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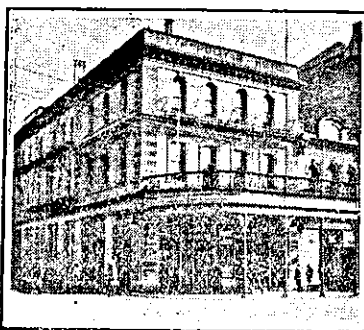
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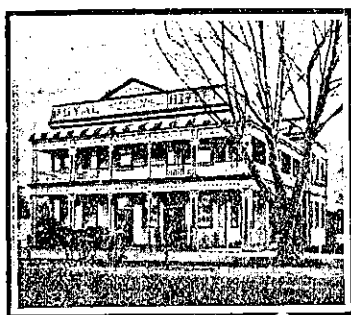


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**AUTUMN MEETING.**

FIRST DAY,

SATURDAY, APRIL 10th, 1909.

**TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP** of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile and a-quarter.

**BRIGHTON HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP)** of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Two miles.

**NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES** of 550sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies, 8st 8lb; geldings, 8st 7lb. By subscription of 6sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in December, 1908, 1sov forfeit; if struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in February, 1909 3sovs forfeit; if left in after this date liable for the whole 6sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Six furlongs.

**EASTER HANDICAP** of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race or flat races after declaration of weights of the value of 100sovs to carry 3lb; of 150sovs, 7lb; of 300sovs 10lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs, and a final payment of 3sovs each. One mile.

**EDEN 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.

**VICTORIA HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Winner of Champagne Stakes to carry 10lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

**NELSON 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 250 sovs at time of starting. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Seven furlongs.

**TRAMWAY 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. Five furlongs.

**SECOND DAY.**

EASTER MONDAY APRIL 12th, 1909.

**THE STEWARDS' HANDICAP** of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile.

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

**THE GREAT NORTHERN OAKS** of 250sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-old fillies, 8st 10lb. By subscription of 5sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in December, 1908, 1sov forfeit; if struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in February, 1909, 2sovs forfeit. If left in after this date liable for the whole 6sovs. Winner of any race (not a handicap) after August 1st 1908, of the value of 300sovs, 5lb; of 500sovs, 7lb; of the collective value of 1000sovs, 10lb penalty. Maidens allowed 7lb. One mile and a-half.

**ST. GEORGE'S HANDICAP** of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 6sovs each. One mile and a-quarter.

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

**AUTUMN STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP)** of 300sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 2sovs each. About three miles and a-half.

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**ELECTRIC HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. The winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

**THIRD DAY,**

**EASTER TUESDAY, APRIL 13th, 1909.**

**MAIDEN HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP)** of 110sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 100sovs, or hurdle races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile and three-quarters.

**GORE-BROWNE HANDICAP** of 100 sovs; 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 100 sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Six furlongs.

**ONSLow STAKES (HANDICAP)** of 110sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds that have never won a race of the value of 50sovs, or races of the collective value of 150sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

**AUTUMN HANDICAP** of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 6sovs each. One mile and a-half.

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

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

**TOURIST 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 250 sovs at time of starting. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

**AUCKLAND WELTER HANDICAP** of 200sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Minimum weight, 8st. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile.

**DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.**

**AUTUMN MEETING, 1909.**

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

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 1908.**

**FIRST FORFEIT.**—Great Northern Champagne Stakes 1sov, Great Northern Oaks 1sov.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5th, by 9 p.m.**

**SECOND FORFEIT.**—Champagne Stakes 3sovs, The Oaks 2sovs.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 5th, by 9 p.m.**

**NOMINATIONS.**—Brighton Hurdles 1sov, Easter Handicap 1sov, St. George's Handicap 1sov, Autumn Steeplechase 1sov, Autumn Handicap 1sov.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 26th, General Entry, by 9 p.m.**

**ACCEPTANCES.**—Brighton Hurdles 1sov, Easter Handicap 3sovs, Autumn Steeplechase 2sovs.

**NOMINATIONS.**—Tradesmen's Handicap 1sov, Eden Handicap 1sov, Victoria Handicap 1sov, Nelson Handicap 1sov, Tramway Handicap 1sov, Stewards' Handicap 1sov, Ellerslie Handicap 1sov, Hula Handicap 1sov, Mangere Handicap 1sov, Electric Handicap 1sov, Maiden Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Gore-Browne Handicap 1sov, Omslow Stakes Handicap 1sov, St. Helier's Hurdles 1sov, Buckland Handicap 1sov, Tourist Handicap 1sov, Auckland Welter Handicap 1sov.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 2nd, by 9 p.m.**

**ACCEPTANCES.**—Tradesmen's Handicap 1sov, Eden Handicap 1sov, Victoria Handicap 1sov, Nelson Handicap 1sov, Tramway Handicap 1sov.

**FINAL PAYMENT.**—Easter Handicap 3sovs.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 10th, at the Post, Champagne Stakes (sub.), 6sovs.**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 10th, by 9 p.m.**

**ACCEPTANCES.**—Stewards' Handicap 1sov, Ellerslie Handicap 1sov, St. George's Handicap 6sovs, Hula Handicap 1sov, Mangere Handicap 1sov, Electric Handicap 1sov.

**MONDAY, APRIL 12th, at the Post, Great Northern Oaks (sub.), 5sovs.**

**MONDAY, APRIL 12th, by 9 p.m.**

**ACCEPTANCES.**—Maiden Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Gore-Browne Handicap 1sov, Omslow Stakes Handicap 1sov, Autumn Handicap 6sovs, St. Helier's Hurdles 1sov, Buckland Handicap 1sov, Tourist Handicap 1sov, Auckland Welter Handicap 1sov.

**DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 19th,**

Brighton Hurdles, Easter Handicap, Autumn Steeplechase.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31st,**

Tradesmen's Handicap, Eden Handicap, Victoria Handicap, Nelson Handicap, Tramway Handicap.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 10th, by 8 p.m.**

Stewards' Handicap, Ellerslie Handicap, St. George's Handicap, Hula Handicap, Mangere Handicap, Electric Handicap.

**MONDAY, APRIL 12th, by 8 p.m.**

Maiden Hurdle Handicap, Gore-Browne Handicap, Omslow Stakes Handicap, Autumn Handicap, St. Helier's Hurdles, Buckland Handicap, Tourist Handicap, Auckland Welter Handicap.

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**FIRST DAY,**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1909.**

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

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

**OAKLEY HANDICAP** of 60sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Nomination 1sov; acceptance 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

**JUVENILE HANDICAP** of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

**AVONDALE HANDICAP** of 200sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.

**TITIRANGI HANDICAP** of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, seven furlongs.

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

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

**SECOND DAY,**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1909.**

**NURSERY HANDICAP** of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

**FLYING HANDICAP** of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, four furlongs.

**MAIDEN HANDICAP HURDLES** of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race of the value of 80sovs, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

**AUTUMN HANDICAP** of 150sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Distance, one mile.

**DOMINION HANDICAP** of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, five furlongs.

**HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE** of 80sovs; second horse to receive 8sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, about three miles.

**MOUNT ROSKILL HANDICAP** of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 40sovs in value, or races of the collective value of 200sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Distance, six furlongs.

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

**DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.**

**AUTUMN MEETING.**

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

**FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1909, by 9 p.m.**

Nominations. — Avondale Handicap 1sov, Autumn Handicap 1sov, Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Railway Handicap 1sov.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 9 (General Entry), by 9 p.m.**

Maiden Plate Handicap 1sov, Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Oakley Handicap 1sov, Juvenile Handicap 1sov, Titirangi Handicap 1sov, Chevalier Handicap 1sov, Maiden Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Flying Handicap 1sov, Dominion Handicap 1sov, Nursery Handicap 1sov, Mount Roskill Handicap 1sov, Waitakerei Handicap 1sov.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 16, by 9 p.m.**

Acceptances.—Maiden Plate Handicap 1sov, Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Oakley Handicap 1sov, Avondale Handicap 3sovs, Titirangi Handicap 1sov, Juvenile Handicap 1sov, Chevalier Handicap 1sov, Railway Handicap 1sov.

**MONDAY, APRIL 26, by 9 p.m.**

Maiden Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Flying Handicap 1sov, Dominion Handicap 1sov, Autumn Handicap 2sovs, Nursery Handicap 1sov, Handicap Steeplechase 1sov, Mount Roskill Handicap 1sov, Waitakerei Handicap 1sov.

**DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.**

On or about MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1909.

Avondale Handicap, Railway Handicap.

On or about MONDAY, APRIL 12.

Maiden Plate Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, Oakley Handicap, Juvenile Handicap, Titirangi Handicap, Chevalier Handicap.

**MONDAY, APRIL 26, Morning Paper.**

Maiden Handicap Hurdles, Flying Handicap, Dominion Handicap, Autumn Handicap, Nursery Handicap, Handicap Steeplechase, Mount Roskill Handicap, Waitakerei Handicap.

H. H. HAYR, Secretary.

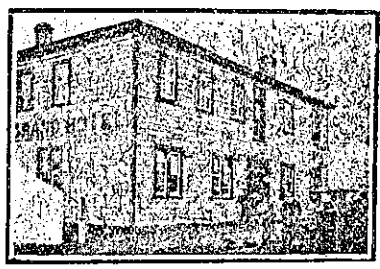
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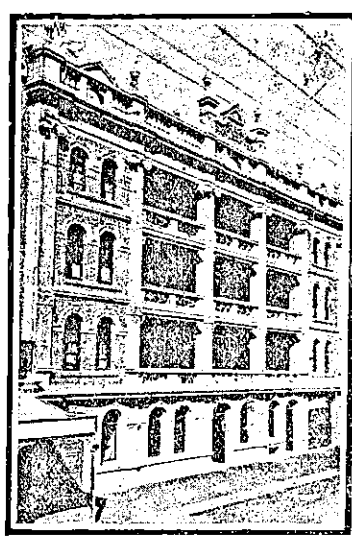
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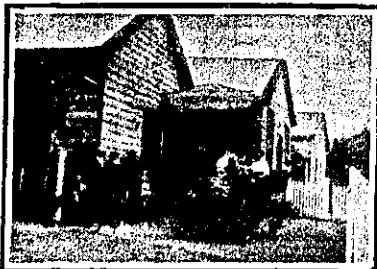


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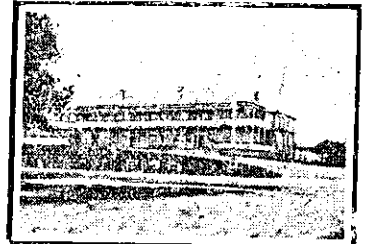
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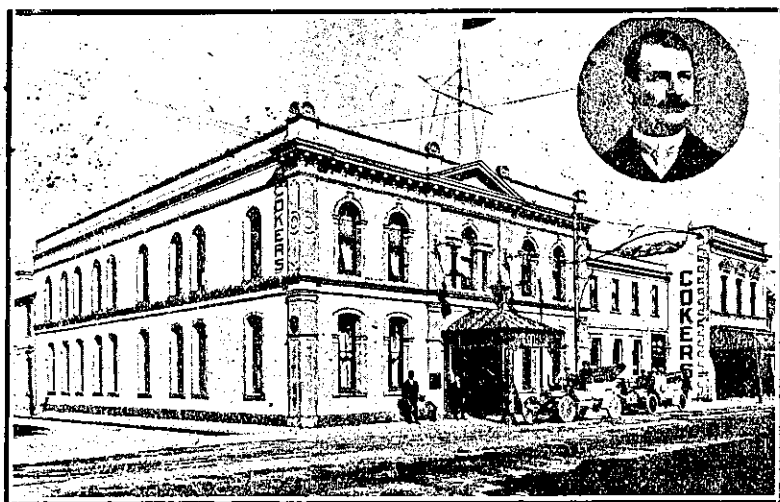
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# RACING.

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## RACING CALENDAR.

SEASON 1908-09.

### FIXTURES.

March 24, 25—South Canterbury J.C.  
 March 24, 25—Taranaki J.C.  
 March 26, 27—Northern Wairoa R.C.  
 March 27, 31, and April 3—Auckland Trotting Club.  
 March 31 and April 1—Southland R.C.  
 March 31—Mania Hack R.C. Annual  
 April 1—Rangitara R.C. Annual  
 April 1 and 3—Nelson J.C. Annual  
 April 1 and 2—Masterton R.C. Autumn  
 April 3—North Canterbury J.C. Hack  
 April 3—Wellington Pony Club  
 April 5 and 6—Reefton J.C. Autumn  
 April 8 and 9—Greymouth J.C. Autumn  
 April 10, 12 and 13—Auckland R.C. Autumn  
 April 24, 28—Avondale J.C.  
 April 10, 12, 14, and 17—A.J.C. Autumn  
 April 10 and 12—Wairarapa R.C. Autumn  
 April 12 and 13—Riverton R.C. Annual  
 April 12—Beaumont J.C. Annual  
 April 12—Patea R.C. Annual Meeting  
 April 12 and 13—Feilding J.C. Easter  
 April 12 and 13—Kumara R.C. Autumn  
 April 12 and 13—C.J.C. Autumn  
 April 21 and 24—Wellington R.C. Autumn  
 April 28 and 29—Manawatu R.C. Autumn  
 May 5 and 6—Hawke's Bay J.C. Autumn

### NOMINATIONS.

April 2—Avondale J.C. (special events)  
 April 9—Avondale J.C.

### HANDICAPS.

March 26—Auckland Racing Club.  
 April 5—Avondale J.C. (special events)  
 April 12—Avondale J.C.

### ACCEPTANCES.

March 25—Wellington Pony Club  
 April 2—A.R.C.  
 April 16—Avondale J.C.

## THE FAILURE OF THE GAMING ACT.

### A BUNGLING MEASURE, WHICH MUST BE REPEALED.

When a number of people meet together to deal with a question concerning which the majority are densely ignorant, it is not surprising to find them making some stupid blunders. An excellent example of the truth of this may be found in the Gaming and Lotteries Act Amendment Act, generally known as the Gaming Act. As was pointed out at the time in these columns, this measure ranks as one of the most ill-considered Acts ever placed on the Statute-book of the Dominion, and in saying this one says much, for these are the days of experimental legislation. Seemingly it was drawn up so as to pander to the supposed wishes of the Council of the Churches, a body which is constantly passing motions concerning sporting subjects and other things with which it is not conversant at all. However, whoever was responsible for such a Bill matters not. It has had its trial, and has now been condemned on all hands as an utter and egregious blunder. Time after time its faults have been exposed in these columns, but a few of them are worth recapitulating. Newspapers are compelled to refrain from publishing totalisator dividends, although the Government legalises the totalisator and draws a revenue from it. Everyone who attends a racecourse knows what the dividends are, and these tell their friends, and the information is wired to all parts of the colony. The newspapers must not publish them however. This is outdoing the ostrich in one of its best known habits, and is surely worthy of comic opera. The newspapers are not allowed to give the market quotations before any race, the promoters of the Act evidently thinking this would stop ante-post betting. Nothing will stop betting, for it is an ingrained characteristic of the human race. What the Act has done, is to place the public at the mercy of the bookmakers in the matter of odds, for there are no means of verifying the truth of any quotation given. Now, we have many reputable bookmakers, and many who are quite the reverse, and these latter are thus given carte blanche to fleece the public as much as they like.

One of the strongest indictments of this preposterous Act comes from the

police, who should be in a good position to know. Speaking of some of the men who are licensed as bookmakers by jockey clubs, a police officer at Christchurch said: "They have merely to collect enough money to pay the license fee, and then they are at liberty to prey upon the public. They are given a legal standing in the community. Formerly the police could deal with these men as vagrants, and did so. Now they cannot be touched, because they have a legal standing in the community. They are not without lawful visible means of support. They are licensed bookmakers. A man who wants a license to trade as a second-hand dealer has to pass the ordeal of a strict police examination into his character. There does not seem to be any examination at all into the character of the applicant for a bookmaker's license. The only qualification required is ability to pay the license fee. It looks as though some clubs wanted to ride the Act to death, and so disgust the public with the bookmakers that the totalisator will be allowed to have a monopoly of the racing business." Could further proof be wanting of the absurdity of retaining this badly conceived Act. It must be repealed, and that speedily; but if new legislation is attempted, then members should be compelled to consult some of the many experts on racing questions, instead of devising idiotic laws concerning matters about which their ignorance is abyssmal.

## AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

### COMMENCES ON SATURDAY.

The Auckland Trotting Club's Autumn Meeting will be commenced on Saturday next, when, with fine weather, it may be confidently expected that the attendance will be a record one. The reason for this is that in addition to the ordinary good sport provided, spectators will have an opportunity of seeing two crack trotters being sent against time, with the prospect of securing good purses if they succeed. Lord Elmo, who has come up from the South on purpose, and Specialist are the two down to make the attempts, which will be done in separate trials. In the mile, 2min. 18sec. has to be beaten, and should both horses do this, the one doing the fastest time will get the purse of 100 sovs. In the two-mile go, later on in the meeting, which is to be considered on Wednesday and Saturday, Father Time will stand on 4min. 48sec. and in the opinion of many experts the old scythe-bearer will be ousted in this round by Lord Elmo, but in the mile it may be otherwise. However, we shall see on Saturday. The club is to be warmly commended for the effort to cater for the best trotters in the Dominion, and thus improve trotting. The remainder of the events have drawn excellent acceptances, so there is good prospect of some fine all-round sport. Mr. C. F. Mark, the secretary, has all the arrangements properly fixed up for the smooth running of the meeting. A number of extra cars will be put on the Epsom run, so that no difficulty will be experienced in reaching the convincing ground. All that is wanted to achieve a big success is fine weather. The first race starts at one p.m. The acceptances are as follows:

STEWARDS' HANDICAP, two miles.—Scotia scratch, Princess Ena scratch, Waitekauri 13s., Barmeguide 13s., Kohine 14s., John Harold 14s., Bogey 16s., All Night 16s., Harold Abdullah 17s., Tableau 17s., Huon Leal 18s.  
 CORNWALL HANDICAP, one mile.—Specialist scratch, Princess Ena 2s., Rother 6s., Le Roster 6s., Scotia 6s., V.E. 8s., Waitekauri 10s., Mandarene 12s., Autocrat 12s., Dan Tracey 13s., Bogey 13s.  
 MAIDEN HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Rita W. scratch, Black Mire 4s., Jungle 5s., General A. 6s., Citizens' League 6s., Black Temple 6s., Elk 6s., The Dove 6s., Mikado 12s., Inaha 12s., Marama 13s., Timidity 13s., Cora Bell 13s., Bell G. 13s., Elba 13s.  
 MIDDLE-CLASS HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Harold Huon 5s., Cleveland's Pride 9s., Huanui 11s., Bert 11s., Doydawn 12s., Wilhelmina 13s., Castaway 14s., Nelson 14s., Lady Park 14s., Janitor 18s., Black Temple 18s., Minnie B. 20s., Dan 21s., Major Election 23s., Mikado 23s.  
 HOBSON HARNESS TROT, one mile and a-half.—Le Roster scratch, Barmeguide 7s., John Harold 10s., Pierotte 14s.,

Count 18s., Royal Albert 25s., Green Lavender 25s., Queen Anne 30s.  
 TRITING HANDICAP, two miles.—Rober scratch, Little Paul 8s., Harold Huon 14s., Kirikiriroa 16s., Bert 22s., Rita W. 24s., Lady Park 26s., Castaway 26s., Green Lavender 28s., Albert Edward 29s., Janitor 32s., Major Election 34s.  
 ELECTRIC HANDICAP, one mile.—Maplewood scratch, Rosebud 4s., Irish Molly 6s., Pierotte 8s., Pukerimu 8s., Ballot 9s., Rosie Wilkes 10s., Iago 10s., Macquarie 11s., Miss Tuxie 12s., Colenso 13s., Bert 13s., Royal Victor 17s.  
 AUTUMN PONY HANDICAP, about four furlongs and a-half.—Mahinga 9.7, Mistime 8.10, Frontino 8.4, Elenore 7.13, Norma 7.7, Matarere 7.5, Quadroon 7.5, Leo Grand 7.4, Starling 7.2, Celebrity 7.2, Maika 7.0, Laurel Wreath 6.10, Nora Sout 6.10, Cisco Rose 6.10.  
 The following nominations were received in connection with the purse offered for time record breaking:—  
 Purse of 100sovs (for trotting horse putting up the fastest time record for one mile, time limit 2m. 18s.): Lord Elmo, Specialist.  
 Purse of 100sovs (for trotting horse putting up the fastest time record for two miles, time limit 4m. 48s.): Lord Elmo.

## THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

### ENTRY DAY IS TO-MORROW.

The time for holding the Autumn Meeting of the Auckland Racing Club draws on apace, and indications at present point to another big success. Owners are now reminded that nominations for the following races close with Mr. J. F. Hartland, the secretary, at 9 p.m. to-morrow (Friday) evening: Tradesmen's Handicap, Eden Handicap, Victoria Handicap, Nelson Handicap, Tramway Handicap, Stewards' Handicap, Eilerslie Handicap, Huia Handicap, Mangere Handicap, Electric Handicap, Maiden Hurdle Handicap, Gore-Browne Handicap, Onslow Stakes Handicap, St. Helier's Hurdles, Buckland Handicap, Tourist Handicap, Auckland Welter Handicap.  
 At the same time acceptances must be made for the Brighton Hurdles, Easter Handicap and Autumn Steeplechase.

### SUCCESSFUL JOCKEYS.

In his always interesting notes, "Bondi," of the "Sydney Referee," refers to three crack horsemen as follows:—  
 "Knowledge is power," and we have proof of it in the fact that it was little Frank or "Knickerbocker" Wootton's knowledge of race-riding that recently enabled him to refuse the princely retaining fee of £2000 a year. Little Frank's knowledge of his art has placed him second on England's winning jockeys' list for the past year, and it is publicly stated that his income is now £5000 per annum. Provided the boy has the natural abilities for race riding, there is no game a father can place his son at that will give the lad the chances of becoming a millionaire than a jockey's position does.  
 But it would seem that, like the poet, a jockey must be born to his business. Long before Mr. Wootton's clever son went to show the British boys how to ride, the two Reiffs (Lester and Johnnie) went over from the United States on a similar mission, and their success was something marvellous. In the year 1900, Lester Reiff topped the list of winning jockeys in England by scoring 143 first places, that being the first time a foreign jockey ever held that honour. And Little Johnnie held third place with 124 wins to his credit. And Johnnie was then even younger than Frank Wootton is now, and was well pleased when a kind-hearted old lady would give him an apple or a bag of lollies. He was only thirteen years of age then, and he won that splendid prize, the Prince of Wales's Stakes, of £10,000, at Newmarket.  
 Like all other good jockeys, the Reiffs kept their business to themselves, and no one could fix their winnings to a cent, but it is very certain that at the end of the first year the two boys had banked £8000; and it is equally clear that when they arrived at their lowly home in Toledo, Ohio, they gladdened their old father's eyes with the sight of £40,000 of British money.  
 It is a pleasing thing to state that most young jockeys who meet with

luck like this make it their first duty to provide for their parents' future comfort, and make them glad they reared such good and clever children. I could name several similar cases of young Australian jockeys, but, unfortunately, their wins ran into hundreds only, while the Yankee lads spoke of thousands. It is a queer business this, A rich man spends thousands of pounds on his son's education and start in life, and the lad is never worth more than thirty bob a week to anyone. A poor, struggling blacksmith or trainer gives his boy a slice of fried bread and a pair of German silver spurs, and the boy goes off and earns more every year than an English Prime Minister can!

## TROTTING IN VICTORIA.

### £1300 IN PRIZE-MONEY.

The sport of trotting is at the present time being liberally encouraged in Victoria through the instrumentality of the Melbourne Trotting Club, of which Mr. J. Wren is the manager. An advertisement appearing in the present issue, relating as it does to an aggregate prize offering of £1300, is worthy of the attention of owners of trotters and pacers throughout Australasia. Two of the items, £300 and £500 respectively, are for Sires' Produce events, to be run off in July, 1910, and July, 1911, and nominations for these are due with the secretary, Mr. A. J. Gray, 197 Bourke Street, Melbourne, on March 31st (inst.). These events are for present yearlings and foals, and will be contested in harness. To meet the exigencies of the case as regards owners here, the management announces that nominations posted in New Zealand on or before 31st inst. will be accepted.  
 The Futurity Five Hundred Race (£500), which will be run on the Richmond Racecourse on Friday, September 3 next, is for trotters and pacers. Nominations for this event are due on April 20, and the fee is £3. Full particulars of this interesting contest are given in the advertisement. The first acceptance (fee £5) is due on July 1.

## DID SOULTLINE WIN THE NEW-MARKET HANDICAP?

Such a question at first sight savours of the superfluous. The judge has declared the Auckland won, and the stakes have been duly paid out, and that, as far as any practical result is concerned, ends the matter. The question, however, still remains—Did he really win? There is an old saying that the camera cannot lie, and I must confess to thinking, after seeing an instantaneous photo. of the finish, that Dunolly had beaten him. In this picture, taken about two yards from the post, Dunolly appears to be in front, and all accounts say that he was finishing very fast. He was wide out, however, and much nearer the judge's box than Soultline, who was on the rails, and one knows how an optical illusion always favours the more distant object. Evidently there is much doubt about the accuracy of the placing, for "The Australasian" says that a great many people think now that Dunolly won, but, of course, what the judge says "goes" on these occasions. If the photograph could be developed quickly enough, a man in the box with a camera would put an end to all arguments. With two horses finishing as far apart as Soultline and Dunolly did, it may be a difficult matter to decide at times, but I fancy it rarely happens that a mistake is made. Still, there is no reason why a judge should be infallible, and it would settle the matter effectually if the camera could be utilised. The difficulty is that the result could not be produced at once. It would never do to have the instrument which cannot lie contradicting the judge afterwards. At present no man with a camera can get the exact line that the judge obtains, but the photograph of "The Australasian" last week shows pretty clearly that Irishman did not finish within a neck of Dunolly. In such a close finish the judge would have enough to do without riveting his attention on the third horse.

## THE WARRENGATE J.C. ANNUAL MEETING.

The Warrengate Jockey Club's annual race meeting was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., and proved highly successful. The prospect of a fine day induced a record crowd to journey out from Wanganui for the gathering, but unfortunately rain set in shortly after two o'clock, and continued for the rest of the afternoon. Notwithstanding the adverse weather conditions, the club's patrons enjoyed themselves much, thanks greatly to the fact that the management of the meeting was really excellent, and that large fields and very interesting racing were the order of the day. The conduct of the meeting was very favourably commented upon by visitors, who declared that it was absolutely the best managed of the "no tote" gatherings, while the sport provided was of the most interesting nature and clean throughout. Twenty book-makers were licensed, the fees amounting to £115 10s.

Racing opened with the Handicap Hurdles, in which Rosegrove and Whimper were the popular picks, but the winner turned up in Finesseur, a six-year-old gelding by Gipsy King, trained by W. Kraft at Bulls. Finesseur is evidently a fairly good sort, but he was somewhat lucky to win, as Taupo was finishing well when he toppled over at the last hurdle.

Newport, by Daystar—Porangi, was made favourite for the Flying Handicap, and backers were on good terms with themselves as the gelding looked to be romping home. A furlong from home, however, young Coleman let Quick March, a three-year-old daughter of Advance—Lady Spec, have her head, and a splendid effort resulted in Quick March getting up in the last stride, having made up the leeway wonderfully fast. The winner is trained by Jimmy Peachey, and is owned by Mr. Jas. McKelvie. She should be heard of again shortly.

Ten started in the Maiden lat, which might have fallen to Marshall, the three-year-old son of Soult—Princess Alice) had his rider not made a wide sweep at the bend, and allowed Maori Rifle to get up on the inside, with the result that though Mr. H. E. Good's colt finished fast, he could not quite catch Maori Rifle again. The latter is a five-year-old gelding by Explosion—Keepsake, which appears to be improving under George Laing's care.

Six started in the big money, the Warrengate Cup, Anemone and Research being the most fancied, and the pair fought out a great finish, Frank Lund just landing Research home a winner by half a head by really fine horsemanship. Lind trains the Renown gelding, who has frequently done some good track work, but ran disappointingly in races. It looks as if he wanted a vigorous rider on him always.

Debonaire had no difficulty in winning the Ladies' Bracelet from Castiglione and seven others. The two named were out by themselves all the way.

The last event on the programme, the St. Patrick's Day Handicap, was contested by thirteen, of whom Flying Wind and Singer were the most fancied, and the latter got home after a good race. Singer is a three-year-old filly by Advance out of Sing Song, and is owned by Mr. Wiri Tokena. She has been trained by W. Price up to the present, but in future will be an inmate of the Fordell stable.

Amongst the starters was an aged gelding rejoicing in the name of Dick Arnst, who did not shape like a champion. Mr. Jas. Coombes, who officiated at the barrier, got his fields away exceedingly well in every event. The club should have a very nice profit to show after all accounts are squared up.

## THE PAKURANGA RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

The Pakuranga Racing Club brought off their annual meeting on Saturday in beautiful weather, and but for an exasperatingly long wait on the homeward trip for the special train, everything passed off very pleasantly. The attendance was a very large one, and the racing quite interesting, the finish of the Cup being very exciting. Mr. Fred. Yonge, the secretary, saw to it that the details were efficiently carried out, and everything passed off without a hitch.

The programme was commenced with the Maiden Plate, six furlongs, six going to the post. From a good start Cisco Rose was soon in front, but nearing home Blue Garment went to the front and romped home half a dozen lengths ahead of Lady Jane, with Censure a moderate third.

Another field of six contested the Flying Stakes, five furlongs. After some delay the field went off together, Mistime taking up the running. Some way from home Frontino went to the front, and although Mistime put up a plucky stern chase, Mr. Davis' gelding won comfortably by a length, Lycia being a poor third.

The big event followed, five going to the post for the Cup, one mile, Inglis was the first to begin, and he led from Sedition down the back. Then Rimlock went up to the leader and turned into the straight in advance. Greenwood brought Epsom Lass with a good run in the straight, and after a desperate battle the daughter of Hotchkiss won by half a length, with Inglis two lengths off third, followed by Lord Seaton and Sedition.

Don Quex won the Hack Handicap, four furlongs, from four others. He had not much to spare, however, from Weka, who was only a neck away, with Censure a close third.

The Railway Handicap, six furlongs, only attracted three runners. The start was a good one, but Explosive was soon in front, and, coming away, he won by nearly three lengths from Etonia, who was a length in front of Discoverer.

The day's proceedings were concluded with the Welter Handicap, four going to the post, including the winner of the preceding race. Luscombe was in front during the early stages, but Explosive was first into the straight. Lycia came with a good run from the distance, but failed to reach Explosive, who won by half a length, with Lady Ellen a bad third. The visitors then returned to town, but owing to the long delay waiting for the train, it was dark before Auckland was reached.

## CONCERNING STEWARDS.

The immediate appointment of stipendiary stewards has been so often insisted upon in these columns that there is not a great deal more to be said on the subject. It is interesting, however, to notice what is done by the Victorian Racing Club in Melbourne. On the subject the "Australasian" says:—The present position as regards the stewards at Flemington would seem to require remodelling, but inasmuch as no one outside the committee seems to know exactly what the position is, the subject is difficult to deal with. The A.J.C. have the same three men acting at all big meetings, and they let the public know who the stewards are. We believe that at Flemington the committee abstain from betting for the day, and presumably they are the stewards—with assistance to make up the required quorum—who act. The press is not supplied with the names of the abstainers, however, and we have an idea that the same men do not qualify for the position every day. For all we know the twelve men are divided into shifts of three—one shift for each day. The Randwick plan is much better than this, but of course we are not in a position to say positively that the same three men do not act at Flemington every day. It is a pity the three—or four—men best fitted to do the work are not appointed stewards right out. The difficulty, we suppose, is that the competitors grudge not being able to bet, and, of course, this brings us face to face with the question—why not have paid stewards? The salaried man will do the work without betting, and he is not a horse-owner. However, although they do not care about denying themselves in regard to betting, the committees of big clubs do not seem to like the idea of transferring the stewards' duties to others. All members of the V.R.C. committee, except Mr. Croker, own horses at times, and even non-bettors do not care to act as stewards when they have a horse in the race. If the paid steward will not do for Flemington, let the three—or four, as the rule stands—best men on the committee be appointed stewards. They would have to refrain from betting in the ordinary way, but they could back their own horses when running, because they would not be acting in these races. It would not be such a great sacrifice, and the present system should be ended.

## A NUT FOR THE FADDISTS TO CRACK.

Very few of the leading London papers are in sympathy with the contemplated attack on betting, and, incidentally, racing in England, and even "The Times" goes out of its way to point out the thousands the "great game" benefits. It says: "Few institutions are without their enemies; and persons who have no sympathy with the Turf are in particular accus-

tomed to take a narrow and perverted view of the national sport. Attempts have been made to show how many millions sterling are annually brought into circulation by means of the Turf; but the ramifications of the sport are so devious and unending that nothing like trustworthy figures can possibly be obtained. Last year 3706 horses ran under Jockey Club rules at meetings which extended from March 25 to November 28. Trainers and their servants constitute an army, and the acreage remuneratively occupied by breeding and training establishments and racecourses is enormous. It would be difficult to mention a trade which does not benefit directly by the Turf. The horses and their attendants have to be housed and fed; training and breeding establishments and race stands have employed architects, builders, and labourers, and the care of courses furnishes employment on a scale which is little imagined. After a day's sport, when the ground is deep attempts are made on carefully-prepared tracks to smooth away every hoof mark. The traffic which racing occasions is a most important item in the receipts of many railway companies; hotels and local tradesmen in towns where meetings are held benefit hugely; a fact so well recognised in Paris that earnest efforts are being made to prolong the season for a few weeks at the end of the year. Many businesses which would scarcely appear to a casual investigator to be concerned with racing derive wealth from it—opticians, for example. The number of race glasses sold annually must be reckoned by thousands."

## THE LIVERPOOL GRAND NATIONAL.

The Liverpool Grand National, the great event of the winter in England, takes place to-morrow. Writing of it, the London correspondent of the "Australasian" says:—In common with the big flat race handicaps, the Grand National Steeplechase has done well numerically, as only 10 out of the 84 horses entered have paid forfeit. Unfortunately, however, the blue riband of cross-country sport has been robbed of a lot of interest, owing to the wholesale scratching of Jerry M., Cackler, and Holy War, the three most promising young jumpers in the country. The trio—all six-year-olds—are the property of the same owner, Mr. C. Assheton Smith, and between them cost that gentleman something like £7000. Mr. Assheton Smith gained fame some years ago as the owner of the renowned steeplechaser Cloister, and it was confidently expected that one of his three candidates would make a bold bid to gain him his second National. In a communication to the press, however, Mr. Assheton Smith stated that he considered his horses ridiculously overburdened with weight, and he has in consequence withdrawn all his entries for the race en bloc. Jerry M. and Cackler were, I may mention, handicapped at 12st 11lb and 12st 3lb respectively, but, granting that these weights are decidedly heavy ones for six-year-olds, I think that the owner has somewhat overstepped the mark in describing them as "impossible." With class nothing like so well represented as in many past seasons, there is, at any rate, little doubt that one or other of Mr. Assheton Smith's candidates would have attracted a great deal of support from the public.

According to the "Thames Star," some of the visitors to the Paeroa Races state that the racing was of an order called "peculiar." In one race the jockeys appeared to have taken command, and despite repeated warnings, indulged in conduct that resulted in the stewards ordering them to "stand down" for three months. One Thames visitor says: "I have seen some hot things on a racecourse, but that race was a scorcher, and the jockeys can think themselves lucky in getting off with such a light penalty. It was about as solid a thing as one would wish to see, and I am pleased that the club took the matter up so promptly."

At a meeting of the Metropolitan Committee, held on Thursday, the Hon. E. Mitchelson in the chair, the disqualification of the jockey Albert Whitaker for two years by the Avondale Jockey Club for pulling the horse Lucio was endorsed and the appeal dismissed. The disqualification of N. Cunningham for life by the same club was not endorsed as regards being a party to the pulling of the horse Lucio, but he was disqualified for six months under sub-rule 1 of part 33 (refusing to give evidence, etc.) The appeal by C. Nicholson against the disqualification of the horse Lucio was adjourned to a future date.

## NOTES.

With this issue, "The Judge," who has conducted these columns for some years past, wishes readers good-bye.

The Liverpool Grand National Steeplechase will be run at Aintree on Friday.

Entries for the big events on the programme of the Avondale Jockey Club close at 9 p.m. on April 2. General entries are due on the 9th prox.

The Autumn Meeting of the Taranaki Jockey Club will be concluded to-day.

Messrs. E. A. Price and J. F. Hartland leave for Wellington to-day to represent the Auckland Metropolitan Committee in the appeal cases which come before the Conference next Saturday.

The Soult-Lady Hester filly has been named Dearest. She is now an inmate of the Porirua stable.

The reported sale of Master Soult to an Indian buger for 2200 guineas has fallen through. The fact has brought the colt into prominence for the Easter Handicap.

Nora Soult, Elenore, and Matarere are to be offered for sale at Buckland's Yards on Friday.

Applications for licenses to bet at the Auckland Trotting Club's Autumn Meeting must be made to the secretary on or before to-morrow (Friday), the 26th inst, at noon.

That brilliant sprinter Soultline has been sold, the price being 300 gns., or so it is stated. India is his destination.

The Soult—Miss Annie yearling filly has gone into Hills' stable.

Mr. G. F. Payne, the New Zealand sportsman, has purchased Everlasting (Padlock—Azalea), who is in foal to the American stallion Caiman.

The Northern Wairoa R.C. will hold a meeting on Friday and Saturday.

There are no less than 430 yearlings catalogued in the Easter sales at Randwick, Sydney.

Mr. George Currie shipped his four Field Battery yearlings to Sydney by the Moeraki last week.

The Waikato horse Wauchope has been allotted 7st. 8lb. in the C.J.C. Easter Handicap. He is the only Auckland engaged.

After Footpad had won the Rosehill Cup on Saturday from eleven others he was disqualified on a protest, and the stake awarded to Thrust, the second horse.

The New Zealander Penates has been scratched for the Doncaster Handicap.

Bobrikoff, Downfall, and Merriwee have been scratched for all events at the C.J.C. Meeting.

The sum of £10,718 was handled at the totalisator at the Napier Park meeting as against £16,621 last year, a heavy falling off.

Research, who on Thursday won the Warrengate Cup, is a four-year-old chestnut horse by Renown from Searchlight.

For the first time there was no publican's booth at the Ohinemuri meeting last week. A license was unobtainable.

Ben Deeley rode three winners at the Papakura meeting, thus bringing up the number of his winning mounts for the season to fifty-one. Last year he headed the list of winning keys, but this season the Wellington horseman R. Hatch looks like beating him.

The two-year-old filly Glissade won two races at the Napier Park meeting, and she looks like being smart.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond has sold St. Aidan to the Canterbury sportsman Mr. St. John Buckley.

Three of Mr. T. H. Lowry's horses are expected at Eilerside shortly to run at the A.R.C. meeting.

Mr. A. Hanna will represent the Avondale J.C. at the appeal case to be heard in Wellington on Saturday.

The principal event of the Taranaki J.C. meeting, the Taranaki Cup, was won yesterday by Waitapu, a six-year-old bay gelding by Gipsy Grand from Waipuna. He carried 7st 12lb and won by close on three-lengths from Mahuta 8st 10lb, with Belario (7st 2lb) third.

The South Canterbury Cup was decided yesterday, the race falling to Tikitere, who was followed home by Dabchick and Tremulous.

The career of the American crack jockey, Walter Miller, has apparently been brought to a sudden termination as the result of a serious break which the boy has had with Presiding Judge Hopper and his associates in the stand at Emeryville (says an exchange). On Christmas Day Miller was fined 250 dollars by the judges for alleged rough riding in a race which he won with Smiley Corbett. The following Monday the boy was suspended for three days for allowing Dareington to swerve in front of Gargantua in a race which the latter won. More recently a fine of 200 dollars was imposed on Miller simultaneously with the disqualification of the mare Cloud Light, on which he engaged in a hunting match with Jacobite, to whom the race was awarded after Cloud Light had finished in front. Believing that he had been unjustly treated, Miller attempted to secure a remittance of the Cloud Light fine on the ground that jockey Notter, who had the mount on Jacobite, was equally to blame for the bumping match that aroused the official ire. Judge Hopper and his associates could not see it in that light, and declined to re-open the case.

In England the wages of stable lads are on the upward grade. There has been a tendency towards this for some time, and it is now impossible to get a good lad with experience for anything like the same wages as a few years ago. On the other hand, it may be mentioned, the treatment of lads in racing stables is now much improved. In Australia good stable lads are heard to get, but then that is scarcely to be wondered at, as the general wage is 10s. a week and board, and the prospects are poor.

In England an anti-betting Bill likely to be brought forward in the House of Commons is giving those interested in racing cause for serious concern, and ways and means are being devised to prevent the measure becoming law. The provisions of the Bill are as stringent as those we find so objectionable in New South Wales (writes an Australian correspondent), and among other things understood to be aimed at may be mentioned the suppression of all advertisements relating to betting, prevention of the publication of betting odds, and to make illegal the use of a telephone or the telegraph for any betting business. In London last month there was a big meeting of those opposed to the fad-dists, and the general opinion of those who spoke was that the Bill would go through the House of Commons, but it might be thrown out by the House of Lords, though there was no certainty. From the foregoing it would appear that the sporting section of the English public will have to put up a big fight in order to gain the upper hand of those who are opposed to racing and betting.

Bobrikoff and Downfall have been scratched for the Sydney Cup. It is not unlikely they may be seen at Ellerslie next month.

## INTER-PROVINCIAL

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

### CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, March 24.

Bobrikoff, Downfall, and Merriwa were scratched for all their engagements at the C.J.C. Autumn Meeting at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Quite a large number of horses having engagements at the Autumn Meeting will be running at Timaru this week.

Narrangarue won the Oxford Cup and Domain Handicap at the Oxford Races on Saturday last.

Helianthes was not long in winning a race after she changed hands a fortnight ago. The daughter of Finland won the Stewards' Handicap and got second to Narrangarue in the Domain Handicap at the Oxford Meeting.

Magnificent, Great Gun and Prism were among the starters at Oxford, but not one of the trio showed any form.

Gravitation was scratched for the Great Easter Handicap at 9 a.m. yesterday. Mr. Bidwill still has a representative, Consolation, in the race.

Stardit, who has been purchased by Mr. J. Buckley for hurdle racing, is now located at Riccarton. The Birkenhead gelding is in D. Moraghan's stable, and will soon be given an opportunity to make a name for himself over the sticks.

Acceptances for the Great Easter and Autumn Handicaps are due on Friday next.

Boniform is reported to be doing good work at Yaldhurst, and his trainer hopes to get a race or two out of him before long.

Probable is a strong favourite for the Timaru Cup.

Prim is slightly lame, having ricked one of her joints. The injury is not thought to be serious, but unless an improvement is noticeable in a few days the mare will be thrown out of work and spelled until next season.

Ability and Medallist have put in an appearance on the tracks, and will be prepared for winter engagements.

British Peer was the only Riccarton trained horse to win a race at Waimate.

The Alfort Forest Cup, run on March 17, was won by Rose Common (by Lord Roslyn—Lady Gertrude).

De Witte and Sister Anne both failed to run up to expectations at Waimate, both finishing outside a place.

Mason is preparing Armet, Miss Mischief, Sunglow, and Perle d'Or for the Autumn Meeting at Riccarton. Miss Mischief is one of the favourites for the Great Easter Handicap, but I cannot fancy her on Wellington form.

### HAWKE'S BAY

NAPIER, March 24.

T. Jones disposed of Sir Possible to Mr. Costello. It is more than probable that Lady Helen's son will join W. Griffiths' team at Hastings.

Mr. E. J. Watts' team are back

from Ngtarawa, where they have been put through their facings of late. The bunch are now domiciled at their old quarters at T. Quinlivan, jun.'s, establishment.

Nadador has a most unsightly near hind leg. The damage was done through her getting in a wire fence. Luckily the wound is only superficial, and Collelo reckons that no ill effects will arise from it.

Mr. H. H. Pharazyn left on a trip to the other colonies last Thursday.

Bunkum, the coming two-year-old son of Meriwee and Flatter that W. Stone is getting into shape, is one of the handsomest youngsters that I have seen for some time. Besides being possessed of good looks, he is a solid-built lot, and his outlook generally suggests that he will develop a real good sort.

It is satisfactory to know that California is coming along well. The trouble that was the cause of his being laid aside for a time has been discovered by his trainer, and he informed me that though it took some considerable time to locate the ailment, he has done so now, and he is quite satisfied that, although it was of an annoying nature, it will not lead to any ill effects on the future career of San Fran's big son.

At the Autumn Meeting of the Napier Park Racing Club last season the Hon. J. D. Ormond won seven races; at the just finished gathering of the Napier Park Club four bearers of the all cerise triumphed.

Paisano must have proved a profitable horse to his owner of late, for since the beginning of the year his winning record reads: Won Acland Hack Handicap, Te Karaka Racing Club's Annual Meeting; won Stewards' Hack and Carroll Memorial Hack Handicap, Wairoa County R.C. Annual; won Welter Handicap and Second County Stakes, Poverty Bay Turf Club Annual Meeting; and the Close Memorial at the Napier Park last week. Mr. G. B. Oman, the owner of Paisano, will no doubt be best known to racegoers as the sport in whose nomination Medallist won the Grand National Hurdle Race at Riccarton in 1904. That Paisano is well come by there is no denying, for his sire, Strowan, is a son of Lochiel, out of the Maribyrnong mare Marion; while Booby, his dam, is a relative of Merganser, both of these mares tracing back to Gannet. Ismene, who has given to the Turf those brace of speedy equines, Tumut and Osiris, is a half-sister to Strowan by Dreadnought.

Appin is the name that has been selected for the three-year old son of The Possible and Miss Beckwith. He is the property of the local sport who nominates as Mr. A. Stuart, and if all goes well with him will make his debut at the annual meeting of the Waipukurau Jockey Club on Easter Monday.

Ora Pinsent has been leased to Mr. G. Smith, who intends to take the Merriwee mare down to the West Coast of the South Island, where the opposition will not be so classy as Ora Pinsent has been asked to meet of late.

Mr. E. J. Watt has claimed the cognomens of Winning Post for the yearling full sister to Pluck, and Entente for Stepniak's son out of Couronne, of the same age. Other names chosen by the Squire of Longlands for some of this season's crop of foals are: Easy, bay filly by Merriwee—Float; Nut Brown, brown filly by Merriwee—Brown Alice; Midnight Sun (a full brotner to Noctuniform and Nightfall), Multiform—La Notte; and Royal Scotch, brown colt by Royal Artillery—Barley Bree.

Last Thursday was the first occasion upon which Corazon has given the judge the job to put his number up in the winning square. As a two-year-old he faced the starter upon four occasions, seven times as a three-year-old, was not seen out last season, and now has made a successful start as a five-year-old.

### WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, March 24.

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Final Acceptance at scale, £7.

Horses nominated after the 20th April, entry fee, £25.

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and Overtime, so that some of the stake money should come this way.

Nominations for the Wanganui Trotting Club's race meeting, to be held on the 23rd and 24th April, close on Thursday, 1st April, with Mr. Selby Morton, secretary.

The Wanganui Jockey Club is having the worst portion of the racing track (that near the entrance to the straight) returned, and the work is being done in a manner which suggests that it will prove very successful. Hopes are now entertained that the track will be ready for racing on at the steeplechase meeting.

Shannon Lass's owner has purchased Cauldron from Mr. E. J. Watt, and the son of Merriwee will in future be trained here by John Guinlivan. Cauldron is three years old, and is the biggest Merriwee yet seen here. It is due to the fact that he has been growing so fast that he has not been raced much yet, but it would be no surprise to find him well up amongst the prize winners next season, all going well.

The three-year-old daughter of Advance—SingSong, who won a race at the Warrengate meeting, will in future be trained by Fred Tilley. W. Price has had the filly in hand up to the present, and under his careful training she has come on splendidly. She is owned by Mr. Wiri Tokena, a wealthy local patron of the sport.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, March 24.

A visitor to the Napier Park meeting refers in glowing terms to the two-year-olds, The Fiddler and Gilsade, that ran successfully at the meeting. The former was making his first appearance in public, and ran very green in the race which he won. At the end of two furlongs he must have been quite a chain behind the leading horse, but once his rider got him into his stride he ran past his opponents in brilliant style, and greatly impressed those present. It is evident that the Hon. J. D. Ormond has in The Fiddler a colt that will be heard of in the near future.

Mr. Lowry's Soult filly Gilsade improves on acquaintance, and her form at Napier Park made it evident that the racing she underwent at Dannevirke had smartened her up considerably. She is just the cut of a filly to develop into an Oaks winner. Mr. Lowry's crack Robutoff was clearly short of work, and notwithstanding that he had a heavy impost and that the going was holding, he should have made a better display. Diamond Star, considering that he finished in front of several good colts in the Wanganui Guineas, was under the circumstances a good bet for those who recognised that he was in capital racing condition.

The local press contains some scathing comments on the action of the authorities in permitting undesirable characters to prey on the public by posing as bookmakers. The declaration of a local detective that scores of the very worst class of men are touring the provincial districts under the guise of being bookmakers is said to be no exaggeration, and from the fact that racing clubs are loth to discriminate and issue betting licenses to all and sundry who come along with the amount of a license fee, there seems no reason for assuming that there will be any diminution in the number of balancers and welsers that are provided with a livelihood at the expense of the public. The police complain that they cannot deal with such men, for the reason that bookmaking has been made a lawful calling, and any undesirable brought before a magistrate has only to plead that he is a bookmaker to render himself immune from being dealt with under the statutes, which provides for the suppression of rogues and vagabonds and undesirable persons.

From present appearances it would seem that the Auckland Racing Club's

Easter meeting will be well patronised by owners from this end of the island. The Porirua stable will be well represented, and with the Hawke's Bay horses should provide Aucklanders with real good racing.

TURF RESULTS.

NAPIER PARK RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The Napier Park Racing Club's Autumn Meeting commenced on Wednesday in fine weather. The course was sodden. There was a big attendance and the totalisator handled £5681, a decrease of £2045 compared with the corresponding day last year. Bookmakers' fees returned £186 10s. The results were:—

OMARANUI HACK HURDLE RACE of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and third horse 5sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

- A. Ellingham's br g Hippofofa, aged, by St. Hippo—Girofa, 11.12 (D. Watt) 1
W. Griffiths' Commander, 11.0 (T. Pine) 2
H. D. Limbrick's Waikareao, 9.0 (J. Hall) 3
Also started: Eri King 10.1, Prince Hassan 9.9, Nero 9.9, Lee Spring 9.2 (carried 9.6).
Won by a neck. Time, 3m. 23 3-5s.

ESK HACK HURDLE RACE of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and third horse 5sovs. Five furlongs.

- G. Carrington's b f Inez, 3yrs, by Birkenhead—Lady Reay, 7.10 (L. Wilson) 1
Hon. J. D. Ormond's Miscast, 8.6 (F. D. Jones) 2
G. B. Oman's Pearl Reef, 7.7, carried 8.9 (T. Jones) 3
Also started: Voetgang 8.0, Taumano 7.2, Cork 6.13 (carried 7.1), Obscurity 6.9 (carried 6.12), Wonderbohm 6.7 (carried 6.12), Mayflower 6.7 (carried 6.13).
Won by two lengths. Time, 1m. 4 1-5s.

NAPIER CUP HURDLE RACE of 300sovs; second horse to receive 30sovs and third horse 20sovs. One mile and a quarter.

- Hon. J. D. Ormond's b m Woodhey, 4yrs, by Birkenhead—Goyt, 7.6 (L. Wilson) 1
G. H. Miller's Sandstream, 7.9 (R. Hatch) 2
T. H. Lowry's Chanteuse (J. Buchanan) 3
Also started: Gold Lace 7.13, Uenuku 6.13 (carried 7.3), Waipaku 7.6, Osiris 7.4, Berengaria 6.7 (carried 6.12).
Won by 10 lengths. Time, 2m. 14 4-5s.

TRIAL HACK STAKES of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs. Six furlongs.

- Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Fiddler, 2yrs, by Birkenhead—Guitar, 7.2, carried 7.5 (L. Wilson) 1
S. Bennett's Mayflower, 8.11 (E. Lowe) 2
G. Smith's Ora Pinsent, 8.5 (R. Hatch) 3
Also started: Hapuku 8.11, Impossible 8.1, Master Stent 8.5, Seraphic 7.2, Arion 6.13.
Won by two lengths. Time, 1m. 20 1-5s.

WELTER HURDLE RACE of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5sovs. Seven furlongs.

- C. Kingston's ch h Golden Gate, 5yrs, by San Francisco—Rofe, 8.8 (J. Sceats) 1
J. McLaughlin's Mairoa, 9.7 (W. Kirk) 2
Cameron and Fairbrother's Seatondale, 8.13 (F. Cross) 3
These were the only starters.
Won by a length. Time, 1m. 36 2-5s.

SAPLING STAKES HURDLE RACE of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5sovs. For two-year-olds. Five furlongs.

- T. H. Lowry's blk f Gilsade, by Soult—Lissadurn, 7.1 (T. Carroll) 1
Hon. J. D. Ormond's Ideate, 7.11 (L. Wilson) 2
G. P. Donnelly's Golden Water, 7.12 (R. Hatch) 3
Also started: Merriwa 8.7, Scots Fusilier 7.4, Bandolero 7.1, Reformist 6.12.
Won by a length. Time, 1m. 5 3-5s.

REDCLYFFE HACK WELTER HURDLE RACE of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and third horse 5sovs. One mile.

- J. B. Hollier's br g Continuance, 3yrs, by Sabretache—Chibouk, 8.2 (E. Lowe) 1
C. Bennett's Rose Letha, 8.10 (F. D. Jones) 2
G. P. Donnelly's Gold Treasure, 9.3 (A. Rae) 3
Also started: Spate 9.10, Jack Pot 9.9, Waipu 9.8, Sealer 8.10, Nadyne 8.0 (carried 8.3), Mokai 8.0.
Won by a length. Time, 1m. 49 3-5s.

FLYING HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5sovs. Six furlongs.

- Hon. J. D. Ormond's b c Diamond Star, 3yrs, by Birkenhead—Sollitaire, 7.7 (L. Wilson) 1
J. L. Furr's Stylish, 8.5 (E. Lowe) 2
T. H. Lowry's Bobrikoff, 9.13 (Buchanan) 3
Also started: Chamois 6.13.
Won by a length. Time, 1m. 18 4-5s.

SECOND DAY.

The meeting was concluded on Thursday. Rain fell incessantly, and the course was very heavy. The attendance was fair and the totalisator handled £5187, as against £8995 on the corresponding day last year, making a total for the two days of £10,718, as against £16,621 last year. Seven bookmakers were licensed, their fees returning £113 10s. The results were:—

OMAHU HACK HURDLE RACE of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and third horse 5sovs. One mile and a half.

- Sir W. R. Russell's ch g Corazon, 5yrs, by Coeur de Lion—Rasulka, 9.0 (J. Hall) 1
D. Heppburn's Nadine, 9.0 (T. Pritchard) 2
C. E. Twist's Nero, 9.3 (F. Whitehouse) 3
Also started: Hippofofa 12.7, Kalroma 11.3, Eri King 9.13, Prince Hassan 9.5, Waikareao 9.3.
Won by a length. Time, 2m. 58 1-5s.

TELEGRAPH HACK HURDLE RACE of 80sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and third horse 5sovs. Six furlongs.

- A. White's br f Voetgang, 3yrs, by San Fran—Ngaio, 7.13 (E. Lowe) 1
W. Cattinach's Mundic, 6.9 (Gawaith) 2
G. B. Oman's Pearl Reef, 8.9 (T. Jones) 3
Also started: Inez 8.10, Gold Treasure 8.11, Mayflower 7.8, Martyr King 7.5, Hapuka 7.2, Cork 6.12, Taumano 6.10 (carried 6.12), Wonderbohm 6.7.
Won by a length. Time, 1m. 21 1-5s.

CLOSE MEMORIAL HURDLE RACE of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs. One mile and a distance.

- G. B. Oman's b g Paisano, 6yrs, by Strowan—Booby, 6.12, carried 7.0 (T. Carroll) 1
Sir W. R. Russell's Berengaria, 6.9, carried 6.12 (H. Price) 2
D. Kemp's Vi, 7.7 (E. Lowe) 3
Also started: Sandstream 8.3, Diamond Star 7.12, Seatondale 6.7 (carried 6.12).
Won by two lengths. Time, 2m. 4s.

KUAO HURDLE RACE of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5sovs. For two-year-olds. Four furlongs.

- T. H. Lowry's blk f Gilsade, by Soult—Lissadurn, 7.12 (J. Buchanan) 1
Hon. J. D. Ormond's Ideate, 7.13 (L. Wilson) 2
A. Aker's Arison, 6.10, carried 7.2 (Kirk) 3
Also started: Meriwa 8.5, Elfish 7.0, Seraphic 7.5, Scots Fusilier 6.12 (carried 7.1).
Won by a length and a-half. Time, 53 3-5s.

HIGH-WEIGHT HURDLE RACE of 90sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and third horse 5sovs. Seven furlongs.

- Hon. J. D. Ormond's b m Martyrium, 5yrs, by Birkenhead—Martyrdom, 9.7 (F. D. Jones) 1
C. Kingston's Golden Gate, 9.0 (J. Sceats) 2
G. P. Donnelly's Uenuku, 8.10 (A. Rae) 3
Also started: The Cockatoo 9.11.
Won by five lengths. Time, 1m. 37 2-5s.

MAIDEN HACK SCURRY of 60sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs. Five furlongs.

- A. R. White's b m The Limit, 4yrs, by The Possible—Jessie, 4.0 (E. Lowe) 1
M. Thomas' Magneta, 9.0 (J. Sceats) 2
W. Stone's Jeel, 9.0 (W. Kirk) 3
Also started: Mediterranean 9.0, Forgetful 9.0, Amato 9.0.
Won by a neck. Time, 1m. 10s.

ST. PATRICK'S HURDLE RACE of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5sovs. Six furlongs.

- L. Furr's b m Stylish, 4yrs, by San Remo—Manutuke, 8.6 (E. Lowe) 1
C. Saff's Pluck, 7.7 (L. Wilson) 2
G. Hunter's Chamois, 6.7, carried 7.0 (F. Cross) 3
Also started: Pearl Reef 7.2.
Won by three lengths. Time, 1m. 22 2-5s.

STEWARDS' STAKES HACK WELTER HURDLE RACE of 70sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs and third horse 5sovs. Seven furlongs.

- J. B. Hollier's br g Continuance, 3yrs, by Sabretache—Chiback, 8.10 (E. Lowe) 1
A. Cave's Sealer, 8.7 (C. Jenkins) 2
C. Bennett's Rose Letha, 8.11 (F. D. Jones) 3
Also started: Spate 9.8, Awha 8.7, Mayflower 8.5, Highden 8.4.
Won by two lengths. Time, 1m. 38 1-5s.

WELLINGTON PONY AND GALLOWAY CLUB'S MARCH MEETING.

The Wellington Pony and Galloway Club brought off another meeting at Miramar on Saturday. It was well attended, and the racing was good. Following were the results:—

TEARO HURDLE RACE, four furlongs.—Franc, 10.0, 1; Myre, 8.10, 2; Miss Ivy, 8.10, 3. Three others started. Won by three lengths. Time, 53 1-5s.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE, four furlongs and a-half.—Heatherlea Lass 8.6, 1; Recovery, 8.0, 2; After Dark, 9.1, 3. Four others started. Won by three lengths. Time, 1m. 3s.

ST. PATRICK'S HURDLE RACE, six furlongs.—Maid of All Work, 10.6, 1; Franc, 9.9, 2; Aurifera, 11.0, 3. Seven others started. Won by a neck. Time, 1m. 23 2-5s.

HUTT HURDLE RACE, four furlongs.—Trixie, 8.3, 1; Wee Nannie, 9.9, 2; Lady Dauphin, 8.0, 3. One other started. Won anyhow. Time, 55 1-5s.

BELMONT HURDLE RACE, five furlongs and a-half.—Psyche, 9.4, 1; San Toy, 8.9, 2; Miss Ivy, 9.0, 3. Three others started.

ed. Won by two lengths. Time, 1m. 17 2-5s.

EVANS' BAY HURDLE RACE, four furlongs and a-half.—Maid of All Work, 11.4, 1; Inkerman, 9.1, 2; Inspiration, 9.12, 3. Six others started. Won by a length. Time, 60 4-5s.

OHINEMURI JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The Ohinemuri Jockey Club's annual meeting commenced last Wednesday. The course was in fine order, the racing was good, and the starting of Mr. C. O'Connor excellent. The judge's box was occupied by Mr. J. Clarkin. The results were:—

SHORTS HURDLE RACE, Four furlongs.

- A. E. Kelly's Lady French, 7.8 (Deeley) 1
W. Handley's Aimwell, 7.8 (Keenan) 2
R. Hannon's Miss Winnie, 9.6 (Whale) 3
Also started: Hikual 9.12, Foremost 9.10.
Won by a length. No time was taken.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, Two miles.

- J. B. Williamson's Okaihau, 9.13 (McKinnon) 1
A. C. Selby's Mozart, 10.13 (Selby) 2
Also started: Bonny Roy 9.0.
Won by about three lengths.

NETHERTON WELTER HURDLE RACE, Seven furlongs.

- S. Dufty's Newtown, 8.9 (Greenwood) 1
W. R. Morrison's Waiotahi, 9.10 (Brown) 2
H. Rae's Leonette, 8.12 (Whale) 3
Also started: Aureole 8.0, Tiaba 8.0.
Won by a length and a-half. No time was taken.

KARANGAHAKE HURDLE RACE, Five furlongs.

- B. Tye's Necktie, 7.2 (Percival) 1
P. Moriarty's Hardrock, 7.6 (C. Brown) 2
P. Jones' Keep Step, 7.9 (Deeley) 3
Also started: Positive 7.0, Marangai 7.0.
Won by a length and a-half. Time, 1m. 3s.

OHINEMURI CUP, One mile and a quarter.

- C. Dawson's Ben Jonson, 7.10 (Deeley) 1
J. Hodge's Noteorini, 7.12 (Brown) 2
Cook Brothers' Azoff, 7.5 (Brady) 3
Also started: Uranium 9.3, St. Tui 8.1.
Won by a length. Time, 2m. 10 1-5s.

KOMATA HURDLE RACE, Seven furlongs.

- N. Banks' Jill, 7.6 (Brown) 1
C. Thee's Urania, 7.4 (Greenwood) 2
Cook and Waller's Michaeloff, 7.6 (Deeley) 3
Also started: Hardrock 9.0, Winhaston 8.8, Fremantle 7.13, Blue Mountain 7.0, Tenby 6.7.
Won by a head. Time, 1m. 29 3-5s.

PAEROA STEEPLECHASE, About two miles and a-half.

- Hannon's Post-haste, 11.2 (Whale) 1
N. Banks' Waimotu, 9.7 (W. Wilson) 2
These were the only starters.
Won by 20 lengths. Time, 6m. 55s.

ST. PATRICK'S HURDLE RACE, Six furlongs.

- G. Mills' Rarata, 7.5 (Percival) 1
J. Dawson's Jena, 7.13 (Brown) 2
S. Dufty's Newtown, 7.0 (McMillan) 3
Also started: Marangai 7.0.
Won by a head. Time, 1m. 17 2-5s.

SECOND DAY.

The meeting was continued on Thursday, rain falling nearly all day. The results were:—

WAITEKURI PLATE, Five furlongs.

- G. Moriarty's Hardrock, 7.9 (McMillan) 1
Conolly and Winder's Foremost, 9.3 (Deeley) 2
P. Jones' Keep Step, 7.5 (Killick) 3
Also started: Marangai 7.1, Tenby 6.10.
Won by a length.

WAIKINO WELTER HURDLE RACE, Seven furlongs.

- A. McMiken's Explosive, 8.11 (Deeley) 1
S. Dufty's Newtown, 8.10 (Greenwood) 2
Mrs. Anderson's St. Tui, 9.12 (Butterworth) 3
Also started: Tiaba 7.7.
Explosive got away well and won easily by a little over a length.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, One mile and three-quarters.

- C. H. Mackey's Luminator, 9.3 (Cowan) 1
A. C. Selby's Mozart, 11.0 (Selby) 2
J. Molloy's Eblis, 9.0 (Howard) 3
Also started: Okaihau 10.10.
Won by a length and a-half.

FLYING HURDLE RACE, Four furlongs.

- A. E. Kelly's Lady French, 8.5 (Deeley) 1
W. Handley's Aimwell, 7.12 (Keenan) 2
C. Winder's Hikual, 9.10 (McMillan) 3
Also started: Mighty Atom 8.2, Miss Stella 6.9.
Won by a length.

PAEROA HURDLE RACE, One mile.

- S. Williams' Manapouri, 7.12 (Keenan) 1
R. Hannon's Miss Winnie, 8.5 (Brown) 2
J. Hodge's Noteorini, 7.12 (C. Brown) 3
Also started: Ben Jonson 8.7, Carmania 7.7, Waiotahi 7.5, Newtown 7.0.
Won by a couple of lengths.

HIKUTAIA HURDLE RACE, Six furlongs.

- F. Marshall's Leo Grand, 7.8 (C. Brown) 1
Dawson and Waller's Michaeloff (Deeley) 2
M. Crimmins' Winhaston, 8.6 (Peeney) 3
Also started: Fremantle 7.13, Urania 7.13, Lady Aroha 7.7, Master Paul 7.2, Blue Mountain 7.0, Kaimata 6.12, Tenby 6.12.
Won by two lengths.

TAIAPU STEEPLECHASE, About three miles.

- N. Banks' Waimotu, 9.7 (W. Wilson) 1
R. Hannon's Post-haste, 11.4 (McKinnon) 2
Also started: Red McGregor.
Won by half a furlong.

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**FINAL HANDICAP.** Six furlongs.  
 D. Tye's Necktie, 7.9 (Percival) ..... 1  
 G. Mills' Rarata, 7.10 (Deeley) ..... 2  
 P. Jones' Keep Step, 7.4 (Killick) ..... 3  
 Also started: Jena 8.0, Marangai 6.1.  
 Won by a head.

**THE PAKAPURA CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.**

This old-established fixture took place on Saturday, the weather being fine and the attendance very large. The results were as follows:—

**MAIDEN PLATE HANDICAP** of 15 sovs; second horse to receive 2sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.  
 J. Muir's br g Blue Garment, 4yrs, by Blue Light—Seamsstress, 8.5 (R. E. Brown) ..... 1  
 Lady Jane, 5y s, 7.12 (B. Deeley) ..... 2  
 Censure, 4yrs, 8.7 (F. Speakman) ..... 3  
 Also started: Weka 8.11 (including 7lb penalty); Cisco Rose 7.12, Algoa 7.12.  
 Won by five lengths. Time, 1m. 21s.

**FLYING STAKES HANDICAP** of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 2sovs from the stake. Five furlongs.  
 T. Davis' b g Frontino, 6yrs, by Soult—Lady Daphne, 8.8 (Deeley) 1  
 Mistime, 4yrs, 8.10 (C. Brown) ..... 2  
 Lycia, aged, 9.0 (R. E. Brown) ..... 3  
 Also started: Discoverer 8.9, Cyreniac 8.5, Etonia 7.13.  
 Won by a length. Time, 1m. 5 1-5s.

**PAPAKURA CUP HANDICAP** of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5sovs from the stake. One mile.  
 F. Stenning's b m Epsom Lass, 4yrs, by Hotchkiss—Sister Frances, 6.12 (Greenwood) ..... 1  
 D. McKinnon's b g Rimlock, 3y s, 7.1 (R. W. Brown) ..... 2  
 A. Hanson's b g Inglis, 5yrs, 8.5 (Speakman) ..... 3  
 Also started: Sedition 8.7, Lord Seaton 7.7.  
 Won by half a length. Inglis was third, two lengths away, Lord Seaton fourth, and Sedition last. Time, 1m. 44 4-5s.

**HACK HANDICAP** of 20sovs; second horse to receive 2sovs from the stake. Four furlongs.  
 P. Turnbull's ch g Don Quex, 5yrs, by Cardigan—Jessamine, 7.12 (R. E. Brown) ..... 1  
 Weka, 6yrs, 7.6 (Deeley) ..... 2  
 Censure, 4yrs, 8.7 (Speakman) ..... 3  
 Also started: Apollinaris 8.2, Laurel Wealth 7.10.  
 Won by a neck. Time, 53 1-5s.

**RAILWAY HANDICAP** of 25sovs; second horse to receive 2sovs from the stake. Six furlongs.  
 R. McMiken's b g Explosive, 5yrs, by Explosion—Nellie, 8.2, including 7lb penalty (B. Deeley) ..... 1  
 Etonia, 6yrs, 6.7 (Chaaffe) ..... 2  
 Discoverer, aged, 7.4 (Greenwood) ..... 3  
 Won by two lengths. Time, 1m. 16 2-5s.

**WELTER HANDICAP** of 20sovs; second horse to receive 2sovs from the stake. Seven furlongs.  
 R. McMiken's b g Explosive, 5yrs, by Explosion—Nellie, 10.3, including 5lb penalty (B. Deeley) ..... 1  
 Lycia, aged, 9.10 (R. E. Brown) ..... 2  
 Lady Ellen, 6yrs, 8.7 (C. Brown) ..... 3  
 Won by a long neck. Time, 1m. 34s.

**WARRENGATE JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Warrengate Jockey Club was held at Fodell on Thursday. The morning broke fine, but after lunch rain came on and continued throughout the day. The bookmakers' fees totalled £115 10s. The results were:—

**HURDLE RACE.**—Finesseur, 9.7 (Fulcher), 1; Speciosa, 11.2, 2; Whipper, 11.3, 3. Time, 2m. 50s.

**FLYING HANDICAP.**—Quick March, 8.7 (Coleman), 1; Newport, 8.9, 2; Tui, 9.5, 3. Time, 1m. 17s.

**MAIDEN HANDICAP.**—Maori Rifle, 8.12 (Neale), 1; Retort, 8.11, 2; Pukeruru, 8.12, 3. Time, 1m. 35s.

**FORDSELL HANDICAP.**—Overtime, 10.2 (W. Price), 1; Montpellier, 8.9, 2; Zelma, 8.7, 3. Time, 1m. 48s.

**WARRENGATE CUP.**—Research, 10.7 (F. Lind), 1; Anemone, 10.8, 2; Marton, 8.9, 3. Scratched: Sedgemoor. Won by half a length. Time, 2m. 18s.

**LADIES' BRACELET.**—Debonaire, 10.11 (A. Mitchell), 1; Castorline, 10.3, 2; Reumac, 10.11, 3. Time, 1m. 49s.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY HANDICAP.**—Singer, 9.3 (W. Price), 1; Flying Wind, 10.5, 2; Pukeruru, 9.2, 3.

**NOMINATIONS, HANDICAPS AND ACCEPTANCES.**

**HANDICAPS.**

**MASTERTON JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.**

**HACK HURDLE HANDICAP,** one mile and three-quarters.—Aotea 10.9, Coy 10.9, Don Carlos 10.5, Whatakura 10.5, Na cotic 10.5, Lerida 9.13, Erl King 9.8, Grenade 9.8, Wainaria 9.4, Chicane 9.0, Tuaira 9.0, Rosegrove 9.0, Dreamy Daniel 9.0, Strabane 9.0.

**MARCH HANDICAP,** six furlongs.—Sunbonnet 9.0, Stylish 8.13, Waikaraka 8.5, Rook Ferry 7.11, Merrie Rose 7.4, Tox Tubi 7.2, Lochiel 6.11, Kelso 6.11, Genoa 6.11.

**MASTERTON HACK HANDICAP,** one mile.—The Cockatoo 9.7, Skye 8.7, Sealer 8.2, Rose Lethe 8.2, Mildura 7.13, Knight Commander 7.11, Notorious 7.10, Waiwara 7.6, Llanwern 7.4, Diplomatic 7.0,

Mediterranean 6.11, Rose Herald 6.11.

**WAIPIPI CUP HANDICAP,** one mile and a-quarter.—Roosevelt 9.0, Moloch 8.6, Taitoko 8.3, Waitapu 8.3, Waipaku 7.13, Tangeroa 7.10, Ostris 7.7, Maiora 7.6, Belario 7.3, Merrie Rose 7.2, Whetumarama 7.2, Golden Gate 7.2, Inez 6.12, Mildura 6.7, Ikon 8.6.

**LADIES' BRACELET,** one mile and a-quarter.—Waipu 12.4, Aotea 11.11, Coy 11.11, Sealer 11.8, Golden Butterfly 11.0, Lerida 10.12, Reumac 10.12, Nadyne 10.12, Le Beccio 10.10, Stevens 10.7, Stormlight 10.7, Teututu 10.7, Sedgemoor 10.7, Halarian 10.7.

**DASH HACK HANDICAP,** five furlongs.—Inez 9.0, Axite 8.10, Andrew Mack 8.10, Merrie Xmas 8.8, Waiwara 8.6, Conquestina 8.1, Kimmerian 7.13, Conquer 7.13, Toanga 7.13, Royal Maid 7.12, Swallow 7.12, Tuatahi 7.12, Bonny Doon 7.12, Oblivion 7.10, Hereward 7.10, Tainui 7.10, Wonderboom 7.7, Wharekoa 7.7, Merringa 7.7, Friday 7.7, Vinco 7.7, Remission 7.7, Rose Herald 7.7, Toyo 7.7.

**OPAKI WELTER HANDICAP,** seven furlongs.—Letherin 9.12, Aberration 9.9, Waikaraka 9.9, Silken Rein 9.9, Maiora 9.6, The Cockatoo 9.5, Lethan 8.9, Seatondale 8.8, Skye 8.5, Lamsdorff 8.5, Ranghaeta 8.3, Kurawaka 8.3, Splash 8.0, Kelso 8.0.

**CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB.**

**GREAT EASTER HANDICAP** of 1000 sovs, seven furlongs.—Bobrikoff 9.8, All Red 9.9, Gold Crest 9.7, Penates 9.3, Portform 9.0, Husbandman 8.12, Buccleuch 8.11, Tumut 8.11, Rangipapa 8.9, Muskerry 8.8, Gravitation 8.8, Downfall 8.7, Aborigine 8.4, Dawn 8.3, Czar Kolokol 8.3, Sir Frisco 8.2, Artillerie 8.2, Goldbeater 8.0, Sir Tristram 7.13, Armlet 7.13, Flitaway 7.13, Sea King 7.12, Gold Thread 7.12, Los Angeles 7.11, Woodhey 7.11, All Guns 7.9, Glenculloch 7.9, Wauchope 7.8, Diamond Star 7.9, Diabolo 7.6, Contendant 7.5, Petrovna 7.3, Lady Disdain 7.3, Sweet Angelus 7.3, Bollin 7.3, Truganini 7.2, Consolation 6.13, Waipaku 6.11, Valdimir 6.10, Perolina 6.10, Rose Noble 6.6, Merrivonia 6.6, Alexis 6.6, Miss Mischief 6.6, Zetland 6.6, Passion 6.6, Ormolu 6.6, Erskine 6.6.

**GREAT AUTUMN HANDICAP** of 1000sovs, one mile and a-half.—All Red 9.10, Bobrikoff 9.7, Zimmerman 9.5, Boniform 9.1, Gold Crest 8.13, Husbandman 8.13, Downfall 8.9, Frisco 8.9, Penates 8.9, Muskerry 8.5, Prim 8.4, Tangimoana 8.3, Artillerie 8.0, Sir Tristram 8.0, Sir Frisco 7.11, Diabolo 7.11, Glenculloch 7.9, Heorthen 7.9, Bollin 7.8, Los Angeles 7.6, All Guns 7.5, Sea King 7.5, Grand Slam 6.13, White Lie 6.12, Vasa 6.11, Witapu 6.11, Waipaku 6.11, Osiris 6.11, Consolation 6.10, Perolina 6.10, Rose Noble 6.7, Valdimir 6.7, Field Gun 6.7, Outlander 6.7, Tikitere 6.7, Chiarinian 6.7, Erskine 6.7, Sant Rosalie 6.7.

**AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.**

**EASTER HANDICAP,** one mile.—Bobrikoff 9.0, All Red 9.9, Moral 9.5, Master Soul 9.3, Downfall 8.10, Tumut 8.8, Gold Thread 8.5, Master Delaval 8.3,

Diabolo 8.2, Uranium 8.0, Woodhey 8.0, Aborigine 7.13, Grenadier 7.13, Tan San 7.12, Tamainupo 7.12, Ngapuka 7.12, Ikon 7.11, Waimangu 7.11, Sir Tristram 7.10, Tip-toe 7.9, Wauchope 7.8, Devonport 7.8, Advocate 7.8, Sir Artagal 7.7, Chanteuse 7.7, Lady Menschikoff 7.6, Bully 7.6, Taitoko 7.5, Bollin 7.5, Sedition 7.4, Santa Rosa 7.3, Longner 7.2, Inglis 7.2, Whetumarama 7.1, Auldearn 7.0, gate 6.13, Aristocrat 6.13, Dunborve 6.12, Maheno 6.12, First Mate 6.11, Wumera 6.11, Perolina 6.10, Merrivonia 6.9, Grizzelle 6.7, Coromandel 6.7, Epsom Lass 6.7.

**AUTUMN STEEPLECHASE,** three miles and a-half.—Klatere 12.8, Lochi Fyne 11.8, Bullworth 10.8, Aorangi 10.7, Post-haste 10.5, Goldsmith 10.5, Mozart 10.3, Capitol 10.3, Creusot 9.12, Luscombe 9.11, Good Faith 9.10, Okaihau 9.10, Kapakapa 9.9, El Dorado 9.9, Speciosa 9.8, Warden 9.7.

**BRIGHTON HURDLES,** two miles.—Paritutu 11.9, Exmoor 11.1, Hautapu 10.13, Aorangi 10.12, Waipu 10.12, Cui-agnio 10.10, Nestator 10.8, Ben Jonson 10.8, Reservoir 10.0, Omati 9.13, Te Arai 9.9, Luscombe 9.7, Noteorini 9.5, Poplar 9.5, Forest 9.3, Okaihau 9.3, El Dorado 9.2, Creusot 9.2, Speciosa 9.1, Mozart 9.1, Mikotahi 9.0, Good Faith 9.0, Kapakapa 9.0.



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## BOWLING.

Mr. G. Handcock, a very prominent member of the Auckland Bowling Club, left for a trip to England on Monday. He hopes to have many a game in the Old Country, and, being a fine exponent of the ancient game, should hold his own with the best.

## INTER-CLUB MATCHES.

## ROCKY NOOK V. PONSONBY.

Rocky Nook tackled Ponsonby on Saturday in a ten rinks a-side match, and won a close fight by 14 points. The games went as follows:—

Ponsonby Green.

Rocky Nook—Leece, Eady, Scott, Wakerley (skip)—21, v. Ponsonby—Harkins, Harris, Crabtree, Coutts (skip)—20.

Rocky Nook—Pearce, Prickett, Needham, Ellisdon (skip)—26, v. Ponsonby—C. Hemus, Jones, Langsford, Parsons (skip)—11.

Rocky Nook—College, Newbegin, Hirst, Dr. Moir (skip)—17, v. Ponsonby—Graham, Leighton, Quinn, Kirker (skip)—17.

Rocky Nook—H. Jenkins, Sayers, Bryden, J. Jenkins (skip)—18, v. Ponsonby—White, Hodgson, Buchanan, Court (skip)—16.

Rocky Nook—Bain, Taylor, Small, Martin (skip)—16, v. Ponsonby—Millar, Dewar, Watson, Wells (skip)—19.

Totals: Rocky Nook, 98; Ponsonby, 83.

First-year Players: Ponsonby—Abbott, Greig, Smith, Wetherill (skip)—28, v. Rocky Nook—Williams, Swales, H. W. Taylor, McGregor (skip)—20.

Rocky Nook Green.

Rocky Nook—Dutton, Gladding, Stormont, Kayes (skip)—17, v. Ponsonby—Oldham, Burrows, Martin, McLeod (skip)—23.

Rocky Nook—Wheeler, Knight, Taylor, Ayles (skip)—16, v. Ponsonby—W. Darby, Fairs, Roney, Gorman (skip)—25.

Rocky Nook—McLeod, Gribble, Alexander, Butler (skip)—18, v. Ponsonby—Crowe, Craig, Becroft, Baddley (skip)—17.

Rocky Nook—Morton, H. Jenkins, Manson, Bouskill (skip)—24, v. Ponsonby—"Substitute," Dr. Owen, H. Hemus, Snedden (skip)—12.

Rocky Nook—Thorpe, Hall, White, Hodgson (skip)—20, v. Ponsonby—Casey, Cardon, Wetherill, Gardiner (skip)—19.

Grand total: Rocky Nook, 193; Ponsonby, 179.

## MOUNT EDEN V. EPSOM.

These clubs played an inter-club match on Saturday, Mount Eden showing the best total. The games went as follows:—

Mount Eden Green.

Mount Eden—Tattersall, Mackie, Garland, Hudson (skip)—23, v. Epsom—Wright, Owen, W. Smith, Watkins (skip)—12.

Mount Eden—Bartley, Laurence, Ross, Mercer (skip)—8, v. Epsom—Anderson, Rendell, Harrison, Eagleton (skip)—23.

Epsom Green.

Mount Eden—Braithwaite, Blake, Baker, Hooper (skip)—35, v. Epsom—Adams, Hill, Wright, W. Davies (skip)—14.

Mount Eden—Lewis, Gatenby, A. W. Jones, Newland (skip)—20, v. Epsom—A. Smith, McGowan, Foubister, Craig (skip)—21.

Totals: Mount Eden, 86; Epsom, 70.

First-year Players: Mount Eden—Harle Giles, Dickenson, Chandler, Renwick (skip)—29, v. Epsom—Rountree, Browne, Scott, Roberts (skip)—12.

## ONEHUNGA V. REMUERA.

Matches played between rinks from the Onehunga and Remuera Clubs on Saturday resulted as follows:—

Remuera Green.

Remuera—Ellis, Heron, Garland, Baxter (skip)—24, v. Onehunga—Sawyers, C. W. Clarke, Michael, H. Davis (skip)—15.

Remuera—Patterson, Wright, Price, Smallbone (skip)—20, v. Onehunga—Green, Rentoul, Hull, Knight (skip)—12.

Remuera—Ranson, Robertson, Hanna, McLean (skip)—22, v. Onehunga—Jenkins, W. White, Wright, McIntosh (skip)—16.

Remuera—Shaldrick, C. E. Scott, Wilkinson, Wooller (skip)—21, v. Onehunga—Mackay, Ellisdon, T. R. George, Clarke (skip)—15.

Remuera—Nalder, East, Hegman, G. Court (skip)—18, v. Onehunga—Friar, Gray, Haslett, J. Neil (skip)—15.

Remuera—Lennox, Mahoney, Rev. Monro, Dingwall (skip)—34, v. Onehunga—Kelay, Haslett, Wade, James (skip)—15.

Remuera—Spoonner, Barstow, Gamble, Hull (skip)—24, v. Onehunga—Gallagher, Noakes, Sutherland, E. B. Wright (skip)—14.

Remuera—Bodde, Stevenson, Menzies, Rev. Beatty (skip)—17, v. Onehunga—Neilson, Laird, W. Court, Bradley (skip)—23.

## CRICKET.

The cricket season is fast drawing to a close, and the interest is fast waning. North Shore have won the championships, as the result of the final games will fail to alter the leading position. The weather on Saturday was beautifully fine, but the wicket somewhat caked after Thursday's heavy rain.

The match between Grafton and University resulted in the somewhat unexpected reverse of the former. Varsity had 144 on the slate and Grafton 28 for one wicket when proceedings were resumed. The batting was poor, Mason being the only man to rise to the occasion, and all were out for 116. In their second venture the collegians lost eight wickets for 150 (Wallace 53, Ellis 38, Gray 23).

Eden Colts fared very badly against North Shore, who, on the previous Saturday had made 283. The Colts could only manage 57 (Alexander 24) and 121 (Beech 21), and were thus defeated by an innings and 105 runs. Howden took twelve wickets for 65 runs.

Parnell on the first Saturday had made 122, while six Ponsonby wickets had fallen for 21. McLelland (55) and Hemus (41) made a fine effort to pull the match out of the fire, but just failed by 3 runs, the innings closing for 119. Parnell put on 126 for two wickets (Hutchings 58 not out, Somervell 44 not out), and then closed the innings. Ponsonby in reply got 58 for two wickets (Woods 34 not out).

The match between Eden A and C'ty proved very one-sided, the former winning by an innings and 63 runs with a score of 215 (Cummings 78, Brown 43) to 54 and 98 (Gleeson 26).

## JUNIOR MATCHES.

In the second grade matches North Shore beat Parnell B by an innings and 9 runs, the scores being: North Shore, 175; Parnell, 80 and 86.

Eden A defeated Parnell A by an innings and 46 runs with a score of 175 to 24 and 105 (batting two men short in each innings).

The Australian team has left by the Orontes for England. The members are:—M. A. Noble, V. Trumper, S. E. Gregory, W. Bardsley, A. J. Hopkins, A. Cotter, H. Carter, C. G. Macartney, R. Hartigan, J. A. O'Connor, W. J. Whitty, P. A. McAlister, F. Laver, W. W. Armstrong, V. Ransford, and W. Carkeek. Including the manager, they number sixteen, and of these (says the "Referee") eight have never yet played in England, so that the English cricketing public is likely to be interested in the cricket of the new chums. These new men—McAlister, Ransford, Carkeek, Bardsley, Macartney, Hartigan, Whitty and O'Connor—include five batsmen, two bowlers, and a wicket-keeper. One and all are generally expected to perform well. Taking one consideration with another, it is a very solid team all round, and, barring accidents, one feels quite hopeful of its International prospects. Compared with the 1905 team, it has the confidence of a far greater number of Australians, and its doings will be more keenly followed than were those of Mr. J. Darling's last team. Could the team be strengthened? I think it could be by the inclusion of G. Hazlitt, D. R. A. Gehrs, and C. Kelleway. However, good luck and good health to the men, one and all. Good luck to the tour. It will be M. A. Noble's first effort at captaining a touring team in England. He has done good work as leader in Australia, and there is no reason why he should not repeat it on the fields of England. He is to lead a strong side, and one that will be difficult to beat, even by England. The programme will be opened on May 6 at Trent Bridge against Notts County, and the first Test match will be contested at Birmingham on May 27. Therefore, we shall soon be intently watching the Australians through the cable messages.

## ATHLETICS.

In a race at Johannesburg on Saturday for the 220yds professional sprinting championship of the world and £220, A. B. Postle, the Queensland runner, defeated B. R. Day, the Irish champion, the time returned being 23s.

## THE NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIPS.

## CANTERBURY WINS THE BANNER

The New Zealand Athletic Association's annual championships took place on Saturday on the Caledonian ground, Dunedin. Despite a showery morning, there was a capital attendance. The track was a little slow at the commencement, but rapidly improved, and some fast times were recorded, several standards being beaten. The great rivalry was between Canterbury and Wellington, the former winning. Auckland had but a solitary representative in Wallace, who duly won the hammer-throwing. Next year, however, when the championships will be held in Auckland, the Northern city will have some chance of recovering her lost laurels. The results were as follows:—

## 100YDS FLAT CHAMPIONSHIP.

Standard, 10 1-5s.

First Heat.—W. A. Woodger (Wellington), J. C. A. McWhirter (Canterbury), 2. Also started: A. Hoare (Otago), J. L. Small (Otago), W. Anderson (Canterbury). Won by two yards. Time, 10 1-5s.

Second Heat.—R. Opie (Canterbury), 1; F. Cook (Canterbury), 2. Also started: R. Ongley (Otago), L. H. McBride (Otago), J. W. Munro (Otago), and R. F. Mitchell (Otago). Won by three yards. Time, 10 2-5s.

Final.

Woodger (Wellington) ..... 1  
Opie (Canterbury) ..... 2  
McWhirter (Canterbury) ..... 3  
Cook, of Canterbury, also started. Won by six inches. McWhirter was three yards away third. Time, 10 1-5s.

## 220YDS FLAT CHAMPIONSHIP.

Standard, 22 4-5s.

First Heat.—Woodger (Wellington), 1; Cook (Canterbury), 2. These were the only starters. Won easily. Time, 25 1-5s.

Second Heat.—Opie (Canterbury), 1; Small (Otago), 2. Also started: Hoare (Otago), Anderson (Canterbury). Won all the way. Time, 23 2-5s.

Final.

Woodger (Wellington) ..... 1  
Opie (Canterbury) ..... 2  
Small (Otago) ..... 3  
Also started: Cook (Canterbury). Won by five yards. Small was third, eight yards away. Time, 22 4-5s.

## 440YDS FLAT CHAMPIONSHIP.

Standard, 52s.

J. Wilton (Wellington) ..... 1  
W. Harding (Wellington) ..... 2  
E. Williams (Wellington) ..... 3  
Also started: A. Moore (Otago), R. Ongley (Otago), A. Hoare (Otago), W. J. Munro (Otago), W. Anderson (Canterbury), J. E. Smith (Canterbury), R. Opie (Canterbury). Won by five yards. Time, 53 2-5s.

THREE MILE FLAT CHAMPIONSHIP.  
M. Dickson (Canterbury) ..... 1  
G. McKnight (Otago) ..... 2  
W. F. Simpson (Canterbury) ..... 3  
Also started: F. Frew (Otago), R. McIntyre (Otago), A. H. Burn (Otago), S. W. Moore (Canterbury), S. G. Sharpe (Wellington). Won easily by 100 yards from McKnight, who was 150yds ahead of Simpson. Time, 14m. 57s.

## HALF-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Standard, 2m.

Guy Haskins (Canterbury) ..... 1  
W. G. Harding (Wellington) ..... 2  
A. Moore (Otago) ..... 3  
Also started: D. C. Murray (Otago), F. M. Reid (Otago), A. Foster (Otago), L. A. Doogall (Canterbury), G. S. McKenzie (Canterbury), P. McCallum (Canterbury), A. E. Burge (Wellington), E. J. Williams (Wellington). Won by three yards in 2m. 3 2-5s. Moore 6yds away.

ONE MILE FLAT CHAMPIONSHIP.  
Standard 4m. 30s.

E. J. Steele (Canterbury) ..... 1  
G. Haskins (Canterbury) ..... 2  
A. W. Burge (Wellington) ..... 3  
Also started: J. Beaton (Otago), F. Mace (Otago), A. H. Burn (Otago), R. M. McIntyre (Otago), L. E. West (Otago), D. R. Thompson (Otago), L. A. Doogall (Canterbury). Won by three yards. Time, 4m. 33 2-5s.

ONE MILE WALK CHAMPIONSHIP.  
Standard, 6m. 50s.

P. H. Stubberfield (Canterbury) ..... 1  
A. P. Stubberfield (Canterbury) ..... 2  
D. Carline (Otago) ..... 3  
J. Deans (Otago) ..... \*  
Fitzgerald won by inches, but was disqualified for breaking, and the race was awarded to P. H. Stubberfield, with A. P. Stubberfield second, some distance away. Time, 6m. 59s.

THREE MILE WALK CHAMPIONSHIP.  
Standard, 23m.

P. J. Fitzgerald (Wellington) ..... 1  
P. H. Stubberfield (Canterbury) ..... 2  
A. P. Stubberfield (Canterbury) ..... 3  
Also started: D. Carline, J. Deans and F. B. Morrison (Otago). Fitzgerald won by six inches. Time, 22m. 58s.

## 120YDS HURDLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Standard, 16 1-5s.

First Heat.—G. P. Keddel (Otago), 1; F. Cook (Canterbury), 2. Also started: W. Page (Canterbury). Won easily by 3yds. Time, 16 4-5s.

Second Heat.—H. St. A. Murray (Canterbury), 1; A. Evenson (Wellington), 2. Also started: C. L. Orbell (Canterbury). Won by 2yds. Time, 16 2-5s.

Final.

G. P. Keddel (Otago) ..... 1  
A. Evenson (Wellington) ..... 2  
F. Cook (Canterbury) ..... 3  
Won by 3yds. Time, 16 3-5s.

## 440YDS HURDLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Standard, 61s.

H. St. A. Murray (Canterbury) ..... 1  
H. Hamilton (Canterbury) ..... 2  
G. McKenzie (Canterbury) ..... 3  
Also started: Keddel and Mitchell (Otago), Evenson (Wellington), and Page and Orbell (Canterbury). Won easily. Time, 62 4-5s.

## PUTTING 16LB WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

Standard, 38ft 6in.

W. D. Their (Canterbury), 37ft 7in. .... 1  
J. Murray (Otago), 34ft 5in ..... 2  
D. McFarlane (Otago), 33ft 10in ..... 3  
Wallace (Auckland) was scratched.

## BROAD JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP.

Standard, 21ft.

G. P. Keddel (Otago), 21ft 4in ..... 1  
F. Rands (Otago), 20ft 9in ..... 2  
R. Dansey (Christchurch), 20ft 7in ..... 3

## POLE VAULT CHAMPIONSHIP.

Standard, 10ft.

L. McKay (Wellington), 9ft 8in ..... 1  
J. McLachlan (Otago), 9ft 5in ..... 2  
A. Evenson (Wellington), 9ft 2in ..... 3

## THROWING 16LB HAMMER CHAMPIONSHIP.

Standard, 130ft.

J. Wallace (Auckland), 131ft 4in ... 1  
T. O'Grady (Otago), 112ft 9in ..... 2  
L. Skinner (Otago), 112ft 6in ..... 3  
Drummond, King, Macfarlane, and Murray, all of Otago, accepted. Wallace broke the standard.

## HIGH JUMP CHAMPIONSHIP.

Standard, 5ft 7in.

C. L. Orbell (Canterbury), 5ft 7in .. 1  
A. Evenson (Wellington), 5ft 3½in \*  
R. F. Mitchell (Otago), 5ft 3¼in ..... \*

The following is the summary of the championship points:—

Canterbury ..... 66  
Wellington ..... 44  
Otago ..... 34  
Auckland ..... 6

## THE RIVAL COUNCILS.

## A CONFERENCE ENDS THE DIFFICULTY.

The split in the ranks of the N.Z. A.A.A. has ended. At a conference held at Dunedin on Friday, the matter was dealt with at length, and a policy of mutual give and take solved the difficulty. Delegates were present from all the chief centres.

Mr. R. G. Anderson (Otago) moved. "That this conference of centres pledges itself to abide by the decision of the Australasian Union on the appeal submitted to it, and pending such decision to recognise the executive set up by the Association at Christchurch in November last as the governing body of the New Zealand A.A.A., and having as such all the powers of council provided for in rules."

Mr. Green altered his amendment as follows:—"That both the executive in Wellington and the council in Christchurch be called upon to forthwith resign all claim to be called the governing body of amateur athletics in New Zealand, and that this conference pledges itself to give allegiance to a council to be elected on fresh election on the basis of the constitution altered to meet the views of the majority of the conferences."

The amendment was carried by an overwhelming majority.

Mr. Hannan (Otago) moved: "That the committee of each centre shall, at its annual meeting, elect two delegates to the council, who must be amateurs under the association's definition, the delegates so elected shall constitute the council of the association, and shall at their first meeting elect from amongst themselves a president and two vice-presidents, and shall also elect a secretary-treasurer, who need not be a member of the council, but if he shall not be a member of the council he shall have no power to vote or take any part in the meetings of the council. The committee of each centre may from time to time elect a representative or representatives in place of any representative of such centre on the council who may have died, resigned, or otherwise ceased to be a member of the council. The secretary of each centre shall immediately after the annual meeting of his centre, forward to the secretary-treasurer of the outgoing council the names of the delegates to the council elected by his centre, together with their consent in writing to accept office."

Mr. Pollock suggested that the words, "shall at its annual meeting," be altered to read, "shall within 30 days," and this was agreed to.

The Chairman suggested an addition to the motion as follows: "That in the redrawing of the rules the mode of election be in accordance with this rule." The motion was altered, and was carried.

Mr. Pollock moved: "That an executive, consisting of the secretary and president of the Otago centre, be appointed in connection with the election of the new council, to be carried out in accordance with the terms of the motion just passed." Mr. Green seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. R. Anderson (Otago) moved:—"That the headquarters of the association shall always be at the headquarters of a centre, the centre in which the headquarters shall for the time being be located shall be determined at the expiration of every succeeding three years by majority vote of the centres for the time being affiliated to the association."

Mr. Green moved as an amendment: "That the words 'determined at expiration of every succeeding three years' be deleted, and the words, 'transferable at any time' be substituted.

The amendment was carried.

Mr. Anderson moved: "That headquarters be forthwith at Wellington."

Mr. Twyneham moved as an amendment: "That headquarters be forthwith situated at Dunedin."

The amendment was put and lost, and the motion was carried by eight votes to five.

Mr. Pollock moved, "That the council's share of profits from 1909 be left in the hands of the president, secretary, and treasurer of the Otago Centre, and that they receive and deal in trust with all moneys and assets held at present by Messrs. Atack and Talbot, of Christchurch and Wellington councils respectively, such moneys and assets to be handed over to the secretary and treasurer of the New Zealand council, as soon as elected."

It was resolved:—(1) That the next athletic championship meeting be held at Auckland; (2) that the selection of a committee, consisting of five representatives (one from each centre) be appointed to in future select Australian championship teams; (3) that it be a recommendation to the incoming council that New Zealand championship shield points be scored by first and second only, two points being allotted to first and one to second; (4) that Wellington be headquarters of the association; (5) to secede from the New Zealand Sports Federation.

**PICNIC AND SPORTS.**

The employees of Messrs. Arthur Cleave and Co., Ltd., held their annual picnic and sports at Arkle's Bay on Saturday, the weather throughout the day proving all that could be desired. Shortly after 9.30 a.m. the s.s. Kaipatiki left the Queen Street Wharf with about 85 picnickers aboard, and after a very enjoyable trip down, the Bay was reached exactly at noon. The tide being out on arrival, it was found necessary to convey the visitors ashore in the boats, this being done expeditiously and without the slightest discomfort. All safely landed, preparations for luncheon were made, the picnickers seeking the shelter of the trees and the hawthorn hedge. Soon the contents of the luncheon baskets were being rapidly demolished, while the excellent tea taken round by Mr. E. Goodhew, who proved himself a pastmaster in the art of brewing the refreshing beverage, was much appreciated. The hour and a-half following the mid-day meal was devoted to boating and a ramble round the picturesque bay, after which a photograph was taken of the visitors grouped together on the hillside. A varied sports programme was the next item in the day's proceedings to engage attention, the large paddock adjoining Arkle's boardinghouse serving as a good running track. The races created no end of interest, the fields being large, and the fine handicapping of Mr. F. W. Coombes being responsible for some highly exciting finishes. The swimming races, which were started from off the steamer, were very keenly contested, both events being won by the narrowest margin. It was late in the afternoon before the sports were concluded, and after partaking of more "Amber Tips" tea the picnickers made their way to the boat for the homeward trip.

During the run back to town there was no lack of entertainment. Three concert parties—one forward, one amidships, and the other aft—going through a large repertoire of songs and operatic music. On reaching the North Head cheers were given for the manager, Mr. A. Cleave, and the various heads of the departments, a num-

ber of eloquent speeches being greeted with loud applause. The picnic was brought to a conclusion with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," the s.s. Kaipatiki arriving alongside the wharf at about a quarter past eight. The results of the sports were as follows:—

100 Yards Cleave and Co. Championship.—P. Cleave, 1; E. Goodhew, 2. 50 Yards Swimming Championship: E. Rutledge, 1; C. Hogan, 2. 100 Yards "Review" Handicap. J. Rutledge, 1; J. Gordon, 2. 50 Yards Swimming Handicap: C. Hogan, 1; E. Rutledge, 2. 75 Yards Married Men's Handicap: J. Gordon, 1; A. Cleave, 2. Hop, Step and Jump. P. Cleave, 1; H. Crafts, 2; distance, 39ft. 9in. Girls' Race: Miss Caroline Holder, 1; Miss Molly Stewart, 2. Steeplechase: E. Cleave, 1; J. Rutledge, 2; J. Munro, 3.

**BILLIARDS.**

There is virtually nothing doing locally in the world of billiards, nor is there likely to be until the warm weather is over. Indications, however, point to a brisk time ahead.

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The Council of the Billiards Control Club (London) has issued its "Rules of the Game of English Billiards." The one important point on which the Billiards Control Club breaks away from the Billiard Association is in respect of safety play. Rule 9 of the Billiards Control Club rules prohibits a player from making "two misses in successive innings, unless he or the opponent score after the first miss, or a double baulk intervenes." Consecutive ball-to-ball cannons are limited to 25, and for a foul stroke "the striker cannot score, and his opponent plays from hand, the two other balls being spotted." It is also provided that "the referee, should he observe any breach of the rules, must of his own initiative intervene." This authorises him, without appeal, to prevent a player from continuing a break in which in the referee's opinion a stroke has been missed.

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In his recent challenge to Roberts, Inman says: "Before the season closes I am anxious to show the public that I can beat any player, bar Stevenson, upon level terms. I am prepared to back myself to play John Roberts 18,000 up upon level terms under Billiard Association rules for £500 a-side, the winner to take the whole of the gate receipts. On hearing from Roberts that he will accept the above terms, I will at once stake the whole of the money." Inman has satisfied the English press that this is not mere idle talk on his part—he has the money, and is willing to stand the risk of losing it in an attempt to prove himself the superior of the veteran.

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Perhaps the most sensational match of the time was that of 3000 up for £800, between Wizard Jake Schaeffer and Monsieur Cure in the Paris Nouveau Cirque in 1904. Schaeffer won on the post by the close margin of 16 points, and his friends immediately rushed him, raised him shoulder high, and raced round and round the scene of battle, cheering wildly, only stopping now and again to bestow a like tribute upon the Frenchman who, though defeated, made a gallant fight, playing grandly throughout the very severe battle. It was indeed a scene to be long remembered.

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John Roberts reminds me much of two great American boxing champions—John L. Sullivan, in the long ago, and Tommy Burns, the up-to-date, if somewhat eclipsed hero of the boxing stage (says the editor of the "New World of Billiards.") He has taken to the "knock out" programme that "J. L." made popular by travelling around and offering a certain sum of money to anyone able to withstand his battering-ram punches for three rounds and escaping his specialty—the "knock-out." At first Sullivan was a downright good sportsman. He offered the whole of the gate receipts to anyone who could last out the three rounds with him, but when Tug Wilson and Charlie Mitchell, two English boxers, crossed the Atlantic and qualified for two large sums of money, Sullivan's sporting instincts deserted him. From that time forth he stipulated for a certain fixed sum to the adventurous rival who dared his might. During the ensuing fortnight John Roberts is engaged in a similar task. The veteran has engaged himself to concede Harverson a start of 4000 in 18,000 up, and he has, a la Sullivan (in this champion's less inflated days), offered his opponent the magnanimous terms of £100 if a winner and nothing if a

loser. Where John Roberts resembles Tommy Burns is equally simple of explanation. Stevenson has offered Roberts a start of 4000 in 20,000 for £250 or £500 a-side. Roberts is willing to play, providing he receives two-thirds of the gate money. No doubt he feels that he is making a great concession to the present champion in giving him anything at all and not making him qualify for, say, one-fifth or one-sixth share, such as Harverson has to be content with, boxing championship, between Burns and Johnson, in this connection, let it be borne in mind that the recent match for the and Johnson, was for a purse of £7500. Burns refused to get in the ring unless he had £6000, win or lose. Moreover, he got it, and the winner, Johnson, had to be satisfied with the remaining £1500!

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There are no greater deceivers in billiard-playing than the half butt and long butt (writes Tom Taylor). They are as deceptive as they are necessary on the 12 x 6 table. It is their increased weight as compared to the ordinary cue that makes them so uncertain to play with. I remember the mistakes I used to make with them when I was learning the game as a youngster. All my screw-shots and forcers always went wrong and I could not make out the reason why. At last I figured it out that if I played with a cue the weight of the half-butt or long-butt, and their driving power, I should require to use less force than I did ordinarily. I was in the right tack then, and although never fond of the "half and long one" I got on better with them when I understood how they had to be handled. If you play with them like you do your ordinary cue, except in the very slowest touches, you will be courting failure. You have to make allowance for the extra weight, and it is safer to put less force than you consider is required than to "overdo" the shot, as you are bound to do if you play as though you have your cue in your hand. A very good tip that may avert a foul or an over-reached is to copy the professionals, and walk round the table to where your half-butt or long-butt is lying on the "rest-head." Then take the end of it and put it as close up to the ball as your judgment is necessary to prepare it for the stroke. This is better, safer, and more according to the rules of the game than asking your opponent or the marker, "How far am I away?" as so many players do. Always play the proper game, and see to these details yourself!

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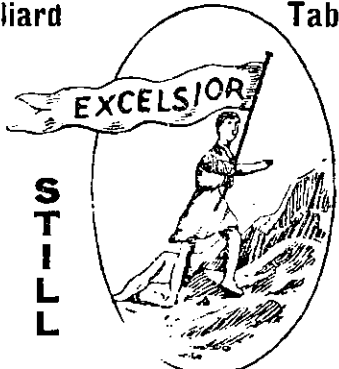
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**FOOTBALL.**

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**AMENDING THE RULES.**

Delegates to the council of the New Zealand Rugby Union met to-day for the purpose of considering the proposed amendments to the rules with the object of making the game more attractive. The chairman (Mr. G. F. C. Campbell) said the proposals, if carried, would have a great effect on the conduct of Rugby in New Zealand, and would mean a possible breakaway from the International Board.

Alterations were carried to the following effect:—

Law I.—That the game be played in four spells of 20min each, with an interval after the second spell.

Notes referring to the tackle are altered to provide that if a player carrying the ball be brought to the ground and the ball touches the ground, he may nevertheless get up with it and continue his run or pass it, provided it be done immediately.

In every case when the referee orders a scrummage he shall put the ball into the scrummage.

The offside rule relating to the scrummage is amended to read: "A player is placed offside if he crosses an imaginary line drawn down through the back of the scrummage on his own side, while the ball is in the scrummage."

Law 10, relating to free kicks, is altered to read: "In all cases of free kicks, or kick at goal, the opposite side shall not charge such kick."

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## CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

The remarkable growth in the use of the taxi-cab in London is shown by the following figures published. In 1903 there were registered in London 11,404 horse drawn cabs and 1 motor cab; in 1904 the figures were 11,057 cabs and 2 motor cabs; in 1905, 10,931 cabs and 19 motor cabs; in 1906, 10,492 cabs and 96 taxi-cabs; in 1907, 9,818 horse drawn cabs and 723 taxi-cabs; whilst in 1908, there were 8,475 cabs (3,000 less than in 1903) and 2,805 taxi-cabs.

Of the two interstate road routes, Melbourne to Sydney and Melbourne to Adelaide, there is little difference in the actual mileage, but a wide difference in the nature of the country to be covered. After the recent grand drive of Messrs. Bertie Barr-Smith and Murray Auger across from Melbourne to Adelaide in 22 hrs. 24 mins. different expressions of opinion were voiced as to which was the better performance, Messrs. Smith and Auger's, or Messrs. H. B. James and C. B. Kellow Melbourne to Sydney drive of 25 hours 40 min. After his recent drive across from Adelaide to Melbourne, Mr. James states that, considering the difficulties of the two routes, he is of the opinion that Mr. Barr-Smith's performance is the most meritorious of the two. On the Sydney route there are certainly less good roads, but the bad tracks are of a known quality, and a car can be driven to a time schedule. On the Adelaide route there are two bad sections, the Strathdownie sand stretch and the Coorong, that make this trip a matter of considerable uncertainty; you might get across without trouble, and, again, you might lose hours getting out of a sand-drift or loose patch. "Only those who have motored over the sections mentioned," says Mr. James, "can realise the wonderful performance recorded by Messrs. Smith and Auger, and the man who beats it will want everything in his favour and a lot of luck."

Messrs. F. H. Forde and R. White, with their respective parties, have just returned from a ten days' motor-tour of the Waikato district, extending to Okoroire. Bad roads constituted the chief grievance.

The cycle record, Wellington to Palmerston North, was broken by Mr. F. Birtles on Tuesday. Mr. Birtles started from Wellington at 8.30 a.m., and reached Palmerston at 2.45 p.m., the journey thus occupying six and a-quarter hours, fifteen minutes less than the previous record for the distance.

The ninety-mile cycle road from Hamilton to Auckland will be decided on Saturday. The race is being run under the auspices of the Eden Cycle Club, and valuable prizes will be given to the successful riders. The following handicaps have been declared by Mr. G. Hely, handicapper:—H. Flewellyn and A. Flewellyn, scratch; W. W. Scott, 5m.; D. Scott, 12m.; M. Scott, 15m.; T. Benyon and N. Wadman, 22m.; B. Maberley, G. Howard, and V. R. Scott, 25m.; J. Lynch, W. Wickstead, and G. Herring, 35m.; S. Kitchen and A. Twidle, 40m.; T. Sullivan, M. Brennan, and A. Viall, 60m.; A. Stewart, withheld. The race will finish at the Tivoli Theatre, Newton.

The Australian cyclist, Clark, and the Americans, MacFarland and Nat Butler, got badly beaten at the Paris Velodrome d'Hiver recently, Butler being defeated by the French rider Parent in a 60 kilometre paced race, won in 44m 56 2-5s.; MacFarland going under to Marcel Berthet in an un-paced match; and MacFarland, partnered by Clark, sustaining defeat in the Prix des Etats-Unis from Dupre and Heller.

It was estimated that at the end of 1908 there were fully 150,000 motor vehicles in use in the United States, while another estimate places the production of the current year at 75,000 new cars. The expansion of the motor industry in America during the past two years is stated to have been enormous.

A published list of the injuries received by the police of the metropolis (London) in the execution of their duty shows that during the year 1907 the following, amongst others, have been sustained:—By horses falling, 32; thrown by horses, 17; by stopping runaway horses, 49; assisting with fallen or restive horses, 18; by ve-

hicles when regulating traffic, etc., 27; kicked by horses, 15; trodden upon by horses, 18; knocked down by horses, 3. In the whole analysis there is not a single case mentioned of injury caused to a police constable by a motor-car, which, in view of the large amount of motor traffic in London at the present time is, to say the least of it, good evidence of the safety of that kind of traffic.

The great American race meeting on the Ormond-Daytona (Florida) beach this year was to have opened on the 23rd inst., and will close on the 26th. The programme includes a race open to cars that took part in the Vanderbilt Cup, and a competition for Sir Thomas Dewar's £400 trophy, the winner of which must attain a speed of 120 miles an hour, or two miles a minute.

### THE GREAT RELAY RIDE.

Messrs. G. R. Broadbent, S. H. Day and H. B. James, three well-known Melbourne motorists, drove across from Adelaide to Melbourne last week for the purpose of making arrangements in connection with the forthcoming Dunlop Military Despatch Relay Cycle Ride, which is to be held from Adelaide to Sydney at Easter time. All along the route the keenest of interest is taken in the forthcoming ride, in fact, no cycle event yet held in the Commonwealth has commanded such public attention. All told some 28 relay stages were allotted, changing boards erected, etc. The severest portions of route are the sections over the Coorong, between Meningie and Kingston, and the bad sand stretches from the Adelaide border up to within ten miles of Casterton on the Victorian side. The Coorong was crossed during last week's very hot spell of weather, the heat being intense crossing the white sands and salt-crusted, dried-up lagoons. What with loose sand drifts, some of them ranging from two to ten feet deep, across the tracks, the motorists named had a trying time crossing the dreaded Coorong, strips of coconut matting being requisitioned before the soft fine sand could be negotiated. At one point nine miles of smooth pipe-clay ran along the edge of a lagoon, affording probably the finest speed track in Australasia. This stretch was some three hundred yards wide, and would carry any speed. All told, this country, whilst difficult for motorists, affords a better track for cyclists, and Messrs. Pfundt and McKinnon, who carry the despatch over this section (some 38 miles) will, with decent weather conditions, probably cover this part of the route in 3½ hours. On the Victorian side, near Strathdownie, some very trying coun-

try to cyclists will have to be crossed, sand and bracken fern, which will miles of track being nothing but loose probably necessitate considerable walking. After inspecting this half of the route, the Dunlop Company's representative anticipates that, with fair weather conditions, the 583 miles from Adelaide to Melbourne will be covered in about 38 hours. The present intention is for the despatch to be handed over by Lieutenant Colonel J. H. Lee Commandant of the South Australian military forces, at 10 p.m. on Good Friday eve at the Adelaide G.P.O., so that the despatch will probably reach Melbourne between eleven and noon on Easter Saturday.

## BOXING.

### JACK JOHNSON.

"Tad," the "New York Evening Journal's" caricaturist, opened up a story of Jack Johnson's life, told by himself, as follows:—

(By LIL' ARTHA JOHNSON.)

#### CHAPTER I.

I was the original tar baby. All others are imitations. I was born in Galveston, Texas, a long time before Bryan began to run for President.

I was never a mussy boy. My sister used to fight all my battles. She would mingle with anyone at the drop of the hat, and never run second. She beat everyone in Texas, and one day started for me. I left home.

I joined "The Uncle Tom's Cabin" show, and played the part of a bloodhound for three years.

I was a good bloodhound, too. The El Paso "Gazette," in speaking of the show, said that the bloodhounds were all right, but they had poor support.

I was raised from the part of the bloodhound to that of the child which Eliza carries over the frozen water.

After playing the stage for a while I met all-comers in pie-eating contests, and always held my own.

I was very thin when a child, and often had to stand twice in the same place in order to make a shadow. For a while I was hard up and out of work, but finally succeeded in getting a job down at the gasworks going through the pipes.

#### JEFFRIES V. JOHNSON.

#### IS A MATCH LIKELY?

In a very interesting article on this subject, the well-known Sydney boxing authority, "The Amateur," says: Offers of fabulous purses have been

made, as much as £10,000 or £15,000 to one of the principals in the match, whether he won or lost. What about the other party to the show? Johnson, as champion, must be placed on at least the same footing, which means a total of £20,000 or £30,000 in prize-money alone. It would be an absolute impossibility to make the speculation profitable, in Australia especially, through a match that would arouse nothing like the interest the Burns-Johnson affair excited, for Burns had just beaten out two champion, and Johnson had visited us some time before and easily accounted for the best pitted against him. Further, Jeffries has been out of the game for five years, during which period he has lived an easy life and grown very gross. Now, who will dare to say that such a man can, at 34 years of age, shunt his great weight of "too, too solid flesh," and be benefited, particularly as a saloon, where, for the sake of business, he had to be "at home" as much as possible, occupied the bulk of his time. It was Jeffries that drew the custom, not the brands of liquor he kept, or the way they were served up.

Jeffries has said, and repeated over and over, that he has no intention of facing the music again—could not, in fact, be dragged into the ring with wild horses.

Think you, reader, that even if the bringing off of a Jeffries-Johnson battle in Australia were possible, and the announced purses enticed the pair, also that any Government the Continent over would allow the match to occur, we could outbid America, where Jeffries is absolutely idolised, and where he, even if no more than Australia was prepared to give could be obtained, would naturally prefer to fight. Already some big syndicate up about Klondyke, in the Yukon territory, has announced their willingness to hang up 100,000 dollars, and others are only awaiting some definite pronouncement from the big fellow before "raising" that sum considerably.

Why would Jeffries fight again, seeing that he dropped out of the game directly Johnson menaced the position, vowed he could never be lured into meeting a coloured man, because of America's hatred of the negro race, and yet Jeffries had met three coloured men before, in the persons of Hank Griffin, Bob Armstrong, and Peter Jackson.

Presuming Jeffries did decide to fight again, and got into shape, could he really beat Johnson? I know many, especially in America, think the task might be easy for the white man, while others are of opinion that he would have exceeding difficulty in landing on the black. One thing is



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certain, and that—Johnson could not win through a knock out, though he might pile up a great heap of surplus points.

In his day Jeffries beat the best contemporary heavy-weights, and not once did any of them have him any way near slumberland. Out-boxed and badly knocked about he certainly was occasionally, but never did he stagger back in his tracks helpless for a moment. Jeffries always has been the infuriated bull in his battles, and the clever men—Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Choynski, and Co.—opposed to him the tantalising treading. The retired champion was a powerful fellow, liberally charged with vitality, and the owner of a remarkable capacity for punishment, and though quick and nimble for such an enormous mass of man, never in it as far as skill went with any one of the top-notchers of his day.

Jim Corbett ran rings round Jeffries for twenty-three rounds, and then lost through a lucky punch, the opening for which was left through the beaten man's excessive confidence as the end approached. Joe Choynski fought a twenty-rounds' draw with Jeffries, and he (Jeffries) only beat Tom Sharkey on points in 20 and 25 rounds' matches. Certainly Sharkey was no terror. In their last battle at Frisco, it was not what Jeffries did to him that caused Bob Fitzsimmons to stop, but what he couldn't do to Jeffries in the way of hurt, thought the Californian proved a veritable punching-bag for the New Zealander, who hit him when and wherever he liked.

## AQUATICS

The North Shore R.C. had a very successful "At Home" on Saturday, the trial fours for Mr. Kohn's trophies being won by L. Spinley, L. Fraser, H. Grubb and G. Seagar (stroke).

The North Shore R.C. will hold races for the Challenge Cup on April 3.

A sculling race will be held by the St. George's R.C. next Saturday for Mr. Rathbone's handsome rose bowl.

There have been few more enjoyable week-end cruises than that of Saturday and Sunday. The weather was beautifully fine throughout, and although the wind was very light for the homeward-bound trip, yet matters would have been difficult to mend. At present there are great numbers of schnapper in the Gulf, and all the yachts report very large catches.

Next Saturday the Devonport Club will hold a cruising race to Waiwera. It is the last event of the season.

Sydney yachts had their last race of the season on March 13, when the Prince Alfred Club decided a general handicap. It was an exciting contest, too, as Thelma (C. Lloyd Jones), 1min, only won by 5sec. from the Auckland-built Petrel (C. Trebeck), 13min, with Sunbeam (A. W. Crane), another Auckland boat, 15min, third, 5sec. later. Just before the finish Petrel and Sunbeam took part in a luffing match, and Thelma then slipped ahead.

Dixie won again in the race for the Waitemata Club's dinghies, with Olive second and Lone Hand third. I cannot help thinking that if the interest in this young club is to be maintained, some handicap must go on the programme. It must be getting monotonous for Arawa and Rita to finish last in every event, and their owners show pluck in constantly turning out in the face of certain defeat.

The chief event at the annual regatta of the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria was the Lipton Cup. No fewer than 24 yachts entered. The contest was won by Helen, which had a handicap of 7min. Her time was 4h. 34m. 21s. Ellida (16½m. handicap) was second, and she took 4h. 37m. 8s. to complete the course. Kurrewa II. (8m. handicap) filled third place.

W. Ingram, N. Mitchell, H. Woodroffe and T. Stone (stroke), formed the winning crew at the St. George's R.C. Trial Fours on Saturday, and they accordingly annexed Mr. W. S. Whitely's handsome trophies.

The West End Club's final "At Home" took place on Saturday, the winners of the Trial Fours being S. Higginson, R. Farrell, A. Bennett and H. Rowe (stroke). These take the trophies presented by Mr. A. Kohn.

Menzies, Reston, Wolfgram and Parkinson (stroke), won the Trial Fours at the Waitemata Boating Club's afternoon on Saturday. Mr. G. Read presented the trophies.

Gray, Gentles, Wilson and Barber (stroke) won the Kohn trophies at the Auckland R.C. Trial Fours on Saturday.

### A PROJECTED MATCH.

A match is being talked of which, for the sake of the good sport it would provide, will, I trust, get beyond the talking stage. This is a sweepstakes of £5 per boat between the cutters Kotiri, Ngatira, Waione, Ladye Wilma, and Rangatira. The conditions would be that the usual crews be carried, all yachts starting off the mark, and the course probably round Tiri Tiri and back. The yachts mentioned are all evenly matched, and the race would give rise to so much interest that a club steamer would have to be provided to follow the race. There has been a noticeable falling off in interest this season so far as racing among the larger yachts is concerned, but a purely sporting contest of the kind mentioned would certainly do much to re-awaken it.

### THE NORTH SHORE YACHT CLUB.

The final cruising race of the season was held by the North Shore Yacht Club, the destination being Drunken Bay. Heartsease was first home in the Class I. boats, Wairere being second, but Peri beat the lat-

Schoolboys' Handicap, 25yds. — H. Goffin, 4s., 1; C. J. Bloomfield, scr., 2. Time, 19s. Won by inches.

Auckland Handicap, 100yds.—First heat: W. T. Matthews, 11s., 1; S. J. Easdown, 9s., 2. Time, 70s. Second heat: L. Kerr-Taylor, 11s., 1; P. C. Weston, 9s., 2. Time, 74s. Third heat: Francis, 1; V. Barchard, 18s., 2. Time, 78 4-5s. Final: Matthews, 1; Kerr-Taylor, 2. Time, 73 1-5s. A great race. Won by inches. All close up.

Boys' Handicap (under 17), 50yds.—First heat: G. Jessen, 6s., 1; A. Jessen, 5s., 2. Time, 35s. Second heat: C. J. Bloomfield, 5s., 1; A. Matthews, 6s., 2. Time, 34 2-5s. Third heat: J. Rees, 3s., 1; I. Stewart, 5s., 2. Time, 33 4-5s. Final: Stewart, 1; Rees, 2. Time, 34 1-5s. Won by half a yard.

Breast Stroke Championship of Auckland, 200yds.—W. R. Horton, 1; M. E. Champion, 2. Won by 10yds. Time, 3m. 23s.

Diving Competition.—Kronfeld, 1. Bloomfield, 2.

Carnival Handicap, 50yds. — First heat: A. O'Hare, 1s., 1; W. Geddis, 3s., 2. Time, 30 3-5s. Second heat: W. Johnson, 8s., 1; E. Underwood, 6s., 2. Time, 34 3-5s. Third heat: J. Inkster, 6s., 1; J. Easdale, 6s., 2. Time, 33 4-5s. Fourth heat: E. Marrett, scratch, 1; W. K. Purcell, 1s., 2. Time, 30 1-5s. Fifth heat: O. Anderson, 5s., 1; J. S. Kean, 4s., 2. Time, 31 4-5s. Final: Kean, 1; Purcell, 2. Time, 34s. Won by inches.

Schoolboys' Relay Race.—Normal, 1.

### BOWLING TEAMS FOR NEXT SATURDAY'S INTER-CLUB MATCHES.

#### AUCKLAND v. MOUNT EDEN.

The following are the Mount Eden teams to play Auckland next Saturday.—

At Auckland Green: Renwick, Lawrence, Dickey, Mercer (skip); Gavin, Mackie, Ross, Brookes (skip); Traves, J. Davis, H. O. Brown, Gill (skip); Braithewaite, Cordes, Baker, Tutt (skip).

At Mount Eden Green: Tattersall, J. Smith, Miller, Surman (skip); H. Jones, Coe, Ferguson, Hudson (skip); A. W. Jones, Fernandez, Garland, Hooper (skip); Gatenby, Newland, McGregor, Young (skip).

First-year players: Harle Giles, Dickenson, Marshall, May (skip).

#### PONSONBY v. MOUNT ALBERT.

The following teams have been selected to represent Ponsonby Club in their match next Saturday with Mt. Albert.—

At Mount Albert Green: A. Gouk, J. Becroft, G. Webb, D. Crabtree (skip); H. D. Abbott, J. Smith, A. W. Read, H. Wetherilt (skip).

At Ponsonby Green: R. G. Atkinson, E. Darby, A. Snedden, W. Smith (skip); J. Adams, J. Hodgson, A.

Coutts, R. Quinn (skip); E. White, J. Burrows, S. G. Lee, J. Buchanan (skip).

#### PONSONBY v. RICHMOND.

The following teams will represent Ponsonby against Richmond next Saturday:—

At Richmond Green: F. Burton, E. Oswald, J. Martin, A. G. Baddley (skip); E. Harkins, D. I. Davies, J. McLeod, T. Watson (skip).

At Ponsonby Green: J. Gribble, J. Edmiston, J. Court, J. Stichbury (skip); M. Casey, R. H. Hall, H. Hemus, T. Wetherilt (skip).

The following teams have been selected to play for Richmond.—

At Richmond Green: H. McLeod, R. Walker, G. Murray, W. H. Murray (skip); H. Roads, C. H. Tomlinson, M. J. Bennett, J. Thomas (skip).

At Ponsonby Green: F. Ralston, A. Donald, F. C. Jones, C. Morley (skip); J. Paterson, C. E. Jeffries, F. Jeffries, T. E. Short (skip).

#### EPSOM v. CARLTON.

The following teams will represent Epsom against Carlton on Saturday next:—

At Carlton Green: J. Wright, Hopkins, Harrison, Craig (skip); Brookes, Owen, Ker, Watkins (skip).

At Epsom Green: Clark, Walker, Foubister, W. Smith (skip); G. Wright, Rendall, McGowan, Eagleton (skip).

First-year players: Brown, Young, Scott, Roberts (skip).

ter on time. Geisha won on time in the Class II. race from Ronaki and Rancee. Hetty, which, as usual, was leniently handicapped, won the Class III. race, and she has proved herself the most successful boat of the year, Hilda and Welcome Jack tied for second place. Tangaroa won the Class IV. event on time from Mavourneen and Encounter. The Class V. race went to Flattie, with Fleetwing second and Avona third. Commodore Wilkinson, on board his smart cutter Thistle, was third.

### AUCKLAND AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION'S CARNIVAL.

The third annual carnival of the Auckland centre of the New Zealand Amateur Swimming Association took place in the Auckland Graving Dock on Saturday before a large attendance. The following were the officials:—Judges, Messrs. H. Frost, C. Weaver, and D. Callinan; timekeepers, Messrs. Ford, Diddams, Meredith, and Denison; starter, Mr. G. Katerns; check starter, Mr. C. O. Hughes; handicappers, Messrs. Stewart and Ward Campbell; hon. secretary, Mr. L. C. Gibbins.

The following were the results:—

Novice Handicap, 50yds. — First heat: J. A. Tobin, 3s., 1; J. Gibbons, scratch, 2. Time, 31s. Second heat: J. E. Inkster, 3s., 1; J. Stone, 2s., 2. Time, 31s. Third heat: T. McGlashan, 3s., 1; O. J. Somerville, 4s., 2. Time, 34s. Final: McGlashan, 1; Inkster, 2. Time, 31 4-5s. Won by a yard.

440Yds Handicap.—M. E. Champion, scratch, 1; R. A. Hogan, 35s., 2. Time, 5m. 59s.—a New Zealand record. Champion broke the record by 3 2-5s.

### THE MOURNER.

The minister had just been giving the class a lesson on the prodigal son. At the finish, to test what attention had been paid to his teaching, he asked: "Who was sorry that the prodigal had returned?" The most forward youngster in the class breathlessly answered, "The fatted calf!"

The American Truth-teller was in form.

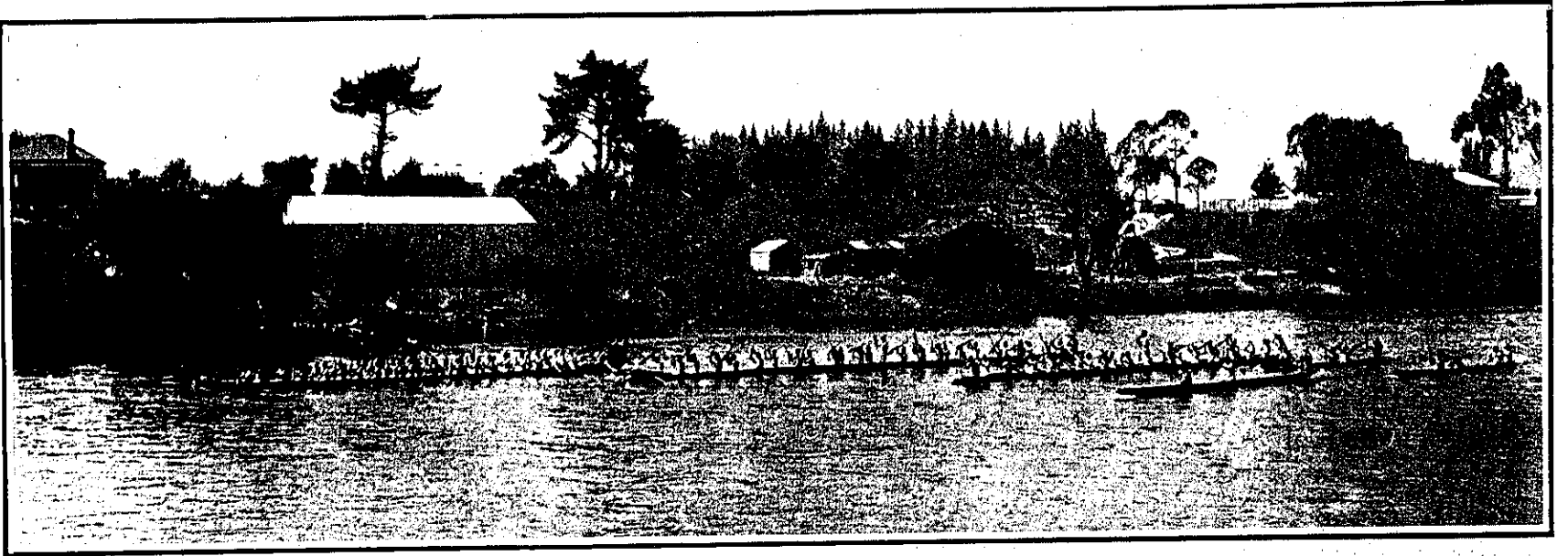
"Talk of ants," he said, casually, "we've got 'em as big as crabs out West. I guess I've seen 'em fight with long thorns, which they used as lances charging each other like savages."

The quiet Britisher blew a cloud of smoke up to the ceiling. "They don't compare with the ants I saw in the East," he said. "The natives have trained 'em as beasts of burden. One of 'em could trail a ton-load for miles with ease. They work willingly, but occasionally they turn on their attendants and kill them."

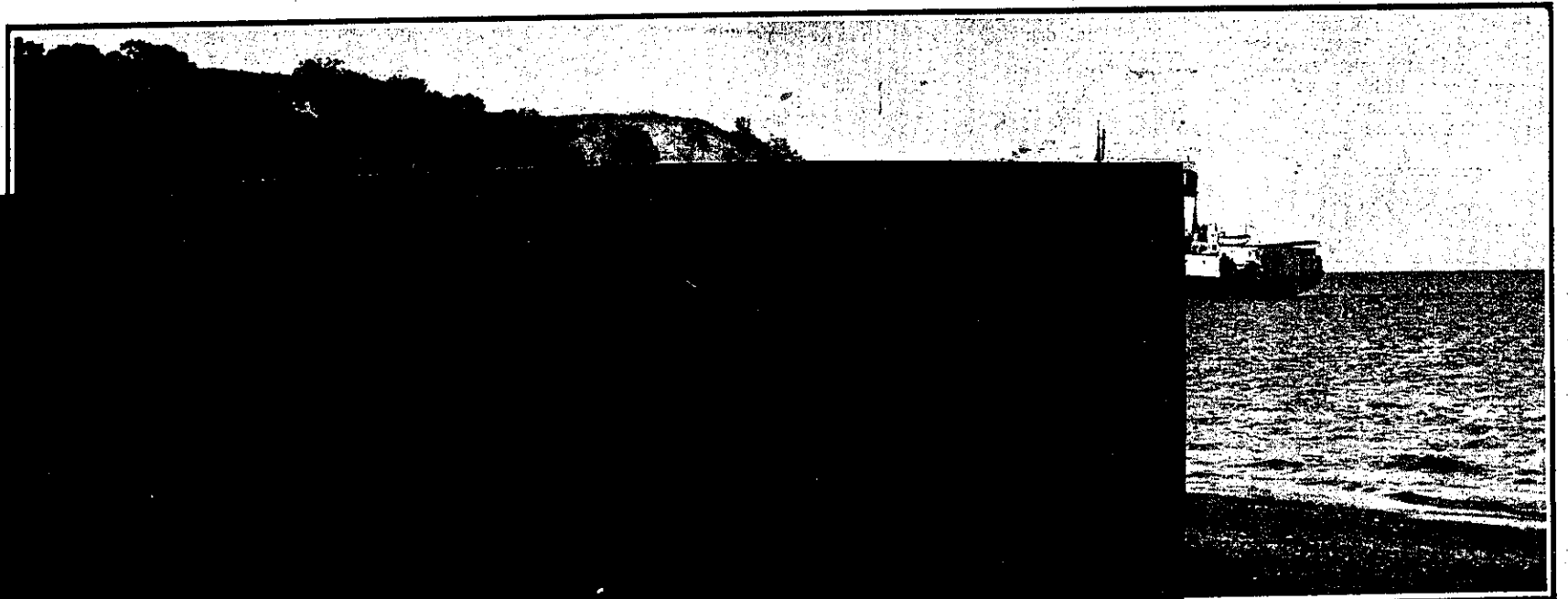
But this was drawing the long-bow a little too far.

"I say, old chap," said the other in a shocked voice, "what sort of ants were they? Just tell us that, and we'll try and believe yer."

"Eleph-ants," said the quiet Britisher.



SOME BIG NATIVE CANOES ON THE WAIKATO.

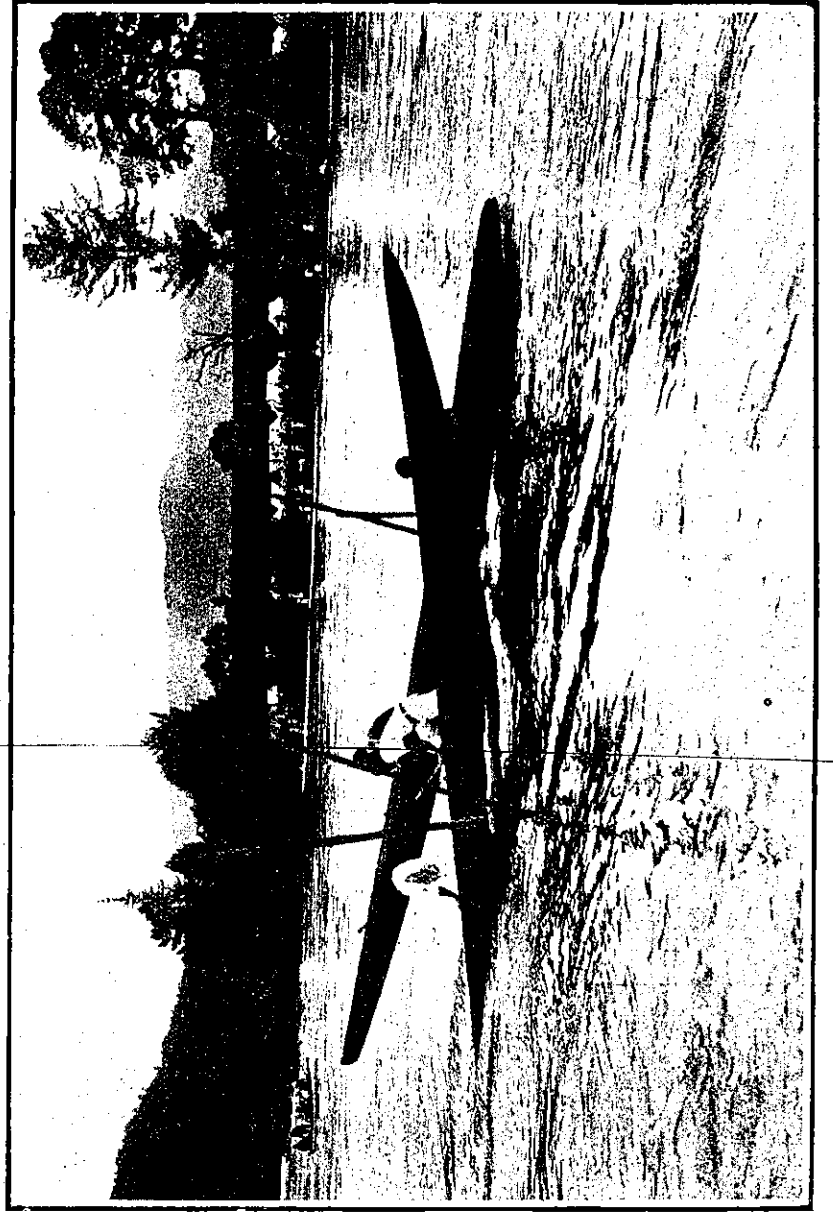


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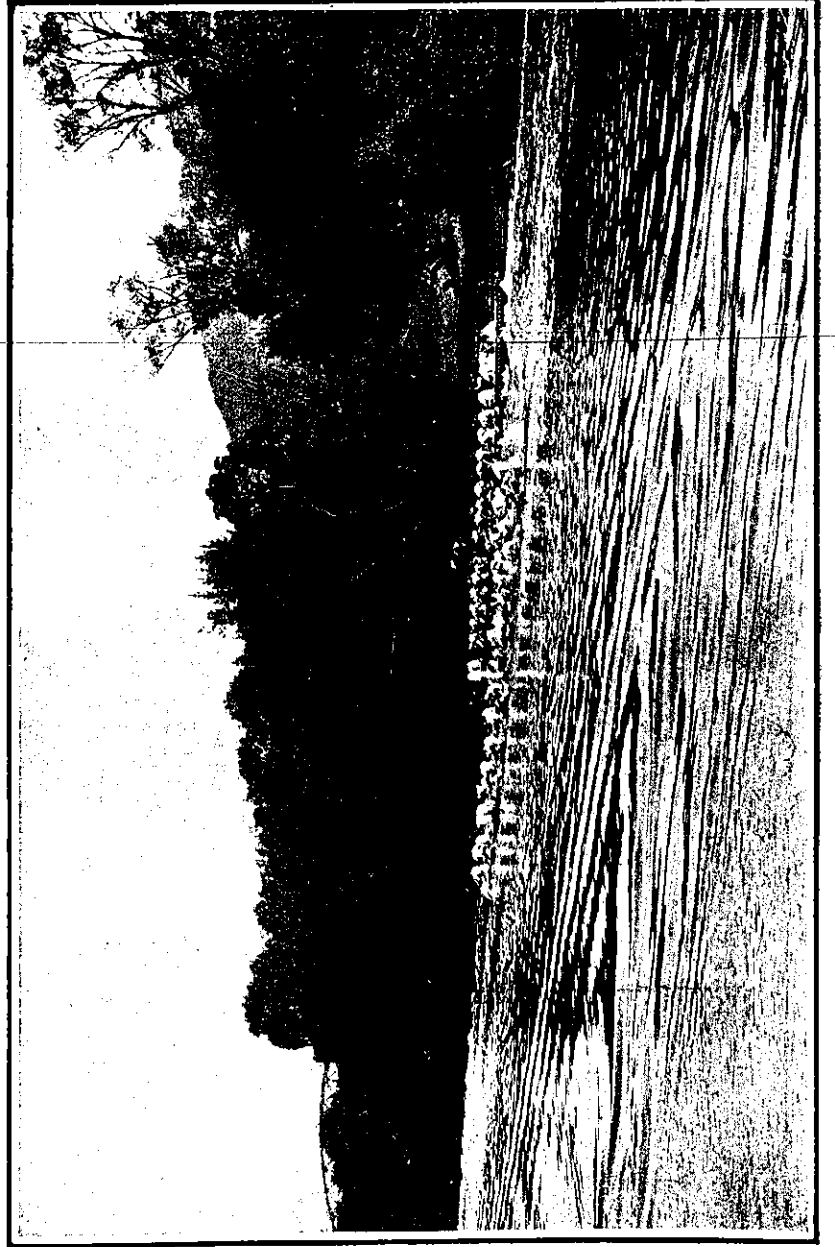
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# THE STAGE

## HIS MAJESTY'S.

### "TWO LITTLE SAILOR BOYS."

The second production by the Meynell and Gunn Company was Walter Howard's four-act drama, entitled "Two Little Sailor Boys." It is a much stronger production than "A Miner's Trust," the interest being better sustained, and the probabilities not altogether ignored. The story tells of a woman of the adventurous type who, after deserting her husband and child, lives a life of pleasure, and ultimately marries a retired admiral. She then proceeds to make matters very unpleasant for Mildred Grey, her step-daughter. The latter is engaged to Captain Noel Tregarthen, and the plot largely concerns Mrs. Grey's efforts to separate the lovers. Just how she is checkmated, and her past crimes discovered, is most ingeniously told, and it is well worth visiting the theatre to find out. Miss Lillian Meyers essayed the role of Lola Grey, and achieved a great success. She showed much dramatic force, the different moods of the stony-hearted adventuress being admirably brought out. There were one or two somewhat inartistic touches, such as the wearing of a magnificent evening dress and opera cloak when visiting a professional thief in a low-class pub. in the slums, but as a whole Miss Meyers is entitled to high praise. Miss Holloway had nothing like so good a chance, but made a good deal of the role of Cyril Grey, a warm-hearted, if somewhat girlish, son of the Admiral. Miss Mabel Russell as the other lad, Tom Yorke, also did good work, although in this character the author has harped too much on the pathetic strain, and the result is somewhat un-

natural. Miss Nellie Florence made a very sweet and winsome Mildred Grey. The character was admirably taken, and as a bit of perfectly natural acting it left much to admire. Miss Alice Deorwyn worked hard as Lucy, the maid, and her scenes with Jack Jolly (Mr. Henry Halley) and Benjamin Baxter (Mr. Leo de Chateau) caused no end of amusement, both the comedians being in excellent form. Mr. Herbert J. Bentley as Captain Tregarthen played quietly but effectively, a very commendable feature being the absence of any tendency to rant. He is many removes from the "impossible" hero of the customary type, and for this the audience were profoundly thankful. Mr. J. B. Atholwood gave one of his characteristic performances as Jim Royston, the burglar, a type of humanity that this sterling actor portrays to the life as Lieutenant Redstone, a peculiar kind of naval officer. Mr. Gilbert Emery made most of the part of Capt. Yorke. The role of Admiral Grey seemed beyond Mr. Coape, for if such a weak-kneed creature was ever an admiral in the British Navy and a type of his class, no fleet of Dreadnoughts could ever save England from disaster. The play was well staged, some of the sets being decidedly good. "Two Little Sailor Boys" should certainly be seen.

### "THE LITTLE BREADWINNER."

On Friday and Saturday night, Messrs. Meynell and Gunn will present the celebrated domestic play of child life, "The Little Breadwinner," by John A. Campbell. The keynote of his work is not merely to produce the reflex of human nature, but the very nature itself, bound up in the true types of their environment, in which



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### "SIXES AND SEVENS."

On Monday evening next the musical comedy, "Sixes and Sevens," will be produced at His Majesty's Theatre. The book and lyrics are by Miss Maude Peacock, who has managed to introduce some witty dialogue and humorous situations. The music is by Mr. Thomas Humphreys, and is in his best style. When produced originally in Parnell, the comedy drew crowded houses, nearly every item coming in for much warm praise. The event has been looked forward to for a long time, and much interest centres in the production, a good deal of curiosity to see how this locally-written comedy will compare with proved successes being evinced.

On Saturday, April 3, Messrs. Birch and Humphreys' comic opera, "Manuella," will be staged for a season of five nights.

### OPERA HOUSE.

#### WIDE WORLD PICTURES.

Despite the fact that, with the exception of an occasional week here and there, the Wide World Pictures have been running for many months now, there is no falling off in the audiences which assemble at the Opera House each evening—a sure testimony of the popularity and excellence of the films presented every week. An attractive feature of this

week's programme is the inclusion of a couple of vocal items sung by little Jessie Omond. This juvenile vocalist is heard in "Daddy," after which she renders "Laugh, and the World Laughs With You," her singing of the former being a particularly creditable effort. The pictures shown cannot be other than pronounced first-rate, and take in a wide variety of subjects. The gem of the evening undoubtedly is the film entitled "The Royalist's Wife," depicting a tale of love and devotion during the progress of this bitter war between the Royalists and Roundheads in the olden days. "Biscuit Making" is the title of an intensely interesting picture, showing the manufacture of this favourite confection at Messrs. Peek and Freau's large factory. The expeditious manner in which the biscuits are turned out by the up-to-date machinery is a treat to watch, while the decorating with icing sugar of the fancy biscuits is accomplished by hand in a very smart fashion. Another highly instructive film is that of "Tobacco Growing in Borneo," illustrating operations on a large plantation where the natives are engaged in the work. A dramatic picture of a sensational character is that entitled "Rife Bill, the Nailed Hand," giving a lifelike portrayal of the thrilling adventures of American cowboy life. A most beautiful film is that depicting a series of magnificent scenes in the north of Italy, the countryside and seascapes being decidedly picturesque. "A Day at the London Zoo" is a picture showing the chief animals and birds that are on view at this world-famed institution. "The Odyssey of a Soldier" is the title of a pathetic dramatic film, in which an army member is discharged, and on returning to his country after a sojourn in another land, is subjected to the most trying insults when going his rounds as a beggar. Finally, he is drawn to theft, and enters a house for the purpose of burg-



From Left: MISS VICTORIA VON MEYERN (Coquetas), MR. LAURENCE ABRAHAMS (Lord Henry Clay), and MISS EMILY HOLMES (Florafina), in "MANUELLA."



larising it one night, only to find that it is the residence of a once brother officer. The officer forgives his friend for his misdeeds, and all ends happily. "Animal Shooting" constitutes a splendid cinematograph study, a large hippopotamus being shot during a hunting expedition down a river in canoes. "The Villagers' Quarrel" is the title of a dramatic film, which is interspersed with a spice of humour that gives the audience much amusement. The humorous pictures are highly laughable specimens, "A Lover's Stratagems," "Heating Powder" and "Bob the Scullion" being productive of the greatest merriment. Mr. Fred. Stokes' orchestra supplies a splendid selection of musical gems during the evening, which form a suitable accompaniment to the pictures.

**WIRTHS' CIRCUS.**

Wirths' Circus, which has been making a tour of the Dominion and recently of the Waikato and Thames districts, opened in Auckland on Monday evening with a considerably augmented menagerie and the strongest combination of star performers that has probably yet been seen in Auckland. The great tents, which are pitched in Stanley St. were thronged with an interested audience, whose attention was held for nearly three hours, while a really first class programme, which was placed before them, was negotiated. Since their last visit to Auckland the Wirth Bros. have added to their zoological collection, and are now showing a valuable lot of animals including some half-dozen elephants, a giraffe which cost £1000, lions, tigers, hyenas, baboons, monkeys, polar and Himalaya bears, a fox, a jackal and a kangaroo etc., the whole of the collection being a very interesting one. The giraffe, as the latest and most valuable attraction, is kept in seclusion, and only makes his appearance during the performance, when he is led round the ring for inspection. He stands 13 feet high and is still growing. On Monday night, by way of contrast, the kangaroo (a young animal) was led around the ring immediately in the wake of His Majesty, the giraffe, and a good deal of fun was evoked thereby. The performance opened with a grand parade in which the whole of the company took part, with the elephants gaily caparisoned, the sacred cattle camels and other animals led by their attendants, following. Eight lady and gentlemen riders attired in Swiss costume and carrying floral garlands, subsequently entered the ring, and went

through a series of graceful movements, described on the programme as "Grand Garland Entrees." To them succeeded Master Eddie Christie riding and driving eight ponies, the performance being greatly appreciated by the crowd. Then followed a clever display of tumbling in which artists from England, Germany, France, Spain, Italy and Australia took part. A noticeable feature of the programme was the very clever and sensational tumbling of the artists, a trio of whom gave a remarkably fine exhibition, tumbling, turning and somersaulting with bewildering rapidity and with almost perfect similarity of motion. A lady tumbler capped the performance, by cleverly executing eighteen somersaults with a Catherine Wheel rapidity. Otto and Emil, and the brothers Rodriques gave equally acceptable exhibitions on the Roman rings, and in trapeze and step balancing, their astonishing feats being greeted with every sign of approval. The Gammon Bros., three very clever acrobats with their dogs proved themselves past-masters in their art, with their astonishingly daring acrobatic movements, the tumbling tricks of their dogs adding to the interest. The most sensational act of the evening was probably that of Ilket, who while balancing himself on the top of two ladders, held a wire rope between his teeth, to which was suspended his companion, a lady introduced on the programme as Jennie, who pedalled vigorously on her bicycle while thus suspended above the platform. The two artists gave other clever exhibitions, which were well received. The Sydney Bros. are a pair of very clever trick cyclists, who concluded a highly sensational performance by "looping the loop" in mid-air, remaining seated on a motor-cycle, which, despite the double somersault, landed safely on its wheels. The riding feats of George, Alex. Eddie and May Christie and of Miss Margarette Jandeschewsky, as also John Wilby Cook, described as the champion jockey, added greatly to the interest of the ring events, which concluded with a high jumping contest between Maori, the New Zealand champion pony, and Lady Morton, said to be the champion jumper of the world, having a record of 7 feet 3 1/4 inches.

The performances with the animals were better than usual, the elephants proving especially entertaining in their evolutions which began with dancing and ended up with the youngest elephant standing on his head, another walking gingerly along the tops of a dozen wooden bottles, and advancing or retreating at his keeper's command. The three tigers each took



MISS VICTORIA VON MEYERN (Coquetas) and MR. ARTHUR EAST (Aguila D'Oro) in "MANUELLA."

part in the cage events, but the sensation of the evening, so far as these menagerie performances were concerned, was undoubtedly the turn in which the lion, the goat, the dog, the kangaroo, the pony and the trainer took part, the animals gravely following one another round the ring, and finally lying down together. The clowns and dummies, who form no inconsiderable part of the company, were much in evidence during the evening, and provided the crowd with plenty of humour and amusement. The circus remains open to morrow and Saturday.

**MR. CLEMENT WRAGGE.**

The people of Auckland have unique treats in store. As elsewhere advertised, Mr. Clement L. Wragge, F.R.G.S., etc., the well-known scientist, traveller, and popular lecturer, will give his unique scientific entertainments dealing with the marvels of the universe, and illustrated by the finest and largest limelight pictures and photographs of the heavenly bodies in existence from the great observatories of the world. The canal systems of Mars are particularly fine, and the views of the constellations, sun and moon, with the addition of the latest photographs of Venus, Jupiter, and Saturn, are of amazing beauty and interest. In the cause of higher education, none should miss these unique opportunities. Special inducements will be given on each occasion after the lectures to those who desire to see radium, the greatest marvel of the universe.

Some pictures from "Manuella," the new Cuban operatic extravaganza appear in this issue. The libretto and lyrics are by J. Youlin Birch (author of "A Moorish Maid," "The Golden Wedge," etc., etc.), and the music has been composed by Thos. Humphreys (composer of "The Gay Hussar," "The Golden Wedge," etc., etc.). It is to be produced at His Majesty's Theatre for five nights, commencing Saturday, April 3 next.

Here is a synopsis of the plot of "Manuella," to be staged here next week:—

Manuella (Miss Alice Vaughan) is the daughter of Senor Murlas (Mr. H. C. Borrodalle), an impetuous tobacco

planter of Cuba, who insists upon her marrying a foreigner. This determination on his part leads to a strike on the plantation, all the hands supporting Aguila D'Oro (Mr. Arthur East), Partigas (Mr. Geo. Bagnall), and Manuel Garcia (Mr. Ned Fort) in their demands that Manuella shall be wed by one of the trio. Two pretty little cigar-stall girls, Coquetas (Miss V. von Meyern) and Florafine (Miss Emily Holmes) are in love respectively with Aguila and Manuel Garcia, and hotly resent the attempted flirtation of those gentlemen with Manuella. There arrives from England Lord Henry Clay (Mr. Laurence Abrahams), who, concealing the fact that he is married, does his utmost to console the angry girls. His flirtatious career is cut short by the arrival of his wife, Lady Clay (Miss Eileen Knowles), who, discovering him in amorous discourse with Coquetas, decides that she too will flirt and pass herself off as single. Murlas helps her to this revenge by falling head over ears in love with Lady Clay. Murlas, however, is shut in a dungeon by the strikers, and Aguila, Manuel Garcia, and Partigas have a singing competition for Manuella's hand, with Lord Clay for judge, and an Irish constable (Mr. King) to keep order. To tell how the plot ends would be to spoil a good joke. The illustrations deal with a few of the situations.

Mr. Rock Phillips, the designer of stage properties for the J. C. Williamson firm, has an axiom that there is nothing that cannot be imitated with cardboard and brown paper. During the past week (says a Sydney correspondent) he has made several thousand cigars out of the latter material—pure Cuban leaf they will masquerade as in "Havana." They are warranted to deceive even an excise officer, and, as every smoker knows to his cost, it would not be the first time the trick had been perpetrated on that official. It is to be hoped that none of Mr. Phillips' "two-fers" will get on to the local market.

Miss Ada Dwyer, recently with J. C. Williamson playing the title role in "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," has rejoined Miss Eleanor Robson, who has, while on a tour of the United States, won success with a new piece called "The Dawn of To-morrow," which the star actress was about to take into New York on last American advices.



MR. GEORGE BAGNALL (Partigas) and MISS ALICE VAUGHAN (Manuella) in "MANUELLA."

## CHRISTCHURCH NOTES.

My Christchurch correspondent writes:—

Last Saturday night witnessed the opening at the Theatre Royal of the Fathe Pictures season. Mr. Hy. Hayward, erstwhile a well-known member of the Brescians, the clever musicians who were so long associated with West's Pictures, runs this show, and the popular Mr. Harry Liston, late of the Wide World Pictures, is acting in a managerial capacity for Mr. Hayward. The opening night attracted an overflowing audience, all parts of the theatre being liberally patronised. The pictures were remarkable for their clearness and the almost entire absence of "flicker." They were introduced by Mr. Liston. The programme was excellently arranged, pictures illustrating important industries alternating with little "plays without words", and humorous subjects. A feature of the entertainment was the extraordinary exhibition of second-sight by "Nadine," a young and charming lady, who, blindfolded, and seated on the stage, answered without a mistake a large number of the questions put to her by members of the audience. The latter simply wrote down questions and retained in their own possession the slips of paper on which they were written. "Nadine" appears nightly, and considerable curiosity exists as to how it is done.

Miss Florence Baines, who has been ill, and the subject of a surgical operation for throat trouble, is recovering, and will supply the Easter-attraction, "Miss Lancashire, Limited," at the Royal.

The Wide World Pictures are still booming at the Coliseum, and Mr. Rud. Peterson contrives to keep up the interest of the show most successfully.

Mr. W. Densem, an old "pro," now a successful teacher of music and stage business, announces a novelty for next week at the Choral Hall. This is "A Concert in Darkness," at which the performers will appear on the platform after the lights have been turned nearly out. This should save their blushes, and make a first appearance a comparatively easy matter.

The Paul Cinquevalli Co. has booked the Royal from April 23 to 30. What a rush there will be to see the world-famed juggler!

We have now had time to get used to our new Theatre Royal. It is a handsome and well-appointed house, but personally I prefer the old Royal, and I think my preference is shared by a good many regular playgoers. The gallery spoils the new house. The

roof of "the abode of the gods" is right over the dress circle, and seems to shut the latter in too much. On a warm night one feels as if the roof of the gallery was almost resting on one's head. The gods should have been provided with a pit. Then the circle would have been all that a circle should be. It is certainly not that now. The old Royal, although, of course, not up to date, was a singularly comfortable house. It is still standing, but will never again be used as a place of amusement, having been acquired by the "Press" newspaper company. Some day, I suppose, it will come down, and its site be utilised to extend the "Press" company's already very extensive premises. But we miss the old theatre.

## THE ART OF ACTING.

Miss Phyllis Dare, who has already written her reminiscences, and who reached the mature age of eighteen last August, has published a pamphlet on "How to Become an Actress," over the imprint of the Hints Publishing Company.

"In my own humble opinion," she says, "it seems to me that the best road to success in any walk of life is to act on the advice of those who have succeeded." And she adds that the following are hints which she received herself. Their value will be realised when the position which Miss Phyllis Dare holds on the stage to-day is taken into consideration.

The following are a few of the more important hints:—

"Choose the right father and mother! Unless you have a great natural aptitude, it is useless to adopt the stage as a career."

"Learn to speak clearly and correctly, enunciating every syllable with proper emphasis, but without pedantry."

"You must be able to sing distinctly and well."

"After you have learnt to sing, you must learn to dance gracefully and manipulate your skirts with effect."

"Study daily in front of an ordinary looking-glass, reciting scenes from well-known plays and depicting all the primary emotions, such as love, hate, jealousy, surprise, fear, etc."

"Seize every opportunity of practising what you have learnt in the privacy of your own room in front of your friends and relatives, so as to gain confidence in yourself in public. Do not be discouraged if your friends are not sufficiently appreciative. Remember that a prophet has no honour in his own country."

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## MR CLYDE MEYNELL RETURNS TO AUSTRALIA.

Mr. Clyde Meynell, of the firm of Sir Rupert Clarke, John Wren, Meynell and Gunn, has returned to Australia after 12 months in England. In an interview he stated tastes in Australia and England are widely different, and some of the biggest successes in England have proved the direst failure in Australia. A piece must appeal to all classes to prove successful out here; whereas in London, the high-class society comedy may be a great success because there exists there the class of people who can keep it going. The society comedy is having the greatest vogue in London at the present time. Previously a wave of melodrama had swept over England, but this has to a large extent subsided. Things theatrical in London have of late improved. The recent season has proved one of the biggest surprises of recent years, for the majority of the pieces for which favorite runs were predicted have proved failures, while those for which the anticipations had been unfavorable achieved lengthy runs. A number of artists who have been out here before seemed anxious to get back. The engagement of Oscar Asche and Lily Brayton to visit Australia in July next, and Mr Arthur Bourchier and Violet Vanbrugh, and their complete London companies, by Meynell and Gunn, has done a great deal to draw the attention of the leading theatrical people of London to this country. Most of them expressed surprise at such huge undertakings, for the reason that they seemed to regard the Australian play-going public as too

small and too unimportant for leading artists to come all this way and transport their entire repertoire, scenery, and so on. But he completely disillusioned them as regards this, and he had no doubt that in the near future Australians will be able to see the greatest artists of England, who are at present known to them by name only, appearing on the Australian stage. Negotiations are still proceeding by cable for the carrying out of an undertaking bigger than any that has hitherto been attempted by any management in Australia. Lily Brayton is the most beautiful and the most attractive actress on the stage. Mr. Asche, too, is a most powerful actor, and their repertoire will display them entirely at their best. In addition to the engagements announced last week, a new dramatic company has been formed, which will introduce to Australia Miss Emily Fitzroy, Miss Gladys Harvey, Miss Edith Deverill, Mr. Charles Randall, and Mr. J. W. Deverill, who will make their first appearance in "The Hypocrites." Miss Harvey is a sister of Martin Harvey, and Mr Beerbohm Tree wanted Mr. Maynell to release her, but he declined. There also will be three new pantomimes in the next three years.— "The Referee."

## MISS AMY CASTLES.

This favorite artiste continues to grow in favor everywhere, and critics are unanimous in their praise of her voice and talent. Regarding a recent appearance at the Kursaal, Ostend, "Le Courier de Scheveningue" says that "Miss Castles, of Melbourne, held us under the charm of her exquisite voice—a voice of infinite purity and of marvellous flexibility. The English have styled Miss Castles the 'Australian Nightingale.' It will never again be said that the English are not gallant, as they were never more complimentary—to the nightingale. There is no greater flattery for a singer than to be compared to the king of singing birds, and yet the nightingale finds in his throat no lighter trills, no sweeter sounds, than those which Miss Castles gave forth in profusion, and which in brilliancy resembled glittering fireworks." Miss Castles and her supporting Company open in Melbourne in August next with Sydney and a New Zealand tour to follow.

Mr. Harry Quealy and his wife open with Mr. Harry Rickards in July in sketch work. Then they go to South Africa, England, and America.



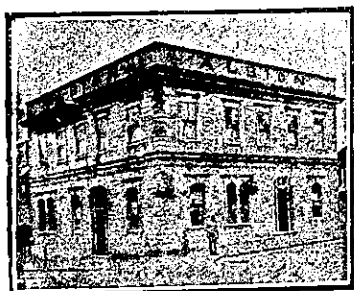
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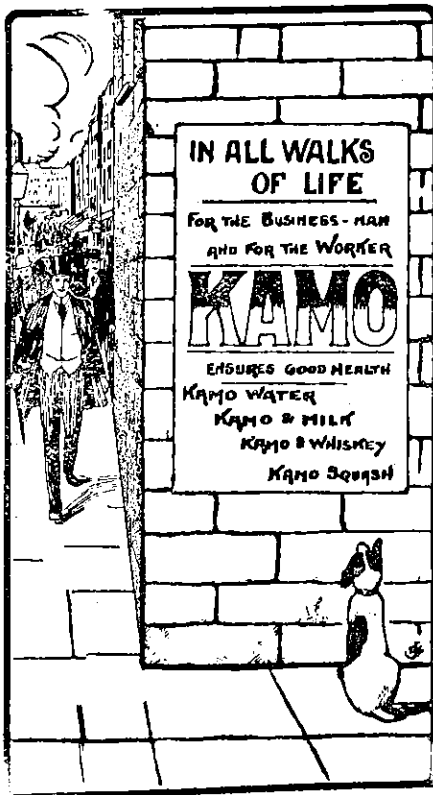
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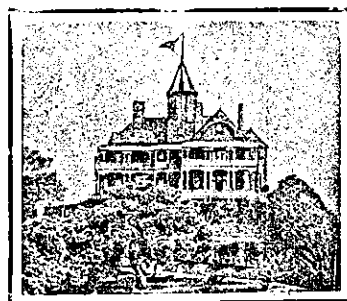


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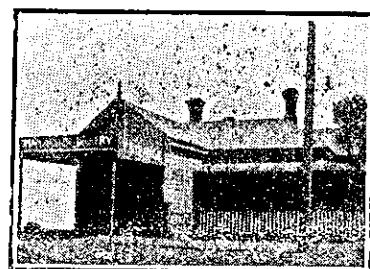
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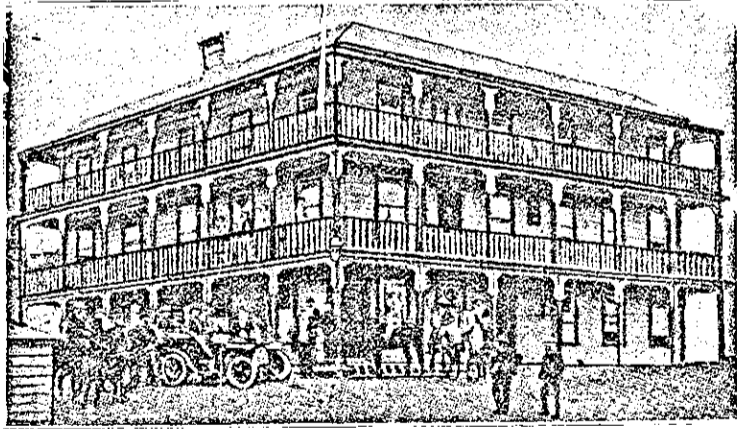
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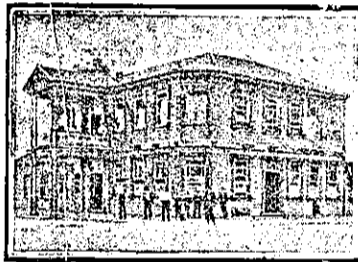
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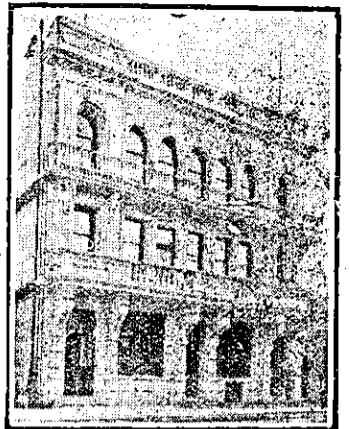
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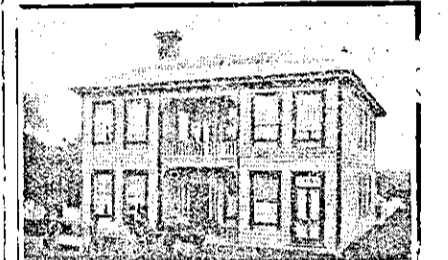
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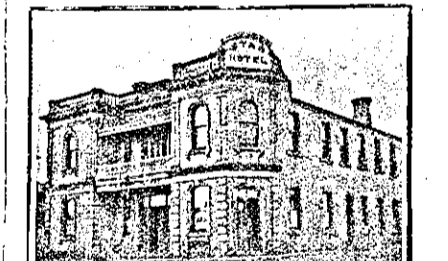
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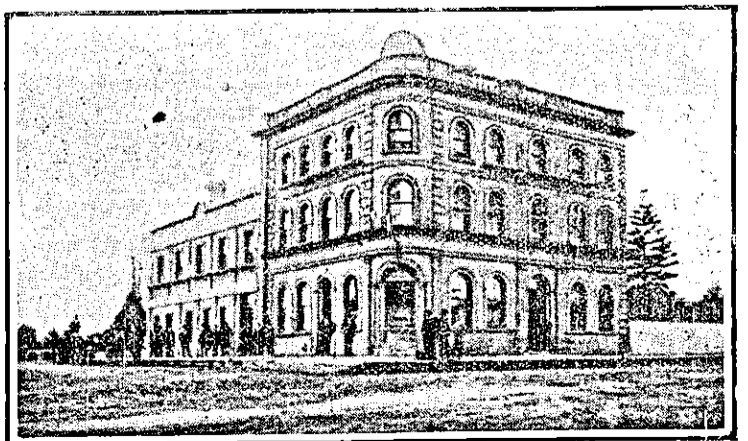
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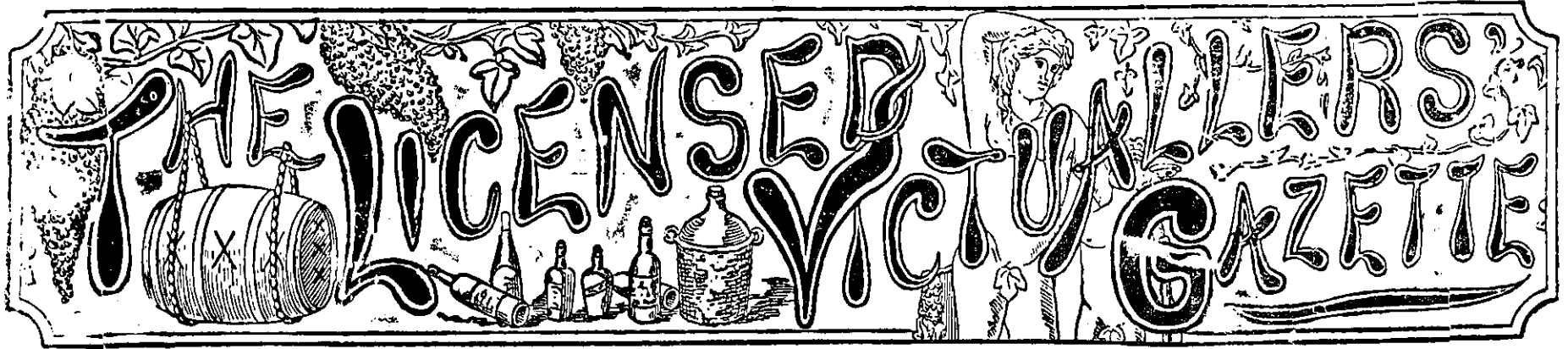
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The efforts made by the Citizens' League to prevent a bye-election being held in connection with the vacancy in the City Council, have been crowned with success. Last Saturday the three nominated candidates formally gave notice of withdrawal from the election, so that an item of expense said to be over £100 will be saved to the city. The thanks of ratepayers are due to the three gentlemen who withdrew their names from the contest. In a few weeks time the election proper for City Councillors will take place, when it is anticipated there will be record entries.

A great dish at Egyptian harem feasts is that of a lamb roasted whole. After the manner of a nest of Chinese boxes, each smaller than the other, the lamb is stuffed with a whole turkey, the turkey with a chicken, the chicken with a pigeon, the pigeon with a quail, and the quail with a becafo, the smallest bird known except the humming bird. The lamb is roasted over a slow fire until it is almost ready to fall to pieces.

The inmates of the Albert Hotel were given a surprise visit by the City Fire Brigade one evening last week. It transpired that some foolish person had telephoned to the Central station that a fire had broken out in the hotel. As there was not the slightest cause for the alarm, the hoax is regarded seriously by the Fire Board who have offered a reward of £5 for the conviction of the person or persons who sent the message.

Mr. Charles D. Grey, who was recently elected Mayor in place of Mr. A. M. Myers (resigned), has definitely stated that he will again stand for the position at the Mayoral election next month.

Dr. Dunlop, a man of Scottish origin, and at one time a senator of the United States, clearly holds teetotalers in contempt, because he inserted the following paragraph in his will:—"I leave my silver tankard to the eldest son of John, as the representative of the family. I would have left it to old John himself, but he would have melted it down to make temperance medals, and that would have been a sacrilege."

At Christchurch last week in the Magistrates' Court Ella Regan, an old offender, was sentenced to six months imprisonment for sly-grog selling. Fred Anderson who was also concerned in the case was fined £50.

Hop-picking is in full swing at Mr. F. Trask's gardens at Stoke, which present a busy scene every day with the small army of pickers at work (says the "Nelson Colonist"). Already about thirty bales have been gathered, and picking is expected to last about a fortnight longer. The crop is a heavy one, and the hops are of exceptional quality. It is anticipated that the yield from these gardens will be about sixty bales.

To-day's story: A man was before the magistrates charged with being found drunk on licensed premises. A witness stated that he and defendant sat talking together for some time.—Magistrate (to witness): Did he talk quite rationally?—Witness: Oh, no, sir; just like you and me are talking now.—"Daily News."

From Napier it is reported that a practical joke, which might have terminated fatally, was played upon a young man named Frank O'Shannesy, of Taradale, by a young woman. It appears that O'Shannesy, who is well known in musical circles, was trying over some songs at a boardinghouse. After singing one he was asked by the young woman if he would care for a drink of hop ale. He took the cup offered him and drank nearly all the contents, which proved to be sheep dip. O'Shannesy at once mounted his bicycle and rode to a doctor's, where

he collapsed on arrival. Another doctor was called in, and after treatment the sufferer was brought round.

The British expenditure on intoxicating liquor totalled £161,000,000 in 1908, and £167,000,000 in 1907.

The many friends of Mr. Daniel Sheedy, proprietor of the Brian Boru Hotel, Greymouth, will regret to hear of his death, which took place at Greymouth last week. Deceased was a native of Kilworth, County Cork, Ireland, and came to New Zealand in 1860, and settled in Greymouth in 1865. He leaves a widow, two sons and four daughters, one of whom is a nun in the Sister of Mercy Convent, Christchurch.

In a recent sly-grog case heard at Gore, there was very strong feeling against the informer, who was taken from the courthouse to the railway station by backways, escorted by two constables.

At Taumarunui last week Mr. Cullen, S.M., fined a man named Cameron Bell £30 for sly-grog selling, and David Coleman was fined £3 for introducing whisky into a Maori Kainga.

A new telephone system will be in working order in Timaru in about a month's time. Under the new system a subscriber wishing to communicate with another subscriber will not require to ring up the exchange; by the mere act of removing the receiver from its hook he will indicate to the exchange that he wants to be put in communication with a subscriber; the number of the subscriber wanted will, of course, be given to the exchange by the subscriber desiring to be connected. The exchange operator will then notify the second subscriber by ringing a bell near the second subscriber's telephone. This system will be shortly installed at Invercargill.

Burglars removed the safe from the Empire Hotel, Inverell, N.S.W., and secured £600 in money and valuables. They threw the safe into the river after rifling it.

At Palmerston North last Friday Frederick Hope, porter of the Royal Hotel, was charged with having attempted to burn down the hotel. Accused was remanded for a week.

During the progress of the big fire at Palmerston one night last week more excitement was caused by the curtains in an upstairs room of the Royal Hotel several chains away suddenly bursting into a blaze. The outbreak was quickly extinguished.

Under the new Licensed Victuallers Act, barmaids in South Australia have to be registered and the limit of time for applications from those already in the trade to serve after the end of the present month is now closed. No fewer than 353 applications were dealt with, and 321 were granted certificates.

The returning officer for Manukau, Mr. S. J. Brookfield, has completed the official count for the Manukau Licensing Committee election, and has announced the following totals:—Dr. W. G. Scott, 2016; W. Westney, 1998; G. H. Fleming, 1887; J. Flanagan, 1875; D. Hattaway, 1855; John Rowe, 1848; D. Neilson, 1818; D. McLennan, 1792; A. R. Harris, 1738; A. W. Gordon, 1693. The total number of valid votes cast reached 3775, while 82 were informal. It will be seen that Mr. Rowe, who headed the list of defeated candidates was only seven votes behind the lowest on the successful no-license ticket.

Cheap "beers" were obtainable at Waitara on Regatta Day. According to the Taranaki Herald the licensee of one of the three public-houses in the town, unlike his fellows, had not sub-

scribed to the regatta funds. In an attempt to enlist the sympathy of the public, the other two hotels bore large placards, bearing the name of the secretary to the Regatta Committee, announcing that the houses had subscribed to the regatta funds. So the licensee of the remaining hotel made a counter move. He placarded his hotel with the announcement, "All Beers Fourpence," with the result that he did a roaring trade.

It was reported from Waihi last week that there is some likelihood of a petition being circulated for signature throughout the Ohinemuri licensing district, to be subsequently presented to the Prime Minister and Parliament, asking that legislation be introduced to cause a fresh licensing poll to be taken in Ohinemuri, or that the present licenses be allowed to continue. The petition will allege that a great revulsion of feeling has taken place since the local option poll was held, and that the carrying of no-license in Ohinemuri is prejudicial to the best interests of the district. It will also emphasise the fact of the occurrence of some irregularities at the recent poll.

At a special meeting of the Ohinemuri County Council, a sum of £220 was voted to the Returning Officer in connection with the recent licensing committee election.

Mr. Geo. Crosby strongly objected to this course, stating that on behalf of the ratepayers he intended to carry the matter further.

In the Paeroa Court last Friday, the Collector of Customs, charged R. G. Lewis, hotelkeeper, of Waihou, with having knowingly withdrawn beer from an 18 gallon cask without first defacing the beer duty stamp. Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined £3 and costs, 12s.

#### IS IT WHISKY.

In reference to the recent discovery in Wellington of an alleged illicit still, the New Zealand Times relates that the police received information a few days ago alleging that whisky or some similar spirit was being illicitly distilled at 41, Adelaide road. During the early hours of morning therefore, detectives decided to investigate, and for this purpose surrounded the premises. Finding nothing to warrant immediate interference, they withdrew at 2 a.m.

Later at eleven o'clock however, Chief Detective Broberg and Detectives Cassells, Andrews, and Lewis again went to the premises, and, ascertaining that the occupiers were within, stationed themselves in pairs back and front of the shop, which is a business building with a portion usable as a dwelling attached.

As the detectives were getting into position a man appeared at a door of the premises, and, noticing their movements, retreated, hastily locking the door after him. Detectives Broberg and Lewis forced the front door of the premises and proceeded to the rear. At the same time Detectives Cassells and Andrews moved inwards and secured Maurice John Collins and Thomas Matthews. Neither of these persons, who were in the scullery, resisted.

The investigators are said to have found in the corner of the scullery, set into a cement base, a copper still with a tin cover. From the head of the contrivance a long pipe or "worm" led to a large water trough, and was fitted to a tap underneath.

The still, it is alleged, was in full working order, and contained ten or twelve gallons of liquid in process of being converted into what is alleged to be whisky. In an adjoining room was discovered a barrel of spirit, said to be whisky, and two casks containing what is said to be material for the manufacture of whisky.

The two men were arrested, and the plant and material seized by the detectives. The spirit has been handed to the Public Analyst, who will examine it, with a view to discovering what it contains.

#### WITNESSES TACTICS.

The tactics adopted by witnesses in sly-grog cases have always come in for condemnation. At Christchurch last week this was no exception to the rule when at the Magistrate's Court, Ella Regan, a coloured woman, with three or four previous convictions, was convicted for selling liquor without a license and sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Herbert Anderson, who occupied the same house as Regan, was fined £50 on a similar charge.

The Magistrate, in giving judgment, said:—"The fewer words I use the better, for the case is a most disgusting one to every decent person. I am going to break up what I consider the black spot of the city."

In regard to the characters of witnesses and the methods adopted by them, his Worship said he could not speak of that aspect of the matter at all. It seemed that it was no doubt necessary for the police to sometimes employ men of that class, and they must therefore be regarded as a necessary evil in cases of this sort.

Sub-Inspector McGrath, after the case had been heard, told an "Evening News" reporter that the police knew nothing of the tactics adopted by witnesses, and would not have countenanced their action had they known of it.

#### THE FIRST BLAST.

Paeroa felt the first blast of the prohibition wind last week, when in connection with the publicans' booths and the St. Patrick's Day race meeting a conditional license was refused. It appears that the refusal of the chairman of the Licensing Committee for the Ohinemuri district (Mr. F. J. Burgess, S.M.) to grant a conditional license for the sale of spirituous liquors at the Ohinemuri Jockey Club's annual race meeting, came as a surprise, in view of the fact that the members of the committee, apart from the chairman, though practically a no-license committee, offered few objections to the granting of the license. Spoken to on the point, Mr. Burgess said he could not see how such a license could be granted in view of the fact that no-license had been carried at the recent poll on the local option question. He took his authority from section 24, of sub-section C, of the Licensing Act, 1908.

It was thought by the applicant and



the Ohinemuri Jockey Club Committee that section 28 of the Act was sufficient authority to authorise the committee to grant the license, which, in effect, was that, in any district where no license existed as the result of a licensing poll, it should not be lawful to grant and renew any of the licenses mentioned. They contended that licenses were existing, and would exist to the end of June, and therefore up till then the committee had power to grant licenses.

The chairman's reply to this was that the state of things contemplated by section 28 could only be brought about by the operation of sub-section C of section 24, and therefore that that was the only section which really indicated when a no-license poll began to take effect, and that the word "thereafter" used in that section meant immediately after the notification referred to, and not at the termination of the existing licenses, which expired by effluxion of time, and not as the result of the no-license vote.

**THE TREND OF PROHIBITION.**

The "Lyttelton Times," in the course of an article on the latest issue of prohibition statistics, says:—The figures for the prohibition districts that have had any experience of no-license are not altogether encouraging to our prohibition friends. Clutha, of course, has remained firm in its first decision, and Grey Lynn, after voting no-license by 63.35 per cent., has confirmed it by 71.23 per cent., but most of the other "dry" districts have betrayed some slackening in their zeal. Ashburton voted no-license by 62.05 per cent. in 1902, but polled only 47.90 per cent. for non-restoration in 1905 and about 46.07 per cent. in 1908. Oamaru's objection to the public bars declined from 63 per cent. in 1905 to 59.20 per cent. in 1908, and Invercargill's from 61.67 per cent. to 55.99 per cent. Mataura voted no-license by 60.91 per cent. in 1902 and non-restoration by 59.38 per cent. in 1905 and by 56.04 per cent. in 1908. Bruce has been more constant. After voting no-license by 61.30 in 1902 it voted non-restoration by 59.87 per cent. in 1905 and confirmed non-restoration by 61.01 in 1908. These figures seem to suggest that when no-license is put on its trial it loses friends for a time and creates a more or less insistent demand for the re-opening of the bars. In Ashburton the change of feeling is so remarkable that it can be explained only by some special circumstances. The majority of the electors, however, are still expressing their confidence in the experiment, and even if the no-license figures should grow in the future no faster than they grew between 1905 and 1908 by the local option poll of 1914 we shall be standing on the very verge of Dominion prohibition. The electors should consider very seriously during the next two years whether this is the goal they wish to reach.

**THE TRUTH ABOUT BEER.**

**IMPORTANT NEW PROPAGANDA.**

(By Matthew J. Cannon, F.C.S.)

One of the most repugnant features of the campaign waged against the brewers for some years has been the volume of slander and calumny with which the national beverage has been assailed. The wildest assertions have been made without tangible proof in support; in fact, many of the statements have been of a nature that those having a more intimate technical knowledge are apt to dismiss as absurd, and on that account are inclined to view them as vapourings unworthy of refutation. Yet there is a danger, and the results are becoming more and more apparent that the unchallenged lie will become, by mere repetition and insidious insistence, an accepted truth. In the earlier days of this campaign of calumny, the brewers, with a feeling of conscious rectitude, were content to adopt a laissez faire attitude. Slander was met with a shrug of the shoulder, the vapourings of irresponsible correspondents were neglected, while the more serious articles were contemptuously referred to as the work of the "penny-a-liner" journalist. But in these days there have arisen writers and speakers who repeat off refuted statements, with an air of authority, and authors of repute, having the ear of the public, not infrequently indulge in sarcastic diatribes against the brewer and the beer he brews. The result has been that the vast majority of the public have been deluded into the belief that the beer of these days has lost its vaunted superiority as a beverage. We have even noted the surprise, if not scepticism, when in-

formation is volunteered that malt and hops are still the chief materials used in the production of beer. Every other man pretends to remember the period when beer was beer, and if he draws disparaging comparisons between past and present, his opinion invariably is the outcome of mental bias, created by the statements or misstatements in the Press, which are constantly coming to his notice.

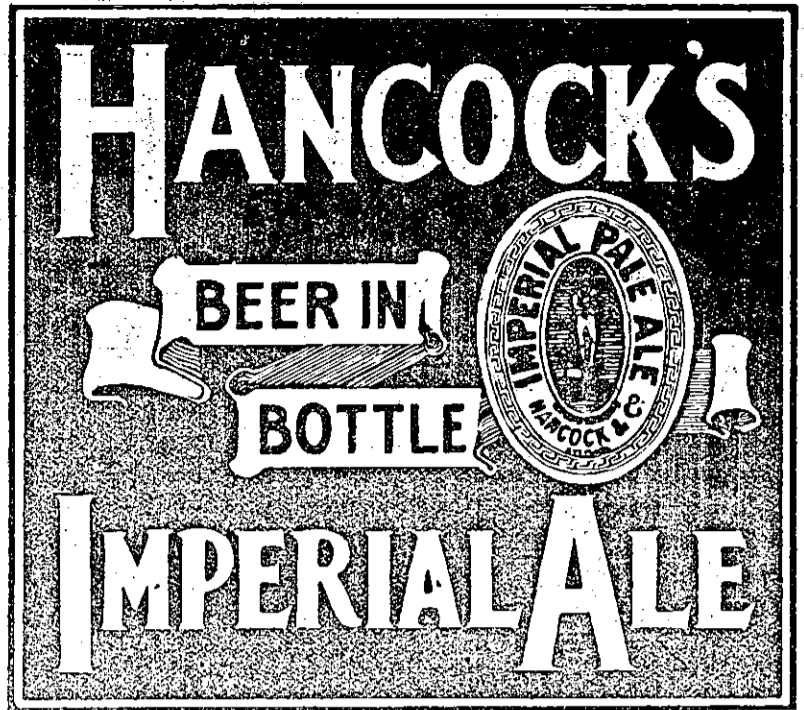
Although the brewing of beer is one of the most openly-conducted trades—constantly under Government supervision, its returns regularly published, and the product subjected to a closer and more rigid analytical scrutiny than any other beverage—yet, to all intents and purposes, so far as the public is concerned, the brewing of beer is a closed book. Seldom, indeed, in the popular Press is any information of a reliable character vouchsafed to the public as to the beverage of the country. On rare occasions, such as when the King brews a gyle of beer, the public is enlightened to a limited extent as to the operations of the brewer, the high technical skill required to brew a satisfactory beer, the rigid standard of purity exacted, and the hygienic conditions which are absolutely essential to insure success. Of course, all these matters are fully described and emphasised in the technical and scientific press, which has to rely for its information upon a subject which is of national as well as trade knowledge from obscure works of reference. It therefore behoves the brewing trade to wake up, and, being awakened to its wrongs, to take steps to prepare a counterblast to the false education of the public upon a subject which is of national as well as trade importance. Surely it should not be difficult to prove that beer, a beverage containing a modicum of alcohol associated with nutritive proteid and saccharine matter, possesses a dietetic and physiological value which cannot be surpassed by any other known beverage.

There are, happily, some signs that it is being slowly recognised that a real necessity exists for some organised effort to be made to stem the torrent of falsehood and misrepresentation. Not only in this country, but in other countries too, it is being realised that the teetotal campaign against alcohol in any shape or form is a fanatical agitation, and that in the interests of true temperance some discrimination must be made. It is, therefore, an encouraging sign of the times that there is a proposal on foot to establish an International Dietetic Physiological Branch in connection with the Versuchs and Lehranstalt fur Brauerei, at Berlin. It is proposed that, whilst the German brewers will contribute one-half of the funds necessary to the foundation and conduct of physiological investigation, the balance shall be contributed in varying amounts by Great Britain, the United States, and other beer-producing countries. Initially, the support of the brewers of the United Kingdom has been invoked through the Brewers' Society, to whom the invitation to support the effort by a grant was addressed. Since the object of the appeal appeared to be more of a scientific character than a trade matter, the subject was referred to the Council of the Institute of Brewing for instruction and advice. The members of the Council were unanimous in expressing the view that, in the interests of the trade generally, the necessity has arisen for a complete review of the whole question of the dietetic and physiological value of beer. It was urged, however, that while every sympathy should be shown, and every help extended to the laudable efforts of the project of the Versuchs and Lehranstalt fur Brauerei, the exigencies of the situation demanded a more comprehensive and intimate survey of the conditions existing in this country, and that by extended investigation conducted by competent impartial authorities wholly unconnected with the trade. Only by such a course would it be possible to remove the bar of prejudice which has done so much harm to the reputation of a wholesome beverage.

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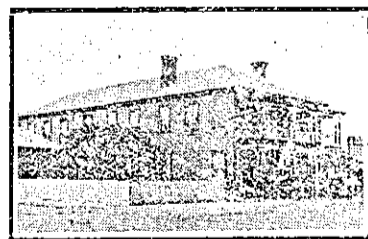
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toxicant, despite its low content of alcohol. Whilst disconnected replies in refutation of misstatements will do something to check and minimise the intolerable campaign of slander—and it is gratifying to note that the Council of the Institute of Brewing has already taken steps in this direction by the appointment of a strong committee—it is obvious that falsehood and calumny will only be finally dispelled by a wide dissemination of truth and fact by eminent authorities whose judgment cannot be impeached.

The time is ripe, the movement is afoot, and it behoves the brewers to lend every assistance and influence to an effort which seeks to preserve for beer its well-merited reputation.—*"The Brewer's Gazette."*

#### MODEL LICENSE AIMS.

The "Wall-street Journal" says:—The National Model License League, an organisation of distillers, brewers and wine makers, has issued an address to the saloonkeepers of the United States, in which it is said that the liquor trade needs "a house cleaning," that the saloon "which is run in violation of law or decency should be put out of business," that the saloon should be "a decent resort," should inculcate real temperance and "bid the drunkard an eternal farewell."

The significance of this lies in the fact that it comes from an organisation representing the liquor trade. If this trade can indeed have a house cleaning, if it can elevate the saloon business, if it can aid the cause of temperance, then this is a much more hopeful movement than that of prohibition, which is now sweeping over a large part of the country with such force. For the experience of past years has shown that prohibition does not in any lasting sense prohibit, and a law that cannot be enforced is worse than no law. Vermont has already abandoned prohibition, and Maine is evidently preparing to do so. But this prohibition movement in forcing the liquor trade to recognise the necessity of a house cleaning has not been in vain. The cause of temperance is growing.

#### A COSTLY ENTERTAINMENT.

The power of wealth could hardly have been more displayed than at the New York party given at the Plaza Hotel by Mrs. George Gould, on the occasion of the coming of age of her daughter, Miss Marjorie Gould.

The entire second floor of the hotel (says a New York correspondent) was taken for the occasion, and the stately rooms were transformed by the lavish use of the most beautiful flowers. Thousands of lilies of the valley were used together with 1500 orchids, and innumerable "American Beauty" roses, each bloom of which cost 4s. The halls were decorated to resemble garden bowers, arches of smilax being erected at intervals along the corridors, whilst the four orchestras providing the dance and promenade music were hidden from view in masses of greenery.

The guests, who numbered 250, and represented a total wealth of £300,000,000, on arrival sat down to an elaborate dinner. Supper was served in the ballroom, which, owing to the profusion of flowers and tropical plants and orchids, which appeared to grow from the walls, looked like a sunken garden. It was the design of Mrs. Gould that her pretty daughter should appear as a bud bursting into bloom. Therefore every nook and crevice of the corridors and rooms suggested some exquisite flowering thing.

It is estimated that every cover set would average a cost of £20. At Miss Gould's special table, which was 45ft long and 8ft wide, fifty debutantes sat. The favours which these

young ladies found by their plates were gold chains and purses, studded with diamonds.

Miss Gould, who is a general favourite, and possesses all the charms of girlish simplicity, was (says another correspondent) dressed in a modified Directoire gown of deep rose satin. She had no jewels whatever, and wore one big American beauty rose in her hair. The cost of the function is estimated at at least £10,000, more than half of which was spent on the dinner.

#### FOR MEN ONLY.

On our general tour of inspection and observation a day or two ago we were very much struck by the attractiveness, appearance and general display in the shop windows of Mr. J. H. Dalton, the old established, popular and particular tailor, of 276 and 278 Queen St. Auckland.

The greatest attraction was, naturally, the marvellously low prices at which the suits, trousers, etc., were marked in plain figures, and then again the fact that in various instances Mr. Dalton advertises to give an extra pair of trousers free. Our curiosity was aroused something above the usual, for we could not believe our own eyes with what we had seen in the windows, and we were tempted to go inside and get a closer view of the serges, tweeds, fancy mixtures, etc., and to actually feel the quality. We were greeted by one of Mr. Dalton's smiling and courteous assistants, whose whole thought and energy were centered upon us whilst we were in the shop.

"That stuff we guarantee" said the assistant when we taxed him regarding the quality of a piece of tweed; "That's our famous 'Footballer' Brand, and there's no better value anywhere in New Zealand." He showed us quite a number of different rolls of tweeds and serges etc., all the time remarking that there was no doubt about the quality being there. "Mr. Dalton guarantees that tweed, and he has been sufficiently long in the tailoring business to know that to guarantee an article of clothing about which there was any doubt as to quality, would be ruinous" in fact, the interesting assistant remarked "Mr. Dalton's popularity to-day is due probably to the one fact that his clothes come up to the guarantee he places upon them.

Getting into closer conversation too glad and willing to supply us with all the information we desired, he explained to us how it was Mr. Dalton was able to give such high quality clothing at the low prices. "The firm employs a London buyer, and he is continually between London and Paris getting the latest fashions, styles, cuts, etc., this explains the distinction there is about Dalton's suits—then again Mr. Dalton buys for cash, and direct from the mills at that. There is no money wasted in commissions, middlemen's profits, etc. The tweeds serges, and suit stuffs are landed in Auckland at bedrock prices and on the top of all that Mr. Dalton superintends his own business himself. That's why Dalton's suits are high quality at low prices.

The assistant informed us that they catered for all classes of the community. They supplied suits which were actually made to measure at 35s, 37s-6d, 39s 6d, and 42s, and they were ready for immediate wear. Then there was their "Footballer" Brand clothing, complete suits ranging in prices from 29s 6d to 75s. Then came the high-class Tailoring Dept. of which they were justly proud, where they supplied full suits to order with an extra pair of trousers at 50s, 60s, and 70s. These suits were tried on, and the cut, style and finish were

all that is known in the science and art of tailoring.

We were much pleased with the information we had received, our eyes were in a sense opened, and we could see in a measure the possibilities of the Tailoring business. Our recommendation now is: Go to Dalton's for your clothes, and you will get satisfaction, for in our estimation there is no one in Auckland (or out of Auckland) who is in a position to give better value for the money, for, as Mr. Dalton says, his reputation is at stake with his guarantee, and he is not likely to part with his reputation for a trifle.

#### STATUS OF SERVANTS.

"Scribner's Magazine" tells us some interesting things about English servants and the way they maintain their status by an inherent class consciousness and without agitation or organisation. The passage is worth reproduction:

"The monotonous and solemn 'yes, sir,' 'thank you, sir,' of the servants may lead you to suppose that, at any rate, this class of English man and woman is servile, is lacking in the national trait of confidence, is perhaps amenable to suggestions of a change. On the contrary, this class less even than others. The manner and speech are merely mechanical. The unblushing demands, either frankly open or awkwardly surreptitious, for tips are part of the day's work. They are servants, they know it, they have no objection to your knowing it, and most of them have little ambition to be anything else. They are not in that position in the meantime, but permanently; they are not serving while waiting for something else; service is their career. The American may "sling hash" at Coney Island or in a Western frontier town, until he can escape to become something else; but as a vocation he does not recognise it. At first, therefore, these people are puzzling; we shall see later that they are a factor in the civilisation we are about to explore. They have their pride, their rules of precedence, their code, they are fixed immovable, unconcerned about other careers, undisturbed by hazy ambitions, and insistent upon their privileges, as are all other Englishmen. They will not overstep the boundary lines of your personal position, and they jealously guard the boundaries of their own. When we come to know them better we find that, although they are of all the labouring classes completely unorganised, without unions or societies, they are the one class who have kept up and increased the standard of wages. As a class they have made no claims, they have not appealed to the public, or to the politician; but they have, none the less, increased their demands. This is rather a curious commentary upon organised labour. The servant class numbers something like one to forty of the total population. My only explanation is that, as they are the class coming most closely in contact with the ruling class, they have absorbed and used the methods of that class."

It is indeed a "curious commentary upon organised labour."

An amusing story is told of the smallest railway station in the United States.

A farmer, expecting a chicken house to arrive there, sent one of the hands—a new comer—to fetch it. On arriving there the man saw the house loaded it on his waggon and started for home.

On his way back he met a man in uniform with the words "station master" on his cap.

"Hold on!" cried the official. "What have you got on the waggon?"

"Master's chicken-house," was the reply.

"Chicken house be blowed!" ex-

claimed the official. "That's the station!"

"I s'pose John is still takin' life easy?" said the woman in the spring waggon.

"Yes," answered the woman who was carrying an armful of wood. "John has only two regrets in life. One is that he has to wake up to eat, an' the other is that he has to quit eatin' to sleep."

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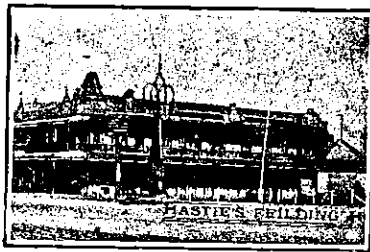
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**THE STAGE.**

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"Havana," the last production in Sydney of the Royal Comic Opera Company before leaving for New Zealand, has the advantage of a splendid cast, which includes all the principals of the popular musical organisation, while a double ballet and an augmented chorus have been requisitioned for the occasion. Mr. Spencer Barry was specially engaged in England by the J.C. Williamson firm to prepare "Havana" for the Australian public. In its movement, its colour and fun, "Havana" is a surprise and a delight. Leslie Stuart, the composer of "Floradora," is noted for catchy songs and concerted numbers, and it was his pen that scored "Havana." The story is in three acts, and the authors, Messrs. George Grossmith, jun., and Grahame Hill, have laid all the scenes within the confines of the picturesque capital city of Cuba. The lyrics are by the Gaiety laureate, Adrian Ross. The piece has plenty of good comedy, Messrs. Vic. Goulet, Claude Bantock and W. S. Percy being in charge of that department.

The death is announced of Evelyn Greenwood Sutherland, of the dramatic author partnership of Mesdames Sutherland and Dix, who, under the nom-de-theatre. John Rutherford, wrote "The Breed of the Treshams," recently produced in Sydney for J. C. Williamson by Mr. Julius Knight. The remarkable strength of the drama would never lead one to suspect a woman's hand in its construction. Mrs. Sutherland was also responsible for the stage adaptation of "Mon-sieur Beaucaire," and it was her version that Mr. Julius Knight in the title role made such a success of throughout Australasia.

Miss Tittel Brune leaves for London in May. She farewells in Melbourne probably at the same time that Miss Nellie Stewart will be there.

Signor Tamini's (the new tenor) voice is described as worthy of comparison with the great Caruso. It is a beautifully fine tenor, free from Southern vibrato and admirably produced. He has entered into a contract with the Carl Rosa Opera Company, at the largest fee ever paid.

Is thirteen an unlucky number? Apparently not, say Meynell and Gunn. On the 13th, "Cinderella" at the Theatre Royal, Melbourne, reached the thirteenth week, and is going stronger than ever. "Cinderella" is described as one of the finest productions ever seen in Australia. It is out of the ordinary run of pantomimes, and is termed an operatic spectacular pantomime. It is apparently having a ding-dong go with "Jack and Jill" in the effort to eclipse all records in the way of long runs.

Harold Thorley, the popular baritone, who was a member of Mr. J. C. Williamson's comic opera company, and appeared in "The Toreador," "Lady Molly," "The Mikado," and other pieces when last in Australia about five years ago, has returned to Melbourne under engagement to Meynell and Gunn for their comic opera company.

Miss Lillian Meyers, here with the Meynell and Gunn dramatic company, is a young Australian actress of considerable versatility. When still in her teens, she was engaged by Mr. J. C. Williamson to understudy Miss May Chevalier as Katherine Vaucelles in "If I Were King." This engagement continued for over three years. Miss Meyers has played such important parts as Fisher in "The Admirable Crichton," Macedonia in "Theodora," etc., and for nearly three years ran a company of her own on tour throughout Australia. Seldom has any actress enacted such a wide range of characters as Miss Meyers undertook during this period. They included, amongst the forty roles, such classics as Juliet, Pauline (in "The Lady of Lyons"), Rosalind, and Mercy Merrick in "The New Magdalen." On the last night of her season in Brisbane she was presented with an illuminated address by the Mayor on behalf of the citizens, in recognition of her talent and the high regard in which she was held as a brilliant young Australian actress. After the New Zealand season the company appears at Hobart on June 25, and Launceston on July 3.

Mr. Herbert J. Bentley, leading man with Meynell and Gunn Company, was a prominent member of Mr. Julius Knight's company. He is a handsome young actor, with a melodious voice, and a magnetic personality. He has appeared in London in such parts as Hugh Ardale in "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray," Valama in "The Gay Lord Quex"; Norbury in "The Marriage of Kitty"; D'Artagnan in "The Three Musketeers"; Lord Westbury in "The Last of the Dandies"; Sir Richard Cursor in "Sowing the Wind"; and the Duke in "The Duke of Killiecrankie." Playgoers will not readily forget his impersonation of Rupert of Hentzau in "The Prisoner of Zenda" with the Julius Knight Co., nor his fine acting as Theosaurus in Claudian. He is very popular with playgoers here.

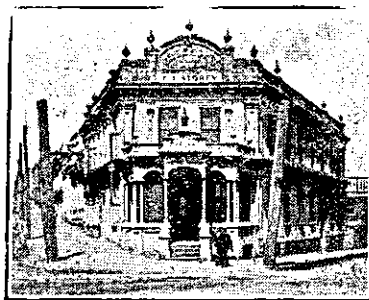
A recent number of the New York "Dramatic News" contains a fine portrait study of Miss Ola Jane Humph-

rey, "the clever young Californian at present being featured by J. C. Williamson in Margaret Anglin parts in Australasia." Miss Anglin, by the way, has informed the New York press through her manager, Mr. Louis Nethersole that she will surely return to Australia again, she having given Mr. J. C. Williamson a definite promise to that effect.

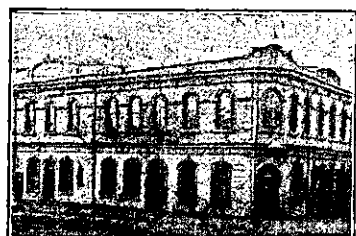
It was a sight for the gods at the first night of "The Duke's Motto" to see so lusty a warrior as Lagardere (Mr. Julius Knight) receive an infant into his arms and hold it with all a mother's tenderness. A Sydney newspaper critic ascribed the titter that resulted to the alleged fact that "The baby was obviously a property one." This came as a rude shock to Miss Beatrice Day who spent anxious days dressing little Blanche de Nevers, and brought all her skill as a needle-woman and her experience of stage requirements to bear on the task. When the comedian of the Julius Knight company saw the baby "dressed to go on" he stated with all the authority of a father that there was "nothing missing but the cry."

A photograph of Prince Danilo of Montenegro recently published shows that the Marsavian national costume which figures in "The Merry Widow" so effectively is really the Montenegrin.

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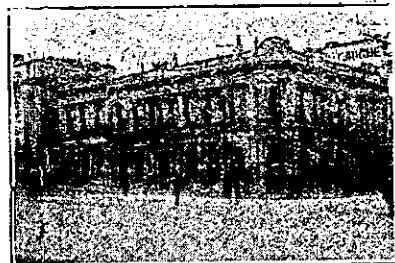
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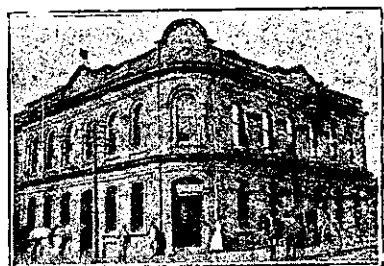
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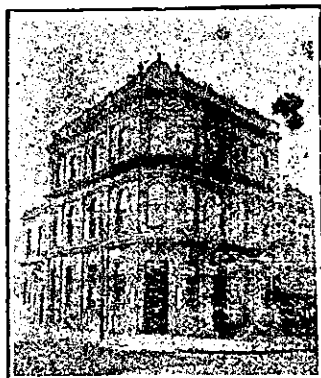
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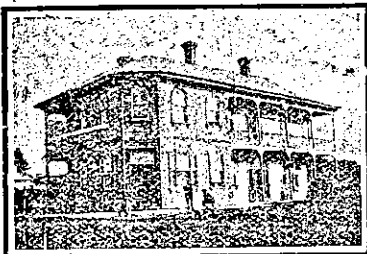
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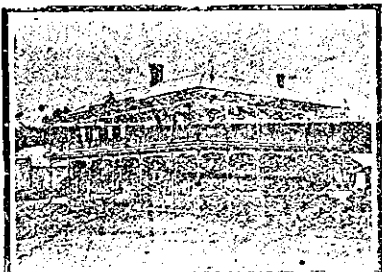
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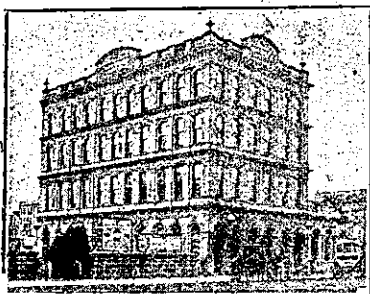
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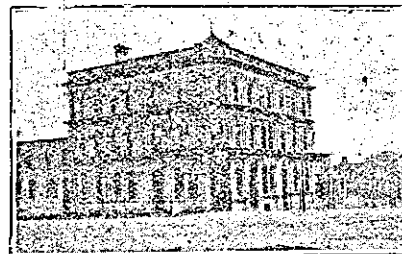
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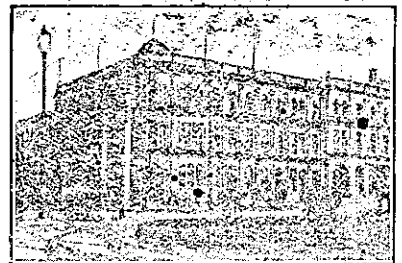
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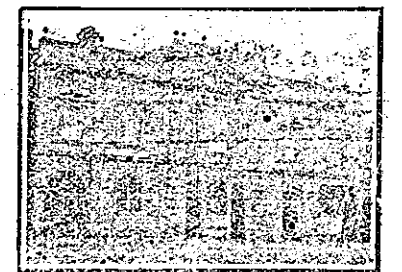
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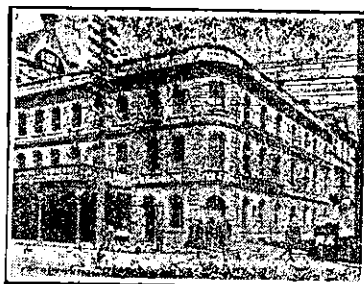
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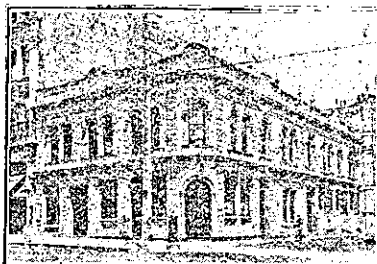
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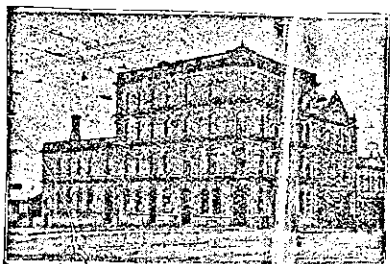
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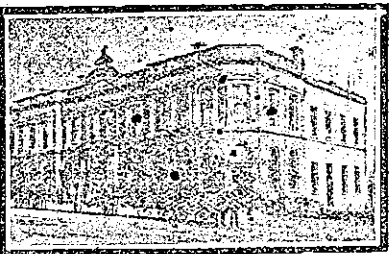


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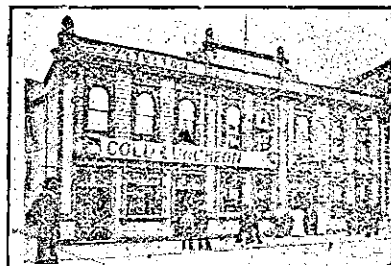
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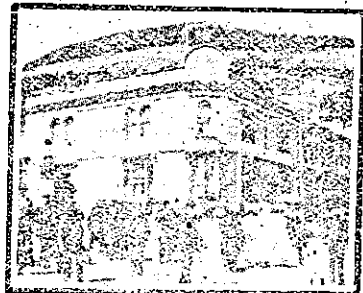
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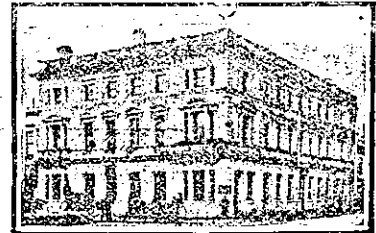
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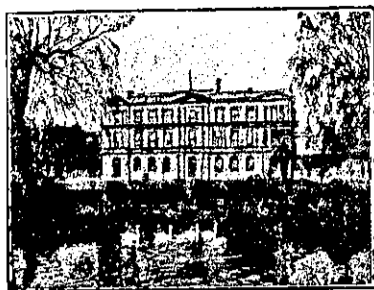
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 Corner of Frederick and Cumberland streets, DUNEDIN.  
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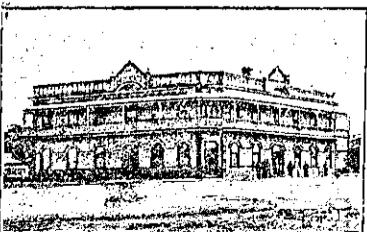
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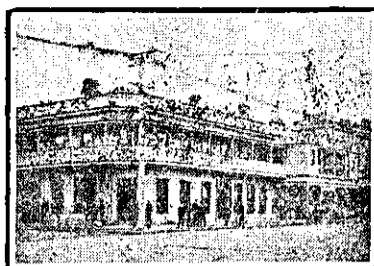
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 Wines and Spirits of Best Brands. First-class Billiard Table.

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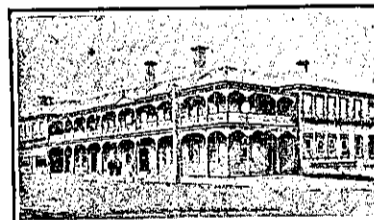
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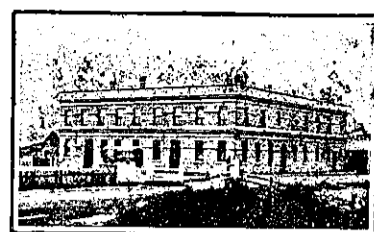
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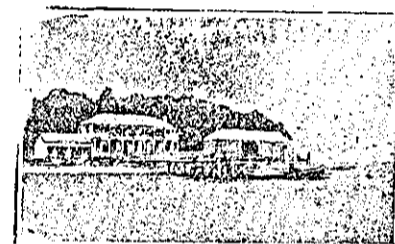
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 It is most conveniently situated to the Helensville main railway station and wharves. Bus runs twice daily from Hotel to Hot Springs.  
 A good Billiard Table, Sample, and Committee Rooms.

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

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 THE TERMINUS OF THE RAILWAY.  
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 Best Brands of Wines and Spirits.  
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**KARANGAHAKE.**



**TRAMWAY HOTEL, KARANGAHAKE** (Across the Bridge).

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

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**FREDERICK HENWOOD** .. Proprietor  
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ONLY BEST BRANDS OF ALES, WINES AND SPIRITS STOCKED.

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

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**THE MANGONUI HOTEL, MANGONUI.**

**THOS. WEBB** ..... Proprietor.

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**MARTON.**

**CLUB HOTEL, MARTON.**

**R. J. WALTERS** ..... Proprietor.

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

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

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

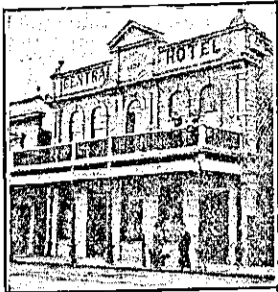
**ROBERT HUNT** (Late Duke of Edinburgh Hotel, Wellington), Proprietor.

**MARTON.—Continued.**

**MARTON HOTEL, MARTON.**

**J. A. PAWSON** ..... Proprietor.  
Mr. Pawson begs to intimate that he has taken over the above Hotel, and the travelling public can rely on First-class Accommodation at a moderate tariff. Only the Best of Ales, Wines, and Spirits kept.  
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**CENTRAL HOTEL, MASTERTON.**

**MR. F. S. COOPER**, late of the Empire Hotel, Hawera, and formerly of Wellington, wishes to inform the public of Auckland and surrounding districts that he has taken over the above well-known house. This hotel offers superior accommodation to travellers, and is a first-class family residence in every respect. The rooms are well ventilated, lofty, and comfortably furnished, and at a reasonable charge. Superior Billiard Table, Good Table. Telegrams and letters will receive prompt attention.

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Patronised by His Excellency  The Earl of Ranfurly.

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

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

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**NOTTINGHAM CASTLE HOTEL, MORRINSVILLE**

(Five Minutes from Railway Station).

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This Hotel has recently been renovated and many additions made.  
First-class Accommodation for the Travelling Public. Meals at all hours. Wines and Spirits of Best Brands only.

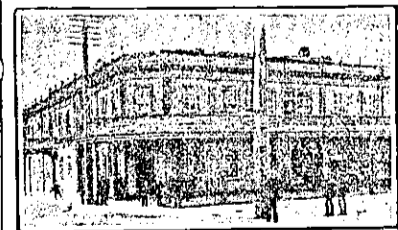
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MIDWAY BETWEEN NAPIER AND HASTINGS.

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An Up-to-date Hotel with every Modern Convenience.  
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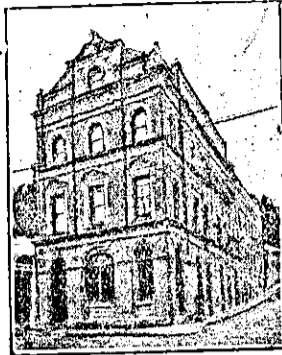
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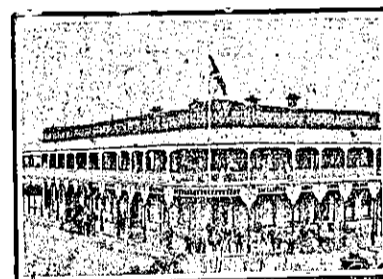
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This long-established Hotel, which has always been the Headquarters for Nelson for Tourists and Commercial Travellers, has recently been purchased by Mr. H. Bulgent.

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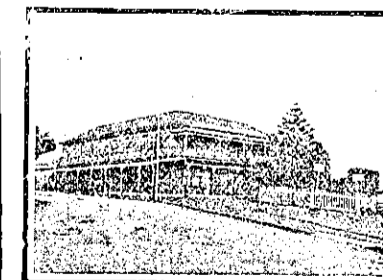
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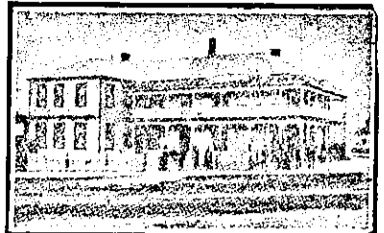
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This New Hostelry is now open to the public, and the Proprietor will be pleased to greet old friends and new at the Hotel.

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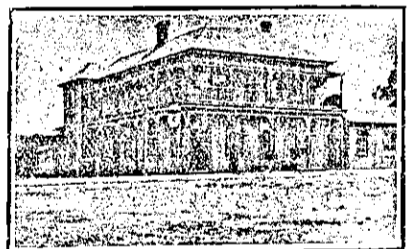
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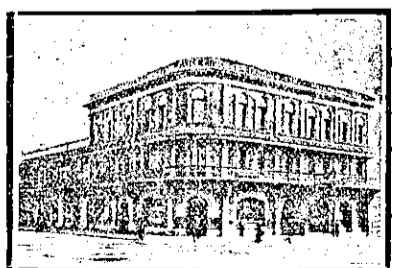


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The proprietor of this conveniently-situated Hotel having had the premises entirely renovated and remodelled, is prepared to receive travellers and the public generally, and guarantees strict attention, the best of Wines and Spirits, and trusts to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

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

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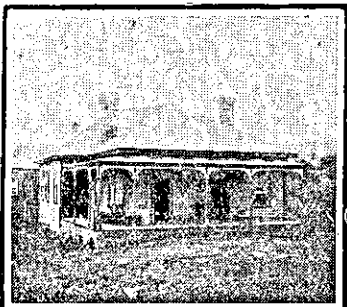
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I. SMITH, Proprietress.  
FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION.  
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GOOD TABLE.

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

**TANGITERORIA.**

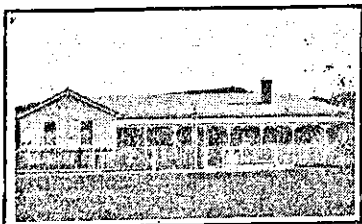


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G. BURDETT ..... Proprietor  
On the road from Whangarei to Dargaville. Every Convenience for Travellers and Tourists.  
The Famous Wairua Falls are a few miles distant from the Hotel. One of the Sights of the North.

**TAURANGA.**

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Under New Management.  
T. R. NIXON,  
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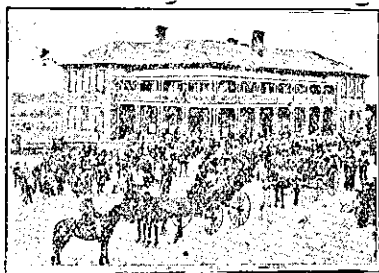
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**MEREDITH HOUSE,**  
TAUMARANUI, N.Z.  
(Junction Wanganui River and Main Trunk Line).  
First-class Accommodation. Excellent Cuisine. Cook's Coupons Accepted. Telegraphic address: "Mathias," Taumarunui. Every attention given to telegrams.

KERR AND MATHIAS,  
Proprietresses.

**TE AROHA.**

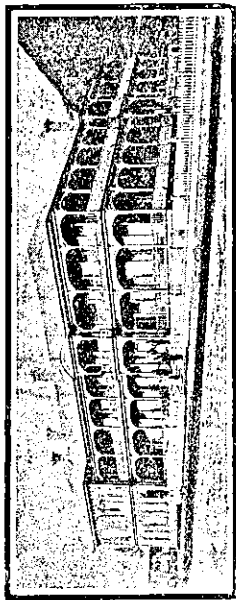


**PALACE HOTEL**  
THE PREMIER HOTEL OF TE AROHA.  
FRANK PILLING ..... Owner.

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

TARIFF: From 7s Per Day.

THE SPORTING HOTEL OF THE DISTRICT



**HOT SPRINGS HOTEL, TE AROHA.**  
UNDER DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE.  
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EVERY MODERN CONVENIENCE  
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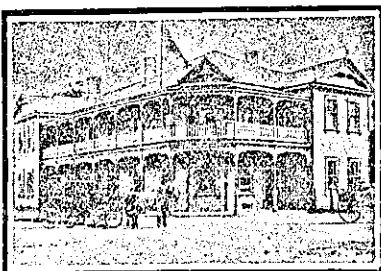
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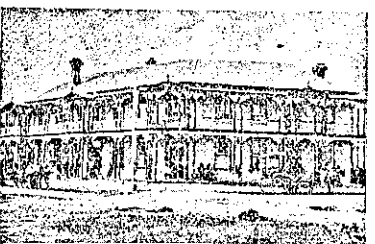
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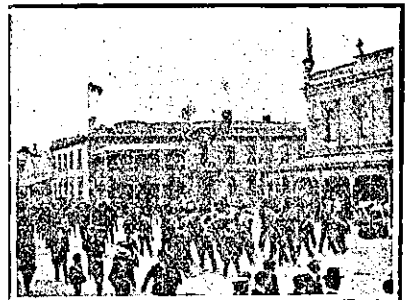
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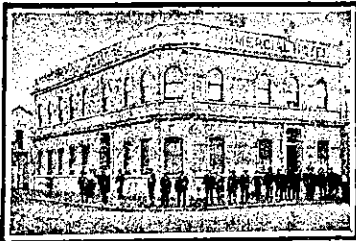
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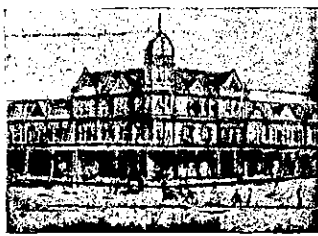


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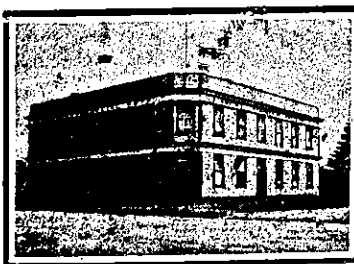
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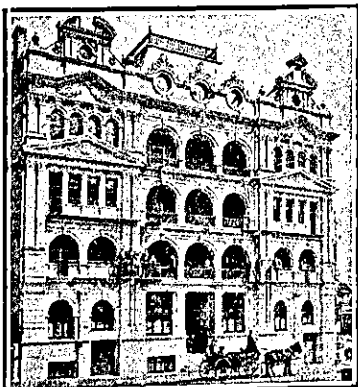
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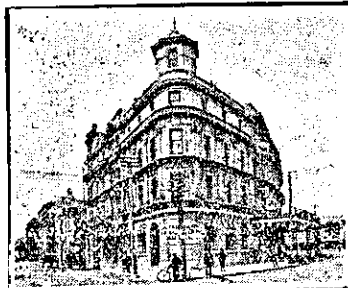


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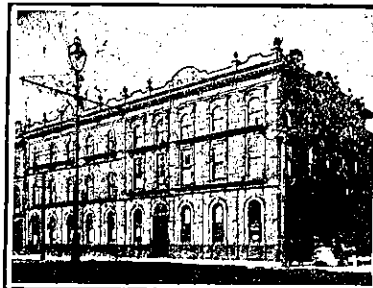
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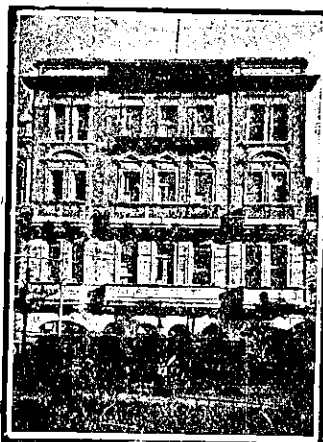
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