will be visiting Sydney for Christmas and to view the Burns-Johnston contest, may see this gifted pair of young Australians at work. As Gray mainly depends on his hazards—position which Lindrum might block—and is a trifle weak on all-round billiards, a third of the game at least should be conceded.

A GREAT GAME.

Great interest was taken in the meeting of H. W. Stevenson and E. Diggle in the heat of Messrs Burroughes and Watts' annual tournament in London. Stevenson was set to give the famous Mancunian a 1000 start, and, with first one and then the other having the advantage, the result was just as open as before the first day's play was commenced when the last session was entered upon. More remarkable still, the big breaks did not put in an appearance till the final day, when Diggle had the honour of making the highest break of the match, this being a magnificent top-of-the-table compilation of 453. Stevenson, on the other hand, topped

the triple century mark on no less than three occasions, with 349, 323, and 306. Diggle, however, was not passed until the scores stood at 8169, and he caused the scores to be called later 8283 all. Stevenson, not giving any chances away, soon settled the question with efforts of 328, 148, and 119 (unfinished), saw one of the most remarkable games witnessed for a long time end in favour of the scratch man by 584 points.

JOHN ROBERTS.

It would be ungenerous to expect John Roberts to play such billiards as years ago, but his form against Williams and Harverson has demonstrated to a nicety that the "wizard" is anything but a back number. He failed to concede Williams 4500 in 18,000 up by only 123 points, and no doubt will make his present opponent travel. Roberts is 61 years old; but is still a wonderfully attractive player and fast scorer. He looks and acts the master when shaping his shot, whilst his remarkable personality dwarfs everybody and everything in the room. Here is another saying of Billy Mitchell concerning John Roberts, who has no greater admirer:—"The 'big 'un' plays as if he owned the table. We look as if we had hired it for the night."

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come. We all really want to know who is the Simon Pure—the real master of the art. Of course, we have a shrewd suspicion that this honour belongs to H. W. Stevenson. But, like other people, we desire to see him gain the title and hold it by right of conquest. One of the chief aims of the Billiard Control Club, so I am informed, is the revival of the professional championship; and it will justify its entrance into the game by carrying it into effect.

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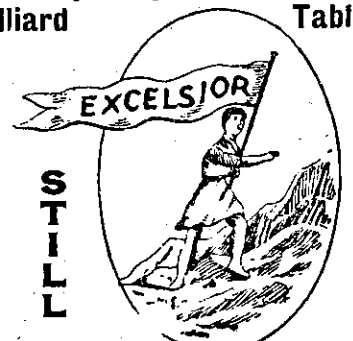
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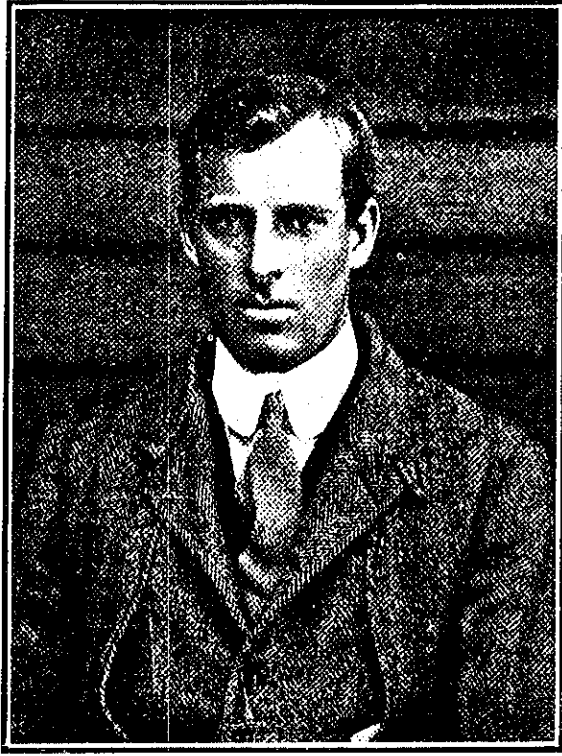
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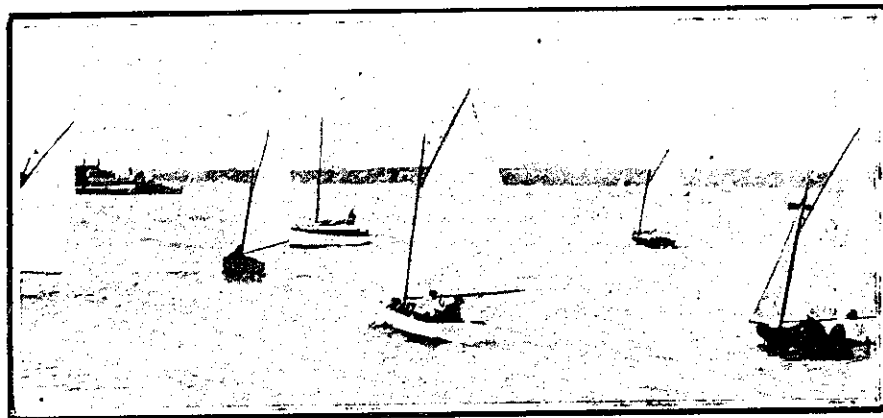
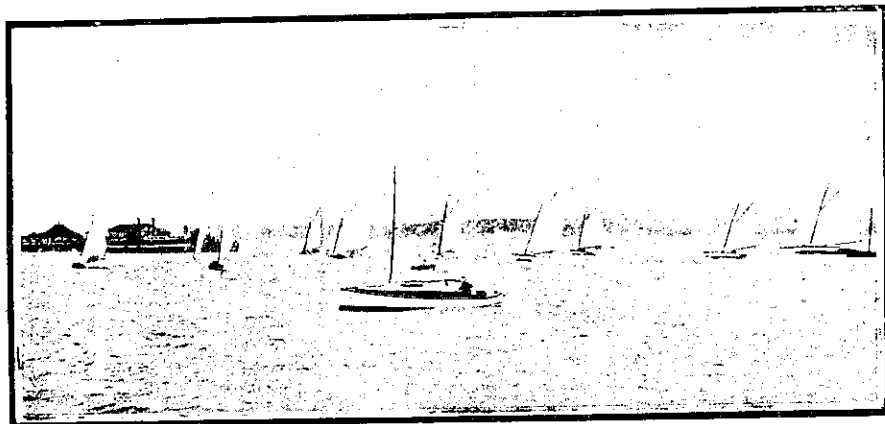
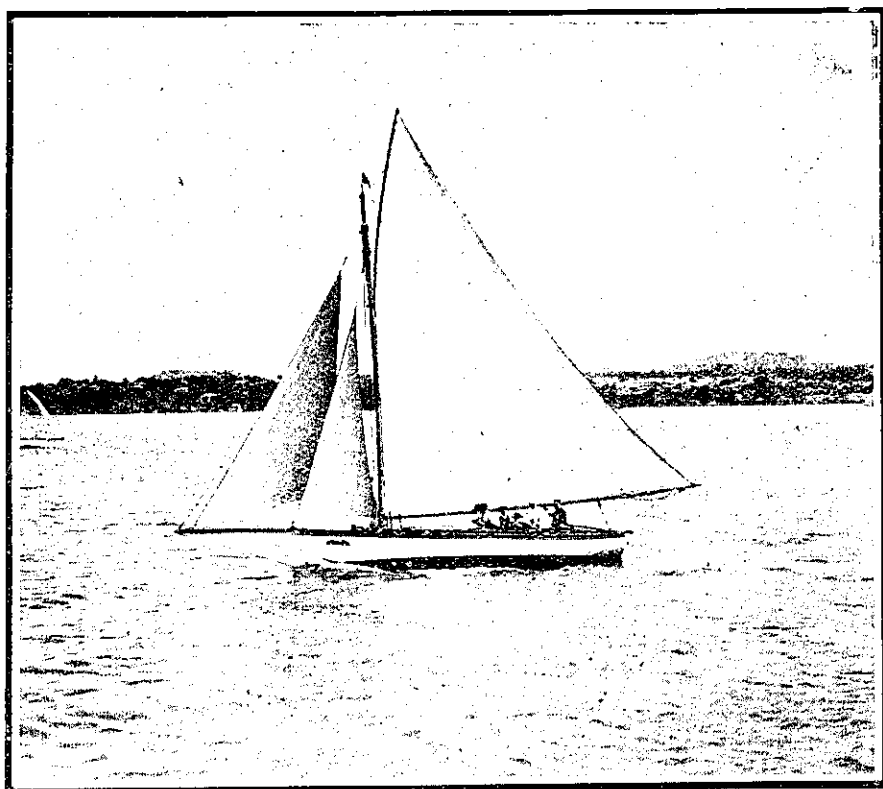
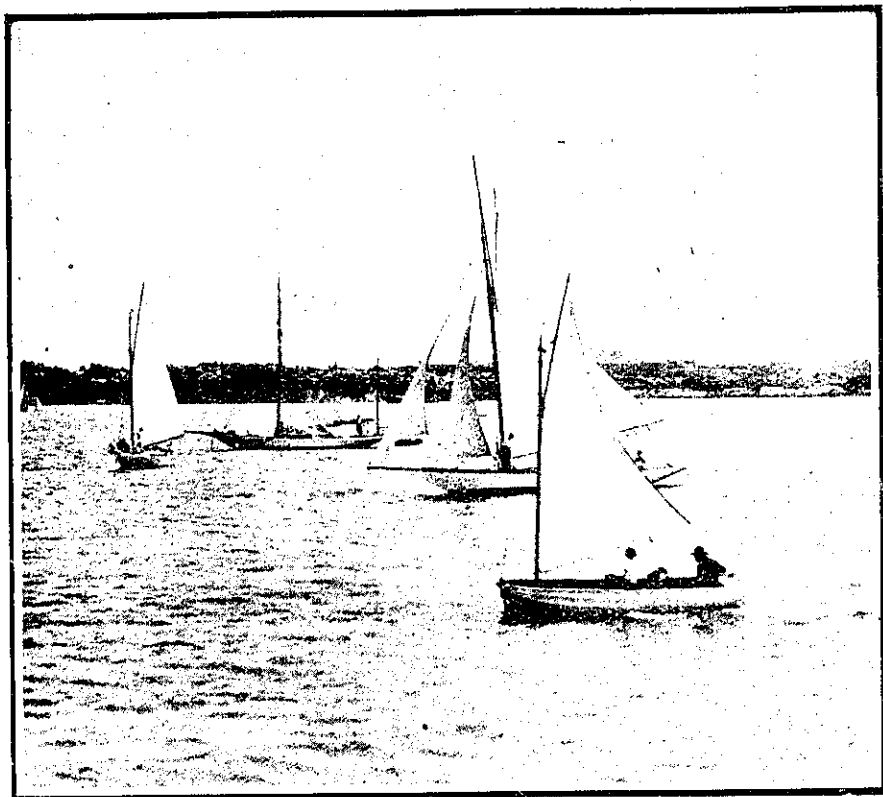
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HENRY SIRET WINNING THE GREAT PROFESSIONAL MARATHON RACE.



A HOT DAY ON THE WAIKATO.



SNAPSHOTS AT THE DEVONPORT Y.C. CRUISING RACE.



IN THE AUCKLAND DOMAIN.

THE STAGE

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

THE TITTELL BRUNE-THOMAS KINGSTON COMPANY.

For nine nights David Belasco's fine play, "The Girl of the Golden West," has held the boards at His Majesty's Theatre. A further acquaintance with the play strengthens the idea that it is one of the most powerful we have seen in Auckland for many a long day. There is a freshness and novelty about it which appeals irresistibly. As an old Californian told the writer, the play carried him right back to the days of his boyhood, so true is it to the reality of those far-off days. A few critics have adversely criticised some of the dialogue, forgetting the impossibility of introducing drawing-room language of to-day into the life of the Golden West, when those reckless but determined seekers for gold had a habit of calling a spade a spade. Their language may have been freer, but many of those hardy pioneers were far truer men than their effete and puny fellows of to-day. Mr. Belasco has held up a true picture of life in those days and for it he is warmly to be thanked. Furthermore, his play loses nothing in the interpretation. Emphatically is the Girl one of Miss Brune's finest parts, rivaling as it does her "Sunday," by which she is best remembered in Auckland. That this should be so is not remarkable when one remembers that the talented actress hails from the very land an episode in whose history she portrays so finely. Mr. Kingston's rendering of the role of the Road Agent is also a particularly forceful bit of acting, for which he is deserving of warm praise. With a strong company in support and mounting above reproach it is safe to assume that "The Girl of the Golden West" will prove the great draw card in the Company's repertoire during the tour of the Dominion.

Last evening, too late for review in this issue, "Diana of Dobson's" was staged, and this clever play will hold the boards for the rest of the week. Next Monday the ever-welcome "Sunday" will go up, while the last two nights of the season will be devoted to "Romeo and Juliet."

"SUNDAY."

Thomas Raceward's popular comedy drama "Sunday" will be revived on Monday evening and two following nights. Playgoers who witnessed the play when last staged here have pleasant memories of the enjoyment it afforded. The plot of the comedy drama involves a picture of life in California, and the story is afterwards carried to a stately home in England. The contrast is a great one and is brought out with remarkable subtlety and delicacy of expression by the dramatists. Miss Brune plays the part of "Sunday," a wilful winning child of the bush, who has been left in charge of four rough members of the district, by an Englishman of family who died in California, his injunction being, "Stand by the lass in the days to come as we stood together in the days that are gone." The last two nights of the season will be devoted to a revival of Shakespeare's immortal love story, "Romeo and Juliet."

OPERA HOUSE.

WIDE WORLD PICTURES.

The Wide World Pictures being presented under the Fullerian management at the Opera House are acknowledged by one and all who have witnessed them to be the best that have ever been shown in Australasia. Week in and week out patrons have the opportunity of seeing a complete change of films embracing a wide variety of highly interesting subjects. For grandeur of scenery it would be difficult to imagine anything more beautiful than the pictures entitled

"The Fountains of Versailles and St. Cloud." Another picturesque series is that of "The Pyrenees," depicting the natural beauties of these famous European mountains. The gem of the evening was undoubtedly the dramatic film portraying the poetic love story "Ingomar," in which the barbarian lover, whose savage spirit has been tamed and subdued by love, becomes a Greek, sacrifices his liberty, and is finally rewarded as he deserves. The pictures depicting a visit to the Franco-British Exhibition comprise a most unique series, the various side attractions being decidedly novel, particularly that of the flip-flap. A rather interesting film is that illustrating corn-harvesting operations in Egypt, the natives being seen busily employed in the fields. "The Lefrechaun" is the title of a thrilling dramatic film of considerable merit, which is heartily applauded by the audience. A love romance is depicted in the picture entitled "Love Laughs at Locksmiths," which contains some really amusing situations. A large portion of the programme is devoted to the funny element, the greatest laughter-producing films in this section being "Tomkins Buys a Donkey," "Too Credulous," and "Forced to Consent." The musical accompaniment provided by Mr. Fred. Stokes' capable orchestra is of a praiseworthy order.

go in for a safety bicycle, he, of course, came in for much ridicule, but in many a run out to Dan's Shanty at Biggleswade, a favourite cycling resort in those days, situated about 45 miles from London, he finished so far ahead of the high machines that their owners, who came to scoff, remained to buy. Mr. Kingston won a Three Miles Open Handicap at the opening of the Preston Park track, but his favourite distance was over ten miles on the road.

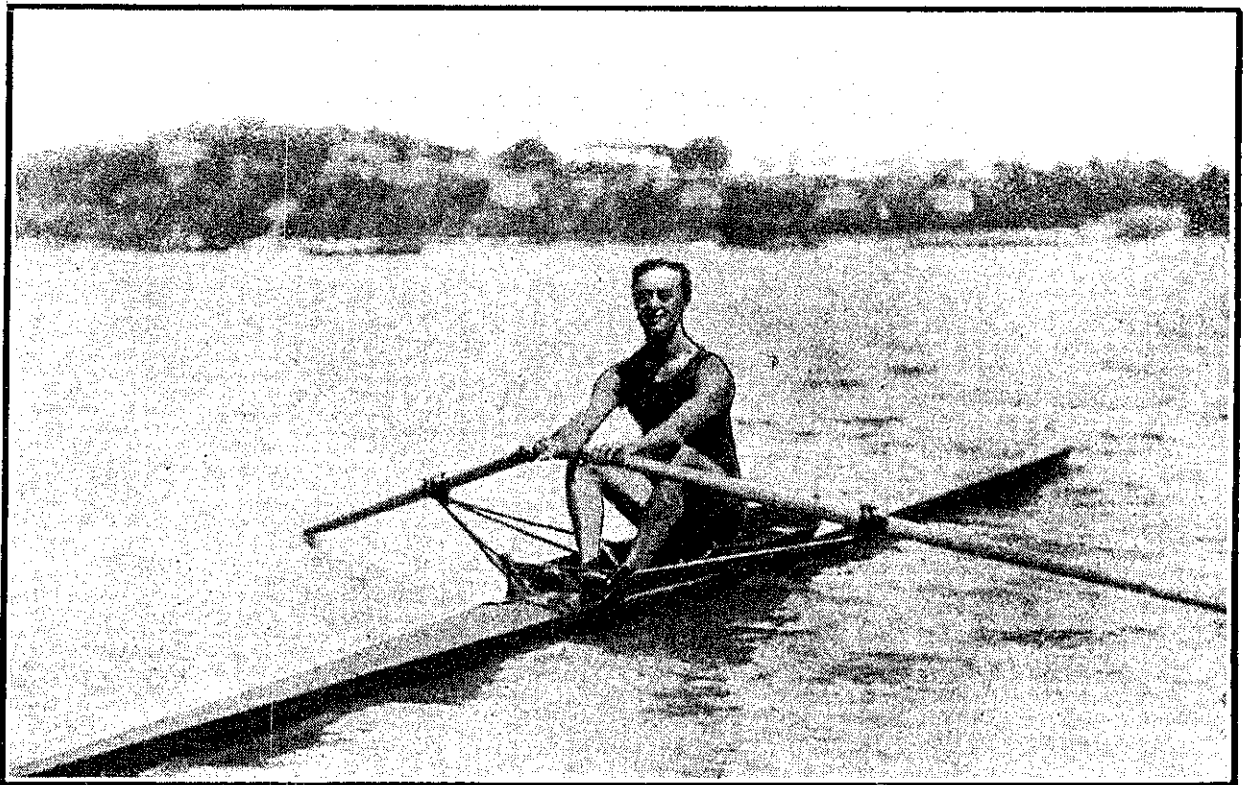
Golf is another hobby, but he admits that he has never got much beyond the "swearing at the caddy and is life worth living stage." Swimming also appeals irresistibly to Mr. Kingston, and in this respect he is something of a Leander. Walking is another exercise the thespian also affects, but he has no fancy for the Aucklanders' easy going saunter. Ten miles before breakfast at a five-miles-an-hour gait and then a tumble into the sea or plunge bath is more to Mr. Kingston's liking.

His greatest hobby, however, is sculling, and under the tuition of that one-time crack sculler, Charlie Messenger in Sydney, he is rapidly proving himself an oarsman of the first class. As will be seen from the picture in this issue, Mr. Kingston knows how to sit a boat, and there is none of the splash and roll style about

add to the J. C. Williamson archives. To have travelled in that space of time from Auckland to Invercargill, playing each important town on the way and return again playing others, stands as a record in rapid travelling from the N.Z. theatrical standard, and is stated to be the fastest thing of the kind ever accomplished, even by that wizard of organisation, J. C. Williamson. There is little doubt that Auckland will smile largely at Mrs Wiggs during her further 3 nights season. The box plan will be open at Wildman and Arey's on Wednesday, December 16.

NOTES FROM CHRISTCHURCH.

My Christchurch dramatic correspondent writes:—The Wm. Anderson Co. opened in this dead and alive city on the first prox. in "The Squatter's Daughter." This is a piece of the approved melodramatic type, and is chiefly remarkable for the magnificence of its scenery and the up-to-dateness of its effects. From a literary point of view the production is decidedly below par. The story is thin and unreal, and the people talk in the regulation melodramatic tone



MR. THOMAS KINGSTON IN A NEW ROLE.

MR. THOMAS KINGSTON AS A SPORTSMAN.

Every actor has some sort of hobby outside his art, and of course tastes differ enormously. The man, however, whose hobby goes in the direction of making him physically fit is not only amusing himself, but is also putting himself into a condition where he is far more likely to do justice to himself when facing the footlights than would otherwise be the case. "Mens sana in corpore sano" contains a great truth, and one in which Mr. Thomas Kingston, now in Auckland with Mr. J. C. Williamson's Company, is an implicit believer. This popular actor is always "as fit as a fiddle," for whenever possible he is out in the open air following one of his favourite hobbies of cycling, swimming, golfing, walking, or sculling. It was a good many years ago that Mr. Kingston first mounted a wheel, as far back indeed as the days of the old high ordinary. He was a member of the City of London Bicycle Club, and one of the original members of the Bath Road C.C. Being one of the very first to

his methods. In the course of a chat he said that nothing would please him better than to slip away to Wanganui to see the championship race between Webb and Arnst next week. As he cannot do this he is looking forward to getting some practice at Gisborne and Christchurch. The Auckland R.C. has made Mr. Kingston an honorary member, and he has been out several times for a spin. A good all-round sportsman, a versatile and clever actor, and "a white man," it is small wonder that wherever he goes, Kingston leaves a trail of friends behind him.

FAREWELL SEASON OF "MRS WIGGS."

On Saturday, December 19, and Monday and Tuesday following will be played a 3-nights farewell season of "Mrs Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" prior to the return of this exceptionally clever lot of people to America. Mrs Wiggs, her family, and neighbours of the Cabbage Patch, have, during the past 8 weeks, constituted a distinct record—another to

of voice. Mr Inman, as the hero, was very stagey, and Miss Maud Appleton, the leading lady, ought to have done a great deal better. The "Waterfall Gully" (with real water) brought down the house, and "break of day," another scenic triumph, was hardly less successful.

The colosseum is still drawing full houses, the popularity of the "Wide World Pictures" being as great as ever, "Catching a Whale," one of the latest films is a most realistic picture, and the film bearing the sensational title of "The Devil (100ft long) made a great hit.

The far-famed Kilties Band make their initial appearance here on Monday, the 7th December.

More Pictures! and still they come! On Friday, December 11th, Mr T. J. West's Pictures open a season at His Majesty's. This form of entertainment is not so fresh as when Mr West had the field practically to himself, but still his name stands good, and doubtless his show will meet with a fair share of patronage.

ONE REASON FOR FAILURE.

"More than thirty years ago," writes the well-known actor, Mr J. H. Barnes, in "The Nineteenth Century and After," "that master of stage-craft and dramatic productions, the late Dion Boucicault, in the course of conversation, made use of the sentence in my presence—'Ah! When young men get tired of writing clever plays, perhaps they may write successful ones,' and I was greatly interested to see, quite recently, that an up-to-date dramatist raises the same point in another way after all these years. Is this the correct reading of the conditions affecting the successful production of plays, or is it not? I contend that it was, is, and ever will be, the only solid basis to go on."

No one will contend otherwise, unless it be that section of playgoers and critics who maintain that the stage must be a medium of education, and should take up the missionary role of raising audiences to the doubtfully higher mental plane affected by the deadheads and critics. The playgoing public will not be so educated and raised. If they want sermons they will go to the churches, and if they find the sermons not to their religious taste, they will stay away. If they want amusement, entertainment, recreation, they will go to the "playhouse," and when the plays cease or fail to amuse or entertain, the place of amusement will cease to attract, and playgoers will spend their leisure hours at variety entertainments or elsewhere. "The Theatre," to quote Mr Barnes, "is not the place to lecture on social subjects, or to argue on hereditary ailments or sordid problems. On the one hand, what are practically all the plays that have made successes and big money? Why, theatrical plays, through and through. On the other hand, how many of the modern, so-called clever, brainy, psychological, insight into characters, non-theatrical plays have made anything for their writers or anyone else? No one is more competent to judge of this point than a working actor like myself. A few years ago one could hope that after rehearsing for three or four weeks, one could count on a reasonable run; to-day it is becoming quite common to rehearse four or five weeks and get, in return, one or two weeks' salary.

Pollard's Opera Company, now touring West Australia under William Anderson's direction, has just concluded a highly successful Perth season. A visit to the Goldfields follows. The pieces in the Company's repertoire are "Bluebell in Fairyland," "The Isle of Bong Bong," and "The Gay Huzzar."

No less than three J. C. Williamson attractions, running during the present month either in Melbourne or Sydney, are set in the last decade of the 18th century. "The Scarlet Pimpernel" and "The Duchess of Dantzic" are both dated 1792, and "The Lady of Lyons" period is 1795, only three years later. "The Prisoner of Zenda" is 1773—this is so far as its prologue is concerned.

William Anderson's "Squatter's Daughter" Company is doing good business in New Zealand. Its great Australian success is being repeated. The Company is now at Christchurch. A tour of the West Coast follows. A return trip is to be made through both islands with "The Village Blacksmith," and probably "The Midnight Mail."

"The Jewel Gag" with actresses is well known, but Madame Ada Crossley the other day in Perth had an experience which was much akin to the old time fiction about "Miss So and So's Diamonds Stolen," which was once a running headline in the American papers. When dressing for dinner in Perth the night she arrived she discovered to her horror that the most valuable portion of her jewels had been left behind on the "China," then within half an hour of her sailing time from Fremantle. But Dr. Muecke was equal to the occasion. Borrowing a motor car at a minute's notice he flashed down to the port and caught the liner just as she was moving off, recovering the missing property in the nick of time.

"Romeo and Juliet" is being got into readiness for early production by William Anderson's famous dramatic organisation at the King's Theatre. George Darrell, the celebrated actor-author, is stage managing the production, and magnificent new scenery is being prepared by Rege Robins.

During the space of some three months, the number of performances given by the Royal Welsh Male Choir, has been something over 100. They have travelled many hundreds of miles as these performances have been given in South Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. The management hope to keep the choir in this part of the world until March or April next year, that is if they can put off an engagement to tour America.

There seems to be no doubt (writes "Prompter" in the "Canterbury Times") that Christchurch playgoers have been during the last two years slowly, but surely, developing into a blessed state where manners are not needed. The sin of arriving late can be excused under the heading "Laziness," but that of talking during the currency of a scene is still unpardonable rudeness. I do not attack the people who make whispered communications during a play, but those who, with a delightful disregard of the feelings of others, converse in loud tones and generally behave as if a tea-fight were in progress instead of a play. They seem to forget that in a theatre one is expected to listen, not talk. One naturally raises no objections to a laxity of manners in the

should be done, and done quickly and firmly.

The Royal Welsh Male Choir's tour through Australia has proved how popular they are. Everywhere they have met with the same wonderful success and it has really proved no easy task for Messrs J. and N. Tait who are directing their tour, to arrange for their return visits to country centres which have been previously favoured with a visit. In some of the towns, not only one return visit, but two have been necessary and it has only been by postponing visits already arranged, that the management has been able to gratify the friends these choristers have made in different country centres. It is quite unnecessary to say that the Choir enjoys this kind of reception, and were it not that they feel the heat of the Australian summer, they could be kept going for some considerable time in that continent. The management, however, think that our New Zealand climate will be found preferable in the hot months of the year and the choir may be shortly expected to commence a short tour of the Dominion.

Mr Charles Parnell, late musical director for the Fuller Proprietary in

Choir, had something of a feeling of novelty about it as the performances were given in a building hitherto never used before for concerts. The Glaciarium Building, proved particularly suitable for concerts of this sort and the attendances, numbering some 20,000, proved how popular it was.

The claque has developed a novel activity in the Whitechapel district of London. One Isaac Camelhaar was charged on remand recently with assaulting Maurice Waxman, actor and manager of a Jewish company performing at the Pavilion Theatre. The lawyer for the prosecution said the company had been giving plays in yiddish at the Pavilion Theatre, Whitechapel, and had been subjected to much annoyance by what the prosecutor called a "gallery gang," who had formed a claque to applaud or the reverse as they were paid by individuals. The prosecutor received anonymous letters threatening that unless money was given, the "boys" would stop the performance. When he left the theatre he was assaulted by the prisoner. The prisoner called two witnesses, who, however, were said to be two of "the boys." He was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour.

Mr Reynolds Denniston, last here with the "Scarlet Pimpernel" Company, was recently married to Miss Valentine Sidney, late of the "Peter Pan" Company.

Mr Harry P. Muller, the well-known theatrical representative of Palmerston North was married recently to Miss Dorothy Sheath, of the same town.

A writer in an English journal describes as follows a theatrical show at the local halls:—"A few nights ago, at the village hall, the play was 'Boscobel,' and we went and got all we wanted for our money. The stage being a very small one, there was no room on it for a tree, and Charles, in fleeing from his pursuers, found that there was none for him to climb. Making the best of the position, he squatted down behind what appeared to be the trunk of a tree, but there was no room for his feet. The Parliamentary leader, hurrying in pursuit, not seeing the feet, went head over heels over them, doing considerable damage to his nose, which came into contact with the floor. Picking himself up, and holding his nose in his hand, he said to his followers. 'He has eluded us.'"

Mr Charles Loder, the German comedian with "The Prince of Pilsen" Company, has an inexhaustible supply of yarns, which, for better effect, he tells in the dialect he handles so well on the stage. For example:—"My friend Schmitt has got a fine, smart boy. Der udder night he was saying his prayers, und he said, 'God bless grandma, God bless mama, und little sister. Amen.' His mother said, 'Why, Willie, you forgot to pray for papa's safety.' Willie replied, 'Holy Gee! Has pop got a bicycle, too?'"

Judging by the record season in Wellington of the Royal Pictures, playgoers in that centre have almost a depraved taste for moving pictures. For twelve long months the Royal Pictures have been given seven entertainments weekly at His Majesty's Theatre there, and it seems if the company is desiring to emulate the brook. Not only has Wellington been well exploited, but Christchurch and Dunedin and the provincial towns in the South have all been played for lengthened seasons, and now Auckland is to be tried. The Royal Pictures have arranged a lease of the Royal Albert Hall and will commence its season on Boxing Night, when all that is latest and best in the moving picture line is promised. Mr Alfred Linley, who is representing the syndicate, arrives in Auckland next week to herald the combination.

The following are the bookings for His Majesty's Theatre, Christchurch: 1908—December 7, 8, and 10, Musical Union; December 11 to 23, West's Pictures; December 26 to January 8, 1909, J. C. Williamson; January 9 and 11, J. C. Williamson (Ada Crossley season); January 19 to 23, E. Branscombe; February 8 to 27, West's Pictures; April 10 to 21, Catholic Bazaar; April 22 and 23, Madame Melba; May 20 to June 5, Meynell and Gunn; July 26 to August 7, Meynell and Gunn; August 9 to 21, T. Pollard; November 5 to 13, Alan Hamilton.



MR. GREGHAN MCMAHON IN "DIANA OF DOBSONS."

pit, and only a small voice against talking in the stalls, but when the dress circle of a city theatre, the aristocracy of the auditorium, descends below the minimum manners, the limit is reached and passed. It would indeed be a just penance to find a management posting in the circle numerous signs to the effect that "silence is requested"; but something

Madame Ada Crossley is to visit a number of "the inside" towns in Victoria and New South Wales on her way through from Adelaide on her return from West Australia to Sydney for her Xmas night concert there.

Amongst recent passengers from London for the East were Mr Albert Goldie and his wife, nee Miss Dulcie Deamer, the talented young authoress. Mr Goldie has gone to join Mr Hugh Ward, and act as business representative of his Comedy Company for the tour of India, Ceylon, and the East, and Mrs Goldie will carry out an ante-nuptial arrangement entered into with the Lone Hand Magazine to deal with certain phases of the woman's question in the East.

Mario Majeroni is in the cast of "Jack Straw" at the Empire Theatre, New York. He shares with nearly all the members of the cast the distinction of hereditary dramatic fame. A son of Madame Emily Soldene is also appearing, and it is said that no other production has ever brought together so many artistes practically born to the purple of the stage.

Wellington, is about to attempt a new world's record for continuous piano playing. The present record for this kind of endurance test is 51 hours 5 minutes, established at Sydney by a Mr Freeman. It was intended by Mr Parnell to attempt the feat at Wanganui, but these arrangements have been cancelled, and he has now contracted with the Royal Pictures Syndicate (of Wellington) to make his attempt at Auckland on the 29th, 30th, and 31st instant, partly in conjunction with the syndicate's moving picture show, which opens in the Royal Albert Hall on Boxing night.

Mr C. M. Berkeley, the touring manager of "Mrs Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," tells of a unique experience in the early history of Madame Melba in Australia, when she was singing, unknown to fame, as Mrs Armstrong. The company arrived in Orange, Mr Berkeley being in advance, and opened to the magnificent sum of eighteen shillings. Whilst the company were debating as to whether sufficient inducement offered for the future prima donna of the world to sing, a gentleman in the audience offered to give £5 to the Hospital if Mrs Armstrong would sing "Home, Sweet Home." She consented to do so, and then other offers were made of various sums, with the result that £25 was collected in aid of the funds of the local Hospital.

The recent short farewell season of some four concerts given in Melbourne by the Royal Welsh Male

A CHANGE IN LEADING LADIES.

A very interesting revival was that of "The Lady of Lyons" at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, for the latter half of the current week. In the character of Pauline Deschanelles, the proud young lady of the cast of Vere de Vere (or its equivalent in France) Miss Ola Humphrey had made a favourable impression throughout Australia during this year's comprehensive tour of the Julius Knight Company and as she is leaving the organisation, the management decided to give Melbourne playgoers an opportunity of enjoying her performance. Of Mr Knight's study of Claude Melnotte it is unnecessary to speak. He has made that young hero to whom nothing comes amiss, one of his favourite roles. This Saturday (December 5) "The Prisoner of Zenda" which has been one of the most successful plays in the Knight revival repertoire, is to be staged, and Miss Beatrice Day will celebrate her first appearance with the company, appearing as the Princess Flavia—a part she should find to the utmost advantage for her style and temperament. Mr Knight will be Rudolph Rassendyll, the young Englishman who dares so much for love, and the other characters will be well placed. The revival lasts only until Saturday the 19th instant and the next Saturday (December 26) the Company's Sydney season will start with "The Sign of the Cross" which has been remounted and redressed and has had new scenery, so that it will be practically a new production.

LA MILO.

La Milo, who has recently completed her fourth successful tour of the Moss-Stoll circuit, and subsequently a tour of the large provincial centres under her own management, has just returned from a well-earned holiday on the continent (writes Manager Cruickshank). Going over to Berlin, she put up at the Hotel Adlon, the well-known rendezvous of all that is famous in the world of art, letters and finance. She soon became the chief attraction, resulting in her being introduced into the most exclusive circles of continental society, being invited to that Imperial function known as the Kaiser Breakfast, over which the Kaiser presides and which is reserved for the elite of the world's talent. One of the chief attractions of the Imperial city is the Kaiser's War Museum, which appealed strongly to La Milo as the daughter of a

British officer. But the greatest feast for the Poseuse was the Sculpture section of the Galleries of Art. Before leaving Berlin, La Milo received many offers to appear on the continent at very high salaries, but stated that she had to decline them owing to her work at Liverpool, where she is adding many new features to her act, which is already heavily booked—so much so, that she has had to decline, for the present anyhow, considerable value in American bookings, standing firm, despite the high offers of Berlin and America, for Art and England. Leaving Berlin, La Milo, made her way to Paris, where amongst the leaders of Art, letters, science and finance, she was soon in receipt of the admiration of all classes of the community. Proceeding to the shrine of her old love, La Milo stood in admiration before the chipped and mutilated Venus di Milo, the beloved of the art world and the pride of France.

Returning to England, full of the enthusiasm gained from her short holiday on the continent, La Milo went direct to Liverpool, where, in her studio and works, assisted by her staff of expert mechanics, she evolves the ideal in Breathing Marble, whose classical truth to detail has made her name a household word in the homes of England. La Milo has again signed for another tour on the Moss-Stoll circuit, which runs to the latter end of 1909.

MR HARRY SHINE AND THE NEW PANTO.

For this year's pantomime at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne, Mr Harry Shine is cast for a scarecrow who becomes the servant of Baron Bounce. He is a distinct find for that aristocratic miser, for he cannot eat, he cannot drink, and most wonderful of all, he requires no wages. So he is immediately engaged by the Baron and thereafter through the play he is a sort of inarticulate servant who hardly has a line to speak but whose actions speak plainer than words. It is not the first time that Mr Shine has been similarly situated. Once in Sydney he was a member of a dramatic company, playing in a piece in which one of the big scenes was a banquetting table. The first night, under instructions from his stage manager, Mr Shine "cut loose" and those who knew what a fund of natural humour he possesses, can draw upon their imagination for the feature he made of his chances. But unfortunately there were one or two critics who did not

WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS

The family stimulant.

appreciate his humour and on Monday morning they adopted an aggrieved attitude towards Mr. Shine, accusing him of erring on the side of burlesque and working too hard. This naturally hurt Mr Shine's feelings and at the next performance he deliberately adopted other tactics. Instead of a pronounced liveliness he presented a solemnity of demeanour as if there were nothing in the world of greater moment than meat and drink. There he sat at the table with a solemn face quietly helping himself and paying no heed whatever to what was going on around him. Of course the audience laughed more than ever.

"THE DUCHESS OF DANTZIC."

Paris in the troublous times of the French Revolution is the setting for the first Act of "The Duchess of Dantzic" which the Royal Comic Opera produce for the first time in Australia at Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, on December 19). The scene opens with a riotous devil-may-care crowd enjoying the pleasantries of Catherine Up-scher, washerwoman, usually called Sans Gene. To them enters one Napoleon Buonaparte, a young Corsican Lieutenant, so poor that he cannot pay his washing bill, as Madame Sans Gene knows. But she is a good-hearted washlady and foregoes her claim on his slender purse. But like a wise woman she keeps the unreciprocated bill, and fifteen years later it saves her life and her husband's. Things have gone well with them both in the meantime. He is a Marshal of France—the Duke of Dantzic, and she is a Duchess. But she is too, still a washerwoman with the outspokenness of her class and there are many wrangles in the exalted atmosphere of the Tuileries. Tired of these unseemly disturbances, Napoleon decrees her divorce and banishment. Here is Madame Sans Gene's opportunity. She produces that unpaid washing bill, and touched by the memories it calls up, the Emperor discharges his obligation with pardons all round and a general decree that ensures the happiness of all the characters.

At the Princess Theatre, Melbourne, the Musical Comedy Company is concluding a successful season with a week's revival of "The Belle of New York," starting from Saturday, December 5, following on a popular week of "The Red Mill." The company leave for New Zealand via Sydney next Saturday (December 12) and their season in the Dominion will start at Auckland on Boxing Night.

"The Merry Widow" is now in the seventies at Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, not be it said as regards her age which remains, of course, perennially youthful, but as regards the run of her performances. The last twelve nights are announced from Saturday, December 5, as on December 19 "The Duchess of Dantzic" will be given its premiere in Australia.

Miss Ida Rentoul's designs which were so happily used for the dressing of "Humpty-Dumpty" will again be to the fore in "Jack and Jill." That pantomime will be particularly strong in children's scenes. Hickory Wood has combined the story of the old woman who lived in a shoe with that of "Jack and Gill" and as everybody knows children and their dresses are Miss Rentoul's strongest point. She has also been entrusted with the costume designs for a most artistically conceived ballet—and with complete success.

A big carnival ballet for which a special corps of dancers has been engaged, is promised as an important feature of "The Duchess of Dantzic."

The East End of London has once more furnished a romance—this time one of song. From street singing for pennies to the brilliant palaces of pleasure and the salary of a Minister of the Crown in a few weeks is an unusual achievement, and the jump is all the more astounding as it is made by an alien boy only 13 years of age, and scarcely able to speak our language. The story of little Mirzka Gynt and of his rescue from the East End gutters is certainly very remarkable. Miss Alice Lloyd was passing, and was struck with a voice in Petticoat lane. She at once made inquiries about the boy, with an amazingly good result. He has sailed with his father to New York, where he appears for the first of 20 weeks in America at a salary of £40 a week.

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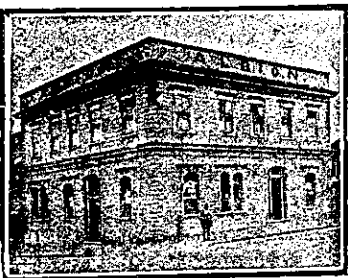
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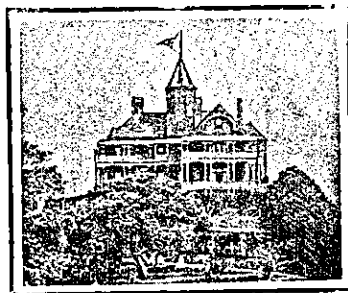
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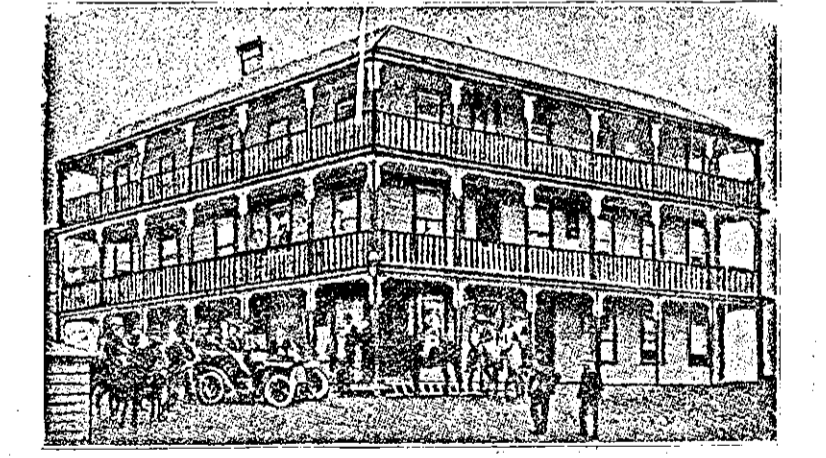
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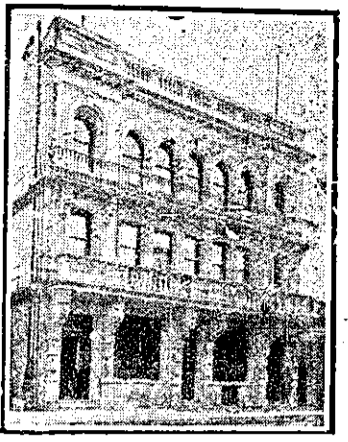
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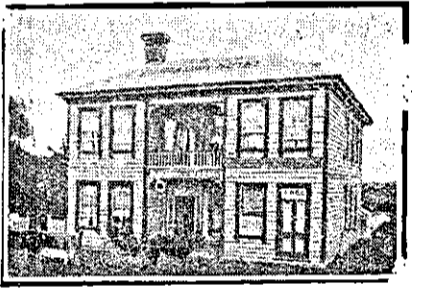
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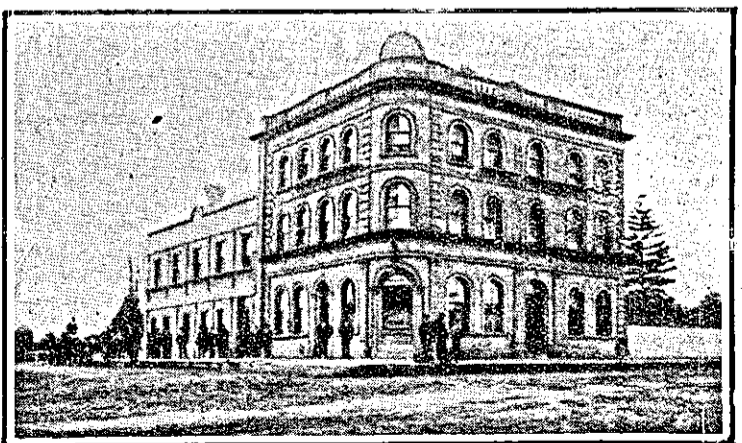
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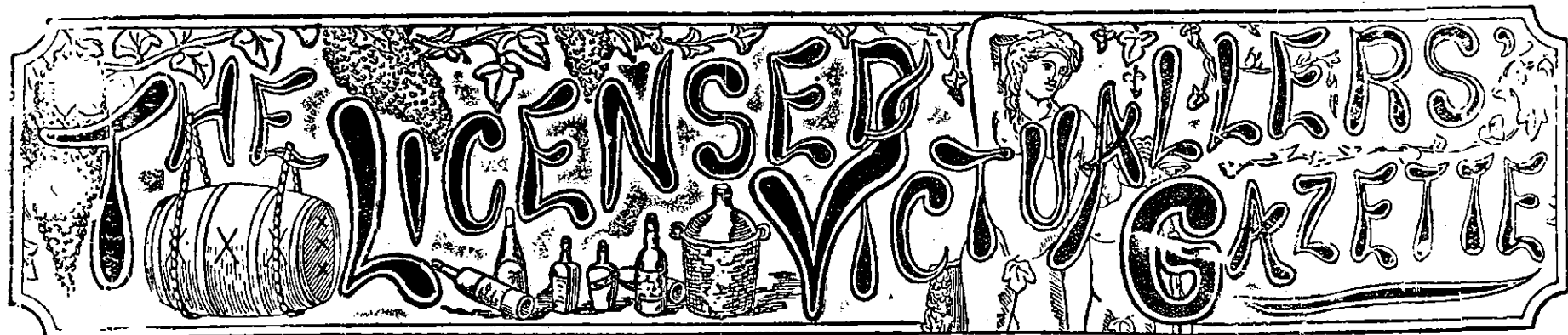
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If we were asked, what are the qualities most desired in a prohibition lecturer by the party who employs him, we should unhesitatingly answer, a gift of the gab, a total absence of the power to distinguish the difference between truth and exaggeration, and unblushing effrontery in perpetrating any untruth so long as it is paid for and made palatable to the people who pay such lecturers. Such qualities, it may be noted, are apparently rare or insufficiently developed in lecturers in the Dominion. The Simon Pure in all these points has to be imported, as witness during Fleet Week the importation of one Reverend from New South Wales, who, after visiting Auckland, proceeded South where he voiced misstatements concerning Auckland which called forth denials from the press, the police, and even from some of the more evenly-minded prohibitionists of this city. This is, however, now all a matter of history. At present we have to deal with another gentleman named R. B. Hammond, who also prefixes his name with reverend. This gentleman, also imported from Sydney, recently returned to Sydney, and was kind enough to impart his views on the liquor question in our Dominion to a representative of the Sydney "Daily Telegraph." These views are promptly republished here by our morning daily. The Sydney paper states that the Reverend Hammond waxed enthusiastic of the good work done by the no-license party. Incidentally he had spent a couple of months urging the inhabitants to close the liquor bars. In these two months, Mr Hammond has decided that the young men of New Zealand drink more than he had seen anywhere else. This is put forward as some sort of explanation of the increased drink bill in the face of increased dry areas and an increased no-license vote. A poor, lame explanation is this one, which is a libel on the young men of New Zealand, one which is unworthy of any man who is styled reverend, and one which is disproved by the police records of the Dominion.

But when it comes to the question of women drinking, the reverend gentleman fairly surpasses himself. He has, according to the report of the interview, which appeared in the New Zealand "Herald" one day last week, deliberately stated that the police reported in Auckland on one Saturday evening they visited 16 hotels and counted 728 women and 24 children in the bars. As already mentioned, Mr Hammond bears the title of reverend, and was only with us two months, so for these reasons we will simply be content to characterise his statement as a deliberate exaggeration and misstatement of facts. The facts are, and these are referred to elsewhere, that women seldom or ever go into hotel bars in Auckland. Also the police reported that the women and children were found in sixteen hotels on sixteen Saturdays, and not on one Saturday night as stated by Mr Hammond. The first report would make it appear that the case was such as the gentleman mentioned stated. But he knew, or should have known, his party knew, and who ever supplied him with the figures knew that the statement which he has taken to Sydney was untrue. The paper here which republished the interview knew, and was one of the first in March last to draw attention to the misleading figures. Yet these incorrect figures are sufficient for Mr Hammond to return to Sydney and sow broadcast a reflection and slander on the women of Auckland.

We take it that this gentleman was well paid and well treated during

two months' sojourn in the Dominion, and it ill behoves him to cast a slur on the women, without whose vote, the occupation of such as he, as prohibition lecturers, would soon be gone, for it is generally admitted that without the women's vote the no-license game would soon die a natural death.

THE POLICE REPORT.

The report as presented by the police at the quarterly meeting of the Auckland City Licensing Committee, which was held last week, contains much in it that is evidence of the satisfactory manner in which Auckland licensees conduct their hotels, the report stating that there had been no complaints against anyone of them. Reference was made to the proceedings which were instituted against three hotelkeepers for offences alleged to have been committed during Fleet Week. These offences, however, were all dismissed without the hotel-keepers having been called. The chairman Mr R. W. Dyer, S.M., mentioned that there had been enormous crowds in the hotels, and the hotelkeepers had done their best. The only other charge which had been brought during the quarter was one of permitting drunkenness on the premises. This case brought out the fact that the hotelkeeper was entirely blameless as the man who was a boarder at the house, had become intoxicated elsewhere, and returning to his temporary residence had laid his landlord (who had contracted to find him in board and residence) open to the charge as instituted. It is pleasing to note that the reasonableness of the defence of the hotelkeeper appealed to the Magistrate who heard the case and the charge was dismissed.

Further on in the report the police deal with the question of women drinking in hotels. It was stated that the police had made 242 visits to various hotels and had found in them 713 women, having with them 24 children. On no occasion had any of these women been found under the influence of liquor. This last report, though lacking in some details, is strangely coincident to the report furnished to the Bench at the meeting early in March of this year. This report as it may be remembered caused some little stir from the fact that the figures, as first presented lacked essential details without which the report looked much worse than the facts warranted. The March report found 728 women and 24 children in sixteen hotels, the aggregate for visits on sixteen Saturdays. The first report read that these women and children had been found in hotels on a certain Saturday. The number of women and children in the March report and the December report is remarkably coincident. The latter report does not give the number of hotels visited, what radius is comprised in these visitations, or if one or more hotels were visited more than once a day or week, or what is still more to the point, whether certain houses were picked out to make up totals. It would also be interesting to know what days of the week and what time of the day or night is chosen for making the visits to discover women drinking in hotels. If the police mean that they saw 713 women actually drinking in hotels, then there is not much to be said. But the police say they found 713 women in 242 visits in hotels. This is about three women per visit, and we would like to point out as we have done more than once before, that it does not follow that because a woman is seen in an hotel that she is there for the purpose of drinking. We feel sure that the police only wish to approach this matter fairly, but a little more explicitness would be welcome.

Tenders are called for painting work at the City Hotel, Victoria-street.

Mr Wm. Agnew has purchased Mr G. H. Foster's interest in the Imperial Hotel, Fort Street, and took possession last week.

We hear that Mr J. T. Gray, who has been licensee of the Anchor Hotel, Queen-street for many years, has sold his interest in that house to Mr Arthur Whitehead.

The official count and scrutiny in connection with the local option poll in Auckland city gave continuance 8255, reduction 9669, and no-license 10,395. The total number of valid votes was 18,941 and the number of votes required to carry reduction was 9471. Reduction has therefore been carried with 198 votes over the required number. No-license fell short by 970 votes. In 1905 reduction was lost by 794 votes, and no-license by 1727 votes. At the last election 2393 more valid votes were recorded than there were in 1905.

At the quarterly meeting of the Ohinemuri Licensing Committee which was held at Paeroa last Friday, the police reports were favourable in regard to all the houses with the exception of the Kanaeranga Hotel, which was stated to be in a bad state of repair. Mr Moresby, who represented the owners, pointed out that after March the house would be in the Thames electorate and out of the jurisdiction of the Ohinemuri committee. The matter was left for the Thames committee to deal with. Transfers were granted to J. McSweeney for J. W. Shaw for the Grand Hotel, Te Aroha, and from H. McGill to Glynn Lewis for the Waihou Hotel, Waihou.

A rumour to the effect that a brewery was to be established in the Selwyn electorate, on the border of the town of Ashburton, has caused some considerable excitement in prohibition circles at Christchurch. Mr T. E. Taylor, M.P., is to the fore in entering a protest, and in reply to a telegram to Sir Joseph Ward, is assured that the Government will take steps to counteract any such proposal as the erection of border breweries.

Despite the alleged benefits of no-license in Invercargill, it is a matter of regret to note that the sawmills in Southland closed down last Saturday in consequence of slackness in trade. The date of reopening has not been definitely fixed. About 35 mills, employing upwards of 700 men will be affected. A similar state of affairs is reported from Masterton, which place voted for a dry three years at last poll.

A petition was lodged last Friday at Masterton signed by 50 electors, to invalidate the local option poll on numerous grounds set out in the petition.

A recount in the voting on the local option poll at Ohinemuri takes place this week.

The recount of votes for Waitemata resulted in 2471 for continuance, 2967 for reduction, and 3369 for no-license, valid votes 5941, informal 94. No proposal has been carried. Reduction has been lost by 3½ votes, and no-license by 195 3-5 votes.

It is authoritatively stated that since the new Gaming Act came into force 12 months ago, something over £100,000 has been paid in license fees by bookmakers.

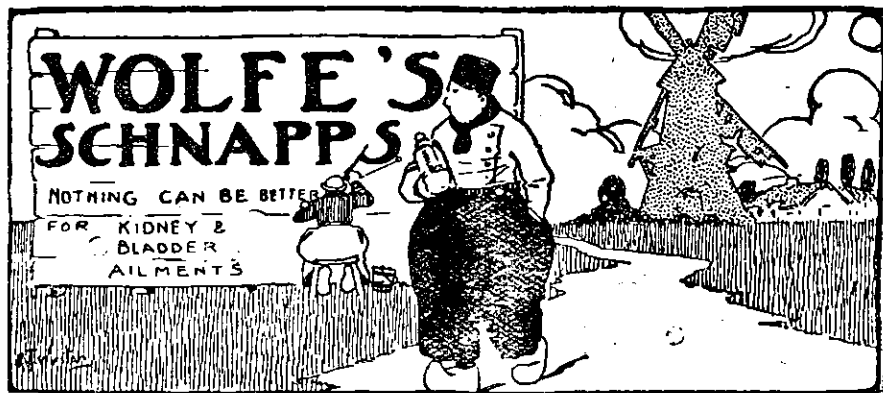
The first recount in the local option poll for Waitemata gave reduction carried by four votes. An official recount ordered by Mr. R. W. Dyer, S.M., was carried out last Friday under the supervision of Mr. H. H. G. Ralfe, clerk of the Magistrate's Court, and Mr. Webster, J.P., resulted in reduction being lost by 3½ votes.

Application has been made for a recount of the ballot papers in the Wellington Suburbs local option poll.

After June 30 next, the race meetings held at Avondale will apparently be very dry, in other words, no publicans' booths will be licensed. This is the outcome of no-license being carried in the Eden electorate, which comprises the Avondale Racing Club's premises. With the beautiful inconsistency of no-license yet plenty of liquor, members of the club can not be prevented from having as much liquor as they wish for themselves and friends, stored in private lockers, so that the dryness of the meetings will be more apparent than real.

The new Caledonian Hotel at Napier is now complete. The new structure is an imposing building of three stories, built of Ferro-concrete and is absolutely fire-proof. From the promenade roof a most delightful view of sea and land is obtainable. All the rooms are large and lofty and furnished elaborately. The house contains 50 bedrooms and eight bathrooms with hot and cold shower and plunge. In addition to the Dining room which measures 37 x 44, and commercial room 35 x 21, there is a writing room and meeting room, and everything throughout is finished with all modern and up-to-date conveniences. As the terms are reasonable, there is no doubt this will become a popular house in Napier. The proprietor, Mr A. C. Barnes, who is well known in athletic circles, will be pleased to renew the acquaintance of all old friends.

At Gisborne last week a unique point arose in connection with the Maori election. Local publicans were advised that under section 115 of the Electoral Act they would be compelled to close their bars from noon, the Maori election coming within the category of "any election" in that section. All the Gisborne hotels, with one exception, where the licensee was advised differently, accordingly closed. It is pointed out that if this new reading of the law be correct, shops should also close, but they have not done so. In the South Island, which is one Maori electorate, the whole of the hotels would also be required to shut up their bars. (In the Auckland pro-



vincial district, none of the hotels closed on the day of the Maori election, it being deemed that the law was complied with by refusing to serve any Maori during the hours the election was being held.)

The police reports regarding the various city hotels were, as handed into the quarterly meeting of the City Licensing Bench last week, entirely satisfactory. Similar reports were put in in regard to the houses in the Waitemata and Parnell licensing districts, so as there was no business to come before the members of these two benches, no quarterly meetings were held.

A correspondent who sends in the following little anecdote remarks that he thinks it peculiarly fitting to two of the rejected candidates at our recent election. Both were for city seats, and both sought the aid of cold-water in furtherance of their designs on that three hundred a year:—

"At a dinner, recently, William J. Bryan was joking about his repeated attempts to be elected President, although Mr Bryan considers them no joke, at that.

"After a time," he said, "I shall be in the position of the man, somewhat worse for wear, who came into a dance in Texas. The floor manager saw him and let him out. He came back. Then the floor manager pushed him out. He came back. Finally, the floor manager kicked him out, and he rolled down a flight of stairs. At the bottom of the stairs he considered the matter. 'I know what it means,' he said. 'They can't fool me. Those people in there do not want me to attend that dance!'"

Beer duty collected in Wellington in November, 1907, amounted to £1289 15s 9d; last month the amount was £1139 5s.

The average Britisher has evidently not grasped the meaning of prohibition as it works in some of our electorates. Last week a case of whisky arrived at Ashburton consigned to a resident of that town from Great Britain, the case not being labelled according to law. Consequently the case will in all probability be forfeited, and the well-meaning Britisher's intentions result in naught.

Munich is deserting the beverage for which it is famous. During the period 1886-90 each inhabitant of the city drank on an average 105 gallons of beer per annum, but last year the figure was only 63 gallons.

In the voting on the local option poll in the three City Electorates there were 366 invalid votes, some persons having written their names on the ballot papers. The fact that only 394 persons voted reduction, and 1542 No-license voters failed to take advantage of the benefit of this second vote, occasions some inquiry as to the desirability of retaining this issue on the ballot paper.

"The New Zealand Times" warns traders and others to keep a watchful eye on what may be tendered as a coin of the realm. Some spurious money is about Wellington city in the shape of gilded farthings, and attempts have been made to pass them off as half-sovereigns.

Beer duty paid in Auckland last month amounted to £2399 12s 1d, for November, 1907, the amount paid was £2789.

The magisterial recount of the votes at the local option poll in the Hutt electorate gave no-license as being lost by two votes.

At the quarterly meeting of the City Licensing Bench last week, the Chairman, Mr. R. W. Dyer, S.M., said that the committee had heard that weekly tenancies were being adopted in some of the hotels. Mr. Leo Myers as representing the Campbell-Ehrenfried Co., Ltd., said that his firm was not associated with any weekly license. The Chairman expressed his pleasure at this assurance, the report being, evidently unfounded.

AUCKLAND LICENSING COMMITTEE.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Auckland Licensing Bench was held last week. Present: Messrs R. W. Dyer, S.M. (chairman), E. E. Cheal, W. J. Rees, M. Casey and A. Rosser.

TRANSFERS OF LICENSES.

Four transfers of licenses were applied for and all were granted. The

police reports were favourable in respect of every application. The transfers were as follows:—

David Norden, Naval and Family Hotel, Karangahape-road, to William Thomas Watts.

Bridget Meehan, Gleeson's Hotel, Customs-street, to Thomas James Storey.

Alfred Adams, Star Hotel, Karangahape-road, to William Jones.

Frederick Thomas Lipscombe, Globe Hotel, to John Earnest Parker.

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The police report on the conduct of the hotels of the city was read. It said that during the past quarter the hotels in the Auckland Licensing District had been conducted in a very satisfactory manner, and that there had been no complaints against any of them. During the quarter, proceedings had been taken against the licensees of three hotels and against another hotel for permitting drunkenness. All the cases had been dismissed by a stipendiary magistrate. These complaints had arisen in the quarter which had ended on August 31.

The chairman mentioned that the proceedings which had been instituted against the three hotels were in Fleet week, and the evidence had been that there had been such an enormous crowd that the hotel-keepers had done their best.

Sergeant Hendry said that all the cases had been dismissed without the hotel-keepers having been called.

Mr Dyer explained that in the other case the hotel-keeper was held to be blameless as the man who had been found drunk on the premises had got the drink elsewhere. The position, therefore, had been that the publican had been under contract to board the man, and therefore could not turn him into the street.

There was no further discussion on the report.

WEEKLY LICENSES.

The chairman said that he had been asked by the Committee to mention that years ago weekly licenses had been decided against. They were now informed that weekly licenses were again being adopted. Mr Dyer said that he thought that these tenancies were undesirable, and declared that if it was true that they were being reintroduced the committee would do all in their power to stop them.

Mr Leo Myers, representative of the Campbell and Ehrenfried Company, said that his firm was not associated with any weekly license.

Mr Dyer replied that he was very pleased to hear that, and said that the report he had mentioned was the first intimation he had had of a reintroduction of the system.

A committeeman: "I don't know of one."

WOMEN IN HOTELS.

As regarded the question of women drinking in hotels, the question, according to the police report presented to last week's meeting of the Auckland Licensing Committee, remained much the same as before. The police, continued the report, had made 242

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ON THE BORDER LINE.

Last week several telegraphic messages passed between the Prime Minister and Mr T. E. Taylor, M.P., in regard to the proposal to erect a brewery in the Selwyn electorate, near the boundary of the Ashburton no-license district.

Mr Taylor sent the following telegram to Sir Joseph:—"Representative liquor men assert that a brewery will be started in the Selwyn electorate, on the border of Ashburton town. I trust that the Customs authorities will be forbidden to issue a license, as such an act would outrage public opinion, and defy the clear intention of the law. I shall be glad of your assurance that the Government will prevent the license."

Sir Joseph replied:—"In reply to your telegram, I agree with the view you express, and if a license can be legally refused it will be refused. If we are compelled, however, to issue one, of course we must obey the law. I am getting the considered opinion of the Crown law officers on the matter." Later on Sir Joseph sent another message as follows:—"In further reference to your representations regarding the proposed erection of a brewery on the borders of Ashburton, I am advised that under the law the Government cannot prevent this, but I am publicly intimating that I consider it is practically a defiance of the will of the people, as expressed recently at the polls, and that if the course is pursued I will ask Parliament to legislate to deal with it, and prevent what I regard as technically a breach of the law and certainly what is contrary to the election of the majority of the people."

Mr T. E. Taylor sent the following message of thanks:—"Many thanks for your telegram regarding the proposed brewery on the boundary of the Ashburton electorate. Every fair-minded elector will appreciate your attitude, and approve of your decision to introduce legislation to prevent the liquor interests from insolently defying public opinion. In the meanwhile, I understand the Government has power to disapprove of the proposed site. If that is so, I hope the promoters of the brewery will be forced to build on the Christchurch edge of the Selwyn electorate, and thus free Ashburton from the designed insult."

THE MASTERTON POLL.

It was reported from Masterton last Saturday that the recount of the licensing poll gives a majority for no-license of 312-5th. The grounds of the petition against the validity of the poll are that Masterton was a new district, and no Gazette notice was published, as required; that persons voted who were not adults, and had not been in the Dominion twelve months; that the population had increased 25 per cent., and voters should have had a proposal to increase licenses placed before them; that absentee votes were recorded, and there is no power to issue such permits; that many irregularities occurred, particularly by the exhibition of placards and by fresh voting papers being issued to voters who had spoiled their copies; that one booth was not opened for half an hour after the proper time. It is also alleged that persons under age voted, and that some voted who were on the roll for other electorates. No date is yet fixed for the hearing.

THE IDEAL PUBLICHOUSE.

Here is a picture of the ideal publichouse. It is drawn by Mr. F. E. Smith, K.C., M.P., and Mr. E. E. Williams, in a little book, called "The

Philosophy of the Licensing Bill." "The ideal publichouse would be a commodious building into which any passer-by might enter and call for any reasonable kind of refreshment—food or drink, the latter alcoholic or non-alcoholic. He should be able to consume these refreshments comfortably seated in a room well lit, warmed, and ventilated. He should be able, not only to smoke, but if he chose, to obtain the materials for smoking also on the premises. The place should be so reputable, that, whatever his social position, he could enter it openly, and even take his wife and children with him, and find suitable refreshment there for them. If he were alone he should be able to call for, or purchase in the house, newspapers and magazines. If he had any business to transact there should be a telephone on the premises for his use. If he had one or more friends, and the party desired amusement other than conversation, they should be able to call for cards, chess, or dominoes, or quoits and bowls in the country. Or, if they desired more passive amusement, there should be music to listen to. The humblest inn could provide an hour or two a day of piano-playing; the richer—the large houses in wealthy towns—could furnish a small orchestra and a vocalist or two. And there is no reason why dancing should not be permitted under due guarantees of respectability. This is the ideal publichouse. Such a house as this would add to the innocent enjoyment of the people, and would be an incentive to temperance and good order. No one would misbehave himself in such surroundings by drinking to excess, or by any other form of disorder: public opinion would make such conduct impossible. Upon young people of the working and lower middle classes such a house would exercise a positive influence for good. It would improve their manners, and might improve their morals. They would be better in such a house than in prowling streets and lanes at night, and they would avoid that boredom which is the fruitful parent of all kinds of mischief. That is the ideal publichouse. No one who knows, French or Spanish cafes or German beerhouses would say that it is an ideal impossible of realisation. Plenty of Englishmen, and their women-folk, who would not, or could not, enter an English publichouse to-day, frequent these Continental cafes when they go abroad, enjoy them, admire, get no harm from them, but only innocent pleasure. Yet in them are to be found the very features we have just enumerated as composing the ideal publichouse. If those features are practicable on the Continent they are practicable in England. It is not a question of climate, and it is not to any special extent a question of race."

FASHIONS IN BEER.

A change has come over the consumer of beer in the Old Country. The popularity of the strong ale is on the wane, if it has not already gone. The beer-drinker now demands that his beverage shall quench his thirst without affecting his head. He also insists that his drink shall be pleasing to the eye as well as to the palate, and the old deep brown ale is being superseded by a pale, straw-coloured, sparkling article of somewhat lighter gravity, and of an appearance very much akin to champagne. The change has not come at once. For years the public taste has leaned towards the less-intoxicating form of beer, and at the moment there is every sign that pale, bitter ales, which were never more popular, will increase rather than diminish in favour. The trade have appreciated the altered conditions of things, and they have met the wishes of consumers by preparing an article which, while possessing excellent dietetic value, is shorn of the disadvantages of a

"heady" beer. Brewers view the changed tastes of the public as evidence of the spread of education. Well-ordered members of the community wish to be able to do their everyday work after a midday glass of ale, and, if possible, to perform their tasks the better because they have taken it. Working men, who consume about three-fourths of the beer brewed in England, are not behind their more fortunate fellows in their tastes, and when all sides are practically agreed upon the character of the beverage they desire, the brewer would be a bad business man to ignore their wishes. Experts at the Brewers' Exhibition in London, one of them a judge in the largest competition for various classes of beers ever held by the trade, recently gave their reasons for the improvement in the public taste. There is no doubt that the beer of the present day is a far purer article than it has ever been. The brewers who are making headway—despite the "wave of temperance" which we are told is sweeping over the country, and notwithstanding the depressing effects of poor trade—are those who make a point of getting the best of materials and of using them in the production of beer by the most scientific methods. The brewer, in fact, has done much in forming the public taste for the pale, sparkling, palatable ale by the improvement of his technical knowledge. The "rule of thumb" brewer has had his day. Science, based largely upon experience, has replaced the man who had no knowledge of his trade save that which experience gave him. Nowadays the expert, instead of learning all the technicalities of the trade in the brewery, has to pass through one or other of the brewing schools in the country. In great educational centres the value of the industry is recognised, and schools of brewing, such as that in Birmingham University, have imparted scientific training to their pupils, which has been of incalculable advantage in improving the standard of beer.

THE MAORI ELECTION.

The Christchurch correspondent to the New Zealand Times, in reference to the recent Maori Election stated that the point raised in Gisborne in regard to the election of a Maori member of the House of Representatives had not occurred to Mr. H. W. Bishop, S.M. and Returning Officer for the Southern Maori district, until it was brought under his notice by a reporter last evening in regard to the telegram from Gisborne, stating that the hotels in that town were closed from noon to 7 p.m. on election day. The reason given was that a Maori election is held to come within the meaning of the words "any election," in section 115 of the Electoral Act, which provides for the closing of hotels on election day.

In the strictest sense of the words, they do effect Maori elections, which are placed on the same footing as ordinary elections, but Mr. Bishop points out that the reading of the Act accepted in Gisborne is obviously impracticable, as the Southern Maori

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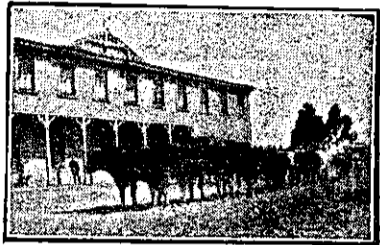
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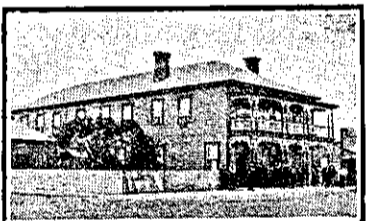
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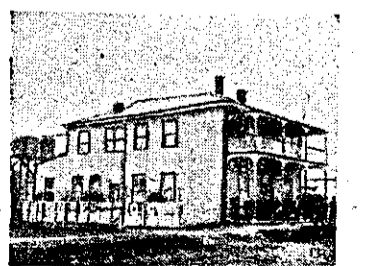
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NOTHING IN IT.

It is an open secret that more than one candidate who failed to secure re-election for Parliament will be hardly hit financially by the verdict of the electors and the loss of the £300 honorarium. Most of the city members are fairly well satisfied with their yearly allowance, but the country representative, particularly if he had a scattered constituency in the semi-impassable back-blocks, would find the honorarium a starvation wage had he to completely depend on it for existence. The troubles of one of these gentlemen were confided recently to a "New Zealand Times" representative. His opinion was that £500 per annum was nearer the expenditure of the country member than the actual sum provided for his special needs by a grateful country. An election costs about £200, and, even when this is over, the annual trip to Wellington means a steady drain on the honorarium by keeping two homes going. Postages alone run into 5s weekly, and such is the demand for the local member as an ornamental but highly profitable officer of every local institution that his expenses on this score alone run into £80 a year annually. There are pre-sessional trips around the constituency, involving a trifle of £40 for the hire of halls.

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which, while not interfering with private ownership would purge the present system of its worst features. If that is impossible, then we would be prepared to allow the question of municipal control to be submitted as an alternative issue to the electors, so as to give individual districts an opportunity of adopting it in preference to continuance, reduction, or no-license. If those interested in the trade are wise we think they will cooperate with the leaders of the moderate party in drafting and assisting to pass some legislation which will put the business on a footing more acceptable to the mass of the electors. This may involve some diminution of profits, at any rate at first. But the lessened profits would be compensated for by increased security. At present it would seem that unless the trade are prepared to accept lesser profits—they may see their business wiped out altogether as an occupation recognised by law in the course of a comparatively few years.

HOW THE CITY VOTED.

The following particulars concerning the manner of voting in the three City electorates may be of interest:

	V.V.	Con.	Red.	N.L.
West	6680	2260	4134	4320
Central	5957	3101	2551	2802
East	5933	2670	2876	3133
Absent voters and Seamen	371	224	108	140
	18,941	8255	9669	10,393

Auckland West carried No-license with 312 votes over the requisite three-fifths, and 1341 above the bare majority. Continuance in Central obtained 123 above the bare majority. In East, No-license was 166 over the bare majority. In East, No-license was 166 over the bare majority. There were 371 absent voters' and seamen's rights, of which Continuance obtained 224, Reduction 108, and No-license 140. The 18,941 valid votes were recorded as under.

- 7627 voted for Continuance only.
- 394 voted for Reduction only.
- 1542 voted for No-license only.
- 8750 voted for No-license and Reduction.
- 525 voted for Continuance and Reduction.
- 103 voted for Continuance and No-license.

There were 366 invalid votes, some persons having written their names on the ballot papers. The fact that only 394 persons voted Reduction, and 1542 No-license voters failed to take advantage of the benefit of this second vote occasions some inquiry as to the desirability of retaining this issue upon the ballot paper.

The valid vote increased by 2393 upon the previous poll, and No-license claimed 2293 of that increase. Continuance increased by 325. The No-license percentage was 43.52 in 1905, and 54.9 in 1908.

There is drunkenness, it is true, with its attendant evils in no-license districts, but the people of Taranaki have that only upon heresay; they see and know of their own knowledge that drunkenness occurs in licensed districts (says the "Herald"). It is for those engaged and interested in "the trade" to prevent these living arguments for no-license from existing. They cannot prevent drunkenness altogether, sometimes it occurs altogether apart from their trade; but they can and must, unless they are content to see the no-license movement carry the whole field in a few years, so order their business, individually and collectively, that the finger of reproach cannot be pointed to them. If they conduct their busi-

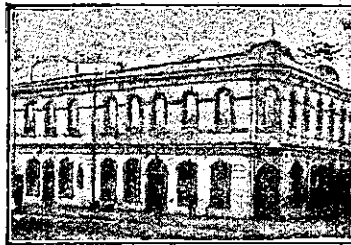
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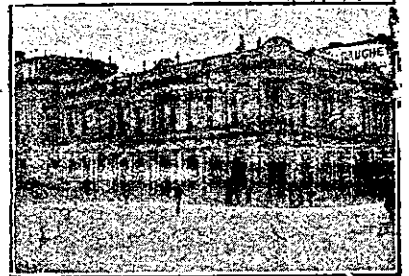
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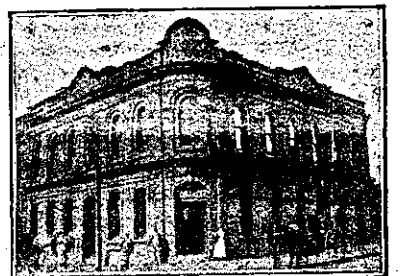
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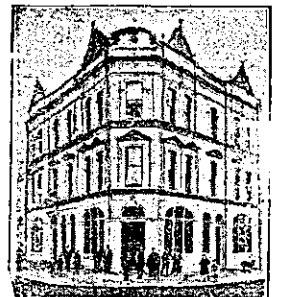
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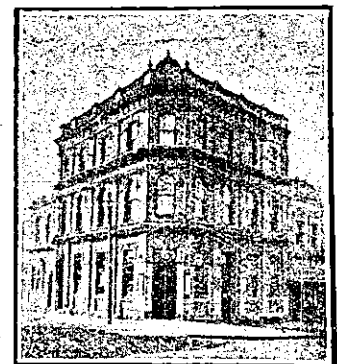
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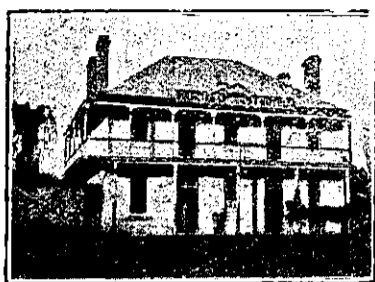
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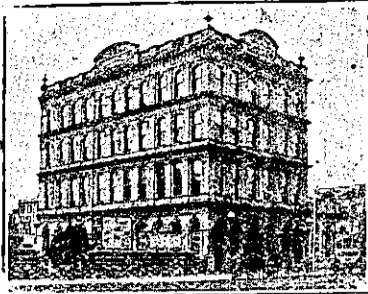
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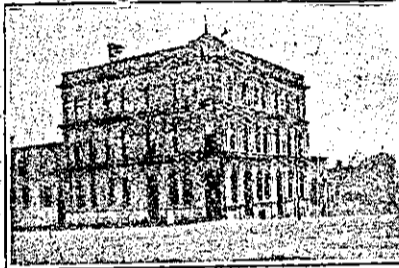
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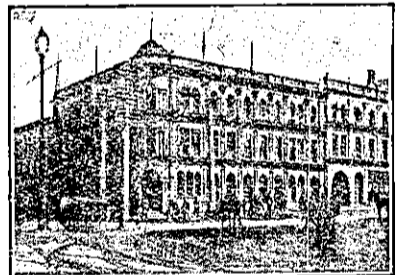
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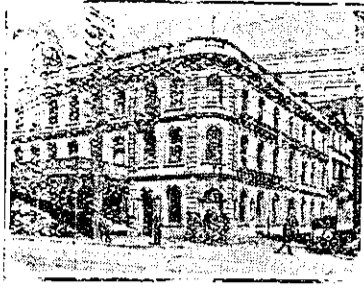
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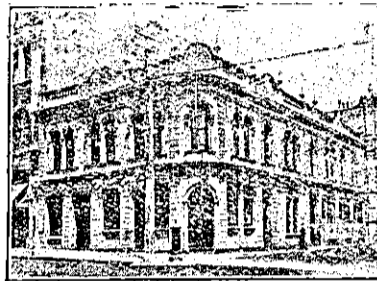
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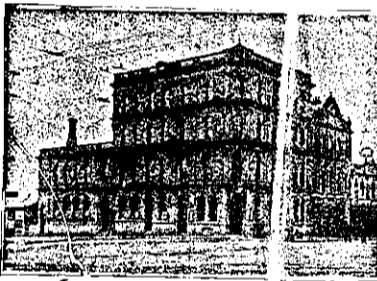
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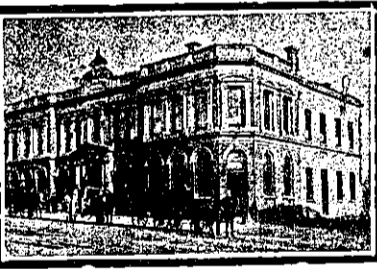


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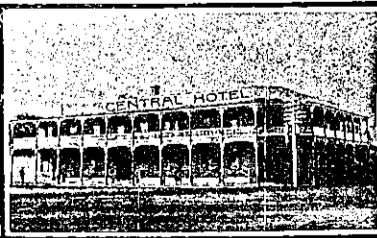
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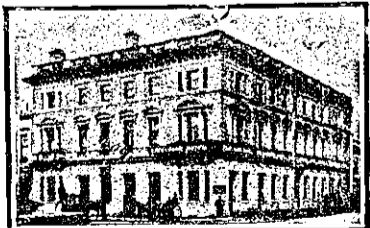
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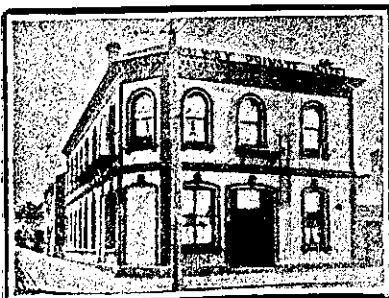
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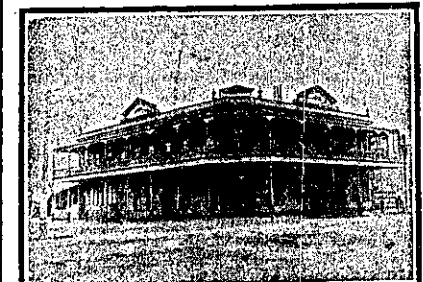
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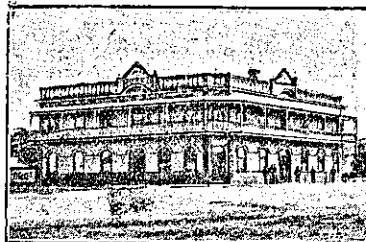
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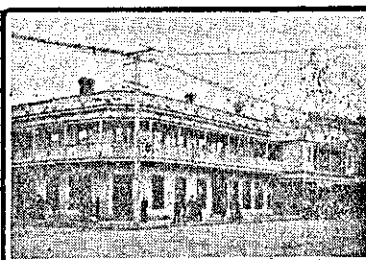
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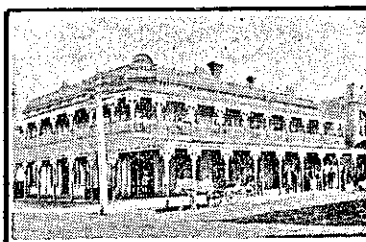


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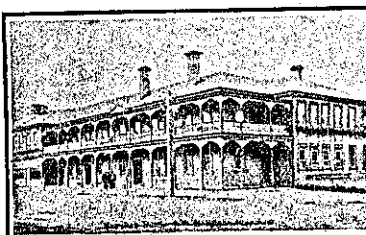
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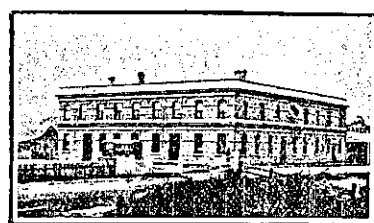
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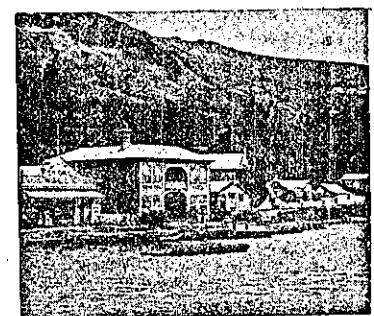
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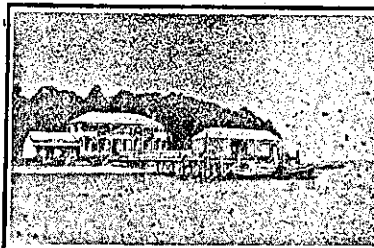
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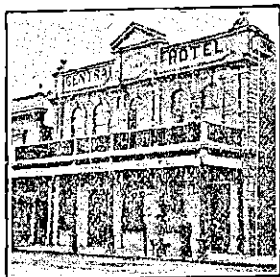
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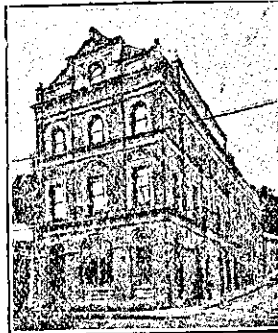
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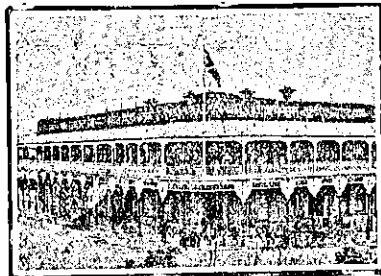
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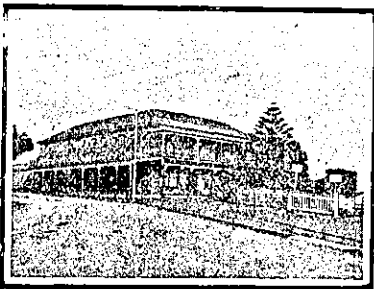
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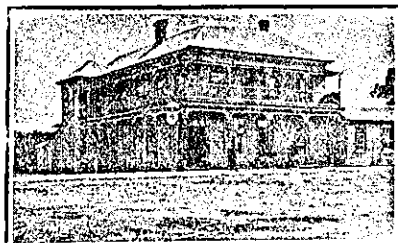
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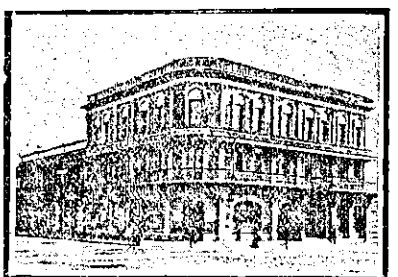


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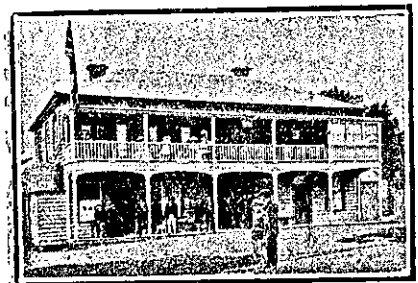


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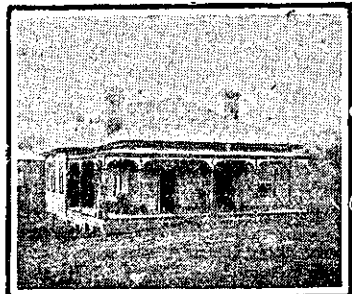
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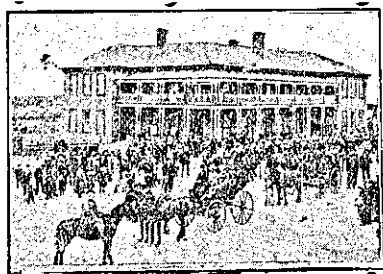
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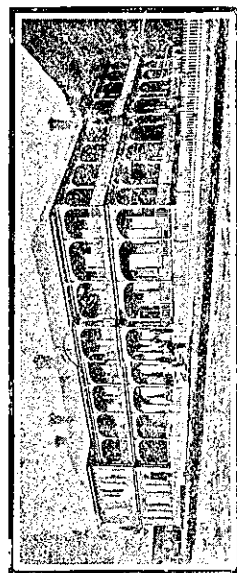
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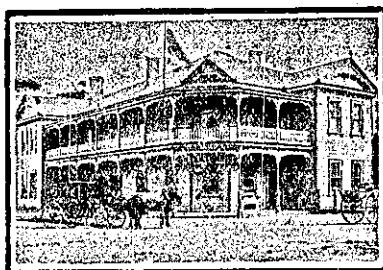
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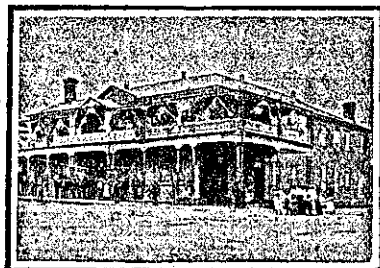
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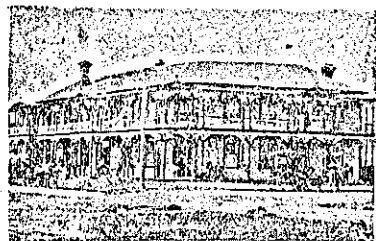


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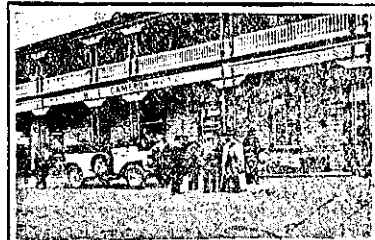
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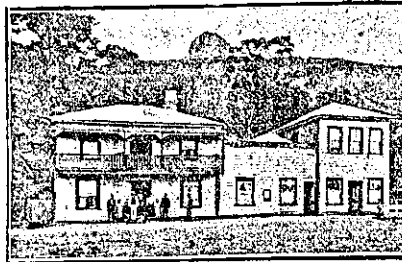
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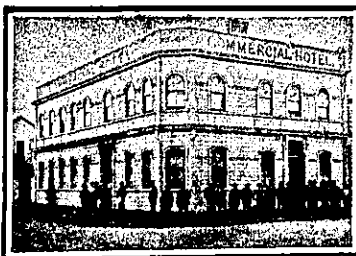


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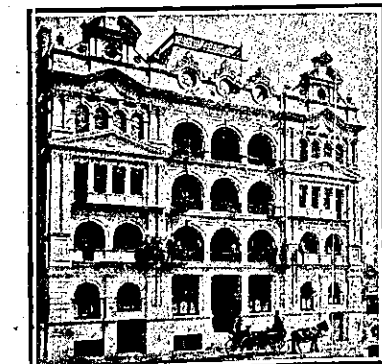
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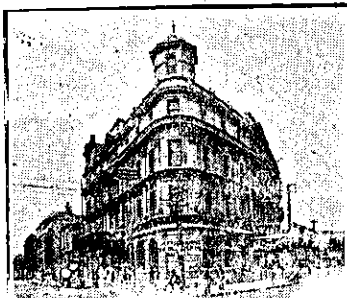
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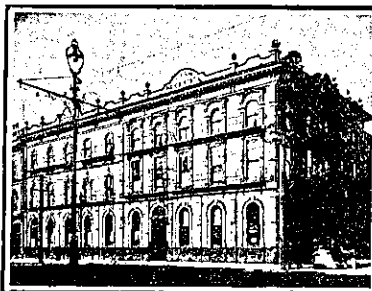
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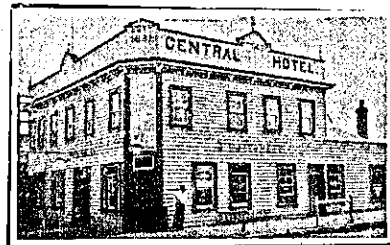
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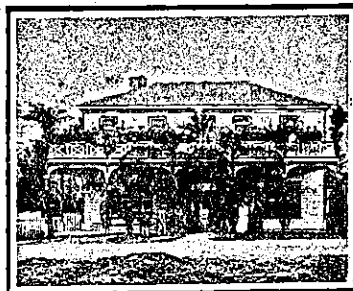


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