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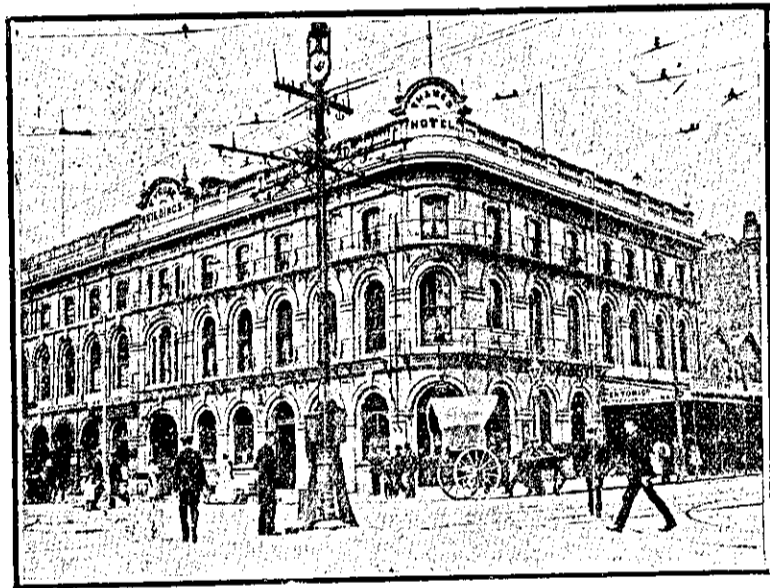
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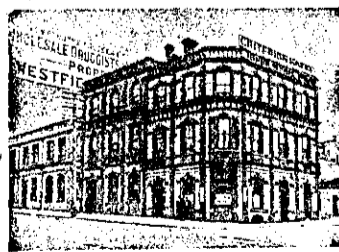
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SUMMER MEETING.

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. FERGUSON 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.

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.

FIRST FORFEIT.

Champagne Stakes, 1909, 1sov. The Oaks, 1909, 1sov. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4th, GENERAL ENTRY, by 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18th, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES.

FINAL PAYMENT. Auckland Cup 12sovs.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26th, at the Post. Great Northern Foal Stakes (sub.), 7-sovs.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28th, by 12 noon. ACCEPTANCES.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st, by 12 noon. ACCEPTANCES.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st, by 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES.

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

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 6sovs, Alexandra Handicap, Criterion Handicap, Waitemata Handicap, Salsbury Welter Handicap.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31st. Ferguson Handicap, New Year's Handicap Hurdles, County Handicap, 2sovs, Auckland Racing Club's Handicap 7sovs, Midsummer Handicap 4sovs, Maiden Handicap 1sov, Glasgow Handicap 1sov.

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. Poote, Esq. Vice-Presidents, Dr. Good, Dr. Baxter, J. T. Stone, Esq.

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, 21s. 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.—PUBLISHER'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. One mile.

ation, 10s; Acceptance, 10s. Five furlongs.

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, 15s. 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, 21s. One mile.

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

6. 4.45 p.m.—HACK HANDICAP of 25 sovs, 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, 18th 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 stakes. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 50 sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile.

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

TAKAPUNA CUP (HANDICAP) of 400 sovs; 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.

**PONUI 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 1sov, Takapuna Jockey Club Handicap 1sov, Stewards' Handicap 1sov.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 8th, 9 p.m.**  
**FIRST DAY.**  
Handicap Maiden Plate 1sov, Calliope Handicap 1sov, Zealandia Handicap 1sov, Ferry Handicap 1sov, Orewa Handicap Hurdles 1sov, First Pony Handicap 1sov.

**SECOND DAY.**  
Moana Handicap 1sov, Maiden Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Suburban Handicap 1sov, Second Pony Handicap 1sov, Hobson Handicap 1sov, Anniversary Handicap 1sov, Rangitoto Handicap 1sov

**THIRD DAY.**  
Waiwera Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Borough Handicap 1sov, Summer Handicap 1sov, Third Pony Handicap 1sov, Ponui Handicap 1sov, Marine Handicap 1sov, Devonport Handicap 1sov, Welter Handicap 1sov.

**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 1sov, Handicap Maiden Plate 1sov, Zealandia Handicap 1sov, Takapuna Cup Handicap 5sovs, Ferry Handicap 1sov, Orewa Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Stewards' Handicap 1sov, First Pony Handicap 1sov.

**SECOND DAY.**

Moana Handicap 1sov, Maiden Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Suburban Handicap 1sov, Takapuna Jockey Club Handicap 1sov, Second Pony Handicap 1sov, Hobson Handicap 1sov, Anniversary Handicap 1sov, Rangitoto Handicap 1sov.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 12 noon.**  
**THIRD DAY.**

Waiwera Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Borough Handicap 1sov, Summer Handicap 2sovs, Third Pony Handicap 1sov, Ponui Handicap 1sov, Marine Handicap 1sov, Devonport Handicap 1sov, Welter Handicap 1sov.

R. WYNYARD,  
Secretary.

**AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.**

(Under the Rules of the New Zealand Trotting Conference).  
Pony Races under the Rules of Racing.

**PROGRAMME**  
Approved by New Zealand Trotting Association and Auckland Racing Club.

**SUMMER MEETING.**  
To be held at  
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On  
**MONDAY, THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY,**  
**28th AND 31st DECEMBER, 1908, AND 9th JANUARY, 1909.**

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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 115sovs; 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 TROT 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 46 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, and 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.  
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**CONDITIONS.**  
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.  
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# RACING.

(BY "THE JUDGE.")



## RACING CALENDAR.

### SEASON 1907.

#### FIXTURES.

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—Greymouth 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—Wynndham 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. 16—Waikato Trotting Club  
 Jan. 19, 20—Wairoa 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. 4, 5—Gisborne R.C.  
 Feb. 11 and 12—Poverty Bay T.C.

#### NOMINATIONS.

Jan. 8—Takapuna J.C.  
 Jan. 9—Poverty Bay T.C.  
 Jan. 30—Poverty Bay T.C.  
 Jan. 5—Gisborne R.C.  
 Jan. 26—Gisborne R.C.

#### HANDICAPS.

Jan. 6—Waikato Trotting Club  
 Jan. 8—Takapuna J.C. (special events)  
 Jan. 15—Takapuna J.C.  
 Jan. 16—Gisborne R.C.  
 Feb. 5—Poverty Bay T.C.

#### ACCEPTANCES.

Jan. 5—Whangarei R.C.  
 Jan. 11—Waikato Trotting Club  
 Jan. 22—Takapuna J.C.  
 Jan. 26—Gisborne R.C.  
 Feb. 6—Poverty Bay T.C.

## THE AUCKLAND CUP.

When it was predicted in these columns that the field for the Auckland Cup would not number more than a dozen, the writer was taken to task for taking too pessimistic a view of the case. As a matter of fact, owing to Downfall and Rauparaha dropping out at the last minute, only eleven horses went to the post for Auckland's biggest handicap. With Downfall scratched, Bobrikoff, his stable mate, was fairly rushed in the betting, and he ultimately carried nearly twice as many totalisator investments as the second favourite, Diabolo. Pohutu was third favourite, while there was a very even demand for Ikon, All Red, and Carl Rosa, the outsider in the race being First Gun, whose victory would have meant a sensational dividend. Directly the field had been sent away to a perfect start, Buchanan took Paritutu to the front. This was quite the proper course to pursue, the idea being to make the weight tell on Zimmerman, Bobrikoff and Master Delaval, and more especially to test the staying ability of the favourite, until then an unknown quantity. The veteran took the field along at a fair pace, Zimmerman running second for a mile, with All Red, Bobrikoff, First Gun, and Carl Rosa next, and Master Delaval last. Half a mile from home Diabolo went up to Paritutu, and a victory for the black colt looked a possibility. Nearing the home bend he shot his bolt, while Master Delaval and Zimmerman both commenced to tire. As they reached the home bend the red and blue colours of All Red were seen in the van and after that the race was over. The son of Stepniak, finishing in the most determined style, never gave anything else a chance, running home an easy winner nearly three lengths ahead of Bobrikoff. Paritutu was a bare length off third, while First Gun effected a surprise by running a good fourth, and after him came Ikon and Carl Rosa, the last two to finish being the previous Cup winners, Master Delaval and Zimmerman. The time for the race, viz., 3min 31sec. has been beaten by Crackshot, St. Hippo, Bluejacket, Wairiki, Mahutonga, Putty and Master

Delaval, the latter holding the Cup record of 3min 28 3-5sec.

All Red was bred by Mr. J. F. Reid at the Elderslie stud and was bought as a yearling by Mr. St. John Buckley for 430 guineas. He was got by the Nordenfeldt horse Stepniak from Madder, by Gossoon from Madras, from Chester from Gymkhana, by Emutation from Gaiety Girl, by Talk of the Hill. His popular owner was not present to see the bay horse win.

## AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

### AN IMMENSE ATTENDANCE.

### ALL RED WINS THE CUP.

There was a slight shower of rain on Saturday morning, but this did not deter the public from going out to Ellerslie to assist at the opening of the great summer carnival of the Auckland Racing Club. Trains and trams, of which there were a great number, were one and all densely crowded, while people poured on to the course in all sorts of vehicles and on foot. By the time the Cup was run the attendance must have been between 15,000 and 20,000, and was an easy record for the course. With the sun shining out brightly the scene on the lawn and in the enclosures was a very gay one indeed the varied hues of the ladies' dresses, to say nothing of the rainbow-hued, and, in many cases, enormous floral hats, made a veritable feast of colouring. The flower-beds were indeed quite a sight, and the efforts of Mr. Hill and his staff in this respect came in for very high praise on all hands. Mr. Hartland was unfortunately absent through illness, but Messrs. Spence and F. Yonge and staff are to be complimented on the success of the arrangements for the comfort of visitors, nothing being left undone to make matters go pleasantly. Mr. O'Connor was in his usual good form at the starting barrier, and Mr. Lusk made no semblance of a mistake in his decisions, which were given very promptly. West's City Band and the Garrison Band, under G. F. Carter, helped towards the enjoyment of those present. A very large number of sportsmen from the South and elsewhere were present, among them being such well-known turfites as Sir George Clifford, the Hon. J. D. Ormond, Messrs Lowry, W. G. and G. L. Stead, A. E. Whyte, G. Palmer, R. Turnbull, Dr. Earl, Dr. Palmer, as well as many officers from H.M. ships Powerful, Challenger, Cambrian, and Pegasus. There was no lack of betting, and punters must have had a bad day, favourite after favourite suffering defeat. Still, they came up smiling each time, the big sum of £22,565 going through the totalisator, an increase of £1010 1/2 on the corresponding day last year. Forty-four bookmakers were licensed, the fees from this source amounting to the respectable total of £902.

The carnival was opened with the Trial Handicap, seven furlongs, punters sorting out Chanteuse as the likeliest one. Mr. O'Connor got them off well together, Guidwife immediately showing out in front of Chanteuse and Inglis. As they neared the home bend the bright green colours of Guidwife were still showing in the van, but once straightened for home Inglis went to the front. At the distance Maheno and Chanteuse threw out challenges, but Inglis, galloping home strongly, won all out by half a length from Maheno, who was half a length in advance of Chanteuse. Dunbrove was fourth, and Tue Cakobau fifth.

The Great Northern Foal Stakes, six furlongs, was not a particularly interesting event. With Nautiform, Sharpshooter, Kina, and Salute scratched, Broadsword seemed on paper to be something of a certainty, and he was made a piping hot favourite. The actual race was rather

a procession, for after a poor start, of which Elysian got the best, while Xylophone lost three lengths and Kakama was left standing, Broadsword soon went to the front. Entering the straight he was two lengths ahead of Elysian, and although the latter chased him home gamely enough, he could never threaten serious danger, Sir George Clifford's colt winning by two lengths from Elysian, who was six lengths in advance of Xylophone, Snowfoot being a length further off fourth.

Next came the great event, the Auckland Cup, two miles, and naturally the candidates came in for close scrutiny. The absentees were Downfall and Rauparaha, and with the former scratched punters rushed on to his stable mate, Bobrikoff, who started a very strong favourite. Next in demand came Diabolo and Pohutu. Without much delay Mr. O'Connor sent them off to an excellent start, Carl Rosa being quickest to move. Directly they settled down, Paritutu took on the role of pacemaker, and as they turned into the straight he was showing in front of Zimmerman, All Red, Bobrikoff, First Gun, and a bunch. Passing the stand, the veteran was sailing along a length ahead of Zimmerman, after whom came Bobrikoff, All Red, First Gun, Carl Rosa, and Pohutu. Once round the top bend Diabolo made a forward move, and he was in second place at the six furlong post, while All Red was working into a good position, and Master Delaval was fourth. Nearing the bend Diabolo fell back beaten, and All Red closed on Paritutu. With heads turned for home, All Red forged to the front, and galloping very strongly up the straight, he won by three lengths from Bobrikoff, who beat Paritutu by a length in the last little bit. After the placed horses came First Gun, Ikon, Carl Rosa, Pohutu, Diabolo, Stratagem, and Master Delaval, while the top-weight, Zimmerman, was the last to finish. The time for the race—viz., 3min 31sec.—has been beaten on several occasions, the record of 3min. 28 3-5sec. being held by Master Delaval, who won in 1906.

Only a quartette carried silk in the Grafton Hurdles, two miles, Dolores being a warm favourite. Following his usual custom, Hautapu went off with a lead, and at the stand he was four lengths ahead of the other three, who were in a line. Down the back Dolores closed up on the leader, but came to grief half a mile from home. This left Hautapu with a ten lengths' lead of Reservoir, and it looked something of a certainty for him. Reservoir, however, steadily closed up all the way home, and reaching the fast tiring leader twenty yards from the judge's box beat him by three-quarters of a length. Okaihau finished ten lengths off third.

A fine field of sixteen toed the mark in the Railway Handicap, six furlongs, this proving a great betting race. Armlet was most in demand, but there were plenty of backers for Master Soult, Dawn, Gold Lace, and Royal Soult, almost everything being supported. Always a quick beginner, Miss Winnie hopped out in front, followed by Royal Soult and Coromandel. With a furlong traversed, Miss Winnie was just showing in front of Gold Lace, but a little further on the latter was alongside the leader, with Cambrian and Armlet next, while Royal Soult fell back. At the distance Cambrian, Armlet, Devonport, Master Soult, Aborigine, and Royal Soult were nearly in a line stretched across the course, but Royal Soult carried too many guns for the others and finishing fast on the extreme outside he won by half a length from Master Soult, Aborigine being third, followed by Armlet, Devonport, and Gold Lace.

Eleven came out for the Nursery Handicap, five furlongs, punters tumbling over each other to back Sir George Clifford's colt Sharpshooter. The start was a very fine one, but Deeley got Hyperion going very smartly, and he was soon two lengths ahead of the field. Gradually increasing his distance, the son of Soult came round the home bend with a big lead, and at the distance he was four

lengths to the good. Golden Water and St. Amans came with a good run at the end, but failed to trouble Hyperion, who won very easily by a length and a half from Golden Water. St. Amans was half a length further off, and then followed Sharpshooter and Merriwa.

There was another facer in store for punters in the Robinson Handicap, seven furlongs, in which Sedition and Hard Rock were as well fancied as any. Hard Rock was first away, but after leading for a furlong gave place to Lady Frances. The Eton mare had a good lead as they dashed round the home bend, but found the distance too far, fading out of the struggle. A hundred yards from home Ngapuka forged his way to the front, with Sedition in chase. Ngapuka was too good, however, Sparkes getting his mount home by two lengths, with Hard Rock two lengths off third, and R.mlock fourth.

A very free use was made of the scratching pen in the Christmas Handicap, one mile, for out of twelve coloured on the card, but five carried silk. Punters were in a quandary. Sunglow, Douche, Celtic, and Waimangu all meeting with strong support. Douche dashed away in front, and led down the back two lengths from Waimangu and Leonator. At the home turn Mr. Davidson's mare was still going strong in front, but at the distance Deeley sent Waimangu along for all he was worth, and the black colt, answering gamely, he wore down the leader and won by a neck. Sunglow was a poor third, being followed home by Celtic and Leonator.

The following were the details:—

THE TRIAL HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Seven furlongs.

Mr. A. Hanson's br g Inglis, 5yrs, by Hotchkiss—Lady Marion, 6.10, including 2lb overweight (D. Price) 1  
 Mr. W. Davies' br m Maheno, 4yrs, by Soult—Lottie, 7.0 (B. Deeley) 2  
 Mr. T. H. Lowry's b f Chanteuse, 3yrs, by Merriwee—Cantatrice, 8.4 (C. Jenkins) ..... 3  
 Also started: St. Aidan 8.8, Tui Cakobau 7.10, Delegate 7.9, Aristocrat 7.4 1/2 (including 1 1/2lb overweight), Guidwife 6.11, Dunbrove 6.9.  
 Time, 1m. 28s.

THE GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds: Colts, 8st 10lb; geldings, 8st 7lb; fillies, 8st 5lb. Six furlongs.

Sir George Clifford's b c Broadsword, by Cianranald—Safeguard (F. E. Jones) ..... 1  
 Trustees Mrs. A. M. Coombe's br c Elysian, by Soult—Dreamland (C. Jenkins) ..... 2  
 Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Xylophone, by Bikenhead—Banjo (F. D. Jones) 3  
 Also started: Kakama, Snowfoot.  
 Time, 1m. 14 3-5s.

THE AUCKLAND CUP (HANDICAP) of 1750sovs; second horse to receive 250sovs and third horse 150sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Two miles

Mr. St. J. Buckley's b h All Red, 4yrs, by Stepniak—Madder, 8.6 (C. Jenkins) ..... 1  
 Mr. T. H. Lowry's blk g Bobrikoff, 4yrs, by Finland—Gossip, 8.12 (F. Davis) ..... 2  
 Mr. J. George's b g Paritutu, aged, by Castor—Yattaghan, 7.3, including 2lb overweight (J. Buchanan) 3  
 Hon. J. D. Ormond's b h Zimmerman, 5yrs, 9.5 (F. D. Jones) ..... 0  
 Mr. D. Moraghan's b g Master Delaval, 6yrs, 8.12 (R. E. Brown) ..... 0  
 Mr. A. F. Douglas' blk m Ikon, 5yrs, 7.10 (Kemp) ..... 0  
 Mr. A. Lennard's b h Carl Rosa, 6yrs, 7.8 (Deeley) ..... 0  
 Mr. J. Monk's blk c Diabolo, 3yrs, 7.6 (L. Wilson) ..... 0  
 Sir G. Clifford's br m Stratagem, 5yrs, 7.6 (Chapman) ..... 0  
 Mr. D. McLeod's blk h Pohutu, 4yrs, 6.11, including 2lb overweight (McMillan) ..... 0  
 Trustees Mrs. A. M. Coombe's b g First Gun, 6.12, including 5lb overweight (Killick) ..... 0  
 Time, 3m. 31s.

THE GRAFTON HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.

Mr. W. S. Davidson's ch g Reservoir, aged, by Jet d'au—Cartouche, 9.7 (Jones) ..... 1  
 Mr. R. Hannon's b g Hautapu, aged, by Mitiora—Lady Sarah, 10.11 (Brady) ..... 2  
 Mr. J. B. Williamson's ch g Okaihau, 4yrs, by Salvadoran—Orini, 9.7 (A. Gray) ..... 3  
 Also started: Dolores 9.11.  
 Time, 3m. 49s.

THE RAILWAY HANDICAP of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 75sovs and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. Six furlongs. Mr. S. G. Lindsay's br h Royal Soult, 4yrs, by Scout—Bavaria, S.I., including 3lb penalty (R. E. Brown) 1 Trustees Mrs. A. M. Coombe's b c Master Soult, 3yrs, by Soult—Lady Hester, 8.9 (C. Jenkins) 2 Mr. E. J. Watt's blk g Aborigine, 3yrs, by Merriwee—Indian Queen, 8.4 (L. Wilson) 3 Also started: Grenadier 8.8, Dawn 8.6, Cambrian 8.6, Lochbuhie 8.6, Armet 8.4, Flitaway 7.9, Miss Winnie 7.9, Santa Rosa 7.6, Gold Lace 7.4, Devonport 7.2, Wauchope 7.0, Tamainupo 6.13 (including 1 1/2lb overweight), Coromandel 6.7. Time, 1m. 14 1-5s.

THE NURSERY HANDICAP of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs. Mr. R. Millett's b c Hyperion, by Soult—Thea, 7.2 (Deeley) 1 Mr. G. P. Donnelly's ch g Golden Water, by Gold Reef—la, 8.2 (H. Price) 2 Mr. D. Stewart's b c St. Amans, by Soult—Lottie, 8.2 (Quinton) 3 Also ran: Sharpshooter 7.13, Idealism 7.10, Merriwa 7.5, Royal Scotland 7.2, Lady Doon 7.3 (including 3lb overweight), Suneton 7.0, Fighting Fish 7.2 (including 3lb overweight), Excalibur 7.3 (including 4lb overweight). Time, 1m. 1 1-5s.

THE ROBINSON HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Seven furlongs. Mr. R. C. Wallace's br g Ngapuka, 4yrs, by Soult—Paulina, 7.5 (Sparkes) 1 Mr. J. H. Walters' br g Sediton, 3yrs., by Soult—Did, 8.9 (J. Chaafe, jun.) 2 Mr. P. Moriarty's ch g Hard Rock, 4yrs, by Leolanis—Tetford mare, 7.4 (Deeley) 3 Also started: Rarata 8.10, Escamillo 8.8, Lady Frances 7.13, Rimlock 7.11, Explosive 7.3, Totika 7.2 (including 2lb overweight), Blue Rocket 7.0. Time, 1m. 28 3-5s.

THE CHRISTMAS HANDICAP of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. One mile. Mrs. S. Lennard's blk c Waimangu, 3yrs, by Soult—Rosana, 7.0 including 2lb overweight (Deeley) 1 Mr. W. S. Davidson's ch m Douche, aged, by Jet d'Eau—Cartouche, 8.1 (Buchanan) 2 Mr. G. D. Greenwood's b f Sunglow, 3yrs, by Multiform—Otterden, 7.13 (Monk) 3 Also started: Leonator 8.12, Celtic 7.2. Time, 1m. 40 3-5s.

SECOND DAY.

The weather was showery and somewhat boisterous for the second day of the meeting, which took place yesterday. The attendance, of course, showed a great falling-off as compared with the opening day, but was still good. The racing proved very interesting, some of the finishes being very close. The top weight, All Red, ran a good horse in the Summer Cup, but failed to reach Master Soult, who won comfortably. Tamainupo put the remarkable time of 1.26 4-5 for the Alexandra Handicap of seven furlongs.

Racing was resumed with the Bowen Handicap, six furlongs, a nice field of ten going to the post, and of these Ngapuka and Dogger Bank were favourites. Hohungatahi was quickest to begin, and before they had gone a furlong the field was strung right out, Rarata and Dogger Bank going next to the leader, while Ngapuka was a long way back. At the straight Dogger Bank closed on the leader, and at the distance went to the front. Ngapuka made up a tremendous lot of ground, but could not trouble Dogger Bank, who won by two lengths. Ngapuka defeating Mr. Ring's gelding by half a head. Totika was fourth. Rarata fifth, and Heathen sixth.

The Ponsonby Hurdle Race, one mile and three-quarters, only attracted four runners, Master Douglas being made favourite. From a good start Waihekau went off with the lead, and passing the stand he was two lengths ahead of Luscombe, who was followed by Reservoir and Master Douglas. Down the back the field closed up, Luscombe drawing nearly level with the leader. Half a mile from home Reservoir struck a hurdle and fell back last. Waihekau was in front at the last hurdle, where Master Douglas, when making a run, fell. Going on, Waihekau won by two lengths from Reservoir who finished gamely under the whip and beat Luscombe by a length.

The Visitors' Handicap, five furlongs, was really a splendid battle between Cambrian and Wauchope. Armet was favourite, with Wauchope and Cambrian being first away. The start was a fair one, Wauchope and Cambrian being first away, followed by Flitaway. The leading pair turned into the straight together, and all the way up the straight they were at it "hammer and tongs." Nobody could tell which had won until Mr. Lusk gave his decision, which was a head win for Cambrian. Devonport made a fine run from the distance, and was half a length off third.

Next came the big event, the Summer Cup, one mile and a-quarter, Downfall being the sole withdrawal, and this left a field of eleven to contest the rich stake, Ikon and All Red being favourites. Mr. O'Connor sent them off to a splendid start, and after going a furlong Master Soult, Nobel, Aborigine and Pohutu were in a line in front. Turning out of the straight Pohutu went to the front, and he led down the back from Master Soult, Aborigine, Nobel, All Red and Ikon. At the half-mile post Pohutu was two lengths ahead of Master Soult, after whom came Aborigine. At the home bend these two were upsides with the leader, while All Red was coming fast. At the distance Master Soult singled out with the hard-riden All Red in chase. The Auckland Cup winner finished gamely under punishment, but could not trouble Master Soult, who won by a length. Nobel was four lengths off third, a head in front of Aborigine, who was followed by Ikon, Pohutu, Stratagem, Lochbuhie, Dunborve and Sunglow, with Douche last.

Santa Rosa was sorted out as the best of the eight runners in the Alexandra Handicap, seven furlongs. Inglis and Tui Cakobau were in the van the way down the back, with the favourite last. At the home turn Cambrian and Tamainupo closed up, and a good race ensued between the latter pair to the inside distance, where Tamainupo drew out and won by two lengths, with Santa Rosa four lengths off third, followed by Inglis and Tui Cakobau.

Elysian was a strong favourite for Criterion Handicap, six furlongs, for which nine carried silk. From an excellent start Kakama, who had played up badly, was first to begin, and with Xlophone, Elysian and Hyperion, cut out a solid pace to the bend. Mr. McLeod's mare was just showing in front as they turned into the straight, and, running home very strongly, won by two lengths from Meriwa, who beat Elysian by a length, with Golden Water fourth and Hyperion fifth.

A quintette contested the Waitemata Handicap, one mile and a-quarter. Sediton being most fancied, but once again ill-luck attended the favourite. Mark Time made the running for most of the way, with Sediton next and Rimlock third. Mark Time was first into the straight, but at the distance Sediton caught him, and looked like winning. Buchanan here brought Rimlock on the inside, and in a punishing finish the Flintlock gelding won by half a head from Sediton, with Mark Time two lengths off third, Epsom Lass fourth and Cyrona fifth.

The day's racing was brought to a close with the Salisbury Welter, one mile, eight going to the post. Punters went strongly for a recovery, and, barring Rauparaha, pretty well everything was backed. Waimangu jumped away with the lead, and, closely attended by First Gun and Celtic, he led down the back and into the straight. There was a ding-dong struggle all the way to the judge's box. It looked as though Paritutu had won, but Mr. Lusk gave the decision to Waimangu by a head, with Advocate a neck off third, First Gun and Celtic finishing in close order.

The following were the particulars:—

BOWEN HANDICAP, six furlongs. Dogger Bank (Buchanan), 8.8 1 Ngapuka (Sparkes), 8.5 2 Hohungatahi (H. Price), 7.2 3 Also ran: Rarata 8.8, Miss Advance 8.3, Heathen 7.2, Blue Mountain 7.2, Kapurangi 6.13, Analogy 6.13, Totika 6.13. Time, 1m. 17s.

PONSONBY HURDLE RACE, one mile and three-quarters. Waihekau (Deerey), 9.0 1 Reservoir (Jones), 10.8 2 Luscombe (Percival), 10.4 3 Also ran: Master Douglas 11.7. Time, 3m. 23 1-5s.

VISITORS' HANDICAP, five furlongs. Cambrian (Pearson), 9.0 1 Wauchope (Deeley), 7.6 2 Devonport (McMillan), 7.8 3 Also ran: Armet 8.12, Flitaway 8.1, Tarrina 8.1, Gold Lace 7.12, Gudwife 7.0, Coromandel 6.10, Grizelle 6.9. Time, 1m. 1 1-5s.

SUMMER CUP, one and a-quarter miles. Master Soult (Brown), 8.4 1 All Red (Jenkins), 9.8 2 Nobel (Chapman), 6.13 3 Also started: Lochbuhie 8.6, Ikon 8.1, Aborigine 7.11, Douche 7.10, Stratagem 7.10, Sunglow 7.5, Pohutu 7.2, Dunborve 6.7. Time, 2m. 8 3-5s.

ALEXANDRA HANDICAP seven furlongs. Tamainupo (Deeley), 7.2 1 Cambrian (Pearson), 9.0 2 Santa Rosa (Buchanan), 7.5 3 Also started: Sir Tristram 8.8, Chan-teuse 8.4, Tui Cakobau 7.7, Inglis 7.6, Maheno 7.3. Time, 1m. 26 4-5s.

CRITERION HANDICAP, six furlongs. Kakama (Deeley), 8.3 1 Meriwa (Buchanan), 7.4 2 Elysian (Jenkins), 7.5 3 Also started: Xlophone 8.8, Golden Water 8.5, Snowfoot 8.5, Hyperion 8.1, Sharpshooter 7.11, Excalibur 6.12. Time, 1m. 15 3-5s.

WAITEMATA HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter. Rimlock (Buchanan), 7.8 1 Sediton (Chaafe), 9.0 2 Mark Time (Pearson), 8.1 3 Also started: Epsom Lass 8.1, Cyrona 8.1. Time, 2m. 13s.

SALISBURY WELTER HANDICAP, One mile. Waimangu (F. Jones), 9.0 1 Paritutu (Jenkins), 10.2 2 Advocate (Deeley), 9.0 3 Also ran: Rauparaha 8.10, Celtic 8.7, Aristocrat 8.6, Delegate 8.6, First Gun 8.5. Time, 1m. 41 3-5s.

THE AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

A RECORD ATTENDANCE AND GOOD SPORT.

SCOTIA WINS THE TROTTING CUP.

Favoured by beautiful weather, the opening day of the Auckland Trotting Club's summer carnival proved an unqualified success. The public simply poured out to Alexandra Park, the result being that the attendance easily topped all previous records. Furthermore, the punters had evidently gone out to have their little "futter," for the sum run through the machine reached £5900 10s, which is £999 more than was handled on the corresponding day last year. Twenty-one bookmakers were licensed to bet at 10 guineas, this source of revenue bringing in £220 10s.

The excellent arrangements made by Mr. C. F. Mark, the secretary, left nothing to be desired, and everything passed off well. The Garrison Band, under Mr. G. F. Cater, helped to make the afternoon pass pleasantly. Mr. O'Connor was in charge of the starting operations, and Mr. I. Hill filled the judge's box, having one or two very close things to decide.

The programme was commenced with the Maiden Trot, one mile and a-half, for which seven went to the post. Wild Nell was first away, but was soon passed by Tarpot, Haldane and Orakel, and that was the order passing the stand, where Minnie B closed up. At the dip Haldane got right away, and, although Tarpot closed up again, he was beaten by three lengths, while Minnie B was half a furlong off third, with Orakel, Wild Nell and Belle Gray next. Williamson was censured for his unsatisfactory handling of Wild Nell.

The next event was the Eden Trot, one and a-half miles, eight going to the post, for this, Castaway being made an odds-on favourite. This was the right choice, for he led from start to finish. It was not a bloodless victory, however, for Albert Edward pressed him hard all the way up the straight, being beaten by a little more than a length. Waitekauri, who finished well, was two lengths further third, followed by Agnes B.

Then came the Pony Cup, six and a-half furlongs, this being made the medium of some spirited speculation. There were six runners, Glenora, who had the services of McCombe, being a little better fancied than Imprimus. Waihou played up at the start, and then got away with the lead. Down the back stretch she was leading Glenora by two lengths, with Octroon and Mistime next. Waihou turned into the straight in front, but had then shot her bolt, a splendid race home resulting in a win for Mistime by a short neck. Waihou was two lengths off third, followed by Octroon, Glenora and Lady Ferris.

Next came the big event, the Auckland Trotting Cup, two miles, a dozen having a go for the £200 prize. Robex carried most money, while for some reason or other Scotia was almost friendless. A prettier or more exciting race could not be wished for. Cavalier was in front for most of the way, with Le Rosier, Robex and Lady Love close handy. Half a mile from home Scotia went up from the rear, and as they came round the bend the last time Cavalier, Le Rosier, Scotia and Woodbury were together. All the way home it was a ding-dong struggle, but Scotia, finishing fast on the rails, just managed to beat Woodbury by a neck. Cavalier was three lengths off third, and then came Lady Love, Le Rosier, and Viscount, with Autocrat and Tableau last.

Six went out for the Middle-class Trot, one mile and a-half, O.Y.O. being favourite. Dan led for a round, when Nilson closed up, and, trotting in fine style, won by three lengths from Bert, who would have been much closer but for a break in the straight. The running of O.Y.O. was inquired into, but the explanation was deemed satisfactory. Maplewood was considered the pick

of the seven starters in the Great Northern Trotting Handicap, one mile. Susie Hue and V.S. started to make the pace, with Barmegule next. Trotting in good style Susie Hue gradually got away from the others, and, not being seriously troubled, won by six lengths from Barmegule, who was three lengths ahead of Woodbury, with V.S. next.

A quartette turned out for the Waitemata Trot, one mile and a-half, Le Rosier being a very pronounced fancy. Green Lavender led off, with Duke C next, but the bay gelding was in front with half a mile gone. At the dip Duke C. broke, and Le Rosier got by, trotting home a fairly easy winner by three lengths from Duke C., while Bogy, the third horse, was half a furlong behind.

The day's programme terminated with the St. Helier's Trot, one mile, Mandarene being a piping hot favourite. The black son of Norval was in front from start to finish, and successfully stalling off a challenge by Iago, he justified the public confidence in him by winning comfortably by two lengths from Iago, who was five lengths ahead of Colenso.

The particulars were as follows:—

MAIDEN TROT HANDICAP of 30sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. One mile and a-half.

Mr. E. Crotty's br g Haldane, 3yrs, by Wilmington, 15s. (Crotty) 1 Mr. W. F. Baker's br g Tarpot, 5yrs, 15s. (J. Baker) 2 Mr. C. R. Leigh's b m Minnie B, aged 16s. (Mabee) 3 Also started: Papanui 6s. (Hendricksen), Belle Gray 13s. (Lowe), Orakel 15s. (Roe), Wild Nell 18s. (Williamson). Time, 4m 11 3-5s.

EDEN HANDICAP TROT of 15sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and third horse 5sovs each out of the stake. One mile and a-half.

Mr. G. Robinson's b h Castaway, aged, by Electioneer—Maud, 22s. (Scott) 1 Mr. H. Gladding's b g Albert Edward, aged, 19s. (Crotty) 2 Mr. W. Bayer's b g Waitekauri, aged (Hird) 3 Also started: Agnes B. 13s. (Lowe), Lena G. 17s. (Austin), Green Lavender 21s. (A. Greenwood), Janitor 22s. (J. Paul), Bert 22s. (Canham). Time, 4m 9 1-5s.

PONY CUP HANDICAP of 100sovs; second pony to receive 10sovs and the third pony 4sovs each out of the stake. Six furlongs and a-half.

Mr. A. J. Lindsay's b m Mistime, 4yrs, by Birkenhead—Miss Never, 7.13 (L. Wilson) 1 Mr. C. Mooney's ch m Imprimus, 5yrs, 8st (Buchanan) 2 Mr. T. Davis' b m Waihou, aged, 8.0, including 3lb overweight (Pearson) 3 Also started: Octroon 8.13 (Erwin), Glenora 8.12 (J. McCombe), Lady Ferris 7.0 (Chapman). Time, 1m 25 2-5s.

AUCKLAND TROTTING CUP HANDICAP of 200sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and the third horse 10sovs each out of the stake. Two miles.

Mr. J. Parson's b g Scotia, aged, by Pirate—Gipsy 5s. (Orange) 1 Mr. J. Cornish's gr g Woodbury, aged, 7s. (Hendricksen) 2 Mr. T. Exley's br g Cavalier, 5yrs, 15s. (J. Baker) 3 Also started: Viscount 2s. (Crotty), Autocrat 7s. (Sandall), Le Rosier 8s. (Hamilton), Robex 8s. (Scott), Tableau 12s. (Martin), Bogy 14s. (Hird), Lady Love 14s. (Millen), Miss Dunmore 15s. (J. Paul), Huon Leal 16s. (Lowe). Time, 4m 57 2-5s.

MIDDLE-CLASS HANDICAP TROT of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and the third horse 5sovs each out of the stake. One mile and a-half.

Mr. T. Kemp's ch g Nelson, aged, by Kentucky—Wilkes, 7s. (W. Perrin jun.) 1 Mr. H. S. Canham's cr g Bert, aged, 9 (Canham) 2 Mr. R. Nicholls' cr m Miss Vola, aged 1s. (Crotty) 3 Also started: O.Y.O. scratch (Fergus), Dan 13s. (A. Greenwood); Orakel 8s. (Rae).

GREAT NORTHERN TROTTING HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and third horse 5sovs each out of the stake. One mile.

Mr. B. Armitage's br m Susie Hue, 6yrs, by Perkin Warbeck, 9s (Orange) 1 Mr. C. W. Buckman's b g Barmegule, 5yrs, 7s. (Hird) 2 Mr. J. H. Cornish's gr g Woodbury, aged, 6. (Hendricksen) 3 Also started: Maplewood 1s. (Crotty); John Harold 6. (Mabee), V.S. 10s. (Scott), Rosie Wilkes 11s. (Fergus). Time 2m 31s.

WAITEMATA TROT HANDICAP of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. One mile and a-half.

Mr. A. Watt's b h Le Rosier, aged, by La Rue—Rosebud 7s. (Hamilton) 1 Mrs G. Herbert's b g Duke C, aged, 11. (Herbert) 2 Mr. J. Molloy's br g Bogy, aged, 12s. (Hird) 3 Also started: Green Lavender 24s. (A. Greenwood). Time, 3m 46s.

ST. HELIERS HANDICAP TROT of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and the third horse 5sovs each out of the stake. One mile.

Mr. J. G. Lecky's blk g Mandarene, 2yrs, by Norval—Eland. 12s. (Gladding) 1 Mr. C. Baker's br g Iago, aged, 12s. (J. R. Baker) 2 Mr. G. Herbert's b g Colenso, aged, 8s. (Herbert) 3 Also started: Kuhine 3s. (Hamilton), Rosie Wilks 8s. (A. Fergus), Irish Molly 10s. (Martin), Pukerimu 10s. (Scott).

The following acceptances have been received in connection with the Auckland Trotting Club's Summer Meeting, which takes place at Alexandra Park to-day. Judging by the success of the opening day, some excellent sport is in store for those who attend. The first race will start at 1.30 p.m.

**SUMMER TROTTING HANDICAP**, two miles.—Scotia scratch, Viscount 1s., Woodbury 4s., Robex 7s., All Night 9s., Little Paul 11s., Kohine 14s., Bogey 14s., Happy 15s., Huon Leal 16s., Redleaf 16s., O.Y.O. 16s.

**DOMINION HANDICAP TROT**, one mile.—Rosebud 2s., Mandarene 7s., Rosie Wilkes 8s., Bert 14s.

**CLASS HANDICAP TROT**, one mile.—Maplewood 1s., Susie Hue 4s., Barmegule 6s., John Harold 7s., Rosebud 8s., V.S. 10s.

**DASH HANDICAP TROT**, one mile and a-half.—Princess Ena scratch Viscount 2s., Tableau 10s., Cavalier 10s., Lady Love 11s., Bogey 12s., Colenso 19s., Green Lavender 22s.

**TRAMWAY HANDICAP TROT**, one mile and a-half.—Pukerimu 5s., Daydawn 7s., Castaway 7s., Papanui 9s., Bert 11s., Tarpot 13s., Dan 15s., Orakel 15s., Mikado 15s.

**SECOND MAIDEN HANDICAP TROT**, one mile.—Rosie Wilkes 1s., Albert H. 5s., Conqueror 5s., Papanui 6s., Queen Anne 10s., Mikado 10s., Maud G. 11s., Norrington 11s., Bell Gray 11s., Orakel 11s., Phyllistina 11s., Minnie B. 12s.

**EPSON HANDICAP TROT**, one mile and a-half.—Le Rosier scratch, Waitemata 1s., Harold Huon 9s., Miss Dunmore 10s., Agnes B. 15s., Green Lavender 21s., Iago 21s.

**CHRISTMAS HANDICAP**, five furlongs.—Imprimus 9.3, Mistime 8.9, Octoroon 8.9, Glenora 8.8, Talepitcher 8.6, Waihou 7.13, Carmania 7.11, Quadron 7.7, Peggy Pride 7.2, Lady Ferris 6.11.

#### NORTHERN WAIROA SUMMER MEETING.

The Northern Wairoa's premier sporting fixture was held on Boxing Day on the Mangawhare course. The weather was all that could be desired, and a record attendance repaid the management for the excellent programme provided. The Maiden Handicap of six furlongs was annexed by Regal, a son of Regel, in 1m. 21 1-5s., with Puhipuhi a close second, and Lochlea third. The Kaipara Hack Handicap (four furlongs) fell to Paul Beaver, who led the field from the start, winning by three lengths from Wairuhe, with Lady Lanta third. Time, 50sec. The Northern Wairoa Cup (one mile) brought five competitors to the starting post, viz., Sweet Alice, St. Cyren, Mechanic, Wellcast and Gipsy Queen, the former being favourite. A good start was effected, Gipsy Queen having, if anything, a short lead, which she increased slightly as the lot swung past the stand. With the journey half accomplished, not a neck separated the contestants, and the rare picture was presented of every horse, fairly matched, making a ding-dong effort for honours. Entering the straight Gipsy Queen forged ahead, and, fully extended, managed to reach the judge's box a neck in front of Sweet Alice whilst the others finished in a bunch, not a length behind. The race was certainly the finest ever run on the Northern riverside course, and was concluded amidst hilarious enthusiasm. Time, 1m. 45s. The District Handicap Hack of five furlongs also fell to Paul Beaver, the Mangawhare Handicap to Sweet Alice, the Borough Handicap to Midgey and the Electric Handicap to Wellcast.

#### TARANAKI JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

Glorious weather prevailed on both days of the Taranaki Jockey Club's Christmas Meeting, the course and grounds being in excellent order, and the attendances large. The racing generally was very interesting, and some very close finishes were witnessed, reflecting credit on the handicapper, Mr. George Morse.

A sum of £11,760 10s passed through the machine, as against £12,517 last year, which deficit is more than covered by the fees received from seven bookmakers. The secretary, Mr. S. P. Webster, and the staff of officials performed their various duties in such a manner as to cause the whole meeting to pass off smoothly and without a hitch, and the result must be very gratifying to the club's new secretary.

Proceedings opened with the Huitaki Plate. In a field of thirteen, Asraea (Daystar—Rechtliche) was made an odds on favourite. The mare justified the confidence of her backers by winning comfortably from Rohopotat (the half-brother of Manapoto), after leading all the way.

The Stewards' Hack Race provided an interesting contest. Mulga Bill was first away, followed by Tanekaha. The former maintained the lead till entering the straight, where Tanekaha got on level terms, and a good race to the post ended in favour of Tane-

kaha by a short neck. The winner is a four-year-old gelding by St. Paul—Thelma.

Bismarck was sorted out as the best of good things for the Ladies' Purse. When the tapes were released Gordon Park swerved, thus interfering with the start of several other horses. Gordon Park led for some distance, with Bismarck in close attendance. Going round the back Kaniwaru moved up, and Bismarck assumed the lead, and in a good race to the post Kaniwaru just secured the verdict by a neck. The winner was lame when he came into the enclosure.

Lingerer was first away in the Hack Hurdle Race, closely followed by Bagatelle. Before a couple of furlongs were covered the latter raced ahead, and led the field for some distance. Stayboy (the favourite) fell at the third fence. When three furlongs from home Black Banner moved up, and after clearing the final hurdle almost together, the latter came away and won comfortably.

Five horses saddled up for the Christmas Handicap, Mallet being the popular fancy. Wee Trinket was first away, but passing the stand Fulminator had assumed the lead. Just before entering the straight, Kilmarnock came through with a fine run, which he maintained to the post, winning rather easily by a length from Uhlando.

Asraea, who had previously won the Huitaki Plate, had no difficulty in scoring again in the Welter Handicap. The mare should win some good races before the season closes.

Waieri, who had been responsible for some "swallow catching" gallops on the training track, was sent out favourite for the Hack Scurry. Rifle Shot caused a lot of trouble at the barrier, and when the tapes were released Muskerado was left. The latter, however, made up a lot of ground before the straight was reached, but had no chance of getting on terms with the leaders. Waieri, after holding a good position right through, won by half a length from Sir Artega.

In the Flying Handicap Tipoe ran very disappointingly. After allowing Cyrene to take the lead for most of the journey, Kirsty (Sylvia Park—Chrisses) raced to the front, and won by about three lengths.

Shuja, who was injured at the Danvirke Meeting by being galloped on, had to be placed in slings for some time on account of blood poisoning setting in. The colt is now, however, progressing favourably.

#### SECOND DAY.

In the Mangotuku Hack Handicap six horses faced the barrier. Mendip (St. Paul—Sou'Wester mare) was made a hot favourite, and, getting well away, never left the issue in doubt, eventually winning by about five lengths with the greatest of ease.

Gilrook (Ginockie—Rook) gave a lot of trouble at the post, which caused him to lose several lengths at the start. Shining Star—a three-year-old horse by Daystar—Prioresse—ran a great race, but is apparently a bit green at present. The horse should secure a win shortly.

All the horses figuring on the card went to the post for the Electric Hack, five furlongs. Lady Manschikoff was the popular fancy, and justified the confidence of her backers by winning fairly easily by a length and a half, with Mulga Bill about three lengths away third.

Tanekaha, who scored on the first day, ran very disappointingly. Timothy was made an odds on favourite for the Summer Hack. Burton jumped out as soon as the barrier was released, and was never headed, eventually winning by three-quarters of a length. The favourite was last to finish.

Maori Rifle was the only withdrawal from the Hurdle Race, for which event Lingerer and Black Banner were most in demand. Bagatelle assumed the lead from the rise of the barrier, and led past the stand, with Tokamaru close up. The latter fell when half a mile from home, when Lingerer raced into second place, but could not catch Bagatelle, who sailed home an easy winner by five lengths.

The New Plymouth Handicap of one mile was the finest race of the day, although only a field of five faced the starter. Glenullen was made an odds on favourite. From an even dispatch Wee Trinket was first to show out, closely followed by Mallet and Glenullen. At the five furlong post the Lochiel horse had raced up to Wee Trinket, and before many yards had been covered Nicotine joined them, and the three horses raced neck and neck. On entering the straight the five horses were racing abreast, and a stirring race to the post ensued,

the Lochiel horse eventually winning by three-quarters of a length from Wee Trinket, with heads separating Kilmarnock, Mallet, and Nicotine.

A field of ten went out to contest the Hack Scurry. Sir Artega, on his first day's running, was made favourite. From a straggling start Durability shot out, followed by Clonpit and Sir Artega, but before a couple of furlongs had been covered the former rushed to the front, which position she maintained to the finish, passing the post a length in front of Sir Artega.

Bismarck was the only withdrawal from the Welter, leaving a field of seven, of which White Star was the popular selection. Marathon and Marshall were first away, followed by Billow and White Star. Going round the back Research rushed through, and led into the straight, and coming on full of running scored by three lengths from Recreation. Marshall, who had the services of Deeley, is a nice-looking three year old horse by Souit—Princess Alice, who should be returned a winner before long.

In the Farewell Handicap Lady Menschikoff scored her second victory during the day. Kirsty, on her first day's running, was installed favourite, and when the turn was reached appeared to have the race in hand, when Lady Menschikoff raced a'ongside, and the pair came on together, the Menschikoff mare gaining the verdict by a neck.

#### AUCKLAND V. OTAGO.

The match between Auckland and Otago resulted in a draw, much in favour of the latter. With a big lead on the first innings, Otago adopted very ill-advised tactics in playing such a slow game in the second innings. Their only chance of an actual win was to either "hit out and get out," with a view to having their opponents at the wickets all day. Thus a good chance of a win for the Southern province was thrown away by adopting a "think-of-your-average" policy. It was not until lunch time that Auckland went to the wickets, and with 302 runs wanted, as there was no hope of getting them, the men played for a draw. At six p.m. the Auckland score stood at 163 for five wickets (Howden 57 not out), and stumps were then drawn. As a result, Auckland retains the Plunket Shield.

#### NOTES.

Many people, including Jenkins, who rode the horse, thought that Paritutu had won the Salisbury Welter yesterday. The veteran came with a late run and appeared to have beaten Walmangu, but Mr. Lusk, who was, of course, in the best position to see, made it a head in favour of Walmangu.

Another desperately close thing was the finish between Rimlock and Sedition in the Waitemata Handicap, in which Buchanan outrode Chaaffe and got the son of Flintlock home by half a head.

Cambrian registered two slashing performances at Ellerslie yesterday. He carried 9st to victory in a strong field in the Visitors' Handicap, and then came out two races later in the Alexandra Handicap and carried 9st into second place behind the lightly-weighted Tamainupo in the wonderful time of 1m. 26 4-5s., which is a New Zealand record.

The Ellerslie track is very fast just now, and some good times have been recorded. Perhaps the best have been Royal Soult's 1.14 1-5 for six furlongs in the Railway Handicap; Tamainupo's 1.26 4-5 in the Alexandra Handicap, run over six furlongs; Walmangu's 1.40 3-5 for the mile in the Christmas Handicap; and Master Soult's 2.8 3-5 for the Summer Cup, one mile and a-quarter.

Master Soult's victory in the Summer Cup was fairly easily accomplished, for All Red could not bring him to the whip, although he chased him right home. There should be some keen competition for Lady Hester's son when he is led into the sale ring on Monday.

Mr. Donald McLeod came in for many congratulations over the dual success of his horses, Tamainupo and Kakama. The genial sharebroker has had many rebuffs of late, and a change for the better is fully due.

A curiosity in handicapping: Zimmerman ran absolutely last in the Auckland Cup with 9st 5lb, whereupon he was raised to 9st 8lb for the Summer Cup. Of course he was scratched.

Pohutu was very solidly backed for the Auckland Cup, but at no time did the son of Explosion look dangerous.

One of the surprises of the Auckland Cup was the bold showing made by First Gun, who finished a close fourth. On his track work he looked to have no chance, and had he won the dividend would have been a big one.

Royal Soult's victory in the Railway Handicap was brimful of merit. He was badly chopped out at the bend, and then, with the field extended right across the course, he came on the extreme outside and won handily. He must be accorded the best pony we have ever seen in Auckland.

The Matamata Racing Club will hold their annual race meeting on February 11.

The Messrs. Duder Bros. are selling all their horses by auction tomorrow. Devonport and Tul-Cakobau will be reserved, however.

Bookmakers who wish to bet at the Whangarei meeting must apply for licenses by Tuesday next.

Paritutu, favoured by his light weight, made a fine effort to win the Auckland Cup. He was in front for a mile and three-quarters, but failed in the last little bit.

Acceptances for the third day of the A.R.C. meeting must be made by noon to-day.

Acceptances for the first day of the Whangarei meeting must be made by 9 p.m. on Tuesday.

General entries for the Takapuna J.C. Summer Meeting are due on January 8.

The second day of the Auckland Trotting Club's meeting takes place to-day.

Following the example of the Hungarian jockeys, the brothers Janek, the jockey R. Torke, is going from Germany to England to spend the winter riding exercise at Newmarket.

The death occurred in America a few weeks back of the stallion Islington, a full brother to Isinglass.

The A.R.C. Summer Meeting will be continued to-morrow and concluded on Saturday.

The annual bloodstock sales will take place at Glenora Park and Cambria Park next Monday.

Master Douglas was made a pronounced favourite for the Ponsonby Hurdle race yesterday but he came to grief at the last hurdle when making his run. It is doubtful, however, whether he could have beaten the winner.

There can be no doubt as to the gameness of Reservoir. It was just bulldog tenacity that won for him the Grafton Hurdles on Saturday, when he closed up a great gap and beat Hautapu in the last few strides, and it was a similar display of courage that got him into second place in the Ponsonby Hurdles.

Had Sparkes ridden a better race on Ngapuka in the Bowen Handicap yesterday the Soult gelding might have beaten Dogger Bank, but he allowed the leaders to get a break of seven or eight lengths. Ngapuka did wonderfully well to get second under the circumstances, but the gap was too big to give him any chance of winning.

The withdrawal of Nautiform from the G.N. Foal Stakes robbed the event of all interest, as with his strongest rival absent, the way was cleared for Broadsword, who was summed up as "a moral." Elysian chased him all the way, but could never trouble the Southern crack.

Kakama was very fractious at the post in the Great Northern Foal Stakes, and was eventually left standing. In the Criterion Handicap on the second day she refused to face the barrier for a long time, but eventually Deeley got her away first, Winsome's daughter winning easily.

## THE YEARLING SALES.

### GLENORA PARK.

On Monday next the annual sale of yearlings bred at Glenora Park will take place. A special train will leave Auckland for Papakura at 10.50 a.m. to accommodate visitors, and this will stop at the Park. There are eight colts and eight fillies to be disposed of, and among the list are some very fine specimens of the young thoroughbred. The list includes a chestnut colt by Gluten—Goldweb, a black colt by Gluten—Goldbobs, a chestnut filly by Gluten—Lady Rose, a chestnut filly by Gluten—Helen McGregor, a brown filly by Gluten—Soulit Girl, and a brown colt by Gluten—Did. That very successful sire, Soulit is represented by a brown colt out of Lady B., a brown colt out of Romola, a brown colt out of Corusa, a brown colt out of Curacoa, a brown filly out of Hotcherina, a bay filly out of Princess Alice, a bay filly out of St. Edith, a bay filly out of Lady Emmeline, a brown colt out of Lady Musket. Seaton Delaval is represented by a brown filly which claims that good mare St. Olga as its dam. These yearlings are well worth the attention of buyers, and competition for their possession should be brisk.

Other blood stock to be sold includes Curacoa (Cuirassier—Rubina) with foal to Soulit, Lady Minnie (Soulit—Satanella), served by Gluten; St. Olga (St. Leger—Satanella), with foal by Seaton Delaval; a brown mare (Phoebus Apollo—Electra); St. Margaretta (Nelson—Sister Agnes), served by Gluten, and Mary Seaton (Seaton Delaval—Bragela).

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buyers can also reach Papatoetoe in time for this sale by the train leaving Auckland at 1.10 p.m. Here another very fine lot of yearlings are to come under the hammer, the list including ten colts and six fillies. That very handsome stallion, Obligado, is represented by a bay colt out of Peace, a bay colt out of Dreamland, a chestnut colt out of Crecy, a chestnut colt out of Rapid, a chestnut colt out of Tournament, a chestnut colt out of Lute, a bay filly out of Te Huinga, a bay filly out of Cythera, a chestnut filly out of Senga, a bay colt out of Gweniad, and a bay colt out of Kiti-roa.

The Eton yearlings include a bay colt out of Cyrenienne, a brown filly out of The Dell, and a brown filly out of Cyrenis. There are a pair of Soulit yearlings, these being a brown colt out of Harpist and a bay filly out of Miss Annie. The yearlings are a particularly fine and well-grown lot, and they should command a ready sale.

The following well-known horses will also come up for auction:—Master Soulit (Soulit—Lady Hester), Mysterion (Soulit—Dreamland), Tetraxini (Soulit—Miss Annie), First Gun (Hotchkiss—First Love), Cuiragno (Cuirassier—Lady Agnes), Cambrian (Cyrenian—Miss Annie), Rarata (Eton—Peace), Etna (Eton—Ira), and Cadence (Cyrenian—Lute). There will also be submitted, Electra (Castor—Welcome Katie), a yearling by Eton—Golf, a yearling by Eton—Moonga, a yearling filly by Obligado, and the brood mare Golf.

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## INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

### CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, Dec. 30.

General regret was felt in Christchurch when news came through that Nautiform would not be able to start in the Great Northern Foal Stakes. The colt, according to stable information, had improved since he won the Welcome Stakes, and his connections were confident that he would pull off the Auckland classic event. Sir George Clifford has put up a record for the Northern Foal Stakes, having won the race four years in succession with horses of his own breeding. The winners were Kirriemuir, Glenculloch, Fleetfoot and Broadsword, all of whom claim Clanranald as their sire. Broadsword had a great reputation among the stable employees, and it is reported that he is as fast as any of the three previous winners of the Foal Stakes.

Perolina, the winner of the Maiden Plate at Manawatu, was sold at the

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Stead dispersal sale to Mr. Highden for 575 guineas. She is by Persimmon out of La Carolina, and was highly thought of by the late Mr. Stead.

All Red was not backed in Christchurch for the Auckland Cup. Book-makers had another turn up. When Royal Soulit won the Railway Handicap they got through their double books without making an entry against the winning pair.

Sea King, who has not done anything worth recording since he returned from Australia after competing at the A.J.C. spring meeting, is again in active commission, and should do well in the autumn.

Grand Siam was again made the medium for a big plunge for the races at Dunedin, but he again let his new owner down badly. This horse, as I remarked a short while ago, is a very in and out customer. Like Contender, he can never be relied upon to show his best form when the money is up.

T. Sheenan's filly Passion was in good form at Dunedin, winning two races and gaining second place in another. Her breeding, Pilgrim's Progress—Greek Maid, suggests that she is a good filly, and I fully expect to see her win races in better company later on.

There was a strong run on Armlet for the Railway Handicap, and backers were surprised to learn that after her fine track work she had failed to gain a place. She, was in her best form at the Cup meeting, and was probably a little stale when she contested the Railway Handicap.

Sunglow, on the other hand, was wound up at the Cup meeting, and local backers fully expect to see her win a race before returning home.

Stepniak had another big innings at Dunedin, several races falling to his credit. His winners were Astrakhan, Czar Kolokol, Jessie Lewars, Vladimir and Miss Gal.

### WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, December 30.

The news of the success of the Porirua-trained horse All Red in the Auckland Cup was a bit of a surprise to backers here, who, for some reason or other, pinned their faith on Diabolo as the most likely of Prosser's pair to win the big two-mile handicap. Why they should have selected the three-year-old does not seem quite clear, except that Diabolo's dam was herself a stayer. Both All Red and Diabolo claim Stepniak as sire, and hitherto his stock have not made a name for themselves as stayers. All Red, however, ran a good race in the last New Zealand St. Leger, and also in the C.J.C. Metropolitan Handicap, and having 5lb the better of Diabolo according to weight-for-age, it seemed obvious that he would finish upstides with the three-year-old. That worthy sire Stepniak loses through the victory of his son All Red the reproach of want of stamina that has long been thrown at him. Stepniak's owner may thank the Prosser-Jenkins combination, the former for the superb condition in which All Red was landed at the post, and Jenkins for riding one of his most artistic races.

There are few stables in the Dominion, or it may be, in Australia that contain such a fine pair of four-year-olds as All Red and Gold Crest. Both are magnificent, massive animals, built to carry weight and gallop fast. The Porirua trainer will no doubt feel pleased to win within a fortnight three such races as the Feilding Stakes, the Palmerston North Stakes, and the Auckland Cup. Such events, it is needless to add, can only be annexed by well-conditioned, high-class animals.

The action of the Avondale Jockey Club in taking such drastic action in connection with the doings of a number of licensed trainers and jockeys, has met with universal approval in local racing circles. Similar doings have been suspected in quite a number of quarters throughout the North Island during the past season, but from sheer lack of someone to probe the matter to the bottom the evil-doers have escaped scathless. The immunity of certain owners, trainers, and riders from punishment has rendered them rash to a degree, and except that a leading handicapper has occasionally taken it upon himself to admonish them in the error of their ways, but little notice appears to have been taken of their vagaries, which oftentimes was obvious to the merest tyro in racing.

The victories of All Red and Royal Soulit is very acceptable to members of the local betting ring, who had double books on the Auckland Cup and Railway Handicap. The majority did not write the winning com-



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every taste is catered for. "Off to America in the s.s Adriatic" was a series of splendid pictures, and the scenes and incidents of the voyage were depicted with remarkable clearness. "The Campeigne Motor Circuit" created much enthusiasm, the exciting and dangerous incidents attendant on a long road race on the Continent, being reproduced with marvellous realism, and these films were striking evidence both of motoring and cinematographic possibilities. That time-honoured "Arabian Night", story, "All Baba and the Forty thieves", lost nothing in its pictorial telling. "In Beautiful Brittany" was of exceptional merit, the scenic attractions of that country being well portrayed, while "Wood floating in Morran", showing in detail how Paris is supplied with wood, stands out prominently. "The Fashionable Waltz", a travesty on the "Merry Widow Waltz", caused much merriment, and the audience almost felt like following the example of the pictures, and succumbing to the influence of its strains. Other good films were "The Sicilian's Revenge", "The Wishbone", "The happiest day in her life", "The Mohawk's Revenge", "Two college chums", "A strong woman," "Still worthy of the name," etc. During the evening Mr. A. E. Glover M.P., was to have made a presentation of a gold-mounted whip to C. Jenkins, the rider of All Red, winner of the Auckland Cup, but the well-known horseman did not make his appearance.

On Saturday afternoon a matinee will be held, when every child will receive a present. The pictures will be repeated each evening.

**THE ROYAL WELSH MALE CHOIR.**

A Welshman must sing to be happy, and the Royal Welsh Male Choir makes others happy when it sings. No other choir in the world can boast the success this organisation has achieved having won over £10,000 in prizes, besides numbers of cups for National Championships. The Choir was a great favourite of her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, appearing by special command at Windsor Castle. It has also charmed Royalty upon several other occasions by the magnificence of its Choral work. A tour of New Zealand will commence in Auckland on January the 17th, and the Welsh singers will visit all the leading centres of the Dominion, under the direction of Messrs. J. and N. Tait.

**THE EDWARD REEVES' RECITALS**

Mr. Edward Reeves, the well-known Australian elocutionist, has been giving a series of recitals at the Choral Hall, but the attendances have not been commensurate with the worth of the entertainment. His first evening (Monday) was devoted to Charles Dickens' "Christmas Carol," which was done very full justice to. On the second evening Mr. Reeves told the story of that dashing military hero, the Brigadier Gerard, one of Sir Conan Doyle's most thrilling narratives. On the concluding evening of the season Ralph Connor's "Sky Pilot" was the piece selected, and the struggles of the person "out West" were clearly shown, the pathos underlying the story being well brought out. Mr. Reeves very clearly demonstrated that he can take high rank as a brilliant elocutionist, and the three recitals accordingly were greatly enjoyed and appreciated by those present.

**THE LATE JOHN F. SHERIDAN.**

**A WORLD'S COMEDIAN.**

In the theatrical portrait gallery in days to come probably no known artist will be remembered more vividly or happily than the genial John F. Sheridan, who died last week in Sydney. The wonderful personage known throughout the world as "Widow O'Brien," probably one of the happiest creatures ever welcomed across the footlights, was a masterpiece of caricature and bright comedy. Age or time will never dim the personality of the wonderful lady who was always welcome and always looked for. With the passing of Sheridan an epoch is ended, and probably never again will the public witness a like performance of the Irish lady.

The number of occasions in all parts of the civilised world during the past decade that J. F. presented "Fun on the Bristol" are probably

countless. America, which was his birthplace, and the entire territory of the British Empire, was visited again and again by this inimitable comedian and to-day he is universally mourned. What Bernhard is to Tragedy, so Sheridan was to Comedy. It is some twenty odd years since Sheridan first appeared in Melbourne in his "star" play, and though he left Australia at intervals, he returned again and again to the bright sunshine of the country where he was happiest and best beloved. Some ten years back, on a visit to England, he starred his favourite play in London, and his success was so great that when "Little Christopher Columbus" was presented at the Lyric Theatre a part was specially written reminiscent of the "Widow," in which he again created a triumph. In this production May Yohe, afterwards Countess of Hope, was leading lady. J. F. came back to his old love, the Sunny South, with many new plays, and Maorilanders need not be reminded of his latest great characterisations, for 'tis but yesterday he was with us. Two weeks ago "The Widdy" sent through the medium of one of our visiting managers all kind'y greetings to his dear friends—the public and the Press of

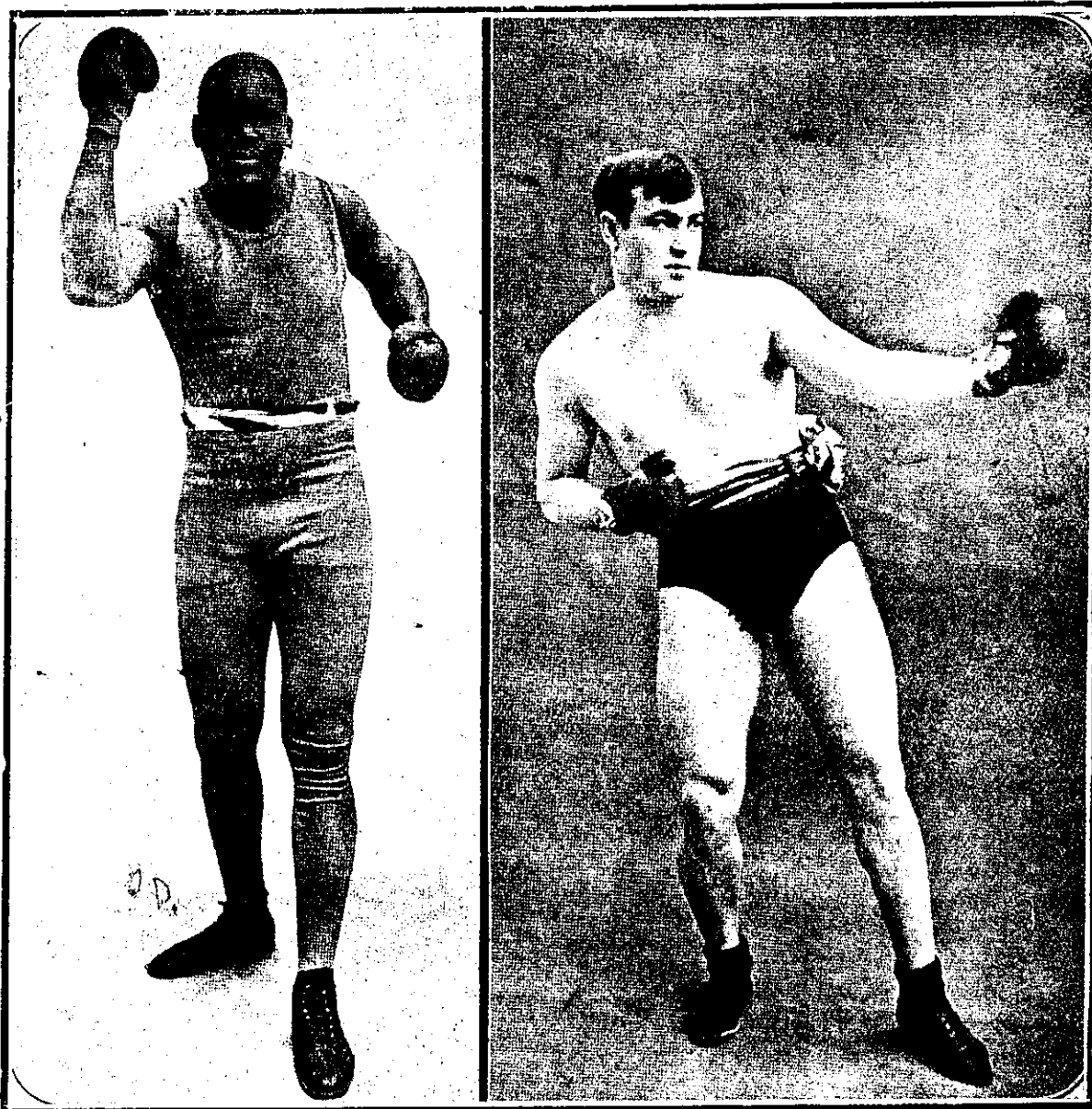
**ARMES BEAUMONT.**

A benefit concert in celebration of the 69th birthday of Mr. Armes Beaumont was given in the Melbourne Town Hall recently. There was a large and enthusiastic audience, and a capital programme was contributed by Madames Maggie Stirling, Gregor Wood, and Agnes Jansen; Misses Lillian Heid, Doris Carter, Una Bourne, and Charlotte Hemming; and Messrs. Gregor Wood, Himmer, Hattenbach, W. E. Lewis, E. Ure, James Wade, and Alberto Zelman. Mr. Armes Beaumont had a great reception when he came upon the platform (says the Australasian). Old concert goers have not forgotten the magnificent successes which began in 1860, when he made his first public appearance in Haydyn's "Creation" in Fitzroy, and continued through a long series of operas and oratorios for more than 40 years; and the younger generation honour a man who, in spite of an accident which, midway in his career, partially robbed him of sight, has pluckily and successfully fought against adverse fate. At his best there was no great deal to choose between him and his great English contemporary, Sims Reeves; and

Messrs. John Ford and Fred Leslie, of "The Red Mill" company, are probably the two finest eccentric dancers ever seen on the Auckland stage.

A movement is on foot to erect a memorial to Ristori. The memorial will, of course, be set up in her native Italy; but a meeting to raise subscriptions in England also was recently held in London, where the great Italian actress has many ardent admirers.

It is pleasant to be remembered by old friends at Christmas time, and quite a host of those cheery souls, who occasionally flit through Auckland with some theatrical combination, have sent along the season's greetings to the writer. Among the cards are one from Mr. and Mrs. Michael Joseph (West Perth), Mr. Claude H. Waite (Sydney), Mr. and Mrs. G. Homan Barnes (Melbourne), Mr. G. L. Peterson (Adelaide), the two Driscolls (Newcastle), Mr. Claude Mackay (Sydney), Mr. Edward Lauri (London) and numerous others nearer home. The kindly wishes expressed are all warmly reciprocated.



Jack Johnson, the winner.

Tommy Burns, who was defeated in fourteen rounds.

**THE GREAT FIGHT FOR THE WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP.**

New Zealand. He is gone; in harness to the last moment, playing the game to please and delight the multitude. For the past twelve months Sheridan, though battling against ill-health, bravely stood to his guns, and never broke faith with his public. We may never see his like again, but for all time his memory, goodfellowship, and generosity to artists and all will never be forgotten.

**THE TIVOLI THEATRE.**

This new place of amusement in Karangahape Road is proving very popular, and there have been good attendances nightly. Some excellent pictures have been shown, perhaps the best being The Doonas Falls, Fishing in Sweden, Baby's Playmate, The Hand Cart Race, The Press Gang, The Bully and the Recruit, and A Texan Elopement. Misss Blance Carill (soprano) and Miss Ivy Gilmour (serio and dancer) have also greatly assisted towards the success of the performances. At next Saturday's matinee a gift will be presented to every child who attends.

there was much in his voice and style that vividly recalled the more famous artist. He wisely sang two songs from his old repertoire, Balfe's "Come into the Garden Maud," and "My Pretty Jane." He was in wonderful form. The higher notes rang out true and clear, and their quality seemed hardly at all impaired by the passage of the years. A little huskiness in the lower register and some effort in the change from full to mezza-voce betrayed the fact that the wonderful voice had done nearly half a century of hard work. In artistic expression, in accurate tonality, in clearness of articulation, it was a lesson to all younger singers. Unlike Macbeth, Mr. Armes Beaumont carries with him into his retirement, "honour, love, and troops of friends," all of whom admire his great gifts, respect his courage and energy, and wish him long life and happiness.

Mr. Charles M. Loder, who plays the innkeeper in "The Red Mill," so artistically gets his big chance as the bogus Prince in "The Prince of Pilsen." He was brought from America specially to play this part.

Miss Nance O'Neill and Mr. Cuyler Hastings are associated in a new play, "Agnes," which has made a hit at a New York theatre.

The growing proportions of the matinee hat have induced the management of the Antoina Theatre in Paris to provide suitable pigeon holes in the corridors, each numbered like the seats in the house, and nicely proportioned to take a woman's hat without damage.

Mr. Harry Rickards does not stop at expense when he is in search of vaudeville talent that is likely to be appreciated by Australians and prove a big draw. He has come to an agreement with Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson that, whoever proved the winner of the big contest, will appear in Sydney and Melbourne under his management at a salary, it is said, of £350 a week—surely a record for any place south of the line. Judging by recent events, when these men gave exhibitions in aid of charity at Sydney vaudeville houses, the engagement should recoup Mr. Rickards for his enterprise, but probably Burns would have proved a more popular draw than Johnson.

**MISS ANGLIN'S FAREWELL.**

It was a happy inspiration on the part of the management to arrange for Miss Margaret Anglin's last appearances in Australia in two of her finest impersonations. At the matinee and in the evening of December 16 she played Becky Warder in Clyde Fitch's brilliant comedy, "The Truth," and on December 17 and 18 she appeared as Marise Voysen in Bernstein's moving drama, "The Thief," displaying in both the magnetic charm and absolute naturalness and simplicity which have won for her so high a place in the favour of Australian audiences. On the closing night the greatest enthusiasm prevailed, and a crowded house would not be appeased until the popular American star replied to the unabated applause in a sympathetic little impromptu speech; and Mr. Henry Kolker was also prevailed upon to say a few words of farewell. On December 19, Miss Anglin, with her sister Eileen, left Sydney in the Mongolia for a holiday trip to Europe, part of which is to be spent in Egypt. Meantime, Miss Ola Humphrey takes her place as leading lady, and, together with Mr. Kolker, Mr. Titheradge, and the other members of the company, left for New Zealand in the Maheno on the same date. The company opened their tour on Boxing Night at Wellington.

**A THEATRICAL SLUMP.**

The majority of the London theatres are experiencing at the moment (says an English paper of November 20) a very serious slump, which most managers ascribe to the reaction following the closing of the White City. The theatres and music halls of the West End enjoyed splendid prosperity throughout the summer and during the autumn, while the White City was attracting vast numbers of people to London. This spell of prosperity has temporarily come to an end, and although some theatres and halls are now doing very well, not three of them, all told, have escaped feeling the slump that began about three weeks ago. One theatre has had a fall in its receipts of £1000 a week, and several are down £300 to £500 as compared with the beginning of October. While one music hall has had a fall of £1600 a week, and others admit some depression, it may be said that the variety theatres, as a rule, have escaped better than the regular houses. Managers of London theatres are always prepared for a falling off in December, but this sea-

son the slump came earlier. Last year also, curiously enough, there was a temporary drop in the receipts in November. There are twenty-six theatres open every evening in central London just now, and from about fourteen of these the plays that are now running will have passed out of the bills before Christmas.

**THE "JACK AND JILL" PANTO.**

In the pantomime "Jack and Jill" the Williamson management has eclipsed all previous efforts (says the Melbourne representative of "The Referee"), and the announcements previously made that it would be a gorgeous picture have been fulfilled. Around the fairy tale there has been wound all manner of pictures and incidents, while a very capable company is doing all that is necessary for its success in this direction. Messrs. Bert Gilbert and J. M. Campbell are the principal comedians, and they make the most of everything. Mr. Walter Stanton, as the giant rooster, is highly successful. Morris and Wilson make one of their entrances in the form of an infuriated bull, and another as a bear with its natural hugging propensity fully developed. The Pony Ballet (new to Australia, but popular in England and America) is another attraction, and the girls do full justice to it. Other ballets include The Harvest Home, The Rose, The Snowstorm, and The Butterfly. A new electric ballet forms the accompaniment to one of Miss Fanny Dango's songs, while the big electric march at the end of the production is brilliant. Miss Stella Gastelle, as one of the boys, looks and sings well, while a number of other favourites are included in a long and strong cast.

**MEYNELL AND GUNN'S PANTO.**

Messrs. Meynell and Gunn have every reason to be pleased with their initial entry into pantomime (says the "Referee"), for in "Cinderella" they have evolved something entirely legitimate, with musicians and artists building around it a mass of tunefulness and beauty. The scenery and mechanical effects are complete in the extreme. The production is a "spectacular operatic pantomime." It is more in the nature of a bright comic-opera version of "Cinderella," not being built on the conventional lines of the ordinary pantomime. For example, the two spiteful Sisters are not represented by men in female dress, as is usually the case, but by lady artists. These are Miss Emme-

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line Orford and Miss Jennie Opie. The principal boy is Miss Meredith Meredo, from Drury Lane, London, and she immediately scored. The favourites of the "Miss Hook" Co. again appeared, and do all that is required of them.

Major W. P. Drury, part author of "The Flag Lieutenant," the successful nautical play now being played by Mr. Cyril Maude in London, the Australian rights of which have been secured by Mr. J. C. Williamson, is an Australian, a native of Queensland. Major Drury joined the British Navy twenty years ago. He has held several important positions in Egypt, and was Governor of Fashoda during the time of the war in Egypt. Major Drury visited Australia last year.

The Pollard Opera Company's West Australian tour has concluded. A three weeks' season at Adelaide commenced on Saturday week, with Broken Hill and Port Pirie to follow. They return to New Zealand, and pick up their Masterton dates on February 17. "The Gay Hussar" is the latest addition to the repertoire. This is Mr. Thos. Humphreys' "The Tea Girl" under a new name.

Mr. William Anderson's Melbourne attraction for Christmas will be "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Mr. Ernest Pitts, baritone, has been engaged to play Uncle Tom, as the piece will be produced with all its musical features. Little Baby Watson is to appear as Eva, while Miss Fanny Wiseman, the Topsy of the original Melbourne production, will again appear in that role. Mr. Vivian Edwards as George Harris, Mr. Bert Bailey as Marks, Mr. Edmund Duggan as Simon Legree, and Miss Granville as Eliza Harris, will appear.

At a salary said to be the largest ever paid any person on the stage for a consecutive engagement, Harry Lauder has contracted to reappear over here next season for twelve weeks, once again on the Morris Circuit, says "New York Variety." While no authentic figures have been publicly announced, it may be pretty

closely estimated that Mr. Lauder's contract calls for 5000 dollars weekly next year. During the present engagement the Scotch comedian is receiving 3000 dollars from William Morris. The company must in addition to this pay a weekly bonus for the time postponed for Lauder in England, which it secured, excepting the first seven weeks of the five months' American engagement. The bonus paid by Morris to the English managers who held Lauder under engagement for the pantomime season on the other side is said to be considerable, reported to be either 1000 dollars or 1250 dollars a week, raising Mr. Lauder's present cost to the Morris Circuit that amount.

Miss Catherine Aulsbrook, the New Zealand contralto, has been engaged to understudy two parts (Siebel in "Faust" and another in "Die Walkerie") for the English opera season at Covent Garden.

Meynell and Gunn's Comic Opera Company visit New Zealand early in the New Year with "Miss Hook," "The Belle of Mayfair," "The Girl Behind the Counter," and the panto, "Cinderella."

Billed as "The Little New Zealand Girl," Miss Henriquette Maude was to have produced a new scene, "The Maori Chief," in London last month. She belongs to Napier, and left there five years ago on a tour of the world.

Mr. Kelso Henderson, baritone, who appeared for some time with J. C. Williamson's Musical Comedy Co., is now appearing at Daly's Theatre, London, in "The Merry Widow."

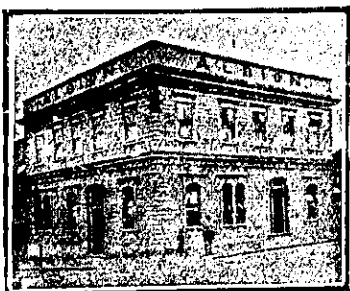
Mr. Alfred Woods and Miss Maud Williamson were last month still in South Africa, at the head of their own company, and appearing in Cape Town in "When a Man's Single."

Mr. Cyril Maude was "commanded" to produce "The Flag Lieutenant" at Sandringham before the King on His Majesty's Birthday (November 9). The play is thoroughly appropriate to such an occasion. Its scene is the quarter-deck of H.M.S. Royal Edward. The time is the King's Birthday at noon. The men dress ship, eight bells strike, the guns boom out, and, to the strains of the "National Anthem" officers and men salute the King.

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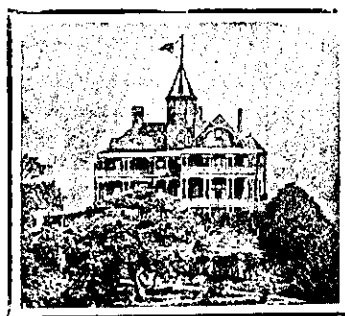
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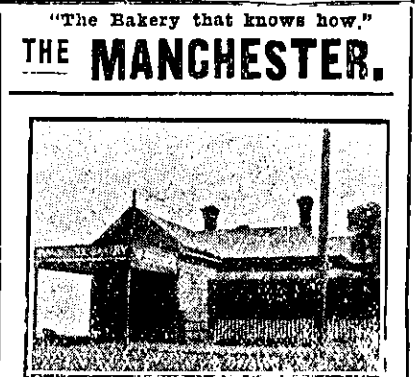
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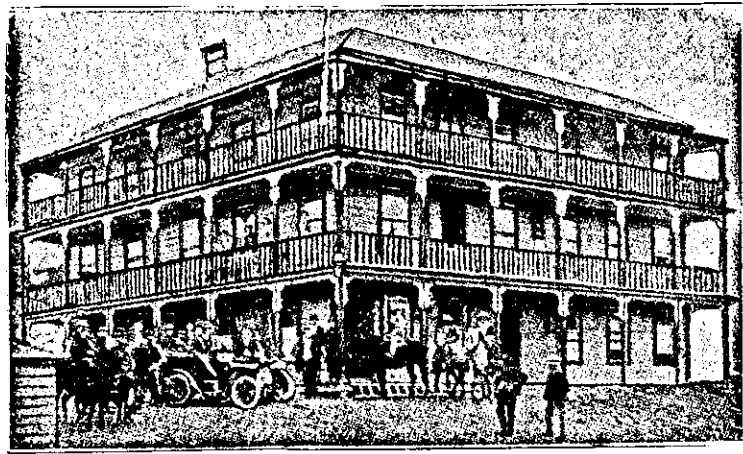
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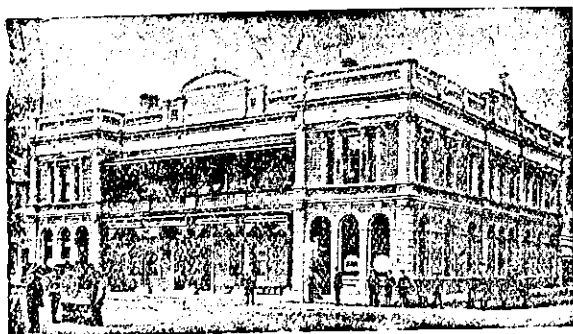
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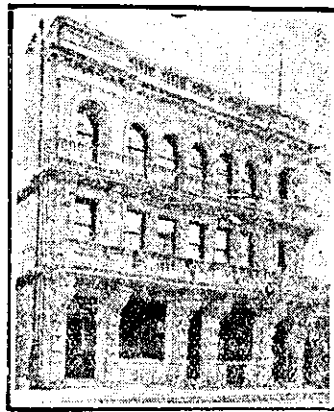
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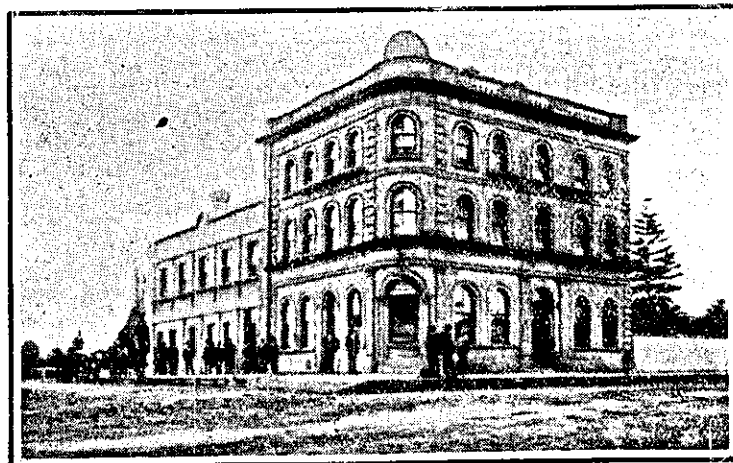
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# LICENSED VILERS' GAZETTE

So large was the Devonshire apple crop this year that many farmers found it more profitable to give the apples to the pigs than to convert the fruit into cider. Farmers are retailing cider at £1 a hogshead, or about 4½ d. a gallon.

Colchester has a curious annual feast of oysters, which took place in October this year. There were 500 guests, including Lord Carrington, the Sultan of Zanzibar, the Chinese Ambassador, and a Bishop. Twenty fishermen began in the morning to open the oysters for the feast, and more than 500 dozen were ready, arranged on plates, when the guests arrived. In the course of the feast more than 10,000 oysters were consumed—the greatest number swallowed by one guest being fifty-three. The record for the feast is held by a clergyman, who ate more than eight dozen oysters at a sitting. The annual cost of the feast, which is about £500, has to be borne by the Mayor out of his private pocket.

It would appear that the notice of petition respecting the Ohinemuri licensing poll was filed before the actual declaration of the poll, and it, therefore, became necessary that a new petition should be filed. This has been done, and the first hearing will probably take place next week, when an adjournment will be applied for. It is understood that Mr. C. C. Kettle, S.M., will in all probability sit in place of Mr. Cutten, S.M., who has gone South on a month's holiday leave.

After the final declaration of the result of the recount of votes in the Waitemata electorate, it was rumoured that the no-license party intended lodging a petition against the poll. This rumour, however, has not been confirmed, and the time has now passed in which the Act permits the lodging of petitions. From what can be gathered, the no-license party had collected evidence of what were considered several alleged irregularities, but the case was not considered strong enough to proceed with.

The deputation which waited on the Premier last week in regard to the setting up of a Royal Commission to inquire into alleged improper proceedings in connection with the transfer of a license in the Ohinemuri district, which transfer took place some eight years ago, evidently thought that they had Sir Joseph in an extremely pliable mood. They no sooner gained his consent to the setting up of the Commission in regard to these particular charges than they wanted to set off on a sort of go as you please commission to inquire into anything and everything connected with the licensing laws. Sir Joseph said No, not for him; one thing had been agreed to, and that was the end of it.

Not a few people are asking—Where does Moss, the lawyer, come in over this Royal Commission and Ohinemuri inquiry business? Possibly he will declare his hand in time, though the attempt to call a few more cards from the deck does not look as if his present hand pleased him, or that he thought it a particularly strong one.

Deputations of Te Kuiti settlers recently waited on Mr. Jennings re local matters, mainly dealing with metalting of main road through the township, opening up of lands east of Te Kuiti, and the recent prosecutions for consumption of liquor. A strong feeling has arisen over the heavy fines imposed, particularly in the case connected with the Ohura Rifle Club, and other persons, who, it is alleged, did not sell liquor in the sense generally held as to what constituted sales. In reference to roads and opening up land the member stated he would

make representations to the Government, and in regard to heavy fines suggested a petition to the Minister for Justice.

In consequence of the petition to declare the Ohinemuri no-license poll void having been amended, a special sitting of the Court will be held at Waikato on January 5, when an adjournment to the 25th will be asked for. Clauses 17, 22, and 24 are slightly altered, but no fresh grounds have been alleged.

"I have had all sorts of advice in connection with the working of the Manawatu railway," declared the general manager, Mr. T. Ronayne, at the railway smoke concert in Wellington recently, a remark that was received with laughter and cheers. One suggestion, he said, was that Paekakariki should be shifted several miles up the line, because a hotel happened to be adjoining the present station. He was not a temperance orator, and he believed in men enjoying themselves in a reasonable and temperate manner. He had sufficient confidence in the railway men as a whole to know they were not going to indulge too freely, even with the prospect of the Paekakariki hotel before them. Possibly there was some motive behind the suggestion, declared the speaker with a smile. The party who had made the suggestion might have had some land to sell in the vicinity of the proposed station. It had certainly been said that there was plenty of land there, and cheap, too. Mr. Ronayne, however, did not press the soft impeachment. He contented himself with saying that the present station would not be shifted.

There are now 3286 hotels in Victoria, or one to every 334 persons. In 1885 there were 4265 hotels, or one to every 227 of the population.

"The two religious denominations upon whom total abstinence is enforced are Mormonism and Mahomedanism" (says a writer in the S.A. "Register"). "To avoid the resulting immorality the founders of those religions instituted polygamy. But I shall go away from America to Australia, and refer Mr. Delahanty to Coghlan's Statistical Handbook. In this he will find a peculiar fact—that the percentage of illegitimate children is greatest amongst those religious denominations which are most in favour of teetotalism; and if anything will ruin a nation it is immorality."

During the recent Mississippi gubernatorial campaign, the Honourable Jeff Truly was one of the unsuccessful aspirants for the majority suffrage of his fellow citizens. Prohibition doctrines figured in the struggle, and seemed very important to the Methodist minister. "Brother Truly," said the Minister, "I want to ask you a question. Do you ever take a drink of whisky?" "Befo' I answer that," responded the wary Brother Truly, "I want to know whether it is an inquiry or an invitation."

"The percentage of drunkards is far smaller in wine drinking countries than in non wine drinking ones. The populations in wine countries have for centuries been educated to use and not to abuse the good wine. That the percentage of drunkards may be greater in France than in other wine drinking countries cannot be attributed to the use of wine, but to the abuse of artificial liqueurs, like absinthe, which is the alcoholic extract of the alkaloid in fennel root."—"Broadminded," in the S.A. "Register."

Pliny tells us that brewers' yeast was used in Gaul and Spain many hundreds of years ago, as witness the following:—"In Gaul and Spain, where they make a drink (beer) by steeping corn . . . they employ

the foam which thickens on the surface as a leaven; hence it is that the bread in those countries is lighter than that made elsewhere."

Gin does not improve by being kept in cask or in bottle; in fact, it is apt to deteriorate if kept long in cask. Gin is a rectified spirit, and the impurities having been eliminated by rectification, there is no object in ageing it or in compulsory detention in bond. Holland's gin is a cheap spirit compared with brandy or whisky, and, in the main, a poor man's drink. To keep it in bond in cask or in bottle would not only be as useless as in the case of English gin, but would considerably increase the cost to the consumer. Much of it is taken medicinally, and it has frequently been reported upon favourably by the medical journals. To put age restrictions upon it would be both useless and unfair to shipper and consumer.

Amended regulations regarding the use of letter-boxes at post offices are gazetted, and also new regulations regarding "call-boxes." These are boxes open to the postal officers only, and are placed within the post office, so that they are only available to the holder during the hours when the office is open to the public. These call-boxes are not intended to take the place of the letter-box, but are let to persons who regularly call for letters at the office, and for such persons they save the time of waiting while an officer looks for the mail matter, through perhaps, a considerable quantity. Letters and papers having been sorted into A.B.'s "call-box" can be delivered to him at once. The call-boxes have glass fronts, so that a holder can see whether there is any mail matter awaiting delivery to him. A second class of persons who may find a call-box of use are those who live within the range of a letter-carrier delivery, but desire to receive mails between deliveries. In this case the customer falls into the class first mentioned after the letter carrier has gone on his rounds, and may get his correspondence from the call-box, or leave it there till the next delivery takes it to his house or place of business. The call-box, of course, is a convenient receptacle for correspondence accumulating in the office during the holiday of the holder. The rent of the call-boxes is 2s 6d a year. In some American post offices the letter-boxes have glazed doors, so that the holders can see if there is anything to take out their keys for.

## TOO PROUD.

In the Land of Beer certain surprises await you, if you have lived in anticipation of the foaming brew. declares a writer in "The Bohemian." The German likes his beer, as the world has been taught to believe, but whether he likes or dislikes it, the fact remains that he cannot get it in the fashionable restaurants of Berlin. If you go to so fine a hotel as the Bristol, and there order beer with your meal, it may be that the maitre d'hotel, purely from the goodness of his heart, will send out and get it for you, in which case it will be brought to you in a beautiful little stone jug, and you will pay for it five times

over; but if you have the temerity to order your favourite brew at such a restaurant as Hiller's, in Unter den Linden, or Der Reichshoff, on the Wilhelmstrasse, you will come such a cropper as did the American who asked for plum-pudding at the Cafe Riche in Paris. "Monsieur," said the stately maitre d'hotel on that occasion, "this cafe has never served, does not serve, and never will serve, plum-pudding!"

## DRY, INDEED!

### IN LOUISIANA.

"Talk about your temperance laws," said N. B. Martin in the Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee. "They have one down in Louisiana that caps them all. They don't let you take a drink out of your own flask in that State when you're travelling through, unless, you are armed with a physician's certificate that it is necessary for the preservation of your health."

"I was passing through there recently, and when in the diner called for a drink. I was informed that the State law prohibited any liquor being sold in the confines of the State. Of course, I thought if it was the law, why, all right; besides, I had a well-filled flask in my grip, and could get the drink after the meal just as well."

"So I said nothing, and went to eating. After I got back in my car, I opened my grip, and, taking the flask, went to the water tank to get a little water to wash the drink down. Just as I got to the tank I met the conductor. He looked at the flask and smiled."

"Rather dangerous to have that around here," he said.

"Why?" I asked. "What's wrong with it?"

"Nothing," was the reply, "only if you should take a drink out of it I should have to place you under arrest and hand you over to the authorities at the next stopping-place. That is, if I obeyed the State law."

"Do you mean to say that I can't take a drink out of my own flask?" I cried.

"That is just what I mean to say," was the response, "and to show you that I am not talking wildly look at this," and he pulled out a copy of the State law and showed it to me.

"He was right. If I had taken a drink on the car he could have arrested me. The only thing that would have saved me from going to gaol would have been to show that I would have died without the drink. Now, what do you think of that for a liquor law?"—"Bar and Buffet."

## ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO CORNER THE BOTTLE SUPPLY.

A promising piece of private enterprise has collapsed in Adelaide. A financier formed the happy idea of "cornering" the local supply of bottles. He found it a large contract, but he persevered till he had 140,000 dozen stacked up—well over a million and a-half empty bottles—and still there were lots more. Meanwhile, the S.A. Bottle Co-operative Society, which exists not for profit, but to ensure the brewers a full cir-



culatation of empties, had got busy, and bottles soared to the height of about 1s 8d a dozen. A real Napoleon of finance would have found means to unload on the enemy at this famine price; but when the bottle monopolist tried to do this the foe saw him coming, and side stepped. Eventually his capital is reported to have run short, and he was compelled to sell to the association at its own figure. The only permanent result of the episode is a steady boom in the local glass-blowing industry, which has imported several expert workmen.

**THE LICENSING LAWS.**

**A ROYAL COMMISSION PROMISED.**

One day last week a very large deputation waited upon Sir Joseph Ward, Prime Minister, in connection with the request for the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into certain allegations recently made respecting the administration of the licensing laws. There were present a number of representative citizens and delegates from the Auckland Ministers' Association, Auckland No-License League, Salvation Army, Good Templars, Newton Congregational Church, Central Mission, Rechabites' Lodge, Baptist Tabernacle, Eden No-License League, Whangarei No-License League, Y.M.C.A., W.C.T.U., and Remuera Liberal Association, together with delegates sent from Waihi. Mr. C. H. Poole, M.P., was also present.

The Prime Minister said that on his last visit to Auckland he had been interviewed by Mr J. C. Macky and others, who asked for a Royal Commission, and the representatives of the Press were not invited to that interview. He had received from that deputation certain statements concerning alleged improprieties in connection with the Licensing Bench in Ohinemuri district, and he promised that he would submit the matter to Cabinet for consideration. On Dec. 15 the question was gone into. He did not want to be put into the position of it being thought there was necessity for a second deputation to urge upon him the necessity for a Commission, and he wished to say publicly that the Government proposed to give effect to the petition in this case—(hear, hear)—that was, to have a Royal Commission appointed to investigate the allegations made. There had been no delay as far as the Government was concerned. It was not possible for Cabinet to get a meeting before it did, and in a matter of very great importance, such as this, neither he nor any member of the Ministry could deal with it alone. The mind of the Government as a whole had to be taken. He thought it was a matter of sufficient importance for a Royal Commission, and a Royal Commission would be appointed. (Applause.) One statement in the petition referred to a sworn declaration. So far the Government had not received that declaration, and must ask for it.

Mr E. G. B. Moss: You shall have it.

Sir Joseph Ward said the Government required that declaration, for it was to some extent the basis upon which the whole matter must be started. The other statements made were sufficient for the purpose of doing what was required from a legal standpoint in getting the Commission appointed, and he was glad to hear the declaration was to be handed to him.

There was one statement made in the correspondence, the Prime Minister went on to say, that he was not able to agree to, and he wished to allude to it, for he did not know the intention of the request, and in the second place he could not agree to it in the public interest. It was a request that the evidence should be taken in camera, no one being present but the Commission, the parties conducting both sides, and the witnesses. He did not think that in a matter of this sort there should be any secret Court. It was a matter which should be freely open to the Press. (Applause.) There might have been good reasons for the request, but in a matter where a Royal Commission was appointed there could be no good in covering up, even temporarily, an investigation in the public interests. He thought he would be saving the time of the deputation by making this statement first, that a Commission would be appointed, and that as soon as possible the matter would come before the Cabinet, with a view to selecting the Commission. A matter that had been urged upon him was the probable departure of important witnesses. If the parties concerned would send him a list of

the witnesses, he would have communications sent to one and all of them requesting them to wait and give their evidence, and he would also feel it necessary, on behalf of the Government, to ensure the attendance of those whose evidence was important. He had no knowledge of what was referred to, but he did not think that in that respect there need be any apprehension. Once a Royal Commission was appointed, it must necessarily be regarded, by all concerned, as of the greatest importance that all required should be in attendance and give evidence. Where very grave charges were made against public officials, magistrates, and justices, he thought it was the duty of the Government to have the matter investigated, for it was of the utmost importance that there should be pure and clean administration of the law. (Hear, hear.)

**STATEMENT BY MR. MACKY.**

Mr. J. C. Macky said he had pleasure, on behalf of the deputation, in thanking the Prime Minister for the way in which he had met the deputation. While the Prime Minister had explained there was no delay, people had been continually pressing him (the speaker) to know what was to be done. But now a clear statement had been made that would satisfy everyone, and show that the Government was determined to probe the matter to the bottom, and get at the actual truth. The meetings in connection with the petition were of public citizens, not representative of any particular party, but the general public interested in the strict administration of justice. The only thing was as to the probable nature of the Commission, and how long it would be before the Commission was appointed. They had pressed the matter somewhat because there were very strong rumours of the removal of important witnesses beyond the Dominion. The charges being those of bribery and corruption, led to the expectation that money would be forthcoming to remove those witnesses, and it was believed that one of the most important witnesses was going away from New Zealand altogether.

Sir Joseph Ward replied that with respect to the appointment of the Commission, necessarily he would require to confer with his colleagues, but he could tell the deputation that his own impression, and what he would recommend, was that a matter of such importance required a Commission including judges, or a judge, of the Supreme Court, and the matter would be gone into at the first meeting of the Cabinet. He did not know that the Cabinet would meet before January 5, but after the intimation that a Royal Commission was to be appointed, he thought it hardly possible for important witnesses to do other than recognise that their evidence was necessary. The matter was of such importance that the Commission should be a tribunal beyond all question, and that was the sort of tribunal the Government would appoint.

Mr. N. Carless, on behalf of the Waihi deputation, read a resolution recently carried by a meeting of 700 electors at Waihi. The resolution was to the effect that the meeting viewed with alarm and indignation

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certain actions which were alleged to have defeated the administration of the law, and the meeting was convinced that the rights and liberties of the people had been interfered with by corrupt practices, and, therefore, asked for the appointment of a Royal Commission.

**"NOT OHINEMURI ALONE."**

Mr. E. G. B. Moss said he had been unable to attend the previous deputation which waited upon Sir J. G. Ward, and therefore wrote a note to Mr. Macky suggesting the holding of the proceedings in camera. Bribery was a most difficult thing to prove, and it seemed that if there was a possibility of one witness knowing what another said, there would be great difficulty in arriving at the truth. A fortnight would be sufficient for the whole thing, with a man of such general knowledge as the Chief Justice on the Commission. The matters complained of were not in Ohinemuri alone. The worst cases came from the North of Auckland, but in respect of Ohinemuri he happened to be in possession of documentary evidence. With the knowledge that if he made a wrong statement he would get twelve months, he had to speak only upon such matters as he could absolutely prove, but there were just as bad cases in Wellington. He was told there had been some fearful disclosures within the last couple of months, and that was why he suggested a camera sitting. If the scope of the Commission was to be for Ohinemuri alone a couple of days would suffice.

Sir Joseph: I think the procedure with regard to witnesses must be left to the Commission, and as long as the Commission is above suspicion I think it can be depended upon to carry out its duties satisfactorily.

Mr. Moss: It's a question of the powers giving the Commission as to whether inquiry should be made in different places.

Sir Joseph: The Commission will deal with the allegations made in the statements presented to the Government. Where charges are specially made they should be cleared up, and that is what the Government wants the declaration for. It is not the proposal of the Government to have a Commission travelling all over the country investigating the administration of law. That would be undesirable, and we have not had any charges made in any other part of the country. The charges made in respect to Ohinemuri are what the Commission will deal with.

**WIDER SCOPE SUGGESTED.**

Mr. Wesley Spragg remarked that while it had been possible to unearth a particular case, and get hold of the evidence, this was a very small matter compared with the whole of the questions it was desired the Commission should inquire into. A Commission inquiring only into one matter would not meet the requirements of the case. There were a great many things to be brought up. There was a charge made with respect to the voiding of a poll in the Dunedin district nine years ago. The statements in all these cases were very circumstantial, and yet the petitioners might not be able to procure a sworn declaration. He thought the Commission should have a very much wider scope than was suggested, and, if not, he was afraid it would very seriously fail in the work which the petitioners desired it should accomplish. There were matters connected with the licensing polls procedure, matters that could not be brought forward in sworn declarations. The country looked to the Government to see that there was pure administration of the law. He urged that the Commission should not be limited to the one case, but the scope should be left an open matter, so that all cases of a similar nature could be dealt with. Nothing less than that would be satisfactory.

Sir Joseph Ward: It is a pity this was not laid before me before.

This is the first I have heard of it. We have been investigating the matter on the basis of the one case, but now I am being asked to extend the scope to include a lot of matter brought up, on the moment this morning. I do not think it is a fair request, and I am surprised at it being made. What you are asking is a Commission to investigate the carrying out of the law all over the Dominion, and that is a matter that Parliament itself would require to discuss first. If an investigation of that sort is required, I would not take the responsibility without consulting Parliament. I am not prepared to agree with your request. I have come here to deal with a particular matter, and now I find requests made for something entirely different.

Mr. Spragg: The resolutions conveyed to you, and the petition, included the request for a general scope.

Sir Joseph: If you want a general inquiry all over the Dominion I must tell you at once I won't accept the responsibility.

Mr. Moss: A fortnight would do it.

Sir Joseph: Pardon me, a fortnight would not. The request would mean a Commission going on an exploring tour, and we know from experience what that means.

Mr. Moss said a Royal Commission was not wanted for punishment, but to find out what magistrates and justices had disgraced the position they held.

The Prime Minister: It is because magistrates and justices are referred to that I think a Commission should investigate.

Mr. Moss: If it's the Ohinemuri case only, that's already proved.

Sir Joseph: We propose to have investigated the statements made to me in the documents.

Mr. Spragg: We will be perfectly satisfied if you cover the ground mentioned in the resolution.

Sir Joseph: I am not going to be put in a wrong position by Mr. Spragg. I propose that the Commission shall investigate the statements specially made. If a broader work is required it is a matter for the consideration of Parliament.

Mr. Macky said the Prime Minister had put the matter plainly, and met the deputation very fairly.

Mr. Moss reiterated that the particular case the sworn declaration was in respect to was already proved.

Sir Joseph: There are very serious charges in respect to that, and they must be investigated.

Mr. Moss: There are many other matters. If we got sworn declarations the parties would be warned and witnesses might disappear. By not revealing our knowledge till the Commission sat, if it was a Commission with a general scope, we could prove other cases.

Sir Joseph: I have already intimated the course the Government proposes to take.

This closed the discussion.

**THE INNS OF OLD ENGLAND.**

"Who'er has travelled life's dull round,  
Where'er his stages may have been,  
May sigh to think how oft he found  
The warmest welcome—at an Inn."

There are a great many old houses in different parts of England which have been inns and hotels and post-houses for many generations, and have even been in the hands, and under the control of, the same family without changing, but the traveller will generally find that there has been some sort of alteration either structurally, or, to coin a word, "furniturally." One of these is the "Feathers Hotel," at Ludlow, in Shropshire. The only addition to the house that has ever been made during two hundred and twenty-five years is a rather modern gas-lamp in front and the sign-board stuck at an angle against the side of the house over the entrance gate. The edifice is plastered all over with queer carvings of oak, and the interior is a perfect marvel of delight

for the antiquarian. The place is filled from roof to cellar with the most exquisite specimens of Chippendale, Sheraton, and Hepplewhite. The ceilings are the work of a famous Italian who came over here when the house was first inaugurated; and the glassware, the value of which it is absolutely impossible to fix because of its extreme rarity, is stated to be amongst the finest known. Yet this is merely a country inn, patronised largely by commercial travellers, with only here and there a strayed tourist blown by accident off the beaten ways of summer excursionists.

The George Inn, in the village of Norton St. Philip, Somerset, is supposed to be the oldest licensed village ale-house in England, the licence dating from 1397. The building, which is of great age, attracts large numbers of visitors, whilst innumerable cyclists make it their rendezvous. Its appearance is eminently picturesque, each storey overhanging that beneath, whilst the front is broken by bay windows, a porch, and a flight of stone steps leading to a doorway in the wall. At the back of the premises are more quaint doors and windows, a turret built against the wall, and an outside stair; in the yard there still remains a portion of the old gallery which in the Middle Ages was found in so many hostleries. Each gable is surmounted by a curious chimney, and a peculiar feature of the interior is the upper floor, this being of plaster. This ancient inn, as may be imagined, is not without a history. When it was built, five hundred years ago, the lands of Norton St. Philip belonged to Hinton Abbey, three miles distant, the ruins of which are well worth a visit. In those days Norton was noted for its cloth fair, and the inn, it is supposed, was built by the monks of Hinton as a hostel for the traders. In June, 1685, it was occupied by the Duke of Monmouth, who, at Norton St. Philip, gained the one success of his otherwise disastrous campaign. His outposts managed to repulse the advance guard of Faversham's army with the loss of more than a hundred men. Against this, however, must be recorded the attempt on Monmouth's life. There was a reward for his body, living or dead, and as he stood at the window of the eGorge Inn he was shot at. But the would-be assassin missed him, and the unfortunate Duke was reserved for a worse fate on Tower Hill. Another "celebrity" who is said to have slept at the George is Oliver Cromwell.

When Holborn was called "the Heavy Hill" to Tyburn the Blue Boar, now used as a railway parcel office, was a wayside inn, where one night, while drinking cans of beer, Oliver Cromwell and Ireton, in the disguise of common troopers, secured the fatal missive of Charles I. to his Queen in France, which is known as the "saddle letter." The Royal courier, who came with a saddle on his head that night to engage a posthorse for his journey to Dover, did not know that in the flap of the saddle he bore a billet fraught with grave disaster to the Royal writer, of which he was deftly robbed by the roystering troopers, who hailed him on his way as "an honest fellow." That meeting at the Blue Boar wayside inn opened the first important act of the great tragedy of the Civil War.

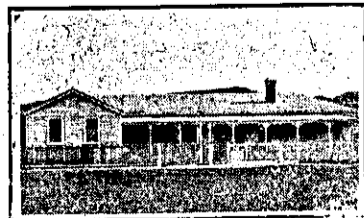
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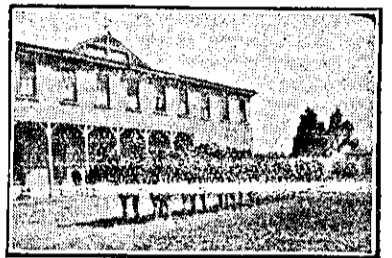
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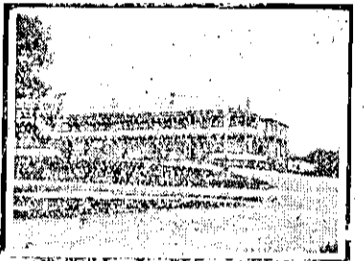
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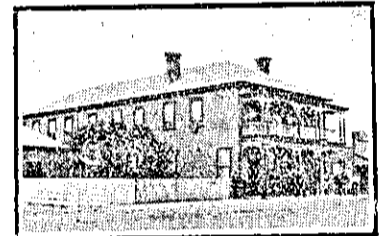
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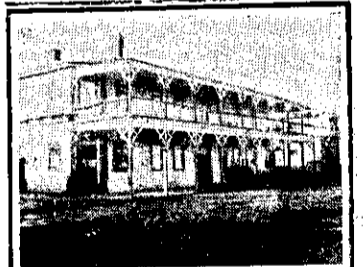
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Again the shadow of the wayside inn fell on the House of Stuart when the dragon's teeth of the Second Revolution were sown in the relentless reprisals for the Rye House Plot. Wayside inns were utilised freely in this adventure, that proved so disastrous to many of the promoters. The conspiracy was initiated in the Mitre, at Aldgate, where it was arranged to go down to Rye, in Hertfordshire, to the house of Rumbald, the malster, there to hide under a wall in wait for the King, and attack him with blunderbusses. The plotters next met at the Dolphin, behind the Exchange, and also held a secret conclave in the Salutation tavern in Lombard Street, whilst a fourth wayside inn, in which they drank success to the conspiracy, was known by the significant sign of the Devil. The grandees of the party met at Shepherd's Wine House, near Lombard Street. Shaftesbury, who had relied on "ten thousand brisk boys of London," but did not find them, had saved his neck by a brisk trip to Holland, but there still remained Lords Russell, Grey, Essex, Holland, and Sir Thomas Armstrong. As the result of those meetings in the wayside inns, Lord Russell lost his head on the scaffold in Lincoln's Inn Fields; the Earl of Essex was found dead in the Tower, with his throat and hand cut, which pointed to murder rather than suicide; and Algernon Sydney also fell a victim to Jacobite vengeance, while the lesser lights of the plot were outed by the rope and axe on the reeking scaffolds of London and Edinburgh. The mine of culminating disaster to a Royal line had been laid in those wayside inns, and at another lonely wayside inn a fuse was made that blew the last cornerstone from the House of Stuart.

What is probably the most curious inn sign in England is to be found at Grantham, in Lincolnshire. The house is called "The Living Sign," because the latter is a large elm-tree containing a hive of bees in its branches in full work.

A local poet long ago memorialised the sign and the famous spire of Grantham Church in verse thus:—

"Stop, traveller, stop! This wondrous sign explore,  
And say when thou hast viewed it  
O'er and o'er:—  
"Grantham, two rarities are thine,  
A lofty steeple and a living sign."

Legend has it that it was under this tree that Oliver Cromwell held a council after fighting the first action of the Civil War. This took place at Grantham, Cromwell, with only his own regiment, defeating twenty-four troops of the King's horse.

Colonel Cavendish, who took Grantham from the Parliamentarians in 1642, and demolished its fortifications, is also reputed to have made "The Living Sign" his headquarters. The house is certainly very ancient, and so is the tree, and as long as can be remembered the bees have buzzed in and out its branches—emblems of life and business. Their hive is carefully looked after and kept in condition, so that the honey-making insects may have every chance of flourishing.

Some time ago a very curious custom was revived at the ancient hostelry known as the Gatehouse, at Highgate. In the good old days cattle drovers calling on their way to Smithfield used to require any stranger encountered at the inn to kiss the horns of one of their oxen before admitting him to the privileges of fellowship. The animal was then brought to the door for the purpose, but now the ceremony of administering the oath takes place in one of the old rooms of the house. The only part of the

ox present is the indispensable pair of horns, which are borne in solemn but solitary state by the landlord to the swearing-in sanctum. There the "oath" is recited by his assistant, who, in his ancient black gown, wig and bands imparts the necessary "official" aspect to the proceedings. Having duly kissed the horns, the stranger becomes a freeman of the place and entitled to all the rights and privileges attaching thereto.

A very curious custom is in vogue at an inn in Yorkshire. Between Halifax and Bradford lies the village of Shibden, at the public-house of which every first Sunday in May a small cake is presented to the first arrival. This cake is made principally of treacle and dough, and is of the variety universally popular in Yorkshire as "parkin." By calling as early as three in the morning Halifax men in former years secured the cake; but last May it was taken by an enterprising young fellow from Bradford, who arrived half an hour before any caller from Halifax. The origin of this quaint custom is lost in its antiquity.

For many years past a peculiar practice has been observed at two public-houses at Holmes Chapel, Cheshire. There, as elsewhere, it is the custom to ring the old year out and the new year in. But there it is also the custom for the ringers to afterwards adjourn to the two inns referred to and be entertained by the landlords. These facts were disclosed a few years ago, when the landlord of the George and Dragon, one of the hospitable establishments, was charged before the magistrates with keeping his premises open and selling drink during prohibited hours on New Year's morning. It was explained that the only guests present were the privileged ringers, and in deference to a very old custom the justices felt justified in dismissing the summons, and the case was in that way disposed of.—Licensed Victuallers' Gazette.

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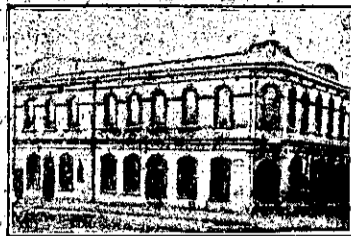
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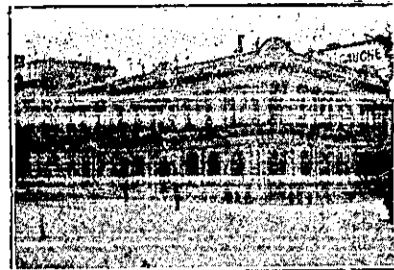
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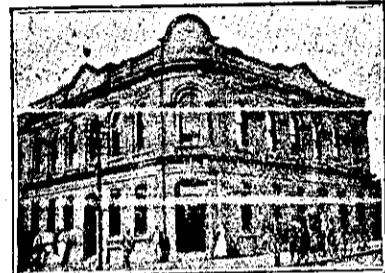


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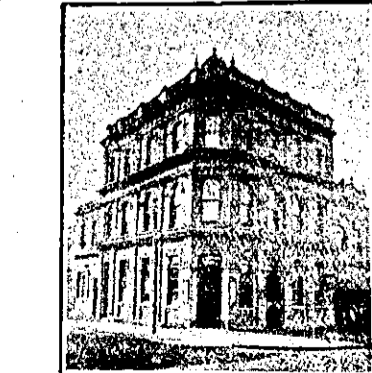
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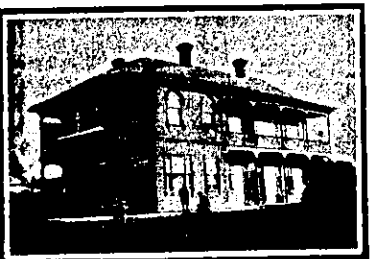
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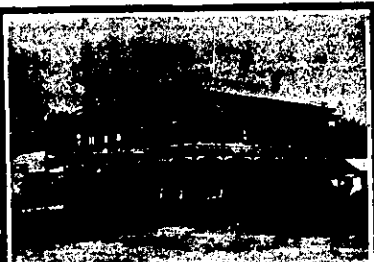
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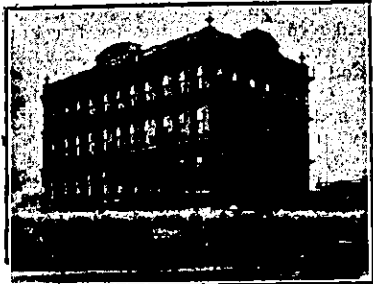
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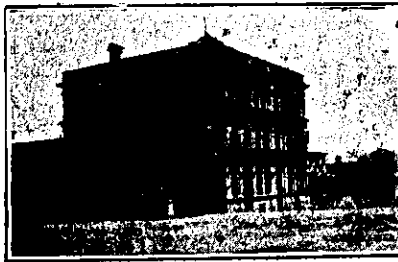
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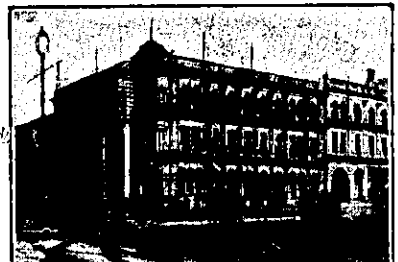
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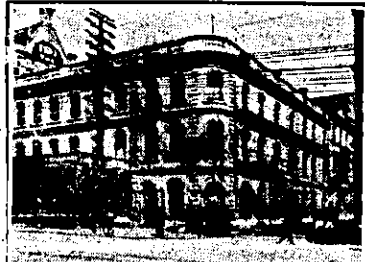
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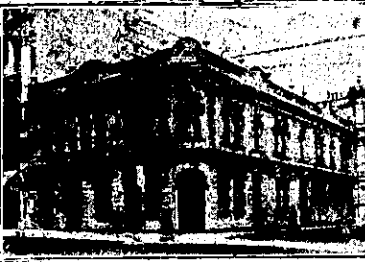
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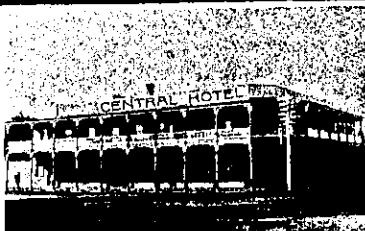
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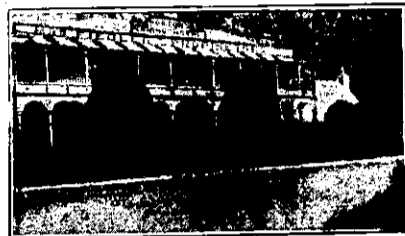


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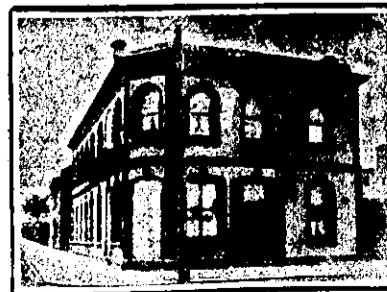
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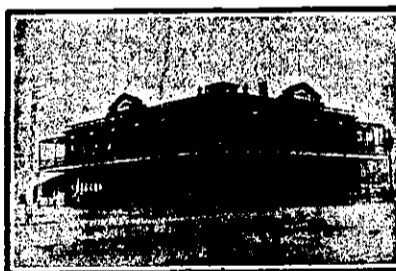
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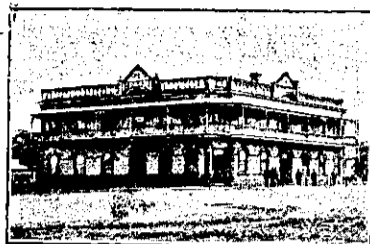
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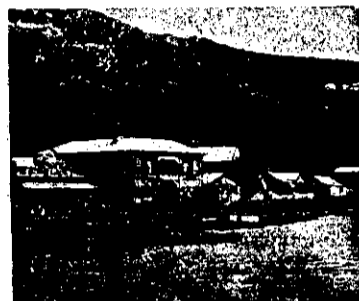
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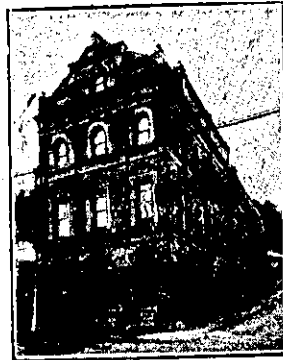
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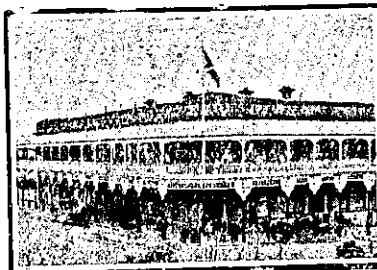
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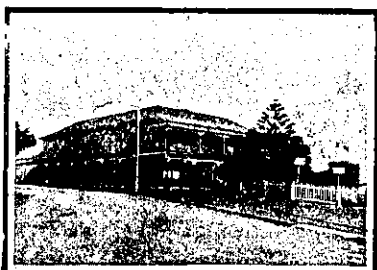
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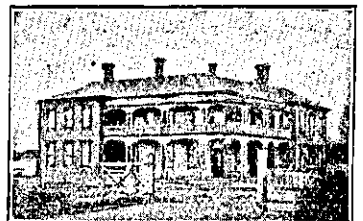
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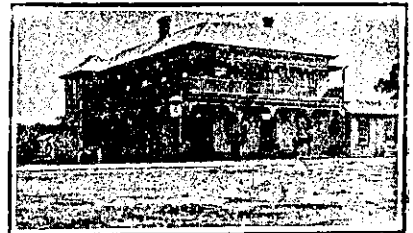
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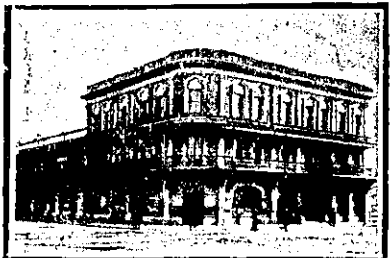


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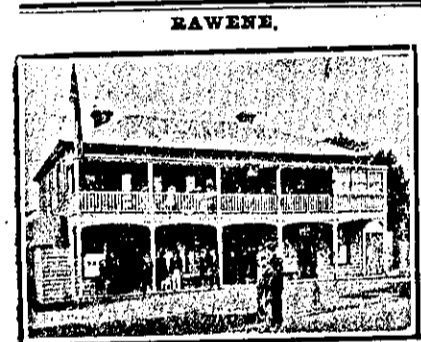
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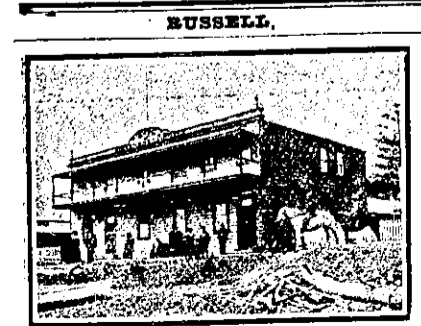
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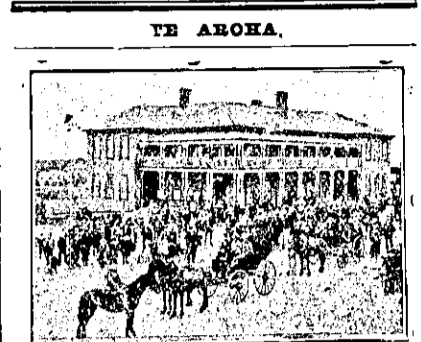
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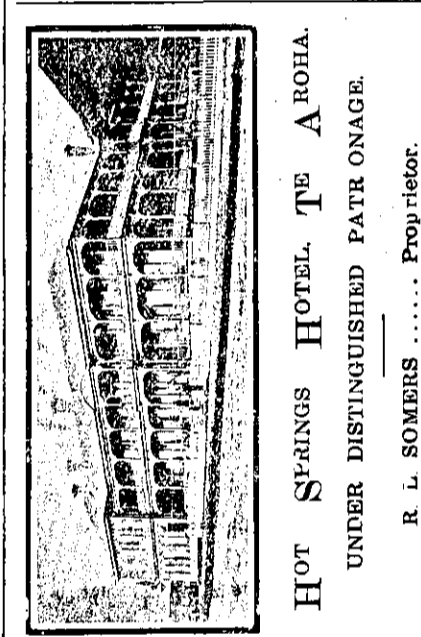
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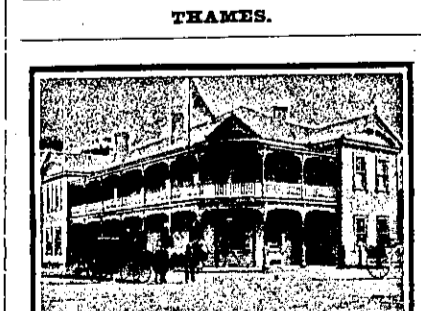


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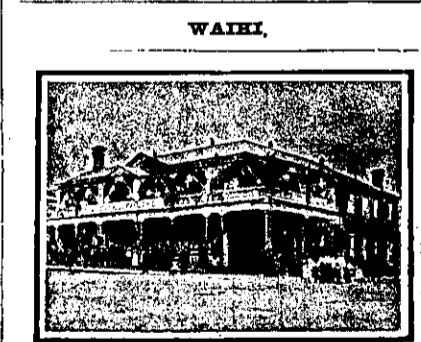
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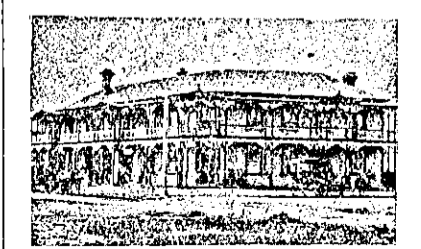
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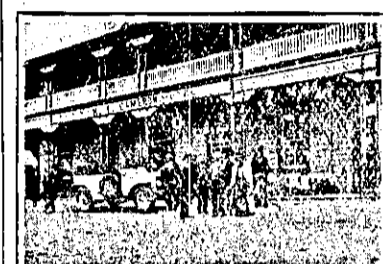
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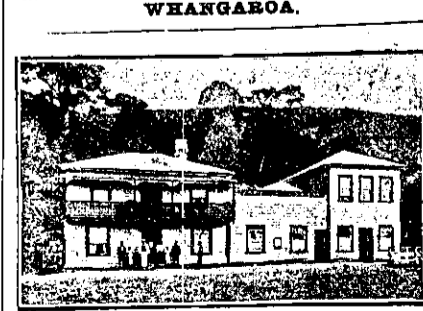
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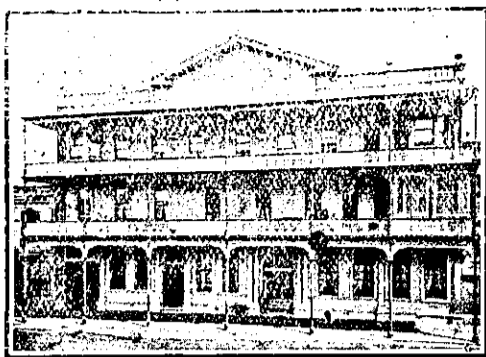
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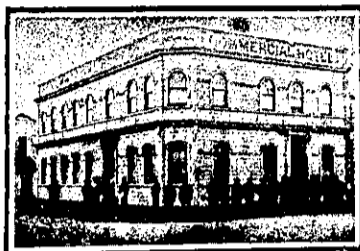


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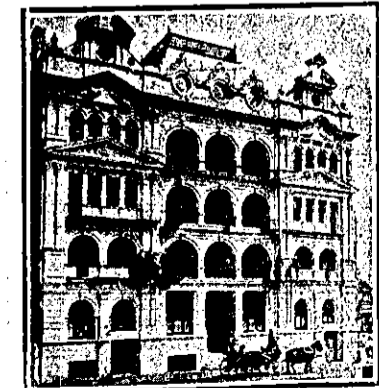
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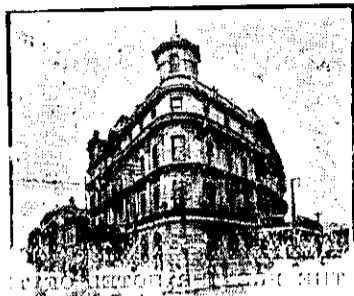
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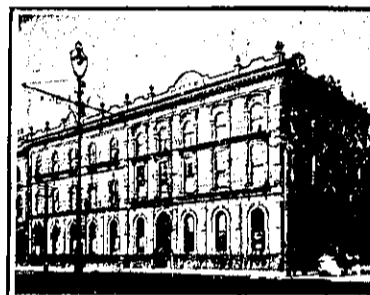
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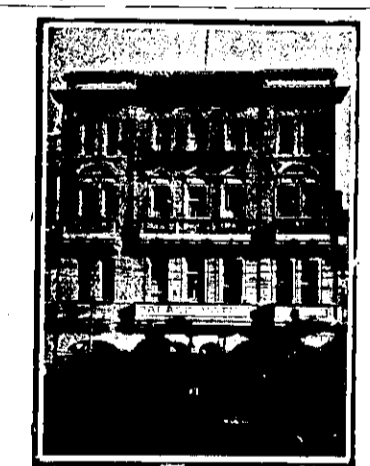
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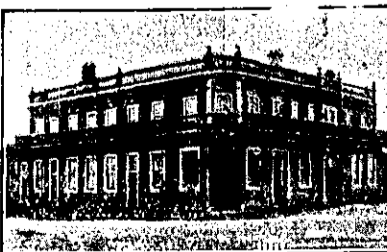
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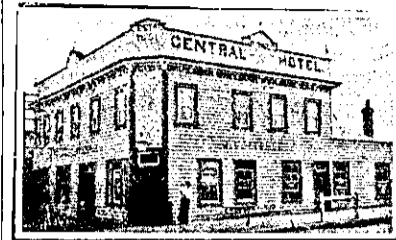
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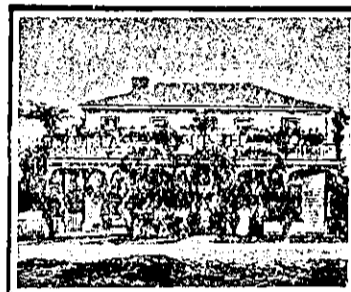


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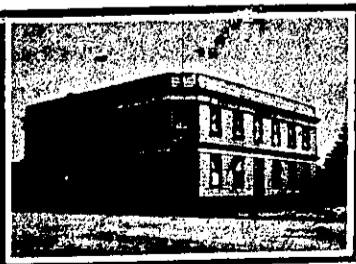


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