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GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

FIRST DAY,

THURSDAY, JUNE 3rd, 1909
(Prince of Wales' Birthday).

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a steeplechase of the value of 100sovs, or steeplechases of the collective value of 250 sovs at time of starting. Winner of any steeplechase after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. About two miles and a-half.

JERVOIS HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs 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. Minimum weight, 8st. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

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. Winner of any hurdle race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile and three-quarters.

GREAT NORTHERN HURDLE RACE (HANDICAP) of 650sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs, and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. Over ten flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race or hurdle races after declaration of weights of the value of 100sovs to carry 5lb; of 200sovs, 7lb; of 300sovs, 10lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs, with a final payment of 3sovs each. Two miles and a-half.

CORNWALL HANDICAP of 325sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Minimum weight, 8st. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Winner of Jervois Handicap to carry not less than 9st. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. One mile and a-quarter.

HUNT CLUB HURDLES (HANDICAP) of 50sovs; second horse to receive 10sovs out of the stake. For horses the bona fide property of members of any recognised Hunt Club, and which have been duly qualified during the season of 1908 by a lady member of any such Hunt Club, or by a gentleman member of any such Hunt Club who is eligible as a gentleman rider under the Rules of Racing. No horse will be eligible which has won a race of any description of the value of more than 25sovs (Hunters' races excepted). Horses to be ridden by members of Hunt Clubs, who hold certificates as gentlemen riders under the Rules of Racing, and who must hand to the Clerk of the Scales a certificate from the Master of the Hunt Club that they have hunted during the current year (1909). Owners must hand to the Secretary a certificate of qualification of their horses at time of nomination. Over eight flights of hurdles. Minimum weight, 10st. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Two miles.

MEMBERS' HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Minimum weight, 8st. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5th, 1909.

ORAKEI 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.

RANFURLY WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 100sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Minimum weight, 9st. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile.

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 850sovs; second horse to receive 150sovs, and third horse 75sovs out of the stake. Winner of any steeplechase or steeplechases after declaration of weights of the value of 100sovs to carry 5lb; of 200sovs, 7lb; of 300sovs, 10lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs, with a final payment of 5sovs each. About three miles and a-half.

REMUERA 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.

PRINCE OF WALES' HANDICAP of 325sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of the Ranfurly Welter Handicap to carry not less than 10st. Minimum weight, 9st. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. Seven furlongs.

THE JUMPERS' FLAT RACE (HANDICAP) of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For hurdle and steeplechase horses that have started at least three times in hurdle races or steeplechases in New Zealand, and completed at least one course to the satisfaction of the Stewards. To be ridden by professional hurdle race or steeplechase riders to be approved of by the Stewards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 7lb penalty. Minimum weight, 9st. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. One mile and a-half.

LADIES' BRACELET of 65sovs; a Bracelet of the value of 50sovs for the first horse, and a Bracelet of the value of 15sovs for the second horse. For horses 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. Three-year-olds, 10st 10lb; four-year-olds and upwards, 11st. No other allowances. All horses to be nominated by ladies. Gentleman riders. A trophy value 5sovs to the rider of the winner. Entrance 1sov each. One mile.

THIRD DAY,

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9th, 1909.

HUNT CLUB CUP (HANDICAP STEEPLE) of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For horses the bona fide property of members of any recognised Hunt Club, and which have been duly qualified during the season of 1908 by a lady member of any such Hunt Club, or by a gentleman member of any such Hunt Club who is eligible as a gentleman rider under the Rules of Racing. No horse will be eligible which has won a race of any description of the value of more than 25sovs (Hunters' races excepted). Horses to be ridden by members of Hunt Clubs, who hold certificates as gentlemen riders under the Rules of Racing, and who must hand to the Clerk of the Scales a certificate from the Master of the Hunt Club that they have hunted during the current year (1909). Owners must hand to the Secretary a certificate of qualification of their horses at time of nomination. Minimum weight, 10st 7lb. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. About three miles and a-half.

TAMAKI STEEPLECHASE (HANDICAP) of 110sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a steeplechase of the value of 100sovs, or steeplechases of the collective value of 250sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. About two miles and a-half.

YORK WELTER HANDICAP of 325 sovs; second horse to receive 50sovs, and third horse 25sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Minimum weight, 9st. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 3sovs each. One mile.

WINTER 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.

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

FITZROY WELTER 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. Minimum weight, 9st. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Six furlongs.

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Minimum weight, 9st. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lb penalty. Entrance 1sov, and acceptance 1sov each. Five furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.

GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE MEETING, 1909.
With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.R.C.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30th, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.
Great Northern Hurdles Handicap 1sov
Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap 1sov
Winter Steeplechase 1sov
Cornwall Handicap 1sov
Prince of Wales' Handicap 1sov
York Welter Handicap 1sov

FRIDAY, MAY 14th, General Entry, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Great Northern Hurdles Handicap 3sovs, Great Northern Steeplechase Handicap 3sovs.
NOMINATIONS.—Maiden Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Jervois Handicap 1sov, Maiden Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Hunt Club Hurdles 1sov, Members' Handicap 1sov, Orakei Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Ranfurly Welter Handicap 1sov, Remuera Hurdle Handicap 1sov, The Jumpers' Flat Race Handicap 1sov, Ladies' Bracelet 1sov, Hunt Club Cup 1sov, Tamaki Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Campbell Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Fitzroy Welter Handicap 1sov, Farewell Handicap 1sov.

FRIDAY, MAY 28th, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Maiden Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, Jervois Handicap 1sov, Maiden Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Cornwall Handicap 3sovs, Members' Handicap 1sov, Hunt Club Hurdles 1sov, Hunt Club Cup 1sov.

FINAL PAYMENT.—Great Northern Hurdles 3sovs.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4th, by 12 noon.

ACCEPTANCES.—Orakei Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Ranfurly Welter Handicap 1sov, Remuera Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Prince of Wales' Handicap 3sovs, The Jumpers' Flat Race Handicap 1sov.
FINAL PAYMENT.—Great Northern Steeplechase 5sovs.

MONDAY, JUNE 7th, by 12 noon.

ACCEPTANCES.—Tamaki Steeplechase Handicap 1sov, York Welter Handicap 3sovs, Winter Steeplechase Handicap 2sovs, Campbell Hurdle Handicap 1sov, Fitzroy Welter Handicap 1sov, Farewell Handicap 1sov.
DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.
On or about MAY 10th, 1909.
Great Northern Hurdles, Great Northern Steeplechase.

TUESDAY, MAY 25th.

Maiden Steeple Handicap, Jervois Handicap, Maiden Hurdle Handicap, Cornwall Handicap, Hunt Club Hurdles, Hunt Club Cup, Members' Handicap.
FRIDAY, JUNE 4th.
Orakei Hurdles, Ranfurly Welter Handicap, Remuera Hurdles, Prince of Wales' Handicap, Jumpers' Flat Handicap.

MONDAY, JUNE 7th.
Tamaki Steeplechase, York Welter Handicap, Winter Steeplechase, Campbell Hurdle Race, Fitzroy Welter, Farewell Handicap.
J. F. HARTLAND, Secretary.

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WINTER MEETING.

FIRST DAY.
SATURDAY, MAY 22nd, 1909.

HANDICAP MAIDEN PLATE of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 50sovs at time of entry. Nomination 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Seven furlongs.

HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile and a-half and a hundred yards.

EMPIRE HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 25sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Winner of any race of the value of 50sovs after the declaration of the weights to carry a penalty of 5lb; of 100sovs, 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 3sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP of 100sovs; second pony to receive 15sovs, and third pony 5sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards, 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.

NGATARINGA HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Winner of the Maiden Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

HAURAKI HANDICAP HURDLES of 200sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs, and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of Maiden Hurdles to carry a penalty of 5lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Two miles.

ROYAL HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. Winner of the Empire Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.
SECOND DAY.
MONDAY, MAY 24th, 1909.

PUPUKE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won a race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. Five furlongs and a-half.

TAKAPUNA HANDICAP MAIDEN HURDLES of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have not won a hurdle race exceeding the value of 25sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile and a-half and a hundred yards.

BRITANNIA HANDICAP of 175sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. One mile.
SECOND PONY HANDICAP of 100sovs; second pony to receive 15sovs, and third pony 5sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards, 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.

flights of hurdles. Winner of the Takapuna Maiden Hurdles to carry a penalty of 5lb extra. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile and three-quarters.

VICTORIA HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. Winner of the Britannia Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 2sovs. Five furlongs and a-half.

WELTER HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 5sovs out of the stake. Winner of any flat race after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 5lb. Lowest weight, 7st 7lb. Nomination, 1sov; acceptance, 1sov. One mile.
NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS.
FRIDAY, APRIL 23rd, 9 p.m.
FIRST DAY.—Handicap Maiden Hurdles 1sov, Handicap Maiden Plate 1sov, Empire Handicap 3sovs, Royal Handicap 1sov, Hauraki Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Ngataringa Handicap 1sov, First Pony Handicap 1sov.
SECOND DAY.—Pupuke Handicap 1sov, Haururu Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Second Pony Handicap 1sov, Britannia Handicap 1sov, Takapuna Handicap Maiden Hurdles 1sov, Victoria Handicap 1sov, Welter Handicap 1sov.

WEIGHTS.
MONDAY, MAY 10th.
First Day's Racing.
SATURDAY, MAY 22nd, 9 p.m.
Second Day's Racing.

ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, MAY 14th, 9 p.m.
FIRST DAY.—Handicap Maiden Hurdles 1sov, Handicap Maiden Plate 1sov, Empire Handicap 3sovs, Royal Handicap 2sovs, Hauraki Handicap Hurdles 2sovs, Ngataringa Handicap 1sov, First Pony Handicap 2sovs.
SATURDAY, MAY 22nd, 10 p.m.
SECOND DAY.—Pupuke Handicap 1sov, Takapuna Handicap Maiden Hurdles 1sov, Second Pony Handicap 2sovs, Britannia Handicap 2sovs, Haururu Handicap Hurdles 1sov, Victoria Handicap 2sovs, Welter Handicap 1sov.

R. WYNYARD, Secretary.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

WINTER MEETING.
To be held on the Wanganui Racecourse, 22nd and 24th MAY, 1909.

President: Dr. Earle. Vice-president: H. N. Harrison. Time-keeper: A. E. T. Nixon. Judge: W. H. Hartgill. Starter: Handicapper: George Morse. Clerk of the Scales: H. M. Speed. Clerk of the Course: G. T. Lynch. Hon. Surgeon: Dr. Hatherly. Hon. Veterinary Surgeon: Maxwell Edgar. Stewards: President (ex officio), and Messrs. E. A. Campbell, G. Marshall, James Higgle, D. Campion, Allan Cameron, R. Russell, and James Watt. Committee: E. A. Campbell (chairman), President and Hon. Treasurer (ex officio), and Messrs. Allan Cameron, D. Campion, James Higgle, James Watt, J. F. Cutfield, H. M. Speed, R. Russell, C. J. Russell, H. W. Hole, G. Marshall, and J. C. Paterson. Hon. Treasurer: J. H. Nixon. Secretary: W. Hall.

FIRST DAY.
SATURDAY, 22nd MAY, 1909.

1. 12 noon.—BOROUGH HANDICAP of 125sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Six furlongs.

2. WANGANUI STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 400sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third 10sovs from the stake; over the Wanganui Steeplechase Course. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. About three miles.

3. ELECTRIC HACK HANDICAP of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 30s. Five furlongs.

4. KAITOKE HACK HURDLE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sov. About one mile and three-quarters.

5. CENTURY HURDLE HANDICAP of 300sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. About two miles and a distance.

6. CONNOLLY HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 40sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 3sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

7. PURAU HACK FLAT HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 30s. One mile.
SECOND DAY.
MONDAY, 24th MAY, 1909.

1. 12 noon.—WINTER OATS HANDICAP of 150sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. Six furlongs.

2. GRANDSTAND STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 250sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10 sovs from the stake. Over such course as the Stewards shall direct. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. About two and a-half miles.

3. BALGOWNIE HACK HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 30s. One mile and a distance.

4. HATA HACK HURDLE HANDICAP of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from

the stake. Over six flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 1sev. About one mile and five furlongs.

5. **MAY HURDLE HANDICAP** of 175 sovs; second horse to receive 20sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. About one mile and three-quarters.

6. **EMPIRE HANDICAP** of 175sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 10sovs from the stake. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 2sovs. One mile and a distance.

7. **FAREWELL HACK FLAT HANDICAP** of 100sovs; second horse to receive 15sovs, and third horse 5sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7st. Nomination 1sov, acceptance 30s. Six furlongs.

PENALTIES.

Winner of any steeplechase after declaration of weights to carry 10lb penalty in a steeplechase, of any hurdle race to carry 10lb penalty in a hurdle race, and of any flat race to carry 7lb, two or more such races 10lb penalty in a flat race. No penalty will be required in an open race for having won a hack race or races.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

And Amounts to be forwarded to Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23rd, 1909, at 9 p.m.—Nominations—Borough Handicap 1sov, Wanganui Steeplechase 1sov, Electric Hack Handicap 1sov, Kaitoke Hack Hurdles 1sov, Century Hack Handicap 1sov, Connolly Handicap 1sov, Purau Hack Flat Handicap 1sov, Winter Oats 1sov, Grandstand Steeplechase 1sov, Balgownie Hack Flat 1sov, Rata Hack Hurdles 1sov, May Hurdles Handicap 1sov, Empire Handicap 1sov, Farewell Hack Flat Handicap 1sov.

SATURDAY, MAY 8th, 1909 (on or about).—Weights for Borough Handicap, Wanganui Steeplechase, Century Hurdle Handicap, Connolly Handicap.

THURSDAY, 13th MAY (on or about)—Weights for Electric Hack Handicap, Kaitoke Hack Hurdles, Purau Hack Flat Handicap.

MONDAY, MAY 17th, 1909, at 9 p.m.—Acceptances—Borough Handicap 2sovs, Wanganui Steeplechase 3sovs, Electric Hack Handicap 30s, Kaitoke Hack Hurdles 1sov, Century Hurdle Handicap 3sovs, Connolly Handicap 3sovs, Purau Hack Flat Handicap 30s.

SATURDAY, MAY 22nd, 1909 (at or about) 8 p.m.—Weights for Winter Oats, Grandstand Steeplechase, Balgownie Hack Flat, Rata Hack Hurdles, May Hurdles, Empire Handicap, and Farewell Hack Flat.

SATURDAY, MAY 22nd, 1909, at 9 p.m.—Acceptances—Winter Oats 2sovs, Grandstand Steeplechase 2sovs, Balgownie Hack Flat 30s, Rata Hack Hurdles 1sov, May Hurdles 2sovs, Empire Handicap 2sovs, Farewell Hack Flat 30s.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23rd, 1909, at 9 p.m.—First Forfeit, Jackson Stakes, 1910, 1sov.

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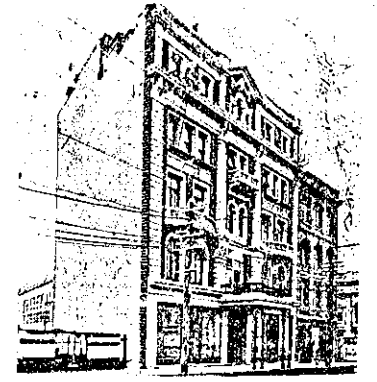


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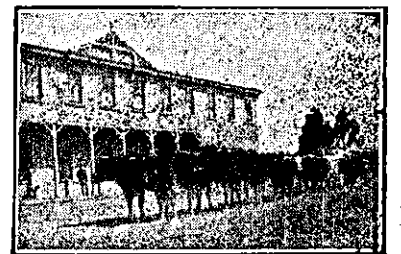
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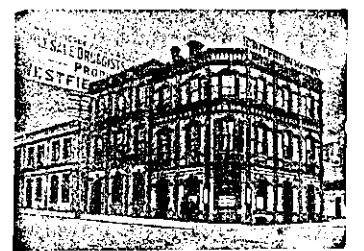
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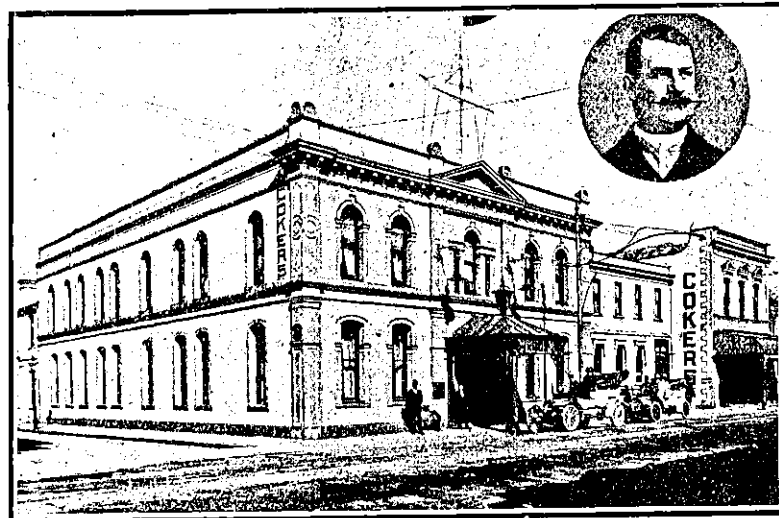


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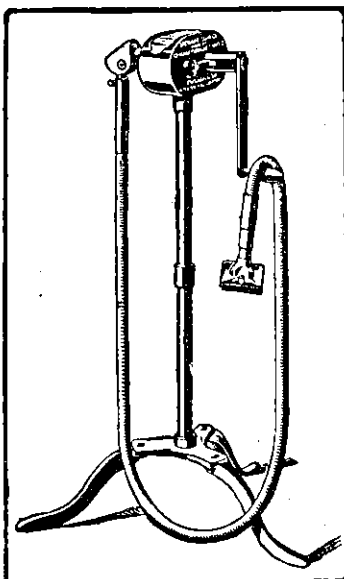
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RACING.



RACING CALENDAR.

SEASON 1908-09.

FIXTURES.

May 8 and 15—Wellington Pony Meeting
 May 12 and 13—Egmont R.C. Winter
 May 12 and 13—Ashburton County R.C.
Autumn
 May 22 and 24—Takapuna J.C. Winter
 May 22 and 24—Wanganui J.C. Winter
 June 3 and 4—Otaki Maori R.C. Winter
 June 3 and 4—Dunedin J.C. Winter
 June 3, 5, and 9—Auckland R.C. Winter
 June 3—Wellington Pony Meeting
 July 8 and 9—Gisborne R.C. Winter

NOMINATIONS.

May 14—Auckland R.C. (general entry)
 May 14—Dunedin J.C. Winter
 May 14—Otaki Maori R.C. Winter
 May 19—Wellington Pony Meeting
 June 3—Gisborne R.C. Winter
 June 16 and 17—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
 June 23 and 24—Napier Park R.C. Winter

HANDICAPS.

May 10—Takapuna J.C.
 May 10—Auckland R.C. (principal events)
 May 13—Wanganui J.C. Winter
 May 22—Auckland R.C. (first day)
 May 22—Wellington Pony Meeting
 May 25—Otaki Maori R.C. Winter
 May 25—Dunedin J.C. Winter
 June 19—Gisborne R.C. (first day)
 June 6—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
 June 18—Napier Park R.C. Winter

ACCEPTANCES.

May 14—Takapuna J.C. (First Day)
 May 14—A.R.C. Great Northern Hurdles and Steeplechase
 May 17—Wanganui J.C. Winter
 May 22—Takapuna J.C. (Second Day)
 May 28—A.R.C. (first day)
 May 28—Dunedin J.C. Winter
 May 28—Otaki Maori R.C. Winter
 June 11—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
 June 19—Napier Park R.C. Winter
 June 30—Gisborne R.C. (first day)

FINAL PAYMENTS.

May 28—A.R.C. Great Northern Hurdle Race
 June 4—A.R.C. Great Northern Steeplechase.

THE GAMING ACT AGAIN.

ITS ABSURD RESTRICTIONS DEMONSTRATED.

The Christchurch persecution illustrates very fairly the "straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel" business that was perpetrated by our sapient legislators when they passed the Gaming Act of 1908, and struck another and wholly unwarranted blow at the Press of this country. In pandering to the Pharasaical crowd, as the majority in Parliament did, no really good purpose was served; nor, as events have since proved, has the volume of betting been seriously diminished. On the contrary, the action of that majority has inspired, and justly so, a contempt for the law and its makers that is wholly bad in its effect. New Zealand politicians and purists never made a greater mistake than when they supposed that, by legislating against actions perfectly legitimate in themselves, they could dragoon the great body of the public into the belief that they were guilty of crime and misdemeanour in evading the provisions of such laws. The sporting tendency is born and bred in a very large section of the people, and when a man makes up his mind to bet (or a woman either, for that matter), he will always find the place and opportunity for doing so, and will not be deterred by the fear of a law which he regards as unnecessarily restrictive of his rights as a free-born citizen. The law is as unnecessary and as impertinent in a democracy as would be the revival of the Sumptuary laws of the Middle Ages.

ADDING TO THE DECALOGUE.

One of the most absurd provisions of the law is that prohibiting newspapers published in the Dominion from publishing information in regard to dividends paid on investments on the totalisator. Parliament has legalised the "tote" and the bookmaker; has, indeed, passed its word that neither shall be molested in their betting transactions. Then it says, in effect, to the Press—the "watchdogs of the public"—part of whose business it is to assist in the exposure of fraud and wrongdoing, and to safeguard the in-

terests of the public: "Although we anything about it, because Mrs. Grundy thinks it is very improper that anything should be said about betting in the newspapers. We do not find the Decalogue sufficient in these days of Prohibition and advanced women, and as we cannot stop people from betting, and we can stop you from talking about it, we are adding to the commandments, and we prohibit you, under various pains and penalties, from saying anything about it. If the betting public are swindled by the new race of spiliers this law will certainly bring into existence—well, that is their look out; it doesn't concern you." Having thus "gagged" the Press, it sets the officers of the law to work to manufacture charges against well-conducted newspapers of the character of that brought against Mr. P. Selig, of the Christchurch "Press," and happily dismissed by the magistrate.

THE CHRISTCHURCH CASE.

In the Christchurch case the prosecution might be well described as a fishing one; the Crown contending that certain figures placed before the names of the various horses indicated the order of their backing in the race in which they were engaged. A certain significance is attached to the figures; of that there can be no question, and the prosecution contended that in the case cited, in which the winning horse was Armet, against whose name was placed the figure 4, the "4" indicated that Armet was the fourth favourite, etc. The defendant's counsel is said to have admitted that this was so, and thereupon the prosecution alleged that defendant had broken the law by publishing information concerning the dividend paid. The section of the Act (31) under which the information was laid declares "(1) Every person commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds, who prints, publishes, sells, or publicly exhibits any newspaper, or other document, which contains any advertisement or notification by or on behalf of any person, club or association, as to betting on any horse race to be run, whether in or out of New Zealand, or as to investments on the totalisator in respect of such race, or which contains any information, advice, or suggestion as to the probable result of any such race," and "(4) Every person commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds who prints, publishes, sells, or publicly exhibits any newspaper or document which contains any statement as to the dividend paid on investments on the totalisator, in respect of any horse race, whether run in New Zealand or elsewhere, or as to starting prices in respect of any such race, or any statement from which the amount of any such dividend or starting price might be calculated." These are the only two clauses in the section which bear upon the alleged offence of which it was sought to prove Mr. Selig guilty, and it is evident that a good deal must be read into them before the charge could properly be sustained.

NEW ZEALAND JOURNALS PENALISED.

A subsequent clause in the same section allows newspapers printed and published outside of New Zealand containing information prohibited to the Dominion Press to circulate all through the country. To be logical and consistent the Act should have established a public censor, after the Russian fashion, whose duty it would be to blot out from every newspaper entering the colony the betting information which our Legislature declares to be so injurious to the public morals. As the Act stands, there is nothing to prevent starting prices and other betting information being cabled across the seas to Australia, to journals like the "Referee," which may print and publish them there, and send the papers across for sale in this country. And herein is found a justification of our statement that New Zealand legislators, the majority of them at least, strain at a gnat while swallowing the proverbial camel. It is about time that racing men in this country insisted on the amendment of the Gaming Act and the removal of the absurd restrictions by which Parliamentarians have hedged them

have legalised this, you mustn't say around, and by which, in the characteristic fashion affected by our sham Liberals, they have also gagged the Press in the interests of Little Bethel-dom and the unco' guid.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

HANDICAPS FOR THE PRINCIPAL EVENTS.

On Monday Mr. Morse declared the handicaps for the Great Northern Hurdle Race and Steeplechase, and followers of the sport of kings will now have something on which to centre their minds during the next couple of weeks. In the Great Northern Steeplechase Kiaterere heads the handicap with 12.5, and the son of Castor, it must be admitted, would have a good following were he to go to the post fit and well. Kiaterere has twice previously won the event, in 1905, when he carried 11.0, and in 1907, when he carried the substantial impost of 12.13 to victory. It would take something out of the ordinary to surpass these performances. Sol comes next with 12.2, but from what I can learn Sol may be an absentee when the meeting rolls round. Audax, who hails from the Hon. J. D. Ormond's stable, has been well supported in doubles, and as he has scored over country must be entitled to respect with 10.13. Kaipetipeti, 10.6, has also been successful over country, he having placed the Grandstand Steeplechase at the Wanganui Meeting to his credit. Maidi, 10.5, has a great record over hurdles, but has yet to prove her ability to win a steeplechase. Irish, 10.4, is perhaps a light of other days, and although Capitol, 10.4, won the Avondale Steeplechase, he did not look a likely Great Northern winner. Le Beau, 10.3, is well treated, and as he is in steady work should be running up the hill the last time when a good number of the others have stopped. Creusot, 10.3, pulled up sound after winning the Autumn Steeplechase at Ellerslie last month, and the chance of the big black horse is highly estimated by some. In running down those following in the handicap, Pawa (9.11) reads well, but he has had a long spell, and it would be as well to await his appearance. Te Arai, 9.8, has the makings of a steeplechaser, and a point worth remembering is that his name is missing from the Great Northern Hurdle Race.

THE GREAT NORTHERN STEEPLECHASE OF 850SOVS; second horse to receive 150sovs and third horse 75sovs out of the stake. Winner of any steeplechase or steeplechases after declaration of weights of the value of 100sovs to carry 5lb, of 200sovs 7lb, and of 300sovs 10lb penalty. About three miles and a-half.

(Run June 5.)

	st.	lb.		st.	lb.
Kiaterere	12	5	Aroha	9	11
Sol	12	2	Oryx	9	11
Audax	10	13	Pawa	9	11
Kaipetipeti	10	6	Reservoir	9	10
Maidi	10	5	Playmate	9	9
Irish	10	4	Leonardo	9	9
Capitol	10	4	Mozart	9	8
Le Beau	10	3	Te Arai	9	8
Creusot	10	3	Good Faith	9	8
Cubrigno	10	3	Okaihau	9	7
Bullworth	10	2	Mawhiti	9	7
Waipu	10	2	Whimper	9	7
Nogi	9	13	Lingerer	9	7
Jack Pot	9	13	Mooshen	9	7
Kremlin	9	13			

There are no less than 35 horses in the Great Northern Hurdle Race, and with the select of New Zealand's jumpers engaged we may expect to see a grand race on June 3. Ben Jonson has been allotted pride of place with 11.13, and he has received all he is entitled to, if not a little bit more, and in being asked to concede from 7lb. up to 41lb. to those below him has been set a severe task. Paritutu, 11.6, Master Douglas 11.6, Maidi 11.5, and Exmoor 11.3, are all about in their right place, and should the quartette go to the post the contest between them alone should be worth going to see. The Hon. J. D. Ormond has three horses engaged—viz., Kairoma 10.13, Audax 10.6, and North Head 10.4. The first-named scored on the second day at Wellington, and, judging by the accounts, would be entitled to respect were he to put in an appearance at Ellerslie. North Head, who is not harshly treated, if one can judge by the manner in which he disposed of the field in his

initial performance in the Hack Hurdles at Hawke's Bay, will probably be seen out at Wanganui next week. North Head has been much boomed up during the last couple of days, and to listen to "the man in the street," the Grand National Hurdle Race is all over. Horses with much better performances than North Head have failed to win when pitted against New Zealand's best. There are a number of beginners in light, amongst them being Tui Cakobau, Auratus, Bully, Waikato, and Maharani. The latter has some good performances to his credit on the flat, and at the Great Northern Meeting last year he scored a comfortable win in the York Welter. The Sylvia Park gelding is stated to be doing well in his schooling lessons, and Tui Cakobau is also satisfactory. However, the Wanganui Meeting next week may throw some light on the question and help backers a little in their attempt to solve what looks a very difficult problem.

Acceptances for both events close to-morrow (Friday) at 9 p.m.

THE GREAT NORTHERN HURDLE RACE OF 650SOVS; second horse to receive 100sovs and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. Over 10 flights of hurdles. Winner of any hurdle race or hurdle races after declaration of weights of the value of 100sovs to carry 5lb, of 200sovs 7lb, and of 300sovs 10lb penalty. Two miles and a-half.

(Run June 3.)

	st.	lb.		st.	lb.
Ben Jonson	11	13	Auratus	9	13
Paritutu	11	6	Oryx	9	13
Mas. Douglas	11	6	Newtown	9	11
Maidi	11	5	Commander	9	10
Exmoor	11	3	Reservoir	9	10
Lyrst	10	13	Tui Cakobau	9	9
Kairoma	10	13	Creusot	9	4
Waipu	10	7	Corazon	9	3
Audax	10	6	Bully	9	3
Cubrigno	10	5	Poplar	9	3
Kremlin	10	5	Waikato	9	2
Swagsman	10	4	Maharani	9	2
Sol	10	4	Showman	9	2
North Head	10	4	Belario	9	1
Jack Pot	10	2	Good Faith	9	0
Kiaterere	10	2	Peu-de-Joie	9	0
Irish	10	0	Heathen	9	0
Snip	10	0			

HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

The just-finished May meeting of the metropolitan club was one of the most successful that has ever been held on the course at Hastings. Despite the wolf cry of shortness of money, there was plenty in evidence last Wednesday and Thursday, for the officials who manipulate the automatic dispenser of odds handled £19,693, or an increase of £1588 on the sum put through last season at a similar gathering. Bookmakers' fees for the two days totalled £615, consequently it can be observed that bulion was plentiful. The energetic and strenuous officials of the club, headed by Mr. W. J. Stratton, did all they could to supply the demands and wants of their patrons, and as a natural result the large crowd of clients expressed themselves well satisfied with the manner in which they had been attended to.

NORTH HEAD AS A JUMPER.

The general idea that North Head would get the verdict in his opening debut over the battens was consummated, for the Birkenhead gelding got flying from the send-off, and that was the end of it, the cerise bearer conquering in the most hollow style by quite four lengths.

AN EASY WIN.

Bridget, a two-year-old full brother to Grand Slam, an inmate of Mr. E. J. Watt's formidable stable, justified the confidence reposed in him in the Maiden Hack, for he was first away and first home, his closest foe at the finish being a three-year-old half-brother to California called King's Prize. He resembles his sire, The Possible, a great deal, and in the future, with good luck going his way, should prove worth following.

A CONSISTENT TWO-YEAR-OLD.

Xylophone showed that he is consistent, for the son of Banjo galloped in great style in the Nursery Handicap, and did not have to do his best to secure the award. Golden Water, a nice-looking son of Ia and Gold Reef,

finished second. The backers picked it all right, for Xylophone and Golden Water were first and second favourites respectively.

BOBRIKOFF'S VICTORY.

Nothing would go down with the majority of backers except Mon Ami in the Porangahau Handicap. Her supporters went down with a bump, for the mare never seemed to be able to gallop, and, in fact, finished last, honours going to Bobrikoff, who rewarded his partisans with a good price, Gold Thread, a stable chum of Golden Water's, getting second berth, and she also helped her supporters well along by the remunerative dividend.

TANGIMOANA'S PERFORMANCE.

Mr. D. Bulck was quite confident that Tangimoana would prove hard to beat, and he did not let his light shine under a bushel, for he told each and every one who asked him that he had a good idea that he would take the Hawke's Bay Cup back to Palmerston North. A true prophet he proved to be, for the San Fran mare mastered the opposition all right, and that in a conclusive manner. For a three-year-old colt to carry 8.12 and then run the really good race he did proves that Master Soult has to be ranked as a top-notch. He finished well, and I presume to argue that if he had not been kept so far astern the judge's ruling might have had a different aspect. California, who got third, had a terrible lot of bad luck in the race, for he got pocketed and pinched on several occasions, and then only got silenced by Master Soult by a bare head. The big chestnut looked melow and muscular, and pulled up quite sound. Later on he may therefore be expected to get into the first-award class. His owner-trainer, Lagor, informed me that should everything go on all right in the interim, he will in about a couple of months' time take California over to the other colonies.

A GREAT NORTHERN CANDIDATE.

Master Douglas made an exhibition of the quartette who lined up with him in the Karamu Hurdles, and his victory was anticipated so accurately by the major portion of backers that the interest they received for their investment was about the smallest I ever remember having seen paid out on the winner of a five-horse field in an obstacle event.

A PROMISING HACK.

Mundic, the three-year-old son of Gold Reef and Hopeful, comfortably settled the favourite, Contendent, the half-brother to Contender, by Birkenhead, in the Poukawa Hack. The Saint, one of the outside members of the pack, getting third. Out of the big field of 15 there were only three enquired for for money, Contendent, Illustrious and Mundic.

BOLLIN WINS EASILY.

Bollin was installed a red-hot pot in the Autumn Handicap, and he did not go back on his party, for the younger brother to Woodhey captured in the easiest style, Chanteuse, who returned her supporters a good price, being second. Seaton Dale, who was better backed than Mr. Lawry's mare, was third. The second favourite, Paisano, gave a poor display, and never flattered his connections in the slightest, and the weight seemed to anchor him. The third choice, Gold Lace, performed in a very ordinary manner.

SECOND DAY.

In the Ohiti Hack Hurdles Corazon brought grief and dismay financially to those who had pinned their faith in his ability to triumph, for the second fence laid him out. It was not his fault, though, the mishap being caused by one of the hurdles flying back and getting him strong and solid. Papatawa may have given it a hard clout as she thundered through it just in advance of Corazon. At the finish of the argument Chicane, who can display a lot of pace, got upsides with Papatawa, and very soon the latter's chance was nil, Gooseman's pupil landing the stake.

A FAVOURITE SCORES.

The good showing that King's Prize had made the previous afternoon had been remembered, and The Possible's son was soon at the head of the betting, and by the same token he was at the head of the opposition when the line was crossed, Gold Treasure being second, and Illustrious, the second favourite, a poor third. The latter was very sore while doing his preliminary, and the solid pace set by Gold Treasure and King's Prize carried him off his feet, with the result that whatever winning prospects he might

have possessed were soon dissolved. Appin, a rather good-looking son of Miss Beckwith by The Possible, was one of the field approaching King's Prize and Co., and for a verdant one at the business made a very creditable display. There is a good time ahead of those connected with Mr. A. Stuart's gelding.

A FOREGONE CONCLUSION.

The foregone conclusion materialised in the Hawke's Bay Stakes in Provocation, who had only to be shook up in the last furlong to easily settle Xylophone, who for the whole of the trip, up to where he was silenced by Provocation, had held command. Within fifty yards of the post Maori King put in a good spurt, but his effort was fruitless, for he was quite three lengths to leeward of Xylophone when the line had been crossed. Mr. Bidwill's colt pulled up all sound, and the solid style in which he was going at the finish gave onlookers the impression that he could have went on for some distance in as fast a style as characterised his performance over the six and a-half furlongs. Given good health in the meantime, it appears as if the three-year-old classic event's next season will be soft goods for Provocation.

ABORIGINE STILL WINNING.

There were three others, Bobrikoff, Waitapu, and Sir Tristram, better backed than Aborigine in the Burke Memorial, but nothing had a chance with King Billy's relative throughout the piece, for he was always well up, and when Jenkins put it to him half-way down the straight the verdict was in the keeping of Mr. Watt's gelding, for he won comfortably at the finish from Sir Tristram. Sandstream was a very decent third. Bobrikoff, the favourite, was, practically speaking, the first horse beaten, and finished absolutely last.

A SURPRISE.

Mundic, who looked as if the previous day's exertion had taken a deal out of him, for he looked ragged and tied-up, was pounced upon as the correct article for the Scurry Hack, but he went down before Tina Toa, one of the neglected brigade in the betting market. The winner is one of the Conqueror gang, and is fast and furious for a fast dash. He paid the biggest dividend of the gathering, owing no doubt to the indifferent display he has of late been making on the try-out at Hastings. Cork, who got third, had the bad luck of the piece, for he got badly away and then got bunched into the bargain. Getting free from the hamper inside the distance, he put in a vigorous run, but the post was too close, and he failed to give assistance to his supporters. Contendent, the second selection, got his quietus early in the contest, and was never conspicuous.

MASTER DOUGLAS WINS AGAIN.

Another snip for Master Douglas was the Mangatarata Hurdles, which was captured without a great deal of exertion by the half-brother to The Rand, notwithstanding that he screwed a great deal at the last fence. The ancient Gold Dust, who had fell the first day, got second place, and the judge placed Waipu third. I must have lost my eyesight if Aroha did not fill that berth, but then you know, the judge's verdict is the only one worth having. So my opinion, consequently, cannot carry any weight. Waipu appears as if more racing would do him good, and do not be surprised if later on he does not vanquish those who were arrayed against him last week.

A FAVOURITE GOES UNDER.

Golden Water was nearly a hundred pounds better favourite than Day Beam for the Juvenile Handicap, Bridge occupying third position in betting transactions over the affair. Day Beam was always well up with Golden Water handy, and in the last bit the former had the best of the contention. Te Puia, a daughter of San Fran, who in March had paid a sensational dividend at Dannevirke, got third, and if she had not been so slow to find her feet at the start, and had a clear run throughout the trip, would surely have had more to say at the termination of the bout.

BOLLIN'S SECOND VICTORY.

The shades of night were falling fast when the Farewell was run. However, Bollin's (the favourite) colours could be just distinguished in the van as the straight was reached, and he kept his position to the finish, and had a good margin from Chanteuse as the line was crossed. Sunbonnet, the second favourite, was third.

L. Wilson notched three victorious mounts, F. D. Jones and J. Hall secured a double apiece, while J. Delaney

H. Price, J. Buchanan, A. Oliver, F. Cress, R. Gray, B. Deeley, C. Jenkins, and E. Lowe each had a leg up on a winner.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S PROGRAMME.

STAKES SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED.

The Auckland Racing Club have already drafted and passed the programmes, and the committee have hit out in the right direction in increasing the stake money to over £29,000, an increase of about £4000 over the present season. The Auckland Cup stake has been increased to £2000, the second and third prizes being fixed at £400 and £200 respectively. Two other important increases are connected with the Great Northern Steeplechase and Hurdle Race, the stake attaching to each event being raised to £1000.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

In an advertisement in another part of this issue will be found printed in full the programme of the Gisborne Racing Club's Winter Meeting, which takes place on July 8 and 9. The events comprising the two days' racing are:—Handicap Hurdles, 70 sovs., one mile and three-quarters; Maiden Hack, 40 sovs., four furlongs; Flying Handicap, 70 sovs., six furlongs; Gisborne Park Steeplechase, 120 sovs., about three miles; Hack Handicap, 40 sovs., 7 fur.; Trial Steeplechase, 70 sovs., two miles; Winter Oats Handicap, 60 sovs., one mile and a distance; Second Hurdles, 70 sovs., two miles; Maiden Handicap, 40 sovs., five furlongs; Waikanae Handicap, 70 sovs., seven furlongs; Te Hapara Steeplechase, 110 sovs., about two and a-half miles; Farewell Handicap, 60 sovs., one mile; Second Hack Handicap, 40 sovs., six furlongs.

Nominations for all events close with the secretary, Mr. H. E. Dodd, on or before Wednesday, June 2, at 9 p.m. Handicaps for the first day's racing will appear on Saturday, June 19, and acceptances for the same fall due on Saturday, June 30, at 9 p.m.

WELLINGTON PONY AND GALLOWAY RACING CLUB.

The programme for the June Meeting of the Wellington Pony and Gallo-way Club will be found published elsewhere in this issue. The racing is to take place on June 3, on the Club's course at Miramar, and the events comprising the programme are: June Handicap of 20 sovs., four and a-half furlongs; Maiden Handicap, 20 sovs., four and a-half furlongs; Prince of Wales Handicap, 40 sovs., six furlongs; York Handicap, 20 sovs., four furlongs; Birthday Handicap of 20 sovs., five and a-half furlongs; Vacation Handicap of 25 sovs., four and a-half furlongs.

Nominations for all events close with the secretary, Mr. J. M. Cumming, Box 654, Wellington, on Wednesday next, at 3 p.m. The handicaps will appear on or about Saturday, May 22, and acceptances for the Prince of Wales and Vacation Handicaps close on Wednesday, May 26, at 4 p.m.

RACING APPEAL COURT.

AVONDALE DISQUALIFICATIONS.

The judges appointed by the Racing Conference—Sir George Clifford and Messrs. George Hunter and J. W. Abbott—have had two appeals before them. They have remitted the Cunningham case to the Auckland Metropolitan Committee for the consideration of fresh evidence, which had not been produced at the previous hearings by them.

In the Royal Soult case the judges' decision is as follows:—"In the matter of the appeal by Samuel George Lindsay, owner of the horse Royal Soult, and Mark Ryan, jockey, against the decision of the Auckland Metropolitan Committee endorsing the disqualifications imposed by the Avondale Jockey Club, the judges are of the opinion that the horse Royal Soult was, with the knowledge and consent of the owner, Samuel George Lindsay, fraudulently prevented from winning the Nihotapu Handicap, run on the second day of the Avondale Jockey Club's Spring Meeting, 1908. The evidence is not decisive whether he was so prevented by an overfed administered by one, William Jones, as alleged by him, or by being deliberately pulled by the jockey, Mark Ryan, though the many circumstances seem to indicate that the confession of Wm. Jones was conclusive as between himself and Samuel George Lindsay. The judges feel compelled to give Mark

Ryan the benefit of their doubt as to the method adopted in stopping the horse. They, therefore, confirm the endorsement by the Auckland Metropolitan Committee of the disqualification by the Avondale Jockey Club of Samuel George Lindsay and the horse Royal Soult for two years, but reverse the decision of the said club as regards the disqualification of the jockey Mark Ryan. They call the attention of the Auckland Metropolitan Committee to the evidence given in this case by William Jones, and recommend that he be disqualified for life. They order the deposits of the appellants to be refunded."

THE SCRATCHING OF MASTER SOULT FOR THE LONGBURN HANDICAP.

Mr. John Foss, racing trustee for the late Mrs. Coombe, writes:—

"Reading your Wellington correspondent's remarks re the scratching of Master Soult, it would have been better for him to have made himself sure of what he was writing about than to have tried to injure a man who so well holds the confidence of the trustees of the late Mrs. Coombe. The facts of the case are that Mr. Morraghan has nothing to do with the business part of the horse racing, as I myself attend to all that, and it was myself who scratched Master Soult, and he was scratched at 1 p.m. on the day of the race. I myself noticed that the club did not post the scratching up outside, but things are done there in a very unusual manner, and it was no part of my duty to remind the club about not posting the scratching of Master Soult outside. However, those who know D. Morraghan will not for one moment believe that he would do any such thing as your correspondent writes, and I take this opportunity to immediately contradict him."

TURF TOPICS.

It is stated that at one part of the journey in the Hack Hurdles at Hawke's Bay, won by North Head, the son of Birkenhead was fully twenty lengths in front. Delaney then took hold of him and won pulling up by about five lengths.

At the Ashburton Racing Club's Meeting yesterday, the principal event the Ashburton Cup was won by Dabchick, with Field Gun second and Gwendolina third. The mile and a-quarter was negotiated in 2.12 2-5.

Lady Lucy who annexed the Hawera Cup yesterday is a 3 year-old daughter of Seaton Delaval—Hilda. Lady Lucy only started once last season when she finished unplaced in the Hastings Stakes won by Gravitation.

Maharanui who ran second in the Tongahoe Hurdles at Egmont yesterday won the Cup at the same meeting last year.

The double, Waipu and Audax was backed for a fair amount on Tuesday. Waipu is now one of the selections for the G.N. Hurdles.

Maharanui who made his first appearance over hurdles at Egmont yesterday, filled the role of runner up to Somali who was in receipt of 10lb. The performance of Maharanui must be accounted highly satisfactory.

At the Magistrates Court on Friday, Wm. Wilson and Thomas Costello, who were represented by Dr. Bamford, pleaded guilty to tote betting on the Elerslie racecourse. In view of the fact that the offence was a first one, and Wilson had lost his work through it, the Bench only inflicted a fine of £3 and costs on each accused.

Frank Brown and W. H. Chamberlain pleaded not guilty to a similar offence on April 13, but on the information being amended to the 13th, they pleaded guilty. Dr. Bamford said the men had a clean record, and had been betting in small amounts. Fines of £3 and costs were inflicted.

In North Head the Hon. J. D. Ormond has one of the most promising hurdlers seen out for some years, and had he been reserved for either the Great Northern or Grand National Hurdles he would have been a rod in pickle for same, says a Hawke's Bay writer.

Both Maharani and Tui Cakobau, who are aspirants to jumping honours this season, finished first and second respectively in the York Welter at the Great Northern meeting last year.

The much-boomed North Head has been supported for the G.N. Hurdles with almost everything thought to have a winning chance in the Steeplechase. North Head's only appearance so far over the sticks was at Hawke's Bay, where he won the Hack Hurdles, one mile and three-quarters, as he liked in 3.18 2-5. When Master Soul defeated Husbandman and Whistlecraft in the St. Leger at Wellington, it took 3.17 to cover the same distance. Of course the going was heavy, and Master Soul cantered in, but nevertheless he did not have to carry 10.5 and jump hurdles, as did North Head.

First horseman: "Pulling, is he? Why don't you try riding him on the curb?" Second horseman: "Ride him on the curb! Good 'eavens! I can't scarcely ride 'im in the middle of the road."

Waipuna paid a very substantial dividend when the son of Soul won the Elder Stakes at the South Australian Jockey Club's meeting. Waipuna's victory is said to have come as a surprise even to his connections.

Maharani, who figures in the Great Northern Hurdles with 9.2, won the York Welter at the same meeting last year.

Eighty-three applications have been received for nominations in the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club's First Futurity Stakes. From the list there should be a good field of two-year-olds when the race takes place next autumn.

R. Hatch, the successful lightweight, had previous to last week ridden 73 winners this season.

Acceptances for all events to be decided on the opening day of the Takapuna Club close to-morrow (Friday) at 9 p.m.

Mr. Buick, M.P., over a glass of sparkling beverage at the conclusion of the Hawke's Bay Cup, stated that he purchased Tangimoana in the Hawke's Bay district for £50, but he hoped on some future occasion to win the cup at Hastings with one of his own breeding.

The well-known trainer Alf Shearsby, it is stated, contemplates severing his connection as private trainer to "Mr. Highden," and at the end of the present month will act in a public capacity.

Says an Australian writer: The bitterness of it! Rank outsider, Hyman (Doncaster) and Haco (Flying Handicap), to whom in each instance red-hot favourite Irishman ran second, were each bred by the latter's present owner, and all three are by the same sire.

A. A. Norr's, the Sydney pony horseman, has ridden 105 winners, 73 seconds, and 79 thirds at meetings of the Sydney Associated Racing Clubs since May 1, 1907.

The surprise of the Manawatu Meeting was the success of Brillancy in the Hack Flying on the second day. He is an Auckland-bred horse, by Hotchkiss—Golden Shine, and is trained by H. Telford at Awapuni.

From India comes word that Peru is doing well, while the report as to Apologue being unlikely to race again receives further confirmation.

The New Zealand gelding Wharekura is recovering from the injury he received when he fell in the Hurdle Race at Randwick.

Rumour says that the owner of All Red has again been tempted to part with this sterling horse, this time from Victoria, but he refused to entertain any offer.

Reports from Melbourne state that during the next session of the Victorian Parliament a strong effort will be made to have the totalisator legalised in that State.

Mr. S. Nettlefold, who is interested in Pink 'Un and other horses in D. J. Price's stable, left Melbourne recently on a trip to England, where he expects to purchase a few racehorses to bring back with him.

For Chronic Chest Complaint, Woods' Great Peppermint Cure, 1s 6d and 2s 6d.

Tumut, who won the Flying Handicap at the Marlborough meeting, was one of the outsiders of the race.

The best average for yearling thoroughbreds sold in England during 1908 is held by Carbine, with 1800 guineas for one, and then comes Per-simmon, whose five offspring produced an average of 1566 guineas.

Despite the strict supervision exercised by the authorities, there is reason to believe that a large trade in "ringers" is still being done in New Zealand. If the information that has reached me is correct, and I have great faith in my informant, says "The Possible" in the Canterbury "Times," there is at least one man in the dominion who is making a first-class income trading in "wrong 'uns."

With his victory in the Hawke's Bay Stakes, Provocation brought his racing career, with respect to the present season and his earnings total £2,585. As a two-year-old, Multiforum won eight races, and his winnings amounted to £2761.

The Merriwee gelding Tumut has so far this season won eleven races.

Even though the Canterbury Jockey Club insists on steeplechase jockeys wearing patent skull protectors, a writer in the Taranaki "News" thinks that some jockeys are sure to lose their heads as of yore.

During the present racing season J. Hall and W. Young have each ridden eleven hurdle winners, and C. Cochrane has ridden ten.

The fees earned by those jockeys whose services were in the greatest demand at the recent Avondale Meeting, were:—J. Percival, £28 11s. 6d.; L. Deeley, £28 2s. 6d.; McMillan, £25 3s. 6d.; C. Brown, £23 11s.; P. Brady, £23 3s. 6d.; R. W. Brown, £20 2s. 6d.; Greenwood, £18 10s. 6d.; C. Cress, £16 13s.; Keenan, £14 12s. 6d.; Killick, £14 12s. 6d.; J. Brady, £15 9s. 6d., and F. Speakman, £13 13s.

An interesting phase of the result of the American anti-betting Acts of last year has come to light in New York. Since the Acts were passed, it is estimated that fully £10,000 a day is cabled to London for wagers on English events. America will soon be agitating for a new brand of "protection to local bookmakers" if this continues.

There was a lot of money in Auckland for Twinkle in the Maiden Plate at Marlborough, which he won.

LATE RACING.

EGMONT RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

The Egmont Racing Club opened their meeting at Hawera yesterday, when the racing resulted as follows:—

TONGAHOE HURDLES of 80sovs. One mile and a-half.
Somali, 9.7 1
Maharani, 10.3 2
Also started: Ranghaeta 11.6, Claremont 11.3, Auratus 11.2, Taupo 9.13, Nova 9.8, Golden Glow 9.0, Tokora 9.0.

HAWERA CUP of 100sovs. One mile and a furlong.
Lady Lucy, 7.12 1
Mendip, 9.0 2
Also started: Research 9.0, Mallet 9.0, Coronetted 8.4, Shannon Lass 8.0, Paul 7.12, Valentine 7.3, Montpellier 7.0.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 75sovs. Six furlongs.
Mulga Bill, 8.6 1
Genuine, 8.6 2
Also started: Nicotine 10.5, Clemency 8.5, Midian 8.2, Dr. Shilmore 8.1, Dervish 8.0, Rohepotae 7.7, Castiglione 7.4, Whana 7.2, Tsushima 7.0.

TAWHITI SCURRY of 50sovs. Weight, 9st. Five furlongs.
Sedgmoor 1
Redwing 2
Also started: Lady Heroine, Ambergis, Saltpeper, Park Lady, Clonpett, Langshan, Wharekora, Overdraft.

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INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, May 11.

Contender was schooled over the small hurdles the other morning, having G. E. Pine as a pilot. The Gold Reef gelding jumped safely enough, but more than once showed a tendency to run down his hurdles. He is very fit at present, and is just the sort of animal to make a success of hurdle racing.

Snip and Orsino, with E. Scouller and W. Retter up, had a round or two over the hurdles after Contender had finished. Both gave a good display. Orsino is jumping really well for a beginner, and is being sorted out as a likely winner in the near future. Later in the week Orsino was given another spin over the hurdles, but this time he did not shape any too well.

North Pole and Ito, who have been racing over on the West Coast during the past three months, arrived at Riccarton last week in charge of W. Donekan. Since their arrival the pair have done some sound work.

Gwendolina is fast coming back to her best form, and is a likely starter at some of the North Island winter meetings.

Grand Slam, who has proved a great disappointment since C. H. Gorton purchased him in November last, has again joined the active brigade.

Stratagem, who has not raced since the Auckland Cup Meeting, is doing good work, and I hear that she will be given another chance to win a N.Z. Cup.

Lady Disdain has not suffered much from her recent racing, and is still striding along in resolute style. She will be a starter at the Asnburton and Oamaru meetings.

Volodia and Serenade are both galloping well, and should be among the winning division shortly.

Sweet Angelus, who went amiss just before the Wellington Summer Meeting, has put in an appearance at Riccarton. G. Hepburn has also a half-sister to St. Denis, by Peerage, in work.

Eurus, Northern Star, and Leonardo went twice round over the steeplechase country last week. The first-named negotiated every fence in fine style, and created a good impression. Northern Star also shaped well, but Leonardo only gave an indifferent display.

Palada has been responsible for some attractive jumping over hurdles during the week, but I do not think he will ever be a top-notch.

WANGANUI.

WANGANUI, May 11.

Wanganui will be fairly well represented at the Egmont Steeplechase Meeting, amongst the horses which will be taken up to compete being Dervish, Midian, Research, Shannon Lass, Lady Lucy, North East, Montpellier, Overtime, and Guiding Step.

Daisy Paul, Irish Rifle, and Belario returned on Saturday from Blenheim, without having won a race at the Martinborough Meeting. The first-named got a couple of very bad bumps in the early stages of the Cup, and was one of the first beaten. Irish Rifle was scarcely forward enough to win, and it was no surprise to see him beaten, especially by such a good one as Tumut. It is said that Belario had his head in front at the finish of his race, but the judge ruled otherwise.

Whimper is suffering from a cold, and has been off the track a couple of days. The Wonderland gelding should run prominently at the forthcoming meeting if he has thrown off his cold.

The tracks are very busy now in view of the near approach of the steeplechase meeting, and there are not wanting signs already that the number of visiting horses will be very large. Several have already put in an appearance, and by the end of the week quite a crowd will be here. The tracks are in splendid order, though naturally not so fast as in the summer time. Amongst the fittest looking horses are St. Bill, Mahuta, and North East, though Lull, Research, Overtime and Shannon Lass are also all in good fettle. Maniapoto does not do much track work, but has an occasional gallop. He is still being given a deal of

swimming exercise, and Geo. Powell has hopes of getting another race or two out of him.

Given fine weather, the Wanganui Jockey Club's Winter Meeting will, it is confidently predicted, be a great success. The steeplechase gathering is always one of the most popular, and as there are such a fine lot of jumpers engaged in the big events the prospects of some most exciting sport being provided are of the brightest. The weights for the principal events have made their appearance, and so far as can be gathered they have given satisfaction to owners, the general opinion being that the acceptances will be exceedingly large.

There are a lot of good jumpers in the Wanganui Steeplechase, which should be one of the finest races seen here, even if only half of those handicapped go to the post. With Kiatere engaged, Mr. Morse had no trouble in selecting one to head the list, and the veteran cannot be considered overburdened with 12.6, Eurus, 11.3, has earned his weight, but Audax, 11.1, is likely to be more fancied than either of the pair above him. Kaipetipeti, 10.8, is a good jumper, and must have a chance. Maidi, 10.7, has not yet performed over country, but she has established such a record over the little sticks that there is no reason why she should not be able to negotiate the obstacles in this event, as they are not very formidable. Lull, 10.3, is one which is sure to be well backed, as he is in capital nick, and his jumping is so clean that he appears as likely as any of the others to get round. Tilson, 10.2, has not done much since he won last year, but if he is in the same form again he is bound to run well. Of the others, Oryx, 9.12, and Pawa, on the same mark, are a pair who should be at home over the big fences. The former is reported to be in good form, and there are some who expect him to prove one of the best beginners. Whimper, 9.8, and Lingerer, 9.7, are both good jumpers, and such being the case will not want for friends. Altogether, there is ample material for a splendid race.

Some surprise has been expressed at Ben Jonson's weight, 12.1, in the Century Hurdles, and there are those who consider he is badly treated, but he has some fine performances to his credit, and will take a power of beating. Partitutu and Master Douglas (11.8), Maidi 11.7, Exmoor 11.5, and Kairoma 11.1, are all recent winners, and if this lot meet, with the best of the others, this race gives promise of being a memorable one. North Head, 10.5, has a good reputation, and he is being coupled with nearly everything else in doubles, but he will need to be all that he is cracked up to be to win. Amongst the beginners, Maharani, 9.3, is one with possibilities, especially as he is progressing so well in his studies. He has plenty of pace and size. What Auratus can do over hurdles remains to be seen, but if he can jump he should be hard to beat.

Nicotine, who created such a surprise at Awapuni, when she defeated Flitaway, has been given a good chance to distinguish herself in the Borough Handicap, in which she has but 7.1. There are so many good ones engaged, however, that the race wears a particularly open aspect.

Overtime and St. Bill were associated in a gallop over five furlongs on Saturday, the latter having the best of a good go. Shannon Lass also put up a good gallop over a mile, and she seems very fit.

WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, May 9.

Local trainers are turning their eyes towards the Wanganui and Otaki Winter Meetings. Prosser has Exmoor and Pawa engaged in the jumping events at the former fixture. The latter has had a long spell, and there is a probability that his trainer will get a race or two out of him during the winter months.

Gipsy Belle and Kurawaka also claim engagements at Wanganui, and may be given a run in the flat handicaps.

All Red, Gold Crest, and Diabolo have been laid by until the spring meetings come round. The Gold Reef horse underwent a course of blistering since he last raced, and should stand up to his work all right when required for active service.

A report that Mr. Messina, of Foxton, had purchased White Lie is incorrect, the Merriwee gelding being still the property of Mr. Gelhor, who also has in training a three-year-old filly by Merriwee—Valetta (dam of Wind).

The Wellington Racing Club Committee, at their last meeting, granted the disqualified jockey, Sydney Reid, permission to work about a racing

Daybeam was in front at the entrance to the straight, and leaving the others without trouble won by three lengths. Time, 1m. 2 1-5s.

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 150sovs. Seven furlongs.

Hon. J. D. Ormond's b g Bolin 3yrs, by Birkenhead—Goyt, 7.12 (L. Wilson) 1
 T. H. Lowry's Chanteuse, 7.8 (J. Buchanan) 2
 W. Cooper's Sunbonnet 7.11 (B. Deeley) 3
 Also started: Gold Thread 9.9, Vi 7.3, Wimmera 6.12, First Mate 6.7, Seatonsdale 6.7, Sir Possible 6.7.
Chamols Won by a length, Chanteuse just beating Sunbonnet for second place. Time, 1m. 28 1-5s.

ENGLISH RACING.

RESULT OF THE CHESTER CUP.

At the Chester meeting last week the following was the result of the principal event:—

THE CHESTER CUP of 2500sovs. Two miles and a-half.

L. de Rothschild's b h Santo Strato, 4yrs, by Victor Wild or St. Frusquin—Pie Powder 1
 A. Bailey's br h All Black, 5yrs, by Gallinule—Vortex 2
 Spencer Gollan's b h, by Collar—Traillerie 3

At the Kempton Park meeting the following was the result of the principal event:—

THE GREAT JUBILEE HANDICAP of 2500sovs. One mile and a-half.

J. Daly's br h Ebor, 4yrs, by Hackler—Lady Gough 1
 M. S. B. Joel's Dean Swift 2
 Succour 3

TAHUNA PARK TROTS.

The Forbury Park Trotting Club commenced its winter meeting at Tahuna Park in fine weather. The totalisator investments were £3940, as against £4255 last year, and 12 bookmakers were licensed. The following were the results:—

MARRAM PONY HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Lady Owynee, 27s., 1; Day-shift, 25s., 2; Young Edith, 11s., 3. Also started: Blackeye 19s., Murad 25s., Quickturn 27s. Neglected 30s. Won by three lengths. Time, 4m. 15 2-5s.

TRIAL HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Volcano, 18s., 1; Bribery, 18s., 2; Stringwood, 20s., 3. Also started: Sadie Mac scratch, Frisco 8s., Fin Mac 10s., Lady Arena 10s., Dick Tracey 12s., Master Patchen 12s., Bessie Tracey 13s., Tanglefoot 15s., Pearl M. 18s., Granard 20s., Craigmore 20s., Musican 20s., Murad 20s. Won by four lengths. Time, 3m. 53s.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP, two miles.—Myall, 10s., 1; Ima D., 10s., 2; Royal Colours, 7s., 3. Also started: Flower Child scratch, Major Taylor 13s. Won by a head. Time, 5m. 12 3-5s.

MAIDEN HANDICAP, two miles.—Robert J., 15s., 1; Acrobat, 15s., 2; Turtle Dove, 12s., 3. Also started: Tracey Lee 12s., Wild S. 12s., Clingstone 12s., Miss Doreen 15s., Maggie May 15s., General Gordon 15s., Ardlochen 15s., Fair Play 15s. Won by eight lengths. Time, 5m. 44s.

BEACH HANDICAP, two miles.—Little George, 6s., 1; Conocrah, 6s., 2; D'Eaglesfield, 10s., 3. Also started: Walnut scratch, Battleaxe 6s., Separator 6s., Almont Junior 8s., Bermaline 8s. Won by a length. Time, 4m. 59 3-5s.

FIRST AMATEUR HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Stringwood, 20s., 1; Lady Maid, 15s., 2; Sadie Mac, scratch, 3. Scratched: Bessie Tracey, Lady Constance, General Gordon. Won by eight lengths. Time 4m., 6 2-5s.

ST. CLAIR HANDICAP, two miles and a-half.—White Rock, 20s., 1; Harold's Child, 14s., 2; Frisco, 20s., 3. Also started: Joe L. 17s., Imagination 22s. Won by six lengths. Time, 6m. 43s.

DASH HANDICAP, one mile.—Conocrah, 5s., 1; Dragoon, 10s., 2; Duncan McGregor, 8s., 3. Also started: Captain Tracey scratch, Walnut 2s., Viceroy 3s., Bellbird 5s., Lady Cherry 8s., Bloemfontein 8s., Lizzie G., 9s., S.M. 9s., Decoy 10s., Teddy 10s., Mine Yet 10s., All Black 10s. Won by eight lengths. Time, 2m. 27 1-5s.

SECOND DAY.

The Forbury Park Trotting Club concluded its winter meeting at Tahuna Park on Saturday in fine weather. The totalisator investments for the two days were £9052, as against £8601 last year. Twelve bookmakers were licensed. The results were:—

RANFURLY PONY HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Quickturn, 25s., 1; Young Edith, 7s., 2; Fog, 30s., 3. Also started: Major Taylor scratch, Day Shift 20s., Neglected 30s., Little Patchen 30s. Won easily by six lengths. Time, 4m. 2s.

ADVANCE HANDICAP, two miles.—Dick Tracey, 21s., 1; Arbitration, 28s., 2; Pearl M., 31s., 3. Also started: Separator scratch, Bloemfontein 6s., Strong Wood 6s., Bessie Tracey 21s., Queen 24s., Bell Rattle 24s., General Abdallah 28s., Granard 31s., I.X.L. 31s., Fairplay 31s., Murad 36s. Won by eight lengths. Time, 5m. 16 1-5s.

WINTER OATS HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—Woodburn Lad, 16s., 1; Myall, 14s., 2; Flower Child, 7s., 3. Also started: Bell Metal scratch, Osborne R. 12s., Ina D. 15s. Won by three lengths. Time, 3m. 53 1-5s.

PROGRESSIVE HANDICAP, two miles.—The Surgeon, 10s., 1; Prime Minister, 10s., 2; Imagination, 7s., 3. Also started: Turtle Dove 8s., Wild S. 13s., Fairplay 13s. Won by three lengths. Time, 5m. 29 4-5s.

OTAGO HANDICAP, two miles.—Royal Colours, 6s., 1; Separator, 14s., 2; Sadie Mac, 15s., 3. Also started: Little George scratch, Timothy 5s., Walnut 9s., Major Taylor 13s., Deaglesfield 15s. Won by eight lengths. Time, 4m. 57s.

AMATEUR HANDICAP, one mile and a-half.—General Doubt, 13s., 1; Cronie, 11s., 2. Doughboy finished first, but was disqualified. Also started: Norseman scratch, Joel 3s., Airedale 6s., Lady Maid 6s., Bessie Tracy 9s., Kozie Child

13s., Punch 15s., Bettydale 15s., Lady Dexter 15s., Geore G. 18s., Murad 18s., Neglected 18s. At the conclusion of the race the stewards considered the running of Doughboy and disqualified the horse and owner for 12 months for inconsistent running and also for tendering misleading evidence. Time, 4m. 2 2-5s.

PENINSULAR HANDICAP, two miles.—Harold's Child, 16s., 1; Pitch Dark, 24s., 2; Imagination, 26s., 3. Also started: Myall scratch, Frisco 24s., Vonderoy 24s., Airedale 24s., Stewardess 24s., Porangahau 24s. Won by five lengths. Time, 5m. 14 1-5s.

FAREWELL HANDICAP, one mile.—Duncan McGregor, 7s., 1; Bell Bird, 9s., 2; Knapdale, 11s., 3. Also started: Conocrah scratch, Captain Tracey 3s., Viceroy 7s., Sadie Mac 9s., Bermaline 9s., Almont Junior 10s., Swift 10s., Teddy 11s. Won by a short neck. Time, 2m. 25 4-5s.

WELLINGTON PONY AND GALLOPWAY RACING CLUB.

PROGRAMME FOR JUNE MEETING.

To be held on the Club's Course at **MIRAMAR,**

ON THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1909.

Committee: Messrs. H. Lamberg, W. J. Williams, J. H. Price, and C. Slyman. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. H. Lamberg. Managing Steward: Mr. J. M. Cumming. Judge: Mr. W. J. Williams. Clerk of Course: Mr. H. Styles. Starter: Mr. W. Talbut. Handicapper: Mr. J. M. Cumming. Clerk of Scales: Mr. G. Masters. Hon. Vet.: Mr. W. Quinnell.

- JUNE HANDICAP** of 20sovs; second horse to receive 3sovs from the stake. For ponies 14.3 hands and under. Entrance, 20s. Four furlongs and a-half.
- MAIDEN HANDICAP** of 20sovs; second pony to receive 3sovs from stake; for ponies and galloways 15 hands and under that have never won a race. Entrance, 20s. Four furlongs and a-half.
- PRINCE OF WALES' HANDICAP** of 40sovs; second pony to receive 5 sovs from stake. For ponies and galloways 15 hands and under. Entrance 20s; acceptance 20s. Six furlongs.
- YORK HANDICAP** of 20sovs; second pony to receive 3sovs from stake. For ponies 14.2 hands and under. Entrance, 20s. Four furlongs.
- BIRTHDAY HANDICAP** of 20sovs; second pony to receive 3sovs from stake. For ponies 14.3 hands and under. Entrance 20s. Five furlongs and a-half.
- VACATION HANDICAP** of 25sovs; second pony to receive 5sovs from stake. For ponies and galloways 15 hands and under. Nomination 10s; acceptance, 15s. Four furlongs and a-half.

Nominations for all events close on **WEDNESDAY, May 19, at 3 p.m.**

Weights will be declared on or about **SATURDAY, May 22, 1909.**

Acceptances for the Prince of Wales' and Vacation Handicaps close on **WEDNESDAY, May 26, at 4 p.m.**

All ponies will require a measurement certificate before being eligible to run.

All Handicaps will be started on a minimum of 8st.

Any winner during the day is liable to be re-handicapped.

Accommodation for ponies and attendants can be arranged for.

No pony allowed to start whose nomination fees are unpaid.

This meeting will be run under the rules, regulations, and by-laws of the Wellington Pony and Galloway Racing Club.

Any further particulars to be obtained from **J. M. CUMMING,**

Secretary, Bank Chambers, Wellington, Box 654.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB.

STEEPLECHASE MEETING,
JULY 8th AND 9th 1909.

NOMINATIONS and ENTRIES for the following events close on **WEDNESDAY, 2nd JUNE, 1909,** at the Office of the Secretary, at 9 p.m.:—

- HANDICAP HURDLE RACE** of 70sovs. One and three-quarter miles.
- MAIDEN HACK RACE** of 40sovs. Four furlongs.
- FLYING HANDICAP** of 70sovs. Six furlongs.
- GISBORNE PARK STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP** of 120sovs. About three miles.
- HACK FLAT HANDICAP** of 40sovs. Seven furlongs.
- TRIAL STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP** of 70sovs. Two miles.
- WINTER OATS HANDICAP** of 60sovs. One mile and a distance.
- SECOND HANDICAP HURDLE RACE** of 70sovs. Two miles.
- MAIDEN HACK HANDICAP** of 40sovs. Five furlongs.
- WAIKANAE HANDICAP** of 70sovs. Seven furlongs.
- TE HAPARA STEEPLECHASE** of 110 sovs. About two and a-half miles.
- FINAL STEEPLECHASE** of 70sovs. Two miles.
- FAREWELL HANDICAP** of 60sovs. One mile.
- SECOND HACK FLAT HANDICAP** of 40sovs. Six furlongs.

WEIGHTS for First Day Saturday, 19th June, 1909.

ACCEPTANCES Wednesday, 30th June, 1909, at 9 p.m.

For full particulars see Programme.

H. E. DODD
 Secretary.

AERONAUTICS.

THE WILBUR WRIGHT AEROPLANE.

Flying machines are now being manufactured for sale in France. No more definite proof is required of the practical standard that has been attained in the attempt to conquer the air. In June the Wilbur Wright aeroplane, which is being imported by Messrs. J. and N. Tait, will arrive in Australia, when we shall be in closer touch with this interesting development. To Wilbur Wright belongs the distinction of having reached the greatest, may we say height in achievements to be credited to the several inventors who have produced, and who are continuing to produce, results of momentous import. The aeroplane, as opposed to the lighter-than-air machines, is destined to be the appliance of the future. Mr. Hudson Maxim, in a recent review of the situation, stated that from the viewpoint of commercial practicability, the gas inflated carrier has eliminated from consideration. His opinion is expressed, notwithstanding the fact that it has the advantage over the aeroplane that speed possibilities, and carrying capacity increase rapidly with the size, while these desirables decrease with corresponding rapidity with the increase in size of the aeroplane. The enormous size of the gas bag necessary to support engines, passengers, and ballast renders dirigibles necessarily very expensive to say nothing of the cost of the gas, which is also an item that must be considered, while structures of enormous size are required for their handling. Mr. Maxim is emphatically of the opinion that these disadvantages of the dirigible absolutely prohibit wide practical use except in military operations, in surveying and for sport.

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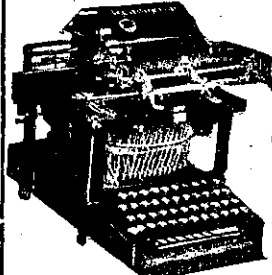
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BOXING.

LACK OF HEIGHT NO DRAW-BACK.

MANY LITTLE MEN HAVE BEATEN TALL FELLOWS IN RING.

When Joe Walcott, the Giant Killer, was knocking out middle and heavy-weights, although he did not weigh more than 145 pounds, many critics argued that weight and height did not figure as important qualities so long as a pugilist could hit hard and take punishment. Walcott is only 5ft 1½in tall, yet he defeated six-footers, notably Joe Choynski, with remarkable ease. He also took the measure of Kid Carter, Billy Smith, Frank Childs, Sandy Ferguson, and George Gardner, all of whom were at least a head taller than the Black Demon, as ring followers called him. Furthermore, Walcott defeated Mick Dunn, Jack Bonner, Dick Moore and Dan Creedon, who were bigger in every way than this phenomenon of the ring.

There are several fighters in the ring at the present time who, like Walcott, are undersized, notably Tommy Burns, Sam Langford, and Young Peter Jackson. Burns is only 5ft 7in tall, while Sam Langford is half an inch taller than Burns. Young Peter Jackson is about the same size, while Tom Sharkey, who gave Jeffries the hardest battle of his career, stands 5ft 8½in in his socks. But successful short men in the middle and heavy-weight classes have been an exception to the prevailing rule.

Jeffries, for instance, is 6ft 1½in tall, while Johnson is 6ft 0¼in. Corbett is taller than Johnson by three-quarters of an inch. Al Kaufman, the Californian pugilist, measures the same as Corbett, while Gus Ruhlin is 6ft 2in. Peter Jackson, the great Australian fighter, was 6ft 0½in, the same height as Jim Hall, with Paddy Slavin an inch taller. Joe Goddard, the Barrier champion, was a six-footer, and Peter Maher measures 5ft 11¼in. This is Choynski's height, and McCoy is 5ft 11in. John L. Sullivan stands 5ft 10½in without his shoes.

FITZSIMMONS IS LENGTHY.

It is said that the middle-weights who scale at 154 pounds should be 5ft 8in tall, while those who weigh 153 pounds should measure three-quarters of an inch more. Yet Fitzsimmons, who held the middle-weight championship and was never defeated for the title, is 5ft 11¼in. Ketchel, the present middle-weight champion, measures 5ft 9¼in. Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, who fights at about 165lb, is 5ft 10½in, and Jack (Twin) Sullivan, who got a decision over Burns once, is 5ft 9in. Charley Mitchell, once England's best boxer, is 5ft 9in, too. Bill Papke, former middle-weight champion, is 5ft 8¼in, and Dan Creedon, once holder of the Australian title, is a quarter of an inch shorter. Jack Dempsey, who lost the title to Fitz, was 5ft 8in.

Tradition says that 145-pounders, or welter-weights, should stand 5ft 6in, or nearly 5in taller than Walcott, who held the title in this class for a long time. Yet it is a fact that few of the best known welter-weights were as short as 5ft 6in. Tommy Ryan was 5ft 7¾in; George Dawson, 5ft 7½in; Tommy Tracey, 5ft 7¼in; Mysterious Smith, 5ft 8¼in; Matty Matthews, 5ft 7½in; Mike (Twin) Sullivan, the present title holder, 5ft 10in; Jack Blackburn, 5ft 10in; Honey Melody, 5ft 7in; Harry Lewis, 5ft 7in; and Jimmy Gardner, 5ft 7¼in.

LIGHT-WEIGHTS' MEASUREMENTS.

In the light-weight class it has long been maintained that a 133-pounder should be 5ft 3in tall. Kid Lavigne, one of the greatest light-weights the world ever saw, stood 5ft 3in in his bare feet. Battling Nelson, the present champion, is 5ft 7¼in tall, an inch and a-quarter taller than Joe Gans, the famous Old Master. Jack McAuliffe, who was the world's champion for a dozen years, was 5ft 6in, which is Jimmy Britt's height. Freddy Welsh, the clever British boxer, who is after Nelson, is an inch taller than Britt.

Referring to the rivals now in the field for Johnson, Barratt O'Hara, the well-known American boxing authority, says:—If Langford hits Johnson with the same terrific blow that felled

Jim Barry, Jim Flynn, and other lesser lights, the championship is certain to change hands then and there. Stanley Ketchel's point of advantage over Johnson would be his superb in-fighting qualities. If Johnson is a second Jim Corbett, as many claim Ketchel is, with equal truth, a second Bob Fitzsimmons, Johnson, as did Corbett, can stand off and jab his man into ribbons. Ketchel can stand the jabbing, and when he has had enough can close in, work his left shift—which he has developed to a perfection as has no one since the palmy days of Fitzsimmons—and perhaps drop his man for the full count. For a long time Ketchel refused to fight a negro. He drew the colour line on Langford, but Willus Britt has now signed up with him as managed, and Stanley has come out with a statement offering to meet the Johnson man "for the honour of the white race." Coffroth wired an offer from Frisco, Ketchel accepted, and now all that is required is Johnson's consent.

A Dunedin writer says Albert Parker is desirous of meeting any 9st 7lb man in the Dominion, give or take two pounds. Parker can always be relied on to give an interesting exhibition, and any Association that is thinking of a professional contest might well give him consideration.

In all probability the Otago Boxing Association will conduct a professional bout at an early date.

It is stated that Abe Attell and Driscoll will possibly meet again for a big purse and the feather-weight championship of the world, under Coffroth's management at Colma (Cal.), on the afternoon of July 4. The bout is to be limited to 25 rounds.

Jack Johnson was England's idol a few short weeks ago. Now the Englishers don't care if he never got a fight. Cause: The nigger's cool neglect of all contracts and iracture of all promises. He was due to fight Langford in London Holborn Empire Theatre in the last week of March, and here the black is lost in America some place, and his London manager is fair up the pole and will probably have to pay a heavy forfeit. His de-

sertion of Sam Fitzpatrick is another thing that touches England on the raw, and altogether Johnson is in the black books over in the little island.

Mr. H. D. McIntosh, who has returned from New York to England, states that Jim Jeffries is training assiduously and will be able by May 15 (Saturday next) to announce whether he feels justified in meeting Jack Johnson for the world's championship. A whole white world wishes magnificent Jim all sorts of luck and a complete return to form. It is all that is needed to remove the slur on the white race of having a black world's champion, and such a very undesirable one.

The twenty rounds contest between Billy Elliott, the New Zealand feather-weight, and Frank Fitzjohn was decided at the Gaiety, Sydney, last week, when Fitzjohn turned the tables on his opponent securing the verdict after the fight had gone the full limit. Elliott is reported to have fought up to his previous form, and Fitzjohn's victory is attributed to his improved fighting methods.

Ian Hague (who must, to judge from his moniker, be a Scotch-Dutchman) was never heard of till a few weeks ago, yet he seems to be the man all England has been looking for these many years. Till he met and wiped off the map a large person known as "The Woolwich Infant," otherwise Ben Taylor (whom Johnson had also defeated, but took longer to do it), the world at large were not even aware of Ian's existence. Now he looms large, by reason of his defeat recently, at the National Sporting Club, London, in one round, of that hard hitting man "Gunner" Moir, whom we saw fight twice at our own National Sporting Club (now the National Amphitheatre). The pair fought for a purse of £900, £600 to the winner, £250 to the loser, and £25 each expenses, and also a wager of £200 a-side. Johnson himself could not have put Moir out so decisively, and it took Burns eleven rounds to do the trick and Moir led right up to the wallop.

J. A. BECKETT

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It is quite on the cards that Sid Russell, the young Sydney heavy-weight boxer, will leave for England inside the next couple of weeks (says the "Referee") and it is a wise move, as medical advice is that Sid must rest his arm for six weeks or two months, and then the limb will be as strong as ever, so instead of hanging round with the injured member in a sling, Sid will occupy the time reaching the big centres of the boxing world—England and America.

HOCKEY.

Great difficulty is being experienced in Wellington in securing a sufficient number of referees to officiate in the matches.

The Auckland Hockey Association's Championship competitions were commenced at the various grounds on Saturday, and the form shown in most of the matches was of a high standard. Auckland defeated Ponsonby four goals to two, but there was not the difference in the teams the score would lead one to suppose. University, who had much the better

BILLIARDS.

The George-street billiard saloon, in Palmerston North, is well and favourably known by Manawatu cueists, its enterprising proprietor, Mr. T. Bills, being a general favourite. The interior view of the saloon presented in this issue shows that it is well equipped in every way, and with several tables available players need never be long at a loss for a game.

Still another match of 250 up was played between F. Oswald (scr.) and P. Ackroyd (rec. 55) at the Ponsonby Billiard Academy last week. There was again a large attendance of supporters of both players, as a close game was expected. However, Oswald was in good form, and, quickly catching his opponent, he had no difficulty in scoring an easy win. P. Ackroyd played a very poor game, seven being his best cue, while Oswald gave a good exhibition, and at one period put together 43 in good style. Oswald's next best cue realised 14. A. Bryant filled the position of marker. These players have met on three occasions, Oswald winning two and Ackroyd one.

The snooker tournament is now in full swing at the Ponsonby Billiard

(250 in 37 minutes), in addition to the winner and runner-up prizes. There will be a repetition of the same at the end of the 1909 championship.

Ex-champion Roberts is still going strong in the market, and he recently gave Joe Mack a start of 3000 in 9000, and won by the narrow margin of 61 points after a well-fought contest. The game in its latter stages stood in favour of Mack, but Roberts fired himself up for a smart sprint, and he managed to get it in in time. Besides many century runs, he made 431, 294, 285, 278, and 218. Mack made ten breaks of between 100 and 200.

The English amateur championship has gone over to a new-comer in the person of Major H. L. Fleming, who has proved himself a corker at the game, having made breaks of 172, 153 (all off the red), and 115 unfinished. His games throughout were characterised by consistent and solid breaks, and a skill at safety tactics approaching that of an Inman. The Major is a Scotsman. H. C. Virr, who held the title, is a Yorkshireman, residing in Bradford, and so the fight for honours took place in the latter town, the length of the game being 2000 up. There was a large attendance, and the Major opened proceedings with a fine 153 off the red ball, which was

playing. Bonzoline balls were used with much satisfaction and success. In the final stages of play Lindrum made breaks of 249, 213, 170, 162, 135, 133, 131, 128, 128, 122, 120, 107, 96, 84, 80, 78, 77, 75, 72, 66, 62, 59 and 51. Weiss made 312, 179, 133, 125, 115, 109, 103, 90, 80, 79, 77, 72, 66, 65, 57. The averages for the whole game were: Lindrum 39, and Weiss 30.

Said Darby to his old wife, Joan
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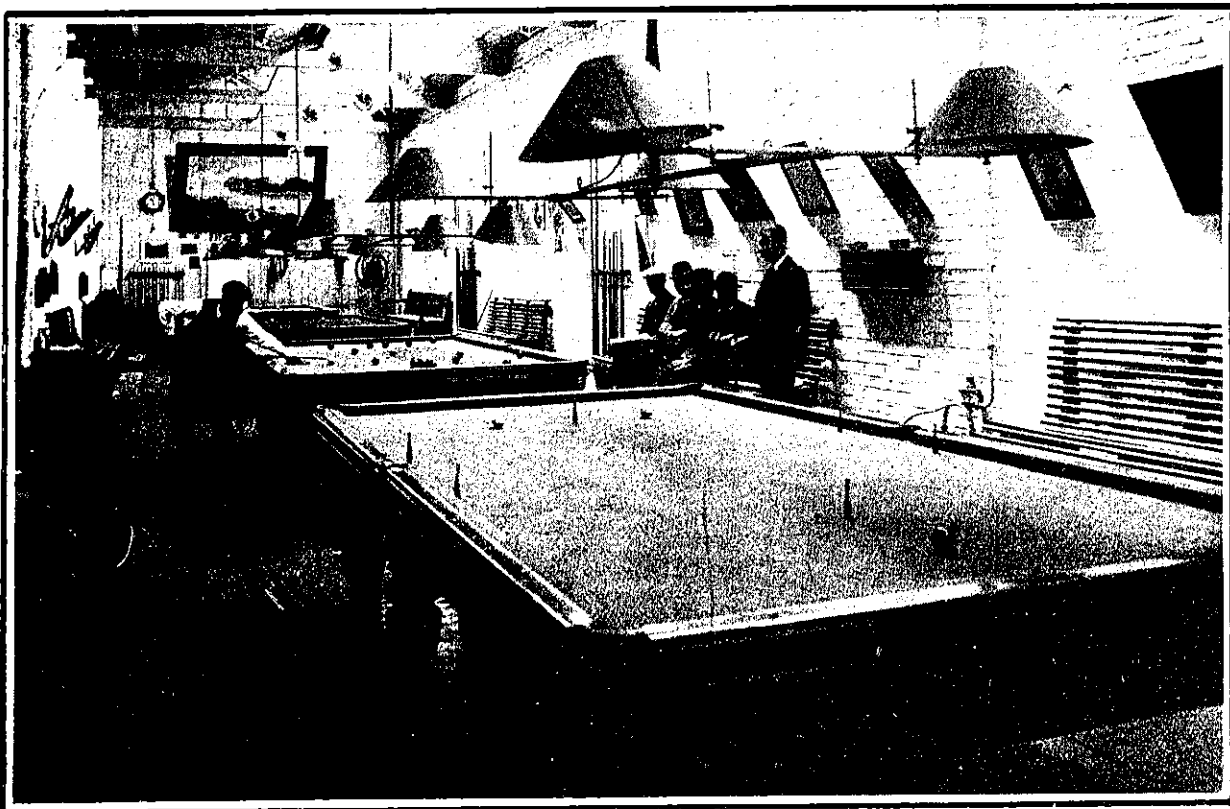
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of the game had no difficulty in defeating College Rifles by eight goals to one. Both matches were played at Remuera. On the Domain United scored an easy win over Y.M.C.A., by seven goals to one, while at North Shore, a very close game between North Shore and St. George's was won by the former by one goal to nil.

The second-grade matches resulted as follows:—

Pimpernel 4 goals, beat Y.M.C.A. 2 goals; Ponsonby v. North Shore, a draw 3 goals each; United 9 goals, beat University 2 goals; St. Georges 5 goals, beat Auckland 1 goal; Training College 4 goals, beat College Rifles 3 goals.

Academy. There are about 40 players in the tournament, and the prize is a handsome 400-day clock, donated by the proprietor, Mr. F. Thomas.

A correspondent writes from Gisborne:—Considerable interest is being taken among the sporting community in Gisborne re the annual billiard championship at the Victoria Billiard Saloon, Peel-street, governed by the proprietors, Messrs. Segedin and Ostoja. This is the third fixture of its kind in Gisborne, and its success is mainly due to the way in which the above-mentioned gentlemen have carried out their respective duties. The Victoria Billiard Saloon is looked upon as one of the most popular of the Dominion, and the proprietors have catered much for the advancement of Gisborne billiardists. The present championship is for a massive solid silver cup 15 inches high, supported on a black ebony stand manufactured by H. J. Grieve, of this town, in addition to a gold medal, as also a prize for fastest time registered. There are nine competitors, viz.:—P. Pascoe, J. B. Rex, C. McGonegal, F. McPhie, B. Richards, E. Austin, J. Gosnell, Te Kane Pere, and Fred Wilkinson. The games are proving very interesting, some good breaks and fast times being registered, consequently arousing great enthusiasm, and drawing crowded houses each session. The 1907 championship was won by Munroe here, with Te Kane Pere runner-up. The 1908 medal went to E. Austin, with L. McGonegal runner-up. At the conclusion of last year's championship the proprietors gave a dinner in honour of the occasion, many celebrities being present, in which the prizes were presented, Bert Lucas being presented with a handsome cigar case and holder for fastest time

gamely responded to by Virr in a good 79. Again the Major was aggressive, and with breaks of 66 and 64 held a good lead, scores reading: Fleming 500, Virr 257. In the second session Virr showed improved form in 36 and 47, which brought a fine 88 from the Major, 75 being off the red ball. Virr now came forward with a well-played 113, but the consistency of the Major brought the evening's play to a close with scores reading: Fleming (in play) 1000, Virr 733. In the next session the leader made a fine break of 172, but though Virr was fighting hard with breaks of 70, 58 and 54, the board read: Fleming 1501, Virr 991. In the run home the Major opened with a 59, Virr responding with 50, and with the aid of several lesser-sized breaks and a lovely 90, he improved his position. Fleming, however, brought out his reserves, and sending them in with a tip-top 96 he ran to game a winner by 499 points, when he was cheered for fully two minutes. His average for the whole of the game was a trifle over 14.

The Weiss v. Lindrum contest of 9000 was concluded in the Mechanics' Institute, Perth, W.A., recently, when young Fred Lindrum, champion of Australia, defeated ex-champion Fred Weiss by 3629 points, or 1629 more than he received. Enthusiastic crowds filled the Institute at each session, and at the conclusion of the game Lindrum received an ovation. Weiss was also accorded a fine reception. The table upon which the match was played was a handsome Standard, made of Australian black-wood, specially fitted up by the well-known firm of table makers, Messrs. Heiron and Smith, under whose engagement Weiss and Lindrum are

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THE FOOTBALL WORLD.

Splendid weather prevailed on Saturday for the opening of the 1909 Rugby football season, but the exhibitions given by the various teams were of rather a poor standard, while the lack of interest in the matches was evidenced by the limited number of onlookers. With the exception of the City and Ponsonby fifteens the teams entered for the senior grade district championship are fairly evenly matched, and the struggle for third position should, therefore, be a keenly-fought one. University, Parnell and North Shore seem to be the three teams that will fight out the finish for third honours, while Grafton and Newton are certain to be close up. The chief match of the season, of course, will eventuate when the City and Ponsonby teams meet, as both of these fifteens are again this year very strong, and may be relied upon to furnish the football-loving public with a rattling good game later on in the season. Both teams possess a very powerful forward combination, but the Ponsonby back division is regarded as superior to that of the red and blacks. A better idea of the relative merits of the two teams will be gained as the season progresses, and by the time fixed for their first meeting there should be no difficulty in making up one's mind as to which way the issue will go.

Well, to return to Saturday's matches, as already stated, the displays given by the different teams were disappointing, although brilliant football is not by any means looked for on the opening day, as it is a well-known fact that the players have not acquired the combination essential for a first-rate exhibition. The results of all three matches—University-Newton, Ponsonby-Grafton, and City-North Shore—were fully anticipated, and there were no surprises in the senior grade, the scores indicating that there is little or no difference as regards strength compared with last year. University's defeat of Newton was not very pronounced, the red and whites pressing the students very hard on many occasions, while the winners cannot be said to have played up to senior grade form. City's win over North Shore, which now includes a number of last year's juniors, was a foregone conclusion, as was also Ponsonby's easy victory over Grafton. It was not, therefore, surprising that the public failed to roll out in large numbers to witness the opening matches, but as a marked improvement in the play is certain to take place during the next couple of Saturdays, larger attendances at Alexandra Park and North Shore may be safely counted upon.

UNIVERSITY, 10 points, v. NEWTON, 0.

Most interest on Saturday centred in the University-Newton match, played on No. 1 ground. University won the toss and decided to defend the western goal, having in their favour a slight breeze and the sun at their backs. At the commencement play was fairly even, and mostly centred near half-way. However, after a good deal of line-outs and scrums, the monotony was broken by Gordon (Newton) taking a shot at goal, which, however, was without success. The game began to liven up a bit, and University set up a determined attack, and a passing run amongst the backs saw Gray centre nicely, and Wilkes following up smartly, he scored between the posts. Wilson converted: University, 5 points; Newton, 0. Newton then got on several nice rushes, which, in the majority of cases, were headed by Linkhorn, who was playing a splendid game on the wing. Gordon had another attempt at goal, but without success, and Varsity gained much-needed relief. For a time Newton looked dangerous, but faulty handling amongst the backs spoiled whatever chances they had. Just before half-time Varsity assumed the upper hand, and when the whistle blew were giving the red and whites an anxious time of it. Soon after the resumption of play Newton set up a determined attack, and the blues were compelled to force twice within a couple of minutes. Play then became very tame, the only item of interest being a little passing amongst the Varsity backs, but this was very seldom. Just on call of time Varsity worked play into Newton's terri-

tory, and Wilkes, picking up the ball, transferred to Poananga, who gave it to Wilson, and the latter scored right in the corner. He took the kick and placed a magnificent goal, the game ending: University, 10 points; Newton, 0.

From a spectator's standpoint the game was not by any means exciting, although it must be admitted that one could not expect a first-class exhibition in the opening match. There can be no doubt but that the best team won, and University gives promise of better things in the near future. There was very little to choose between forwards, although the Varsity hookers secured the ball more often than their opponents. Of the Varsity forwards Dineen showed up prominently, while amongst the backs Wilson and Wilkes accomplished plenty of serviceable work. Of the Newtonites McNab was always prominent in the backs, and Linkhorn in the forwards played a grand game. He was always on the ball, but was not supported by his comrades so well as he should have been.

PONSONBY, 29 points, v. GRAFTON, 0.

This match was decided on No. 2 ground, and it proved to be the foregone conclusion it was anticipated. Deans set the game going, and for a time play remained in neutral territory, but the blue and blacks soon began to show their superiority, and their opponents were placed on the defensive. The game had not been in progress long when Webb picked up the ball and sent it on to Bater, and the latter passed to O'Leary, who, after beating a couple of the opposing backs, transferred to Murray, the latter scoring. O'Leary added the major points: Ponsonby, 5; Grafton, 0. Shortly afterwards Grafton were penalised, and O'Leary, from a very difficult angle, potted a beautiful goal: Ponsonby, 8; Grafton, 0. The game was decidedly one-sided, and but for the passing of the Ponsonby backs would have been very uninteresting. From a scrum in Grafton territory Webb got the ball and passed to O'Leary, and the last-named, sending it on to McGregor, another try was registered. O'Leary failed with the kick: Ponsonby, 11; Grafton, 0. At this stage the Grafton centre-forward (McGuire) received an injury to his shoulder and had to retire. The scoring of the Ponsonby team was getting monotonous, and Morse picked up the oval, and passed to Bater, who scored. O'Leary converted: Ponsonby, 16; Grafton, 0. The blue and blacks then indulged in a nice bit of passing. Francis got the leather and passed to Webb, and it then travelled to Morse, Bater, O'Leary and McGregor, the latter scoring. O'Leary failed to convert: Ponsonby, 19; Grafton, 0. On resuming after the interval, Ponsonby again had matters all their own way, and within ten minutes had registered another 10 points, O'Leary scoring twice, one of which he converted himself, while Gillett added the major points on the last occasion. It was then decided to close the game with the score reading: Ponsonby, 29; Grafton, 0.

This could hardly be termed a match, there being only one team in it from beginning to end. Although playing an uphill game, the Graftonites are to be praised, as many a team would not have taken things so seriously. It would be hard to particularise the individual play of the Ponsonbyites, as they had nothing to beat, and, of course, all showed up well. Gillett and McGregor were conspicuous for Ponsonby, and McGuire, up till the time of his retirement, and Renwick, were perhaps the best of the Grafton team.

CITY, 32 points, v. NORTH SHORE, 0.

At Devonport the North Shore fifteens were pitted against City, and a very merry time they had of it. Shortly after the game started it was very evident that it was not a question of who would win, but how many City would win by. At the commencement the supporters of the North Shore team had their hopes raised by seeing City placed on the

defensive. However, the game soon had a different aspect, and City, taking charge of the ball, it was very evident that the home team was going to be kept very busy. City's first score was registered by Waddell, as a result of a run started by Tobin. Magee converted: City, 5 points; North Shore, 0. City were awarded a penalty, and Magee, taking the shot, he piloted the leather over the bar: City, 8; North Shore, 0. Magee made a splendid opening and transferred the ball to Seeling, who sent it on to Roope, the latter scoring. Magee was again successful with the kick: City, 13; North Shore, 0. The game had hardly been set in motion again before Stewart snapped up the leather and dashed across. Magee, who was in great form, again converted: City, 18; North Shore, 0. From a scrum near the Shore goal City heeled out, and Tobin walked in unopposed. Magee again piloted the ball over the bar: City, 23; North Shore, 0. Half-time was then called. On the resumption of play Shore livened up a bit, and although practically always on the defensive, gave a much better display than in the first half. The visiting backs started a nice piece of passing, and Tobin got across the line, but was called back. Not to be denied, City kept up the attack, and Stewart making an opening, Magee scored, but failed to convert: City, 26; North Shore, 0. No sooner had the ball been kicked off than Estall picked up and, baffling all opposition, scored. S. Magee failed: City, 29; North Shore, 0. Almost immediately Magee marked in front of the goal, and placed another goal to his credit: City, 32; North Shore, 0. Shortly afterwards the bell rang.

This game was similar to the Ponsonby-Grafton match, and calls for very little comment, as the Shore team had no chance from the time the whistle sounded to start. The frequency with which the City men crossed their opponents' line, coupled with the excellent goal-kicking of R. Magee, took all interest out of the match. However, taking into consideration that the local men had no chance, they did not despair, and played the game right up to the finish. Of the City team Seeling (forward) and Magee (back) were always in the game, while for the Shore G. Seagar (forward) and Wynyard and Coleman (backs) worked well.

SECOND GRADE.

Ponsonby II. defeated North Shore II. by 15 points to nil.

Parnell II. scored a victory over Grafton II. by 23 points to 8.

City II. beat University II. by 23 points to nil.

Marist Brothers won their match with Newton II. by 9 points to nil.

THIRD GRADE.

City III. defeated Marist Brothers by 8 points to 6.

Manukau had a win over North Shore III. by 17 points to nil.

FOURTH GRADE.

Parnell IV. beat Grafton IV. by 6 points to nil.

COUNTRY MATCHES.

At the Thames the cup matches were commenced, County playing Suburbs, while City, the other team entered for the competition, had a bye. The match resulted in a win for County by 8 points to 3. The junior match between County and Suburbs was won by the former by 3 points to nil.

At Coromandel a match was played between the Coromandel Old Boys' Association, Auckland, and a combined local team. The game ended in favour of the home team by 23 points to 8, although at half-time the score stood at 8 points each.

In the cup matches under the Paeroa Rugby Union, the Suburbs fifteen defeated East by 3 points to nil—a penalty goal kicked by Rickit.

In the cup matches played under the auspices of the Waihi Rugby Union, City seniors had a win over Suburbs by three points to nil. In the second grade West beat Suburbs by 15 points to 3, while West defeated Suburbs by 3 points to nil in the third grade competition.

THE GAME IN THE SOUTH.

The results of the senior cup matches at Palmerston North were:—Feilding (18) beat Old Boys (3); Kai-toa (7) beat Palmerston (3).

At Napier the senior matches resulted:—Rovers (8) beat Old Boys (3); Ahuriri (24) beat Napier (nil); Athletic (8) beat Pirates (nil); Pakipaki (6) beat Kia Ora (nil).

The senior competition matches at Wellington resulted as follows:—Victoria College v. Southern: Drawn; no score. Poneke beat Petone by 6 to 3; Oriental beat St. James' by 6 to 3; Athletic beat Wellington by 5 to nil; Meirose beat Old Boys by 15 to 8.

The following were the results of the senior matches at Christchurch:—Merivale (15) beat Christchurch (3); Sydenham (6) beat Linwood (nil); Old Boys (13) beat Canterbury College (8); Albion, a bye.

The Dunedin results were as follows:—Alhambra (19) beat Zingari-Richmond (8); Port Chalmers (14) beat Union (3); Dunedin (11) beat Taieri Rovers (3); Pirates (8) beat Kaitiaki (3).

ASSOCIATION.

The Auckland Football Association's championship competitions were continued on Saturday, when considerable improvement was noticed in the play, compared with the opening day. The principal attraction on the Eden ground was the Corinthians v. Caledonians match, and a very fast game saw the Corinthians emerge victorious by three goals to one. Harvey, McLaren, and Rose netted goals for the Corinthians, while Whittle was responsible for the Caledonians' score.

The North Shore v. Y.M.C.A. match proved fast and even from beginning to end, the game going to North Shore by three goals to two. Sutherland was responsible for two of North Shore's goals and Johnson one, while for Y.M.C.A. Brown scored one, the other being the result of a scramble in front of the North Shore goal.

The W.Y.M.I. v. Ponsonby match proved a very even and strenuously fought out game, and resulted in a victory for the former by two goals to nil. Gribble and Winks were the scorers. The Ponsonby team played well, but ill-luck seemed to be with them all through.

NOTES.

This season again sees all the veteran players out to do battle for their respective clubs, despite the fact that many were reported to have retired from the game. Gillett donned the blue and black jersey for the Ponsonby Club on Saturday, while the burly Cunningham was also seen out in the same colours. Seeling played for the City team, and was responsible for a sterling display. Nicholson is playing again for the Ponsonby fifteen, and appears to be in as good form as ever. George Tyler, who did not play last season, is again fulfilling the duties of referee.

Alan McGregor, ex-Goldfields representative, who though only seventeen years of age, is playing on the three-quarter line for the Ponsonby Senior team this season, gave evidence on Saturday that he is a player of no mean merit.

Herring was absent from the City pack on Saturday, but will don the red and black jersey in future engagements.

O'Leary, the ex-Wairarapa representative, who is playing on the three-quarter line for Ponsonby this season, created a favourable impression in the opening match against Grafton. His inclusion in last year's championship winners should do much to strengthen the rear division.

Now that H.M.S. Pioneer is stationed at Auckland, the North Shore team will have the services of Murfitt, the brilliant three-quarter back, whose inclusion will make a considerable difference in the strength of the team.

Several new players are included in the Parnell Senior fifteen, and as no less than four of these are forwards the club is able to put a fairly strong

pack on to the field. Smith and McEwen, ex-Thames representatives, Welsh, ex-Hamilton rep., and Martin, a fine stamp of forward hailing from Otahuhu, are the new members of the forward division.

Eddie Young, the midget half-back, who several years ago was a regular member of the City Senior team, has decided to play during the season, and made his first appearance in his old club's colours on Saturday, when he showed that he had not lost any of his dash and trickiness.

I noticed W. Mackrell, of All Black fame, coaching the Marist Brothers' first junior fifteen on Saturday at Alexandra Park.

The City third-grade fifteen could not place a team in the field on Saturday, and had to call upon the fourth-grade players who had drawn a bye. Notwithstanding this, they scored a victory by 8 points to 6, although it is agreed that the win was a lucky one.

Patterson, the Otago forward, who won such honours last season against Harding's British team in interprovincial and New Zealand matches, is playing for Zingari this season. Great things are expected of Patterson, who, though over 14 stone, is only a youngster at the game.

Capill, ex-Goldfields representative, who intended playing for the Ponsonby Senior team this season, found at the last moment he was ineligible to represent the club, owing to the fact that he had not been resident in the western suburb during the stipulated period.

Owing to an injury received a few days ago to one of his legs, P. Fitzpatrick, Otago and South Island representative, will have to take his football from the bank for a few weeks. This is hard luck for Dunedin, which club will be deprived of its best forward in the opening matches of the season. Fitzpatrick had been showing excellent form in practice when he broke down.

Mr. Harold Byrne, well known in football circles, died in a private hospital in Christchurch on Tuesday, after an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Byrne was at one time a prominent footballer, and represented the Canterbury province in interprovincial matches in 1904. In consequence of the death of his brother Harold, that clever little back, A. E. Byrne, of the Old Boys' Club, has decided not to play any more. He has been one of the most consistent players for the Whites in recent years, and in all his games has shown the family characteristic of pluck.

At the suggestion of the New South Wales Union, the visit of an Australian team to New Zealand has been postponed to the 1910 season. The terms for the future interchange of visits have not yet been concluded. The Australian Unions submitted certain proposals, which the Management Committee could not accept, and counter proposals have been made, upon which the Australian Unions have not yet expressed an opinion.

"Rangi" Wilson, the well-known Wellington and New Zealand representative forward, is captaining the Athletic Club, Wellington, this season.

The desire of Rugby enthusiasts in Wales during the season just closed was that the national team should put up a record by winning the five international matches scheduled, as against Australia, England, Scotland, Ireland, and France. This the fifteen duly accomplished, but they are said to have been somewhat lucky in beating Scotland.

The Parnell senior team played a Bombay team at Drury and succeeded in winning by 25 points to nil. After the match the home team entertained the visitors at dinner, the Parnellites returning to town by the Waikato express.

The Australian footballer Messenger has, on his second visit to England, been strangely unfortunate as regards injuries, and ill-luck still follows him, for at Southport he sustained another accident to his knee, which necessitated the attention of a medical man. The doctor advised a specialist, and next day Messenger journeyed to London. The nature of the injury is such that an operation may be necessary before he can again participate in football, but Messenger himself expects to benefit from the voyage home. He has at present no intention of returning to England next football

season, for the negotiations which were proceeding with the object of a transfer have been abandoned. Messenger's idea of weekly remuneration was £10 per week.

At a meeting of the Council of the New Zealand Football Association in Wellington a letter was received from the South African Association accepting an invitation from New Zealand to tour the Dominion and part of Australia during 1910.

A cablegram from Sydney last week stated that trouble over the amateur question and the proposed disqualification of "Snowy" Baker as a footballer, owing to his disqualification by the Sports Club as a professional boxer, has culminated in leading officials of the Rugby Union declaring that the Union will never disqualify a player simply because he is a professional in another sport.



F. WILSON, the 'Varsity Skipper.

THE PROFESSIONAL MOVEMENT.

THE SITUATION REVIEWED.

There is trouble in the local Northern Union camp, says a Taranaki writer. 'Tis whispered that it arises over the question of professionalism. Several of the players are heartily sorry that they took to the game.

Of course, these men, like many of their fellow Northern Union football players elsewhere, are only reaping what they have sown. They must have gone into the game with their eyes open. At the same time, the procrastinating methods of the New Zealand Rugby Union drove not a few to the thirteen men a side game.

The glamour of the new game—that is, new so far as New Zealand is concerned—was also responsible for much. But this glamour is wearing off now, and many players who turned to it before doubt whether the old game is not the better.

The gravest mistake made by the players of the Northern Union game in New Zealand, and especially in Taranaki, has been in playing against men who have made themselves out and out professionals by taking money for playing football or in playing with men who have done so. Had they remained pure amateurs they would have a moral right to rejoin the English Rugby Union game without let or hindrance.

As it is, I am firmly of opinion that the cases of all the Northern Union players in New Zealand should be reconsidered by the New Zealand Rugby Union, that those who can prove that they have received no money for playing football or no expenses other than actual and proper expenses, should be reinstated as amateurs, and that those who cannot prove this should remain under disqualification.



ATHLETICS.

WARNING TO MARATHONERS.

WOULD-BE LONGBOATS CAUTIONED.

In view of the tremendous interest which has lately been taken in long-distance running, and the entries of unknown men that have been accepted by the promoters of Marathon races, a note of warning is sounded to ambitious young athletes by Hjertberg, the famous runner and trainer. The mere fact of these unknown men entering for a long-distance race is generally accepted as prima facie evidence that they were competent to run the distance, and so long as no physical examination is insisted upon prior to the running of the race they have been permitted to start with the payment of their entrance fee.

That some of these runners have been quite unqualified to run has been demonstrated on more than one occasion, and to would-be athletes of this type trainers address them in a cautionary manner.

"No young man," says Ernie Hjertberg, who has been training runners these many years, and whose knowledge of long distance running is well known, "who has not been under instruction of a competent trainer or who has not passed a medical examination and been given a clean bill of health should think of trying to compete in a Marathon run.

"The great trouble is that when a young fellow gets in a Marathon run his pride is likely to run away with his good sense. If there happens to be a field as large as 50 or more and he is able to keep up with the general bunch for a few miles, and if there happens to be a crowd on the course, as there usually is, the novice, instead of stopping when he feels exhausted, will stay on because too shame-faced to quit in front of the spectators and hoping that he will catch his second wind.

"That 'second wind' argument is one of the most foolish that can be advanced for long distance running. We hear a great deal about it, but the fact of the matter is there is very little to it. Old runners who have been on the track for a long time and who know how to handle themselves, save up a bit when they feel the first indications of weariness, knowing that a little rest just then will probably help to replenish their reserve power later. The novice runs himself into the ground, with no reserve power on which to draw, and then imagines that he is likely to catch his 'second wind.'

"Sound lungs, a normal heart, sound kidneys and hardened muscles are worth a great deal more than a ton of grit. The latter quality is essential, but it is likely to run a man into a hospital if the other essentials are lacking."

Dorando and Hayes met for the third time in a Marathon race in New York in March. The Italian took the lead early and eventually won easily in 2hr. 43min. 8sec.

CYCLING AND MOTOR NOTES.

During the progress of the six day's race at Berlin, on the third morning, the Crown Prince, accompanied by Prince von Thurn, visited the track, and spent an hour watching the riders. At the special request of the Crown Prince, A. J. Clark, the Australian champion, rode a few exhibition laps, the six-day competitors meanwhile taking the extreme inside edge. Subsequently Clark was conducted to the Royal box and presented to the prince. The German opinion of the Australian is that he is the speediest rider in the world to-day. Before leaving the Continent on his return to the States, Clark will probably make a flying visit to London, but it was not stated whether he would compete at any of the meetings held in England.

In a circular note the Dunlop Rubber Company intimate, in reply to numerous inquiries, that the date of this year's Warrnambool race has not yet been definitely fixed, but it will probably be held on Saturday, October 2. Owing to the constantly increasing number of entrants, the company is considering the matter of limiting the starters to 300 for this year. Last season the resources of the firm were taxed to the utmost in starting, checking, and feeding the

huge number of contestants, and it is felt that the limit was about reached. The remarkable growth in the popularity of the Dunlop Road Race, easily the biggest and most important of its kind throughout the world, is revealed in the following figures:—Starters in 1903, 104; in 1904, 125; in 1905, 156; in 1906, 206; in 1907, 235; and in 1908, 304.

Although J. Arnst's name has figured so greatly before the public lately in breaking road records from Christchurch to Dunedin and from Christchurch to Timaru, it is a great pity that these performances have not been put up when such a rider is under the ban of disqualification by the League of New Zealand Wheelmen, says "Rover," in the "Canterbury Times." Arnst was disqualified for a year and fined £5 for collusion in the Royal Enfield Cup Race in 1907. Although the term of disqualification has expired the fine has never been paid, and Arnst has absolutely ignored the Council. There is a report to the effect that J. Arnst intends to compete in America. Surely there is a means of the New Zealand League of Wheelmen approaching the authorities in America with a view to having Arnst blocked.

There is every prospect of the great Dunlop Timaru to Christchurch Road Race taking place again this year, and for the sake of the sport and road riders it is to be hoped the news is correct.

Another Australian cyclist has determined to take up sculling. This is T. Larcombe, the road champion of Australia, who has been induced to take the step by Peter Nelson, R. Arnst's Australian trainer. Nelson will take Larcombe in hand, and the expense incurred in preparing him and finding the necessary outfit will be defrayed by a syndicate. Up to date Larcombe has not been in a boat, but his cycling record proves him to possess the grit and stamina that are required of champions.

President Taft's accession to office has carried with it some sort of official recognition of the motor cycle. Discarding the carriage and pair as used by Mr. Roosevelt, the new President has adopted the motor-car for his personal use, and the secret service men who were wont to follow Mr. Roosevelt on ordinary bicycles, have been compelled to find a swifter method of keeping pace with the presidential car, and the result is that a number of them are now equipped with motor cycles. It was stated some little time ago that the car preferred by President Taft was of the steam-propelled type—a "White" steamer, as it was termed.

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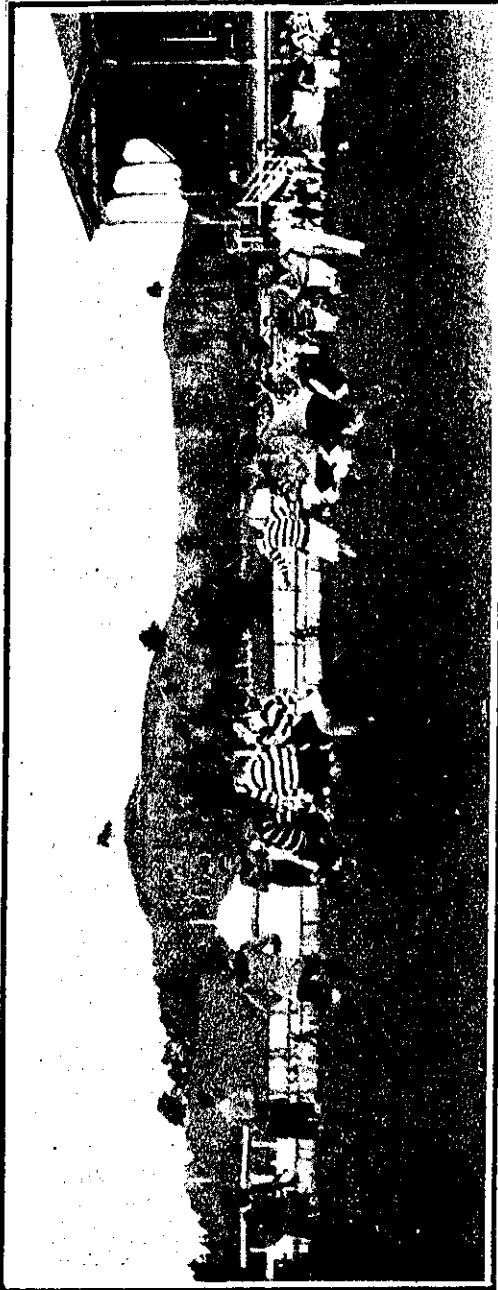
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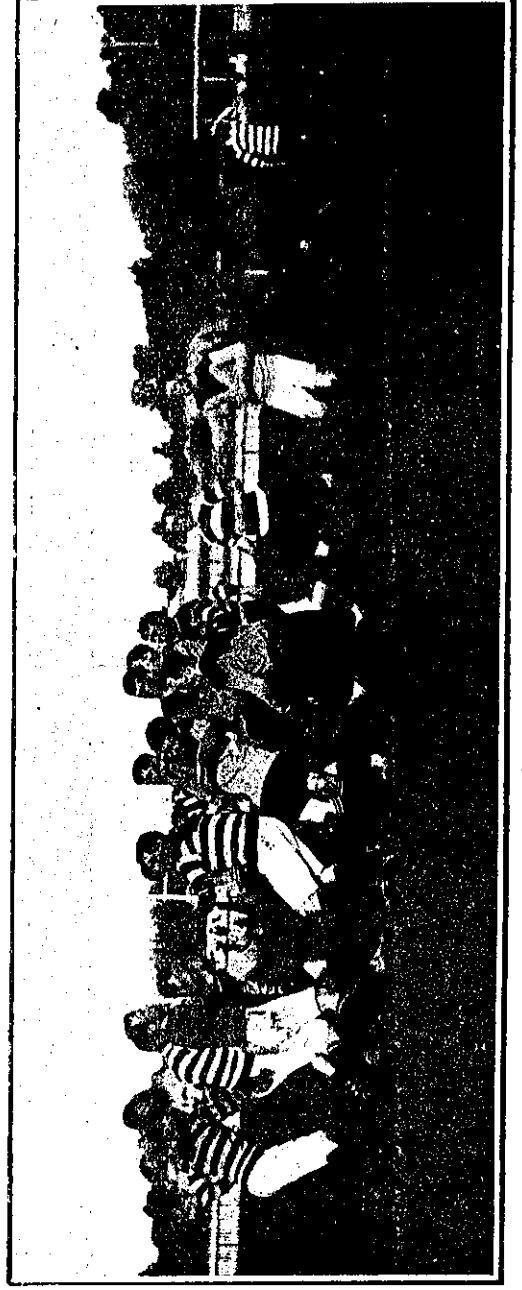
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THE STAGE

HIS MAJESTY'S.

THE CINQUEVALLI-LATONA BOOM.

His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, continues to be thronged nightly with enthusiastic admirers of Cinquevalli and the Latonas, who are undoubtedly the big draws of Mr. Rickards' present season. The interest in Cinquevalli's brilliantly successful juggling tricks deepens rather than palls upon a closer acquaintance with his wizard-like performances, which seem to defy all laws of gravitation, and to set at defiance the natural limitations of humanity. His manipulation of the billiard balls alone marks Cinquevalli as a pastmaster in the art of balancing,

is as versatile as she is musical, and may be sure of a great welcome should she ever revisit Auckland. We shall say good-bye to her with regret. The Mackinnons, or "Scotch Meisters," as they call themselves, are responsible for some smart comedy work, and their turn is as popular as ever, their singing being remarkably effective. Lawson (trick cyclist) and Namon, with her ball-punching performance, are responsible for a very laughable turn, and one that is justly appreciated. Guest and Newlyn, with their patter songs and dances, give a pleasant little turn. Miss Fanny Powers continues her imitations of leading actresses and dancers, and Miss Nellie Maunsell (contralto) and Mr. Arthur Harris (baritone) sing very accept-

lant career as the recognised premier musical company of Australasia. The season will commence at His Majesty's Theatre on Monday evening next, when "The Dairymaids" will be presented for the first time in Auckland. This musical play ran for close upon two years at the Apollo Theatre, London, and has established records throughout Australasia.

The Royal Comic Opera Company is perhaps stronger than on any former visit to New Zealand. Amongst the old favourites are Miss Florence Young, the popular dramatic soprano and charming actress who is practically at the head of her branch of the profession in the Antipodes, and Mr. Reginald Roberts, the ever popular tenor. Both of these artists are sure

son a young and highly gifted English baritone, who has become a very great favourite all through Australasia and that dainty English actress and fairy-like dancer, Miss Fanny Dango. Both these artists will make their first appearance in Auckland.

The costumes and stage mountings are said to be a revelation of the splendour to which these features of theatrical production can attain.

THE OPERA HOUSE.

WIDE WORLD PICTURES.

Messrs. Fuller continue to present their Wide World Pictures to appreciative patrons at the Opera House nightly, and that the popularity of the modern films shown is not on the wane is evidenced by the applause which follows the reflection of each picture on the screen. Included in this week's programme is one of the finest dramatic pictures ever witnessed in Auckland, this being a highly sensational film entitled "C.D.Q. or Saved by Wireless," depicting the collision between the Republic and the Florida in a dense fog and the saving of the crew and passengers through the medium of wireless telegraphy. The hero of the wreck was Mr. John Binns, a wireless telegraph operator aboard the Republic, who when the vessels smashed into one another, stuck to his post and amid all the dismay and confusion despatched a distress signal "C.D.Q."—"ship in distress" and in reply received a message that from every point of the compass ships were hurrying to the aid of the sinking ship. Wireless messages were exchanged between the Republic and the Baltic, with the result that the latter, by the use of the searchlight, was able to locate the whereabouts of the distressed ship, and save the lives of the crew and passengers. The picture is of a most exciting order and the heroism of Binns is exemplified with wonderful reality. Soon after the occurrence, which was read throughout the world with no little incredulity, the Vitagraph Company secured the services of John Binns and were able to string together a very sensational film. The officers of the Republic and Florida are shown, while Binns at work with his wireless telegraph instrument, paying no heed to the warnings of danger and the flooded and wrecked engine room, serves as an excellent example of human courage and devotion to duty. A number of very fine dramatic studies are shown, "The Blue Legend," "The Love of a Pa-



MISS FLORENCE YOUNG AND CHORUS in "The Dairymaids."

and surely no one ever handled billiard cues in such seemingly impossible fashion, or turned them to more extraordinary uses than he does. For instance, after balancing a white and a red ball upon the thick end of the cue, he actually elevates the pointed end upon another billiard ball which rests upon a glass, and balances billiard balls, cue and glass upon his chin. And then again there is the equally wonderful manipulation of the glass of water in the wooden triangle, which is twirled horizontally through the air, and which defies all laws of gravitation by refusing to spill a drop of its contents. The balancing of the chair, in which his assistant is seated with a table upon his knees, the whole weight resting upon his teeth, the while Cinquevalli plays ball with a couple of potatoes, is still, of course, the most sensational event of the performance, though other of his tricks are equally marvellous. When, on Monday evening, Cinquevalli, in response to loudly repeated encores, again came to the front and bowed his acknowledgments, the crowd was so insistent that he borrowed a violin from the orchestra and played a few bars of a well-known melody with all the cunning of the master hand, and then changing quickly to a merry jig was gravely reminded by the leader of the orchestra that he was not playing the music. "What do I want with music?" Cinquevalli retorted, laughingly. "It's no good to me." "You had better look at it," replied the musician, and the book was passed up, Cinquevalli remarking, "All right, I'll look at it, then," and this he proceeded to do by poising the book horizontally upon the handle of the violin, which he balanced vertically upon the bow of the instrument, and, placing the bow on his chin, marched off the stage, balancing bow, violin, and music-book in the most perfect fashion possible.

The Latonas are still prime favourites, Jen more particularly proving infinitely diverting in her merry moods. She sings with infinite abandon and vim, and keeps everybody amused. She

ably, the whole programme being full of interest from start to finish.

The Rickards' season closes on Saturday. A matinee is announced for the afternoon of that day, with a final performance at night.

MR. J. C. WILLIAMSON'S ROYAL COMIC OPERA COMPANY.

THE COMING SEASON.

The recent Wellington season of this justly famous organisation, fully upheld the best traditions of its bril-

ly of a very warm welcome. The cast also discloses such names as Mr. Victor Gourlet the clever comedian, and our old New Zealand favourite, Mr. W. S. Percy, Mr. C. R. Bantock and many other popular performers. Miss Connie Milne, Miss Nelly Wilson, Miss Marietta Nash are also clever and charming actresses who will be favourably remembered, Miss Georgie Musgrove and a galaxy of talented fascinating ladies too numerous to enumerate. The most important special engagements are Mr. Andrew Higgin-



MISS FANNY DANGO AND CHORUS in "Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor," etc., in "The Dairymaids."

sha's Son," "A Story of the French Revolution," "A Messina Orphan," "The Romance of a Queen" and "The Mule Driver's Daughter" comprising half-a-dozen most entertaining films. The scenic pictures are decidedly picturesque, "Moscow," "The River Thames in Winter," and "On the Gota Canal, Sweden," being three worthy specimens. The negotiation by a large steamer of 17 locks in the Gota Canal in one hour and a-half in order to make an ascent of 500 feet forms a particularly interesting study, this course being necessary so as to avoid the seething falls. The humorous series presented causes the heartiest amusement, "I have Lost Toby," "The Polite Parson," and "The General's Fiancee," being a couple of really funny films. "Shark Fishing" is the title of a most instructive picture, showing the North Sea fisherman carrying on this industry under boisterous weather conditions. Mr. Ernest Cremer's orchestra supplies a delightful accompaniment to the pictures.

MEYNELL AND GUNN'S PANTOMIME CO., "CINDERELLA."

It will be pleasing information to Auckland playgoers to learn that Messrs. Meynell and Gunn's Comic Opera Company, which first won fame in Australia with "Miss Hook of Holland," will inaugurate a tour of the Dominion in the Opera House, Auckland, on Monday, May 24, with a repertoire of the latest London and American successes, viz., the world's-record pantomime, "Cinderella," "The Belle of Mayfair," "Miss Hook of Holland," "The Girl Behind the Counter," and possibly "Tom Jones." The anniversary of the company's arrival in the Commonwealth was celebrated a few weeks ago, and since its advent there is no gainsaying the fact that the combination has achieved wide popularity with the playgoers of Australia. The company is said to be one of the best that has ever been organised for a tour of Australia, not only the principals having high-class London reputations, but the chorus was picked from some eight hundred applicants, and it is asserted to be one of the finest combinations of voices ever got together. Among other features may be mentioned the ballet and orchestra, both of which are said to be in a class by themselves. The opening piece will be "Cinderella," which has beaten the world's record for pantomime. After Auckland the company will commence seasons in Palmerston North on June 21st, Wellington June 26th, Christchurch July 26th, Dunedin August 8, Invercargill August 25th.

The company for New Zealand is practically the same as has appeared with such marked success in Melbourne and Sydney and the West, and includes Miss Meredith Meredro, Miss Ruth Lincoln, and Messrs. William Cromwell, Edwin Brett, Harold Thorley, Tom Payne, Will Carlton, etc. To accommodate such a large undertaking, many structural alterations are being made to the Opera House, both on the stage and in the auditorium. The members of the company have heard so much concerning the domination that they say they have never looked forward to any tour with more genuine interest and expectation than their forthcoming visit to New Zealand. Mr. George Homan Barnes, the well-known manager for Messrs. Meynell and Gunn, arrived in Auckland on Monday by the Maheno from Sydney to complete arrangements.

THE MELBA CONCERTS.

More than ordinary interest is evinced in the forthcoming visit of Madame Melba, who will give two concerts in Auckland on the 18th and 20th inst. Throughout her New Zealand tour Madame Melba has achieved a phenomenal triumph, every town and city she has visited being anxious to pay homage to this queen of song. "When Melba sings" (comments the "Otago Times," referring to her opening concert in Dunedin) "one is convinced that all is perfectly right, and no singer need look for higher compliment. In its dramatic side her art is peculiarly, even startlingly, convincing, and to hear her in operatic numbers on the concert platform is to imbibe an uncommon desire to hear her in the operatic roles in which, above all, she has gained her reputation." The company supporting Melba is a distinctly talented one, consisting of Mr. Frederick Ranalov, who possesses an artistic baritone voice; Miss Una Bourne, solo pianist; Mr. John Lemmone, a brilliant flautist; and Mr. Harold White, accompanist.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL.

PATHE PICTURES.

Despite the inclement weather of the last week, the Pathe Pictures at the Royal Albert Hall have been drawing good houses. The usual weekly change of programme took place last evening, and it must be admitted that the entertainment provided leaves nothing to be desired. Last week the change took place on Tuesday evening, while this week the change was made on Wednesday. It is a pity the alteration is not made on the same evening of each week, as the present order of things lead those patrons who are ignorant of when the change takes place, to disappointment. However, the programmes so far provided by Messrs. Hayward Brothers would easily stand witnessing a second time, the present one being no exception. Last evening, "Pastures in the Provinces," "Picturesque Ancona," "Zambesi Falls," and "Venice from a Gondola," all scenic films, were highly appreciated, and depict some of the world's most beautiful scenery. The dramatic portion of the evening is provided in "The Little Flower Seller," "A Gentleman's Son," "The Old Shepherd," and "The Vendean." A trick film, called "Parisian Life in Miniature," called forth applause, and much merriment was caused by films entitled "The House Dog," "A Bird of Freedom," "Too Busy to Court," and "Detectives Fritt and Plott." What should prove a great draw

Royal (the new season opened on Saturday) are wonderfully good of their kind, and a feature of the bill is the beauty competition. Quite a lot of our girls are competing (per the biograph) for the proud distinction of being considered the "best-looking" in the Cathedral City. The audience votes on the question nightly, and so far "No. 8" has a strong lead. She is (judging by her picture) certainly a very pretty girl. . . . West's Pictures are at His Majesty's—and going strong. Fancy three picture shows all a-blowing and a-growing at the same time!—and each making money, if the attendance of the public is any criterion. "The Red Hand" is the main feature of the bill. This is a melodrama of the goriest description—without words!

You lucky Aucklanders will see Meynell and Gunn's pantomime "Cinderella" long before we shall. The season starts here July 26. But people are talking about it already. . . . Tom Pollard has booked His Majesty's for the return season of his opera company from August 7 to 23. Christchurch is sure to give Thomas and Co. a warm welcome. . . . Miss Ada Ward, "actress-evangelist," has been lecturing here to large audiences this week at the Salvation Army Barracks. One of her lectures, delivered on Tuesday night, was entitled: "Can an Actress be a Christian?" Miss Ward thinks not—if the actress remains on the boards. Present writer, who has seen a good deal of the



MR. EDWIN BRETT, the popular English Comedian, who plays The Baroness in "Cinderella."

and at the same time highly interesting, will be a "Beauty Competition," to be included in the programme in the course of a week or so. Those ladies wishing to compete in the competition will be requested to send their photographs to the manager, when they will be numbered and shown on the screen. The audience will judge the competition, and each person will be provided with a voting paper, upon which he or she will mark the number of the photograph adjudged the best looking.

CHRISTCHURCH NOTES.

My Christchurch dramatic correspondent writes:—Much regret was expressed here when the news of Mr. G. P. Carey's death was made public. He was last in Christchurch towards the close of 1908, and was then a member of Meynell and Gunn's Dramatic Co. He married a daughter of our old friend Mrs. Walter Hill, who survives him. . . . Eddy Geach's Dramatic Co. opened at the Opera House a night or two ago in the thrilling melodrama "The Woman Pays." The title is alluring, but the piece is of a familiar type. The scenery and mounting, however, are superb. . . . The Colosseum Picture Show continues to attract immense crowds nightly. Some of the kudos for this desirable state of things undoubtedly belongs to Mr. Rud Paterson, the popular manager of the show. . . . The Pathe Pictures at the Theatre

atricals, fancies that, taking them all round, they are not very much worse than other people. But they do not measure their corn by other folks' bushel. That is, they have a moral code of their own, and although they laugh at Mrs. Grundy and all her works, they are probably none the worse for that. Of course, the stage is no place for a girl or a woman who is naturally "fast" and inclined to kick over the traces. But neither is the hotel bar, the shop, the office, the factory, or the kitchen. That show people are larger-hearted, more generous, more loyal and helpful to each other, and freer from cant and humbug than the members of most professions or callings, those who know them best (and are capable of speaking without bias) can testify.

"THE MERRY WIDOW'S" POPULARITY.

"The Merry Widow" has now been played in thirteen different languages, and over 18,000 times. While statistics of the profits on the production have not been published, it is known that the Viennese publisher of the music alone has netted between £60,000 and £70,000. So popular was the play in Germany that it has been successfully produced in 422 towns. The O.P. Club has just been celebrating this great success. Mr. George Edwardes, who produced it, says that it has had a wider success than any musical piece since "The Mikado" or "The Gelsa."

Greenroom Gossip.

By "Footlights."

HOW CINQUEVALLI JUGGLES.

"Perhaps the hardest thing a juggler must learn to do," says Paul Cinquevalli, "is to see things without looking at them. For example, when I am balancing a glass on straws on my forehead, and juggling five hats at the same time, I never look at the hats; if I did so for even the hundredth part of a second the glass and straws would collapse, but I know instinctively the position of the hats, and can catch them and juggle with them just as easily as if I were actually looking at them. Continual practice is essential even for the most accomplished juggler. If I were to take a month's holiday, and not to go through some feats during that period, I should probably have to practice for a year before I could perform in public again. As a matter of fact, I practice every day for three hours at least. It is not the most difficult feats which always arouse the greatest enthusiasm. For instance, balancing a soft hat on its edge on one's forehead is a feat that I number among the most difficult in the three thousand or so I can perform. Yet I know many people think it is rather an easy thing to do. But just try it. It took me nearly eight months' practice before I could do it."

AN ENTHUSIASTIC LAST NIGHT.

The final and 131st performance of Messrs. Meynell and Gunn's pantomime, "Cinderella," was the occasion of one of the most enthusiastic demonstrations known theatrically in Melbourne for years. There was much music in the Theatre Royal that night. All the male friends of the company—and every lady in the chorus has half a dozen or more—had rolled up to the last night. On one side of the theatre sat what Mr. Brett facetiously dubbed "the Toorak Choir." On the other side must have been the Toorak Orchestra. There was a concertina or an accordion which let out awful howls of agony at most unexpected psychological moments in the pantomime. There was a motor-horn which "honk-honked" when it shouldn't. There were conch shells and other instruments of torture. They all made a tornado, a hurricane of sound, through which the pantomime made its way, all laughter and flowers. Then the flowers! At every breathing-space everybody got flowers. The men got cigars and cigarettes. All were "guyed" in most comical fashion from the managerial box, which wore a spot light, so that the audience might see what went on in it. It was a night of frolic and good humour—a theatrical carnival night. It is a pity that there are not more of them.

"IT'S TAHM, TAHM, TAHMY."

The merriest scene of all was when Miss Meredro, who was in the middle of the "Bombadier Song," suddenly screamed. She had been gazing at the gods, and Mr. Payne had changed places with the conductor. Miss Meredro glanced down to see how the time of the song was getting on, and to her horror saw an apparition with fierce black moustache and eyebrows and hair beating time—all out of time. Besides, the apparition looked angry, and rat-tapped his stick on the desk to call her to attention. She was only a woman after all, despite her principal boy's costume, so she screamed, and then looked foolish, for beneath the thatch of black whig and behind the false nose and moustache there gleamed the merry, dancing eyes of Thomas Payne. She at once leant down and went on singing, "It's Tahm, Tahm, Tahm, Tahm, Tahmy, Tahmy," and the audience, recognising him, too, shrieked with laughter, while "Tahm, Tahm, Tahmy," turned round and bowed solemnly.

COSTLY SCENERY AND DRESSES.

By the Maheno, which arrived from Sydney on Monday, came the costly scenery and wardrobe of Messrs. Meynell and Gunn's pantomime, "Cinderella," comprising over 400 tons, and on Tuesday the whole of these "properties" were transferred to the Opera House. By the same boat there also arrived half a dozen of the mechanical, property, and electric staff in connection with the production. The Opera House stage will present a busy scene during the next ten days and prior to May 24, certain structural alterations being necessary for the mounting of the pantomime.

"THE BRIGHT PARTICULAR STAR."

Miss Amy Castles, in a letter to a Melbourne friend, writes enthusiastically of her experiences in what she calls "The country where the Shamrock grows." The young Australian singer made no reference to her singing, but simply enclosed a copy of the "Irish Times" (Dublin) in which it is stated: Miss Castles was naturally the bright particular star of the evening.

MISS NELLIE STEWART'S GENERALITY.

Miss Nellie Stewart has shown in a most practical manner that she has quite grasped the meaning of the term "in perpetuity," for she has forwarded to Mr. H. D. Westley the last £100 to complete the endowment of the "Nellie Stewart" cot at the Children's Hospital—one of the many kindly acts which are characteristic of "Our Nellie," and which endear her to the hearts of Australian playgoers.

A READY-WITTED TRAGEDIAN.

A stage anecdote that stands revival pretty well relates that on one occasion when Barry Sullivan, the Irish tragedian, was playing "Richard III." and came to the lines, "A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!" a wag in the pit called out, "And wouldn't a jackass do as well for you?" "Sure," answered Sullivan, turning like a flash at the sound of the voice. "Come around to the stage-door."

"AN ENGLISHMAN'S HOME."

"An Englishman's Home," which is still drawing large houses in Sydney is certainly exercising a wonderful influence over the trend of thought in Great Britain throughout every stage of society. Recently the Prince of Wales while eulogising the Australian Cadet system, remarked that it would be well if the movement could be introduced into Great Britain and incidentally said that "Then An Englishman's Home would be safe from invasion." It further transpires in connection with Du Maurier's play that a particularly

The way it was long, and road it was dark,
And the wayfarer fell in the pond in the park,
And it filled him right up to the Plim-soll mark,
And not only filled but chilled him!
He contrived to get home all a shiver and shake,
He'd a terrible cold and had swallowed a lake,
But Woods' Peppermint Cure they induced him to take,
Or the cold that he caught would have killed him.

funny burlesque put on by The Folies, has been prohibited by the censor. Possibly he thinks that the piece is of too grave a calibre to be subjected to ridicule or on the contrary having originally let the pieces slip through his fingers to the production stage, has determined that there shall be no further cause for complaint from the Little Englishers.

PIRATES AT WORK.

Before "An Englishman's Home" had been on a fortnight at Wyndham's Theatre, London, "pirates" were active in trying to share in the boom that it created by trading on the name and even on the story of Major Du Maurier's play, and attempting to give unauthorised representations of it. The same thing has happened out here and though the play is barely four weeks' old in this country, J. C. Williamson has already been compelled to set the law in motion to prevent infringement of copyright in more than one direction. In fact, so keen apparently is the desire on the part of unauthorised persons to profit by the sensation "An Englishman's Home" has scored, that special instructions to keep a strict look out have had to be issued to the J. C. Williamson representatives throughout Australia.

CULYER HASTINGS IN AMERICA.

Mr. Culyer Hastings, the creator of "Sherlock Holmes" for Australia under the J. C. Williamson management some years ago, is now appearing in support of Kathryn Kidder at a New York Theatre in a new production called "A Woman of Impulse."

MISS TITTELL BRUNE'S DEPARTURE.

The announcement of miss Brune's projected departure for England and America is (says our Melbourne correspondent) being hailed by a number of aspiring playwrights as an opportunity to have their efforts brought under the notice of old and new world managers. As a consequence Miss Brune is being inundated with manuscripts of the "Sunday" type, possibly in the hope that this particular class of production will appeal more strongly to the popular young actress and induce her to use extra persuasion when acting as mediator with the all-powerful managers. Amongst the piles of dramatic literature which found its way into Miss Brune's hands was "a most powerful and intense tragedy," written by a young gentleman who was not too modest to thus describe his own effort. Furthermore, this same

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young man offered Miss Brune an engagement for a week when his play was produced in Sydney in June, as he considered that she was just exactly fitted for the leading role. No mention was made of salary, but doubtless the genius considered that in offering Miss Brune a say in the selection of the cast he was conferring upon her an honour that would do in lieu of salary.

WHY HE WAS GRIEVED.

According to a recent paragraph in the London "Tatler," a Russian gentleman went to see "The Merry Widow" in London, and was greatly grieved because "The Swing Song" was not included in the presentation. It seems (writes my Melbourne correspondent) that when the famous opera was given in St. Petersburg one of the numbers given showed a bevy of the prettiest girls, who were swung right out over the auditorium. Could it be, he adds, that one of the most attractive features in "Mother Goose" found its way right up north to St. Petersburg, and that the great centre of the world is two years behind Australia in regard to this novelty?

GONE HOME TO BE MARRIED.

The members of the Tittell Brune Company met together last week to say good-bye to Mr. Loring Fernie, who is shortly to be married, and who sailed for England with that object in view by last week's mail steamer. He was presented by his fellow artists with a handsome spirit flask, with "From the Australian boys of the company. Ain't we style enough for you?" inscribed thereon. The latter part of the inscription includes some of the last words spoken by Mr. Fernie in his role of Sonora Slim in "The Girl of the Golden West."

A GOOD MONEY-MAKER.

"Monsieur Beaucaire," which has recently been revived by Julius Knight in Adelaide, has proved a great money-getter in London, where playgoers have paid no less than £100,000 to see it, while the sum standing to the credit of its first run at the Imperial Theatre was no less than £53,000.

ITS 150TH PERFORMANCE.

The 150th consecutive performance of "Jack and Jill" in Australia will be registered on Saturday, May 8 at Her Majesty's Theatre, Sydney, where the big extravaganza is still "going for all it is worth"—and that is a good deal.

A VERSATILE COMPANY.

The members of the Nellie Stewart Company improve the shining hours at their disposal by indulging in athletics. Mr. Fred Moyes, who is a member of an English Yeomanry Regiment, has formed a fencing class, and both the ladies and gentlemen of the company are availing themselves of the opportunity of learning to handle the foils gracefully and proficiently. Cricket also is in their line, and on Friday last they played a game against the staff of Her Majesty's Theatre.

"THE KING OF CADONIA."

When "The King of Cadonia" is staged for the first time in Australia by J. C. Williamson, so many first appearances will be included in the cast as to render it almost a new company. The members of the specially engaged English contingent are already on their way out to this country. The Princess will be in the hands of Miss Dorothy Court who until quite recently has been appearing at the Savoy Theatre as prima donna in Gilbert and Sullivan roles during a series of revivals of those popular operas and the success she achieved gives promise of her popularity and success in this part of the world. The comedy part is to be entrusted to Miss Lottie Sargent who though still very young, has had a wide range of experience on the Lyric stage in London and the provinces. Rumour has it that Mr. Frank Greene, another newcomer, is a fresh, breezy young actor after the style of Mr. Andrew Higginson and indeed it was while appearing as Danilo in one of George Edwardes' companies, that Mr. Greene was engaged for J. C. Williamson by J. A. E. Malone. Mr. Herbert Clayton, who is also to be included in the cast, is already in Australia. Mr. Spencer Barry has been very painstaking in the selection of the chorus, the members of which are possessed of good looks as well as fine voices.

Pallid, thin, and passing weak,
Shivering in the cold wind bleak,
Coughing till he scarce can speak,
This is man without it!
Laughing at each cough and cold,
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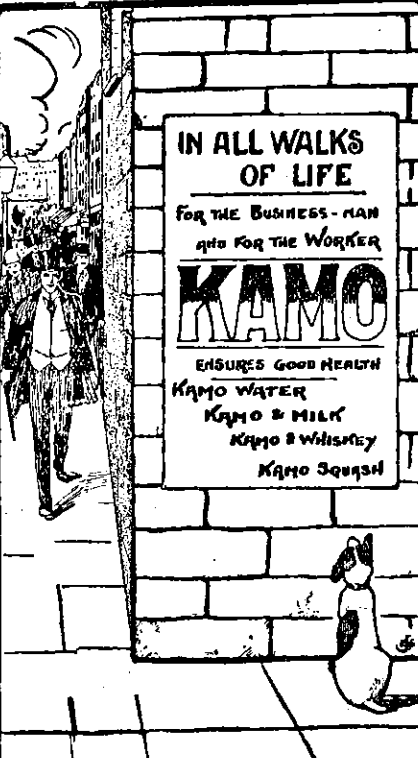
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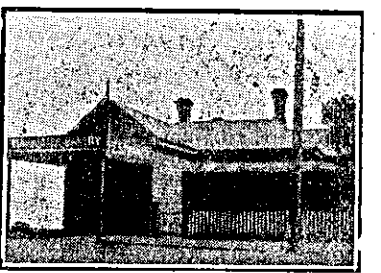
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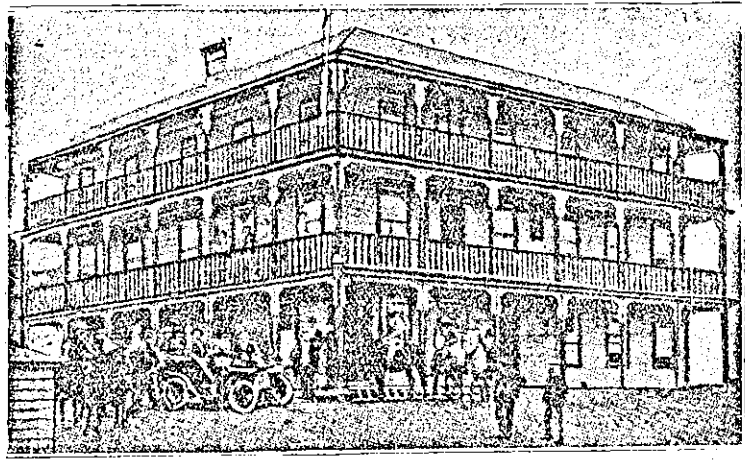
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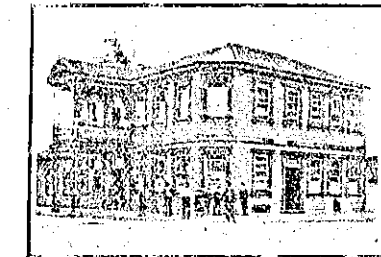
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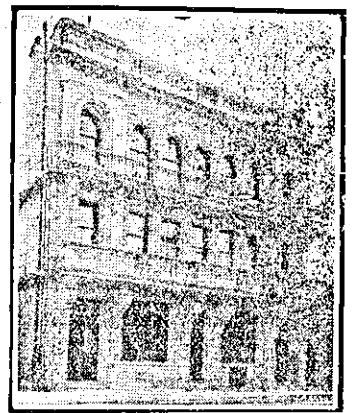
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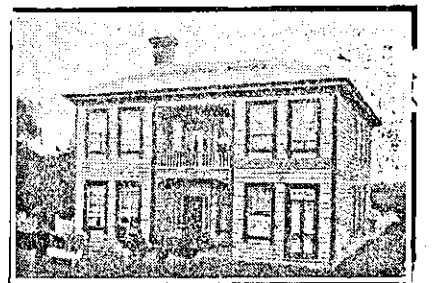
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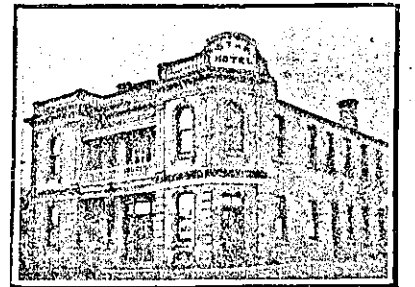
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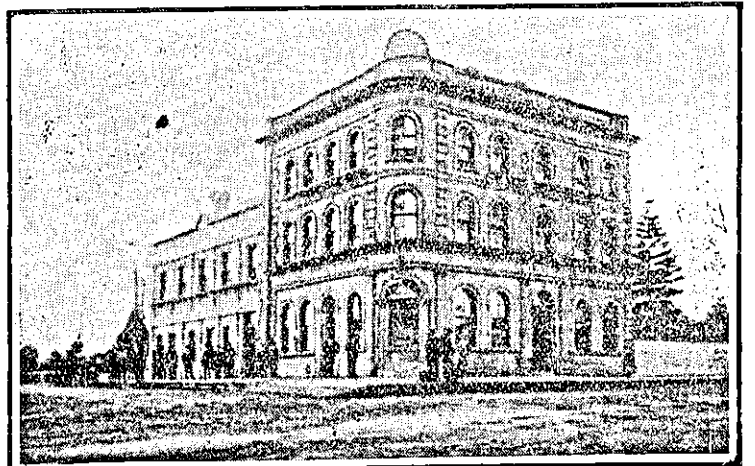
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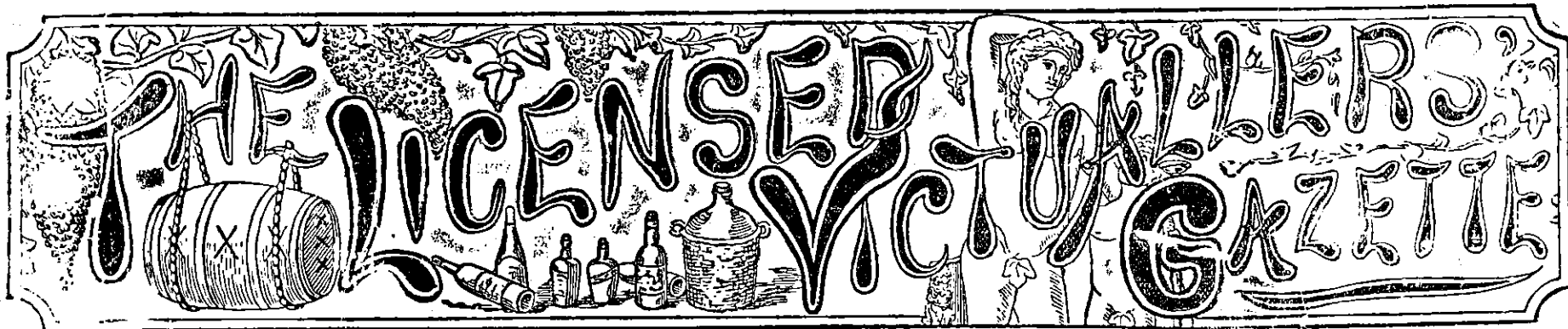
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THE OHINEMURI INQUIRY.

WHY THE COMMISSION IS ILLEGAL.

JUDGMENT OF THE FULL COURT.

The Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Williams) on Wednesday week delivered reserved judgment on behalf of the Court of Appeal with regard to the validity of the Commission set up to inquire into the allegation levelled against certain members of the Ohinemuri Licensing Committee of 1900, that in connection with an application by one Maurice Coogan Power for a license in respect of certain premises situated at Waihi (in lieu of his then existing license in respect of premises situated at Paeroa) money was paid to certain members of the committee as bribes to support the application.

STATUS OF A LICENSING COMMITTEE.

The Court said that it was necessary to consider whether the acceptance of a bribe by a member of a Licensing Committee would be an offence at common law, because every person who was a party to any offence must be proceeded against under some statutory provision. The only provision which would apply was Section 126 of the Crimes Act, 1908, which related to the crime of judicial corruption. It had frequently been held by the Court that the proceedings of a Licensing Committee were judicial. The provisions of the Licensing Act showed not that a committee was a body which was only judicial in the same sense that it was bound to exercise its proceedings with fairness and impartiality, but that its members were members of a Court. The Act also recognised each member of the committee as the holder of an office. If the man was the holder of an office, and the duties of that office were strictly judicial, he was the holder of a judicial office. It must be held, therefore, that a member who accepted a bribe was guilty of a crime under Section 126 of the Crimes Act.

The Commission had been appointed (observed the Court) to inquire whether any of the members had been guilty of an offence punishable by law; also to report as to the necessity or expediency of any legislation in respect to the premises. Did the Commission come within the authority of the Commissions of Inquiry Act? The inquiry directed was not a question arising out of the administration of the Government, nor was it an inquiry as to the working of an existing law, nor one concerning the conduct of any officer in the public service. The only other ground mentioned in the section in question was an inquiry as to the necessity or expediency of legislation. It was difficult to conceive what possible legislation could be proposed, even if the Commission reported that the members had received bribes. If they had accepted bribes, they would be already within the net of the law. The Court therefore held that the Governor-in-Council was not authorised by the Act to appoint a commission to make the inquiries in question.

EFFECT OF THE ORDER-IN-COUNCIL.

It was necessary, continued the Court, to show clearly what the effect of the Order-in-Council would be if it were acted upon. The only charge under the order that the Commission could inquire into would be a charge of bribery. Members of the committee could decline to answer a question only on the ground that the answer might tend to criminate themselves. In effect, by declining to answer, they criminated themselves. After all, if

the Commission found the charge proved, and made the persons charged pay the costs, they had not yet been found guilty of the offence, because they had not been convicted by a jury. If they were afterwards put on their trial and acquitted, they would have been subjected to a grievous injustice by the judgment of the Commission. Apparently the members of the committee (to borrow a phrase from the time of the French Revolution) were only suspected of being suspected, and the object of the inquiry was to ascertain whether they ought to be suspected. The order directed a charge to be made and investigated in a manner unauthorised by law. If it was not an offence under Section 126 of the Crimes Act, as had been contended, it was not an offence at all. In that case the effect of the order was to create an offence unknown to the law, to set up a new Court, and to allow a person to be charged with and tried and punished for the offence in that Court.

A REFERENCE TO THE STAR CHAMBER.

The Court proceeded to say that the power of the Governor to appoint what was known as a Royal Commission had long been recognised. There must, however, be some limit to the power of the Crown, or of the Governor acting on behalf of the Crown, to set up a commission of inquiry. It was the intermeddling by the Crown or the Executive in civil causes and matters between party and party that the Act abolishing the Star Chamber was intended to prevent. So far as criminal matters were concerned, that Act recognised the authority of Statute 42, Ed. 3 c-3, under which no man was to be put to answer, unless in the manner prescribed by law. At the time of the passing of the Act abolishing the Star Chamber, commissions of inquiry only were recognised as legal. Down to the middle of the nineteenth century such commissioners to examine all persons on oath. It was not until comparatively recent times that it was acknowledged that no such power existed. Then in New South Wales and New Zealand the Legislature stepped in and gave this power to commissions appointed by the Crown. It was impossible that the Legislature, in giving that general power, intended it to apply to inquiries which, if such a general power had previously existed could not lawfully have been instituted.

COMMISSIONS AND THE QUESTION OF GUILT.

If, added the Court, the question of guilt or innocence of an individual arises in the course of a legitimate inquiry, and is necessary in order to answer that inquiry, a commissioner might well be justified in considering the question of guilt or innocence in order to enable him to report. Thus an inquiry into the alleged misconduct of a public officer is authorised by the Act. Such an inquiry is in order to ascertain whether he should be retained in the service, or dismissed, or be otherwise made subject to official discipline. Although the alleged misconduct amounted in law to a crime, the commissioner might nevertheless investigate it, because it would be merely incidental to a legitimate inquiry. In the present case the real, and, in effect, the sole object of the inquiry is to ascertain whether certain named individuals, who occupy no official position, have committed a specified offence. The inquiry would be virtually a trial for the offence without the protection that the law gives to accused persons, and the result of which might subject the accused in respect of such offence to pecuniary penalties unknown to the law. Whether or no the members of the committee did or did not receive bribes is quite immaterial. The plaintiffs are entitled to a prohibition. The Court made no order as to costs.

TRADE TOPICS.

In the House of Commons last week, Mr. Asquith announced that a Customs duty would be imposed on foreign beer.

Mr. Percy Isaac has sold his interest in the Whakatane Hotel to Mr. Harry Fortune.

A man named Owen Kelly was arrested at Hastings last week and charged with issuing gilded sixpences as half-sovereigns on the racecourse.

At a meeting of the Palmerston North Borough Council last Thursday evening, the application of Messrs. Waldegrave Bros. for a permit to restore the partially burned Royal Hotel in wood was granted, the by-law bearing on the question having been quashed by the Supreme Court.

A disinfectant that is most effective in mouldy cellars, kitchen sinks, or bad-smelling places of all kinds, and which will drive away fleas and flies, can be made for sixpence. All that is needed is to dissolve a pound of copperas in a gallon of water, and add 8oz. of carbolic acid.

It is probable that, on June 30 no less than 106 licensed houses will be closed in the Dominion, 66 of these go out by the no-license vote, and are as follows:—Ohinemuri, 14; Eden, 4; Masterton, 15; Wellington suburbs, 7; Wellington South, 4; and Bruce, 22. Reduction is expected to absorb 27, from Dunedin, Auckland City, Manakau, Parnell, Chalmers, Dunedin South, and Taieri. Thirteen go out owing to change of boundaries, made up of six from Oamaru, six from Ashburton, and one from Maitua, these thirteen having been drawn into the "dry" areas at last election, owing to the readjustment of the boundaries of the three mentioned electorates.

Tenders have been called for additions to the Empire Hotel, Whittanga, Mercury Bay.

The committee appointed to report on the London police favours the granting of one complete day's rest from duty every week.

At Wellington on Saturday, at a specially convened meeting of the City Licensing Committee, an application for a wholesale license was made on behalf of Mr. Avison, a storekeeper. On the committee expressing objection to the granting of licenses to premises connected with a retail grocery business, Mr. Menteth (solicitor) submitted that the committee, by refusing a license on such grounds, was virtually creating the law, instead of administering it. He intimated that if the committee persisted in their refusal he would apply to the Supreme Court for a ruling. The committee adhered to its decision and refused the application.

Mr. J. Hunt, who hails from the Ohinemuri district, has purchased Mrs. Resta's interest in the Freeman's Hotel, Freeman's Bay, and took possession last week.

We hear that Mr. H. J. Bray, who has been lessee of the Commercial Hotel at Whangarei for some years, has now acquired the freehold of that property. We hope that the popularity attained by both Mr. and Mrs. Bray in Whangarei will ensure them lasting prosperity in their hotel.

In the largest parish in England—that of Whittlesea—there was not a single case of drunkenness last year. This is a record for the parish, which comprises 26,000 acres. The population is 8000, and there are fifty-eight licensed houses.

Mr. D. Nordern is making additions to the Commercial Hotel, Hamilton, of which he is the lessee.

A satisfactory conference was held last Friday night between the hotel and restaurant employees and restaurant employers at the Conciliation Commissioner's rooms.

The smallest inn in England—the Phoenix at Aynwick—has just been closed by compensation. The inn is merely a two-roomed house. The upper room is a bedroom, and the lower, with an area of 16 square feet, is partitioned into two rooms, one being used for cooking as well as for serving drink. Below is a beer cellar, where years ago a cock-pit was an attraction.

What appears like a grave attempt at arson was perpetuated at the Gladstone Hotel, Reefton, last week. A bundle of clothing belonging to some workmen who are boarders at the hotel was taken from the changing room, placed on the landing of the outside stairway, and fired. Fortunately, a boarder returning from an entertainment at a distant township came in about four o'clock, noticed the fire, and extinguished it. Had the fire got a hold in the passage it would have cut off all escape, and many lives would have been endangered. A man giving the name of W. Maloon has been arrested in connection with the affair, for which no tangible reason can even be guessed at.

It is understood that Parliament will be called together earlier than usual this year. Thursday, June 10, and Tuesday, June 15, are mentioned as probable dates for the opening of the session.

There was an old soldier who said to a friend: "My wife does look after me well. She even takes off my boots for me." "When you come home from the club?" the friend asked. "No—when I want to go there."

"Prohibition is fanaticism; fanaticism has been defined by a great philosopher, 'A malady of the mind, more contagious from personal contact than small pox.'"

The North-West Sabbath Association has introduced a Bill into the Oregon Legislature which closes everything but churches and public parks on Sunday, and even prohibits a man from hiring a rowboat! Senators who have refused to have anything to do with this measure say that "It interferes with personal liberty," but these same men are willing to support prohibition laws which most decidedly interfered with personal liberty. There is little doubt, according to advices from Salem, that this Bill will be turned down, while any attempt to interfere with the present blue prohibition laws will be defeated.

In Germany, included in the budget proposals, are those made for the taking over by the Imperial Government of the whole distilling and refining trade in Germany and the entire and exclusive right to sell spirits wholesale.

Mr. McCue, of the Oregon, U.S.A., Legislature, has introduced a Bill under the title, "An Act to protest and promote the industry of raising hops in Oregon," and asks for its submission to the people at the next general election in November, 1910. An exchange says the Bill is the first direct attack on the local option law, as it proposes to exempt beer, and the precinct rather than the county is made the means of determining elections thereunder.

At the hearing of a licensing case at the Thames last week, when Mr. Robert Cartwright was fined £4 and costs, it was explained that defendant had gone for a trip to Australia with the consent of the Licensing Committee, and had placed a man and his wife in charge. The offence was committed in his absence.

A lighted match thrown into a receptacle full of sawdust caused so much smoke in the billiard room of the Park Hotel, Newtown, one evening last week, that the proprietor in alarm called up the fire brigade.

In Russia the Government spirit monopoly has been gradually absorbing the whole trade for the past 13 years, and was practically complete as far back as 1905. In 1903 the sale of spirits was, we understand, in Russia, £53,907,600, and notwithstanding raising of prices, this had increased by 1907 to £70,144,200, while the estimated figures for 1908 and 1909 are £69,816,300 and £72,695,700 respectively, and the increases can only be attributed to the growth of population.

At the annual dinner of an engineering school in Sydney last week, the "specification for working of nature's boiler" was set out as follows: First, remove barnacles from shell; second, flush boiler with clear soup, and proceed to fill with aqua pura, or stimulants, according to nature of the beast; third, start fire with schnapper a la Normande; fourth, when cut-let's proceed to: fifth, stoke heavy with roast sirloin of beef; sixth, keep it going with roast turkey, peas, and beans, as scale preventive; seventh, add Baronesse pudding of Neapolitan jelly to avoid priming; eighth, if crown becomes overheated, apply ice cream. N.B.—Watch gauge glass carefully, and keep boiler well filled. If at this stage you get your desserts, the boiler should proceed to blow off. The "blow offs" were the toasts, of which there were five.

Mr. R. L. Somers, of the Hot Springs Hotel, Te Aroha, was last Thursday evening installed as Mayor of that township. Mr. Somers, who now enters on his fourth consecutive term, afterwards entertained the members of the Council and the borough employees at supper at his hotel.

Sir Robert Hart, the veteran inspector-general of the Chinese Customs, says that he once in Pekin sat out a banquet that lasted for seventeen consecutive hours. There were 125 courses, and he tasted them all. This would seem, at first sight, to take a lot of beating. Yet Mr. Ward, the American envoy, who tried to interview the Emperor Hieng-Fung in 1859, tells how he was entertained to a dinner that lasted from noon one day until six o'clock on the evening of the day following. The total number of courses is not given, but Ward mentions that he had to give in after partaking of 138 different dishes, "whereupon his hosts wondered greatly"—presumably at his abstemiousness. Probably, however, the Eskimo banquets last longer than any others, and the quantity of food swallowed is also proportionately greater. Ross records that seven of his party of natives once ate continuously for 33 hours, during which time they consumed 200 pounds of seal meat.

**A RABBI'S CONDEMNATION.
THE INTEMPERATE PROHIBITIONISTS.**

Rabbi Samuel Sale recently made a striking speech against Prohibition, at a banquet given by the Manufacturers' and Merchants' Association of St. Louis (U.S.A.). After having commended Cardinal Gibbons for his stand against Prohibition, Rabbi Sale said: "The Jews have never had temperance societies. We have always blessed the wine and believed it to be a gift of God to be used, and not abused. Let us hope that the intemperate Prohibitionists may never get the reins of government in their grasp."

The Rabbi declared that prohibition does not prohibit, and that it is impossible to legislate away the appetites of men. He deplored the growth of this intemperate movement, which he characterised the prohibition wave, and said he hoped that this element would never get control of the legislative or any other department of Missouri government.

THE "TEETOTAL BEAST."

The brilliant essayist, Gilbert Chesterton, the most powerful essayist in English to-day, wrote this:—"The teetotaler has chosen a most unfortunate phrase for the drunkard when he says that the drunkard is making a beast of himself. The man who drinks excessively makes a devil of himself, but nothing connected with a human and artistic thing like wine can bring one nearer to the brute life of nature. The only man who is, in the exact and literal sense of the words, making a beast of himself, is the teetotaler." And not only do they make beasts of themselves, but they are engaged in a campaign of propaganda with the object of inducing the world to join the ranks of the bovine and the equine genus.

LOCAL OPTION "TRICKERY."

They beat us for vigor of expression in the great United States; or else the circumstances of their situation call for stronger language. Speaking in the Senate House, Idaho (U.S.A.), on the Local Option Bill, Senator Macbeth said:—"This is the first time I have ever seen a bill attacked, the authors of which did not dare to enter a word in its defence. The bill is a trick, breathing political dishonesty and unconstitutionality at every pore, a make-believe, a botch, a makeshift, a subterfuge, conceived in a spirit of intolerance, born when the star of hypocrisy was at its zenith, and foisted upon a credulous public as a political sop with the fact well known by its authors that it will not est local option law." We doubt if now make the charge against the majority that it is not enacting an honest local option law." We doubt if ever a more finely-balanced collection of words was ever put together to describe the true inwardness of a confiscatory measure.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

NEW ZEALAND'S "DRY" AREAS.

Mr. Sam. L. Stead, who recently visited New Zealand for Wolfe's schnapps and other lines of goods outside the Trade, has a story to tell of the vagaries of the no-license system. To show how the thing acts, he cites the case of Wallacetown, just outside the boundaries of Invercargill. There a hotel which formerly paid £2 per week rental now pays £16, so greatly has the trade gone up. The no-license town has suffered, as the workmen from outside the "dry" area will not come in to spend their money in that barred spot, but get their stores where they can also get their liquid refreshments. This the townspeople in the "dry" area are beginning to realise, as it pinches them in the pocket, and property values are going down. Mr. Stead heard from reliable authorities that there is more drunkenness among youths than was the case formerly. Those whom respectable hotelkeepers would not serve now get their own stuff in large quantities. Mr. Stead finds that in the no-license areas the hotel accommodation has woefully deteriorated. For many years the N.Z. country hotels were the best that he had ever seen; but the proprietors where the bars have been closed have allowed them to run down. In Dunedin the trade for over 40,000 people will after June be carried on by thirty hotels, all that survived the reduction vote last election, when sixteen hotels were closed. Many "temperance" women have told Mr. Stead that they were disappointed at the effects of no-license. They thought they were fighting for prohibition and find themselves deceived, as there is more drinking than ever. Business people who voted for no-license last time, declare that they will vote for license next time. They find that

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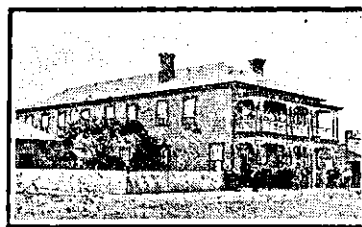
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there are more insolvencies and more booking in place of cash business, and business generally is worse than it has been. Mr. Stead's summing up is that "no-license is a farce." He believes that there will be a reaction next election; but the Trade must work better than they did in N.Z. last time, or they will have New Zealand completely dry.

LICENSING MEETINGS.

JUNE, 1909.

City of Auckland.—Tuesday, 1st June, S.M. Court, High-street.
 Marsden.—Tuesday, 1st, June (to be adjourned to 15th June) Court House, Whangarei.
 Kaipara.—Tuesday, 1st. June (to be adjourned) Court House, Dargaville.
 Parnell.—Wednesday, 2nd. June, Bor. Council Chambers, Parnell.
 Ohinemuri.—Wednesday, 2nd. June, Court House, Paeroa.
 Tauranga.—Wednesday, 2nd. June, Court House, Tauranga.
 Waitemata.—Friday, 4th. June, Bor. Council Chambers, Devonport.
 Thames.—Friday, 4th. June, Court House, Thames.
 Bay of Islands.—Friday, 4th. June, Court House, Kawakawa.
 Manukau.—Monday, 7th. June, Court House, Onehunga.
 Waikato.—Monday, 7th. June, Court House, Hamilton.
 Franklin.—Wednesday, 9th. June, Court House, Mercer.
 Bay of Plenty.—Wednesday, 9th. June, Court House, Rotorua.

TASTER'S FEATS.

INFALLIBLE TEST OF BRANDY ADULTERATION.

NEVER-FAILING PALATE.

Mr. F. H. Godsell, the official taster to the War Office, who gave interesting evidence on Tuesday before the Whisky Commission, is a wholesome wine and spirit merchant in the City. He was good enough on Wednesday to give some further particulars as to his occult science. He is "liquor wise" by inherited knowledge and by a lifetime of study and application. His family have been wine and brandy merchants in the City for generations, and he himself has been in the trade for fifty-two years, succeeding to his father's business as a boy of seventeen.

"THE ONLY RELIABLE TEST."

"Does the palate of the expert taster give a reliable test of the quality of brandy?" he was asked. "It is the only reliable test," he replied.

"But cannot a chemist discover by processes of analysis the constituents of brandy?"

"To a certain extent, yes. The chemist can ascertain what a sample of brandy contains, but he cannot discover what it will taste like. Between two brandies of different class

analysis would detect differences, but between two brandies of the same class, one of which was of a better vintage, the differences would be too subtle for the chemist to detect."

"And you would never make a mistake?"

"Never. Give me a brandy to taste, adulterated with the smallest proportion of plain spirit, and my palate will not only detect the adulteration but tell you the proportion of plain spirit which has been mixed with the pure grape product. And give me a sample of grape brandy from any other brandy-producing country than Cognac, from Spain, or from Australia, and I will tell you at once where it comes from."

"And you make your tests blindfold?"

"I am not blindfolded in the sense that my eyes are bandaged. But when a number of samples are placed before me to taste, the bottles from which they have been poured out are covered up so that the label or any identifying mark upon the bottle shall not influence my judgment."

RELIANCE ON THE NOSE.

"And do you drink a little of each sample?"

"I drink none at all. If I take a little into my mouth I spit it out as soon as I have judged the effect upon the palate. But first, and chiefly I rely upon the nose, and it is very rarely that the nose fails."

Of the exactitude of the palate test Mr. Godsell gave a curious illustration. He was called in to make a valuation of a large wine merchant's stock of wines and spirits of many kinds. His valuation came to between £15,000 and £16,000. He found afterwards that another eminent expert had previously made a separate examination. The two valuations varied by less than a hundred pounds.—Daily Mail.

The continuance of the Taranaki vineyard in the Masterton district, owing to the carrying of No-license last November, became a matter of considerable uncertainty, and at one time Mr. W. G. Lamb, the proprietor, was of opinion that he would be unable to continue his business owing to technicalities in the law. Mr. Lamb has, however, consulted a firm of leading solicitors in Wellington, and it is understood that the opinion is favourable to his continuing the manufacture of wine in a No-license district.

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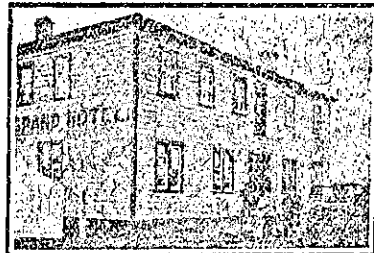
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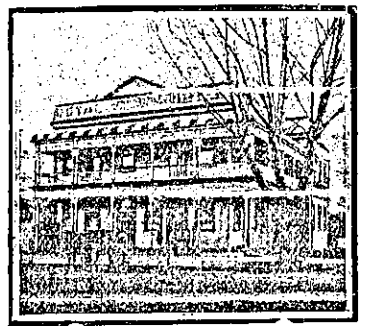
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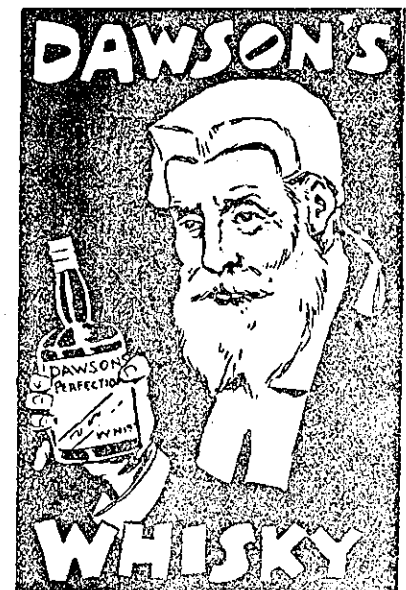
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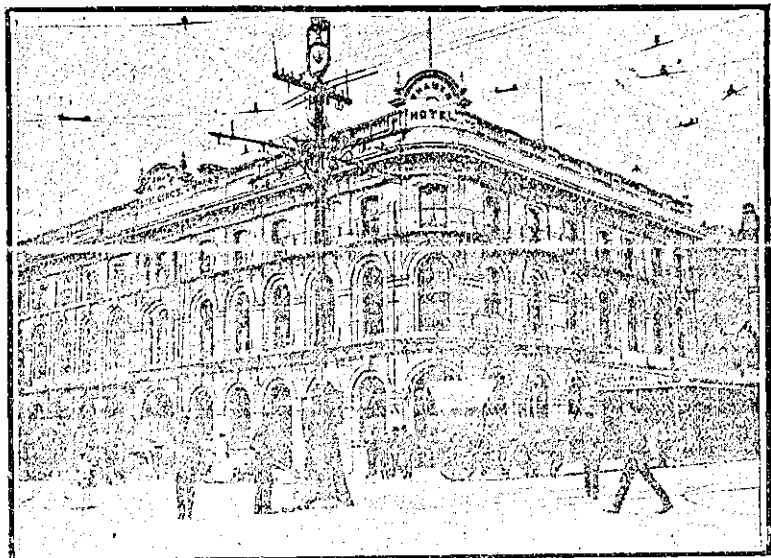
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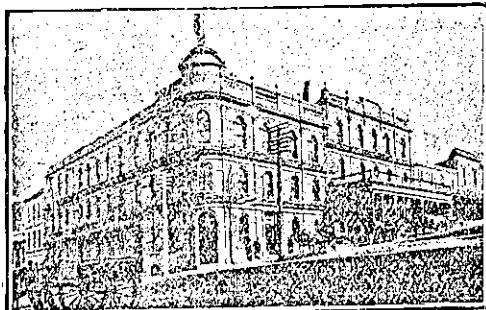
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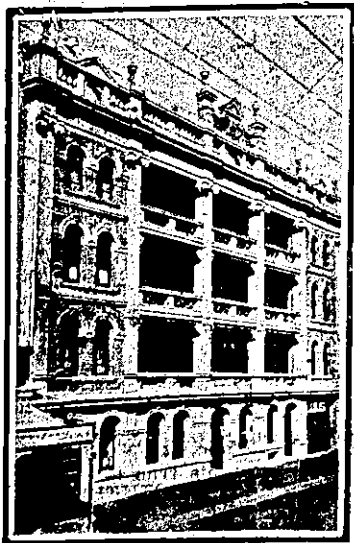
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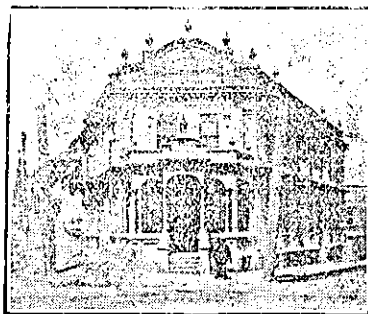
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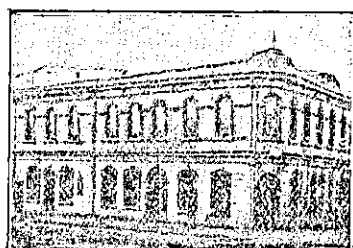
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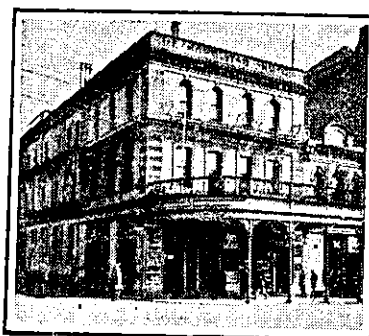
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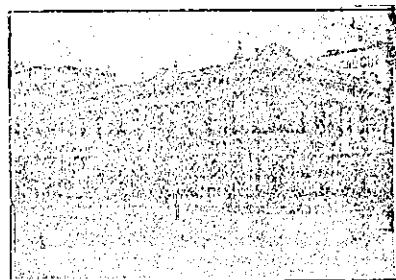
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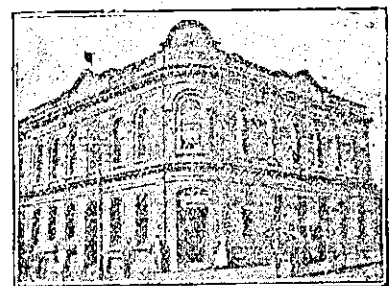
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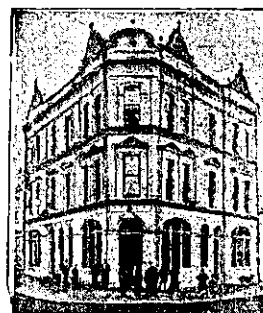
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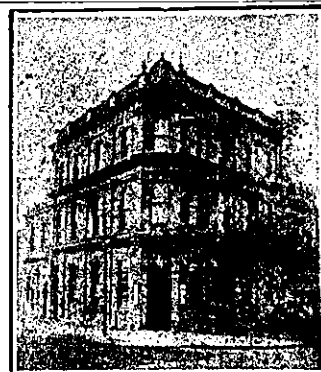
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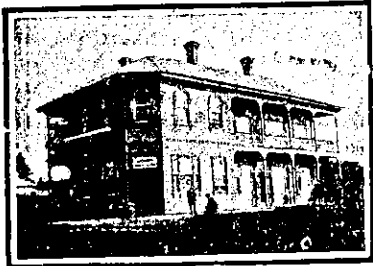
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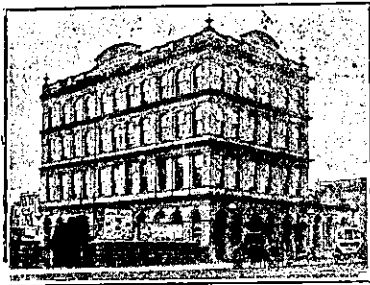
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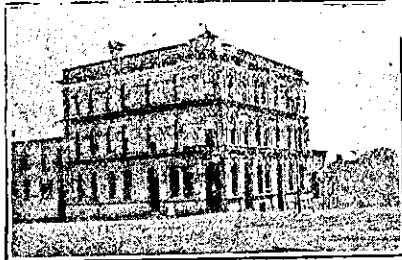
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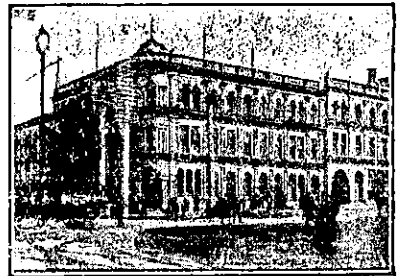
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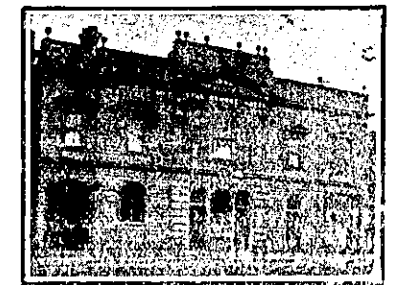
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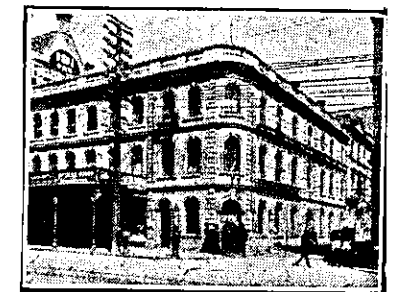
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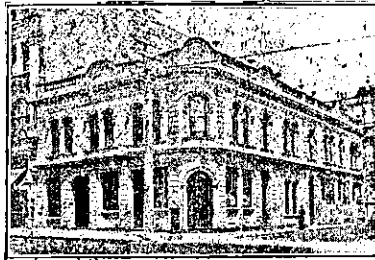
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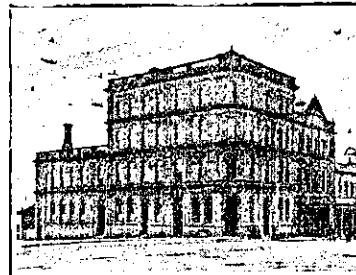
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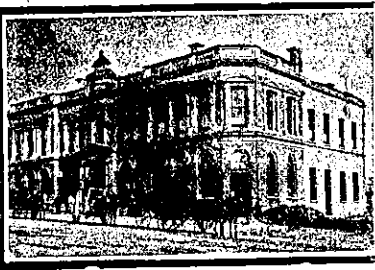
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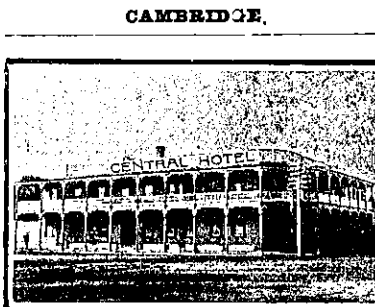
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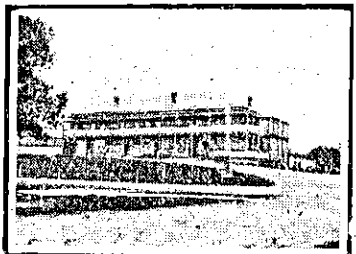
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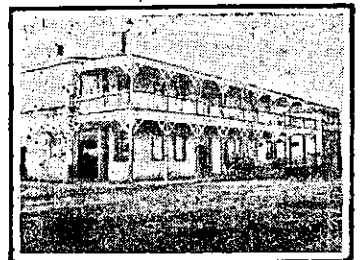


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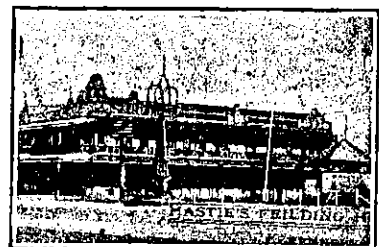
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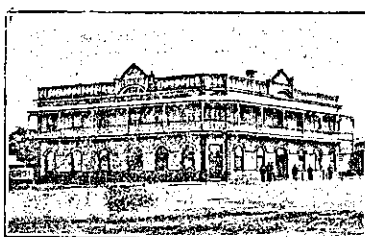
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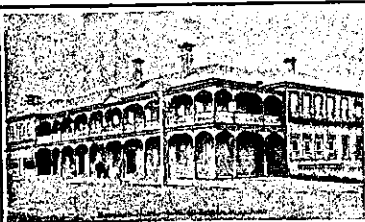


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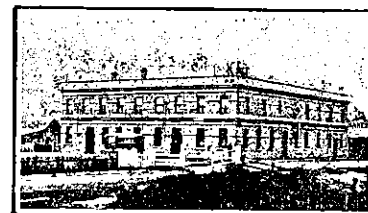
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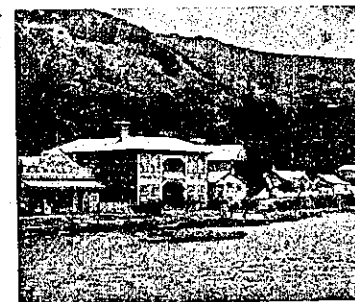


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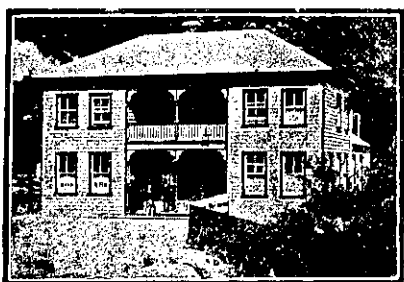
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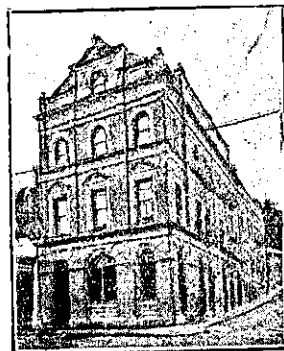
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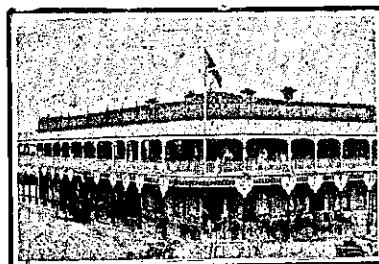
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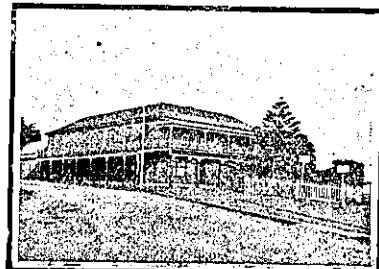
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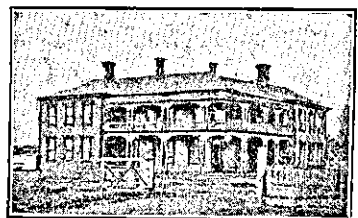
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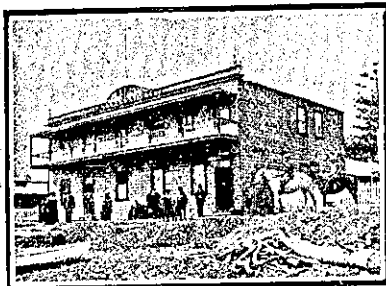
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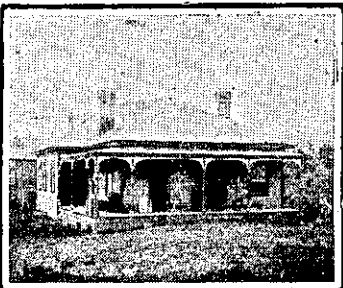
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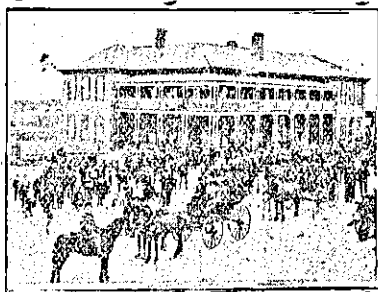
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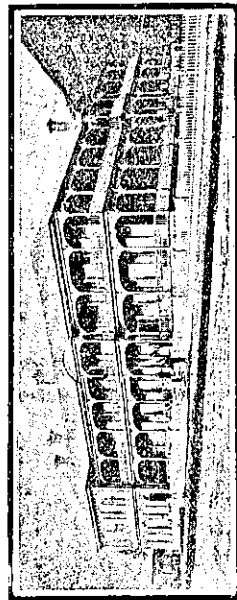
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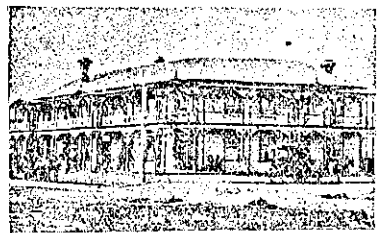


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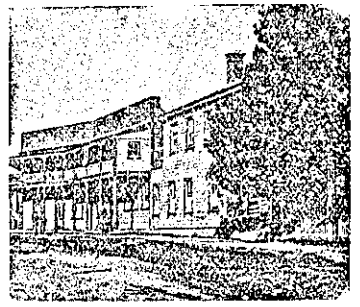


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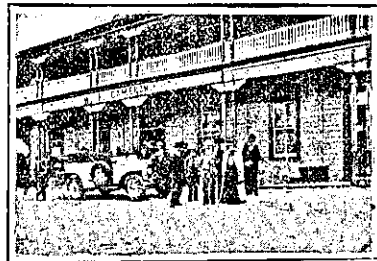
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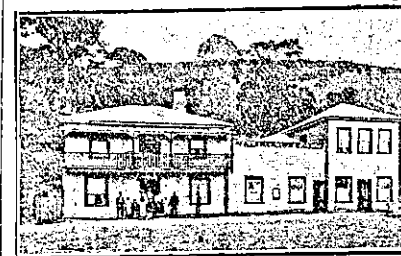
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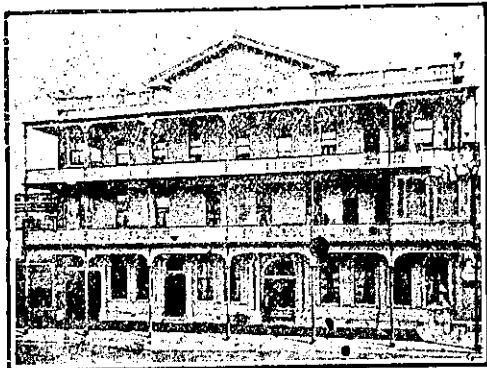
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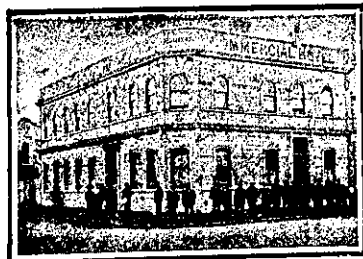
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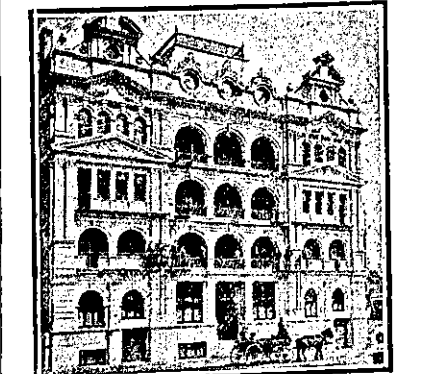
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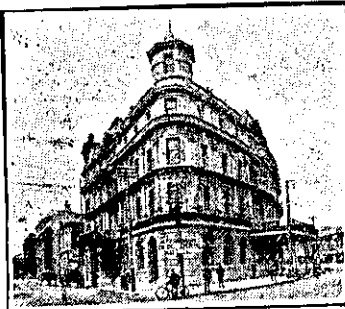
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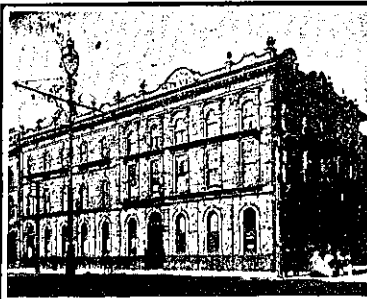


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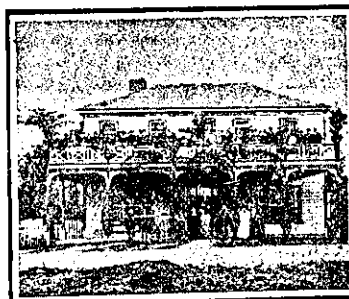
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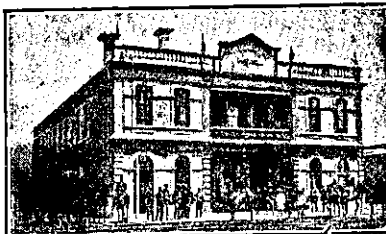
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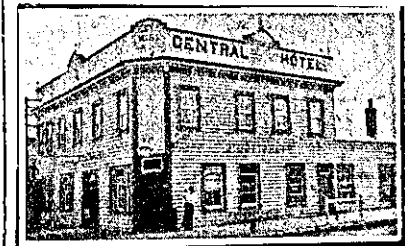
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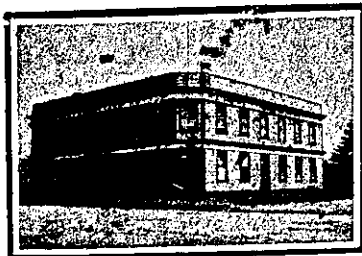
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