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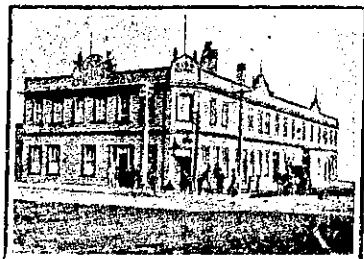
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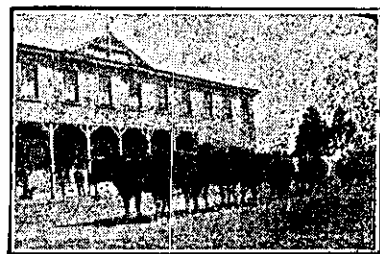
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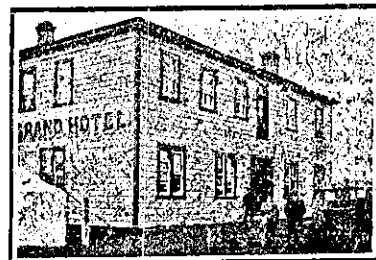


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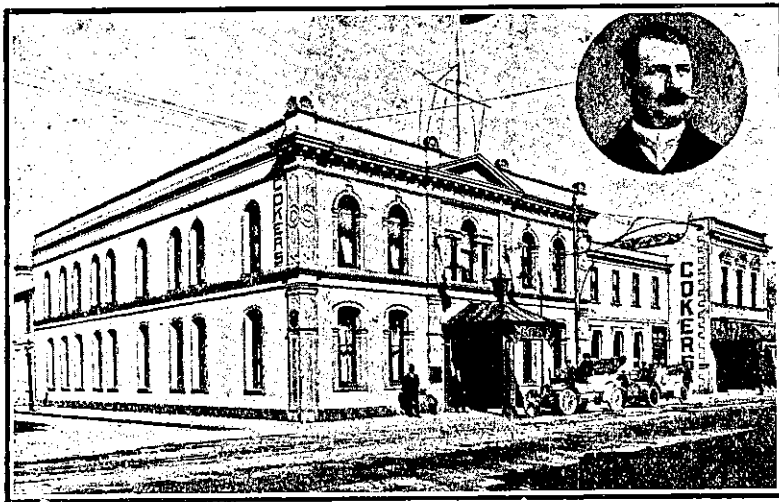


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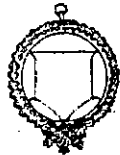
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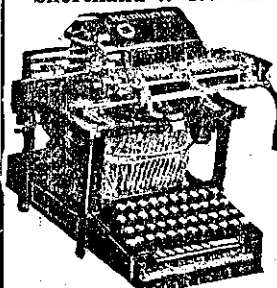
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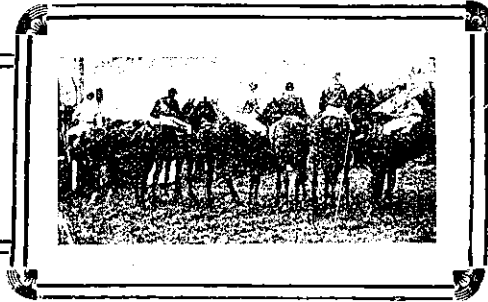


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RACING CALENDAR.

SEASON 1908-09.

FIXTURES.

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.

June 16 and 17—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
June 23 and 24—Napier Park R.C. Winter

HANDICAPS.

June 19—Gisborne R.C. (first day)
June 6—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
June 18—Napier Park R.C. Winter

ACCEPTANCES.

June 11—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
June 19—Napier Park R.C. Winter
June 30—Gisborne R.C. (first day)

FINAL PAYMENTS.

June 4—A.R.C. Great Northern Steeplechase.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

OPENS THIS AFTERNOON AT
ELLERSLIE.

THE GREAT NORTHERN HURDLES

"How time flies!" It seems but yesterday since I saw Waipu come home in the van, followed by Sol and Lady Hune, in the Great Northern Hurdles. However, that is twelve months ago today, and once more we are looking forward to the principal jumping event of the North Island. The Great Northern meeting is, I think, first favourite with racegoers, and justifiably so, as it is always productive of the finest jumping contests, and most of the best horses of the dominion are brought together to try conclusions. The course is at present in splendid order, and, given fine weather, a large attendance can safely be written down. Capital acceptances have been received for the various events, and as Mr. Morse appears to have the winners carefully concealed, the racing should prove interesting. The meeting will be opened to-day and continued on Saturday and Wednesday. The principal event on to-day's programme is, of course, the Great Northern Hurdle Race, and the following horses remain in after the final payment:—

THE GREAT NORTHERN HURDLE RACE of 850sovs; second horse to receive 100sovs and third horse 50sovs out of the stake. Over 10 flights of hurdles. Two miles and a-half.

| | st. lb. | | st. lb. |
|----------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Paritutu | 11 6 | Irish | 10 0 |
| Kairoma | 10 18 | Newtown | 9 11 |
| Waipu | 10 7 | Belario (inc.) | 9 3 |
| Cuiragno | 10 5 | 7lb pen.) | 9 3 |
| Swagsman | 10 4 | Reservoir | 9 10 |
| Sol | 10 4 | Creusot | 9 4 |
| Jack Pot | 10 2 | Bully | 9 3 |

From the list it will be noticed that there are 13 horses left in, Paritutu heading the list with 11.6 down against him. The son of Castor has been hitting out well in his work on the track, and must be given a great chance, as he is a good jumper, a stayer, and has undoubted pace. Kairoma follows with 10.13, and with only 7lb less than the top weight, will want to improve on any of his past performances to credit the Hon. J. D. Ormond with the Great Northern of 1909. Kairoma cut up very badly in a gallop over a mile and three-quarters over the hurdles on Saturday morning in company with Waipu, and although the pace was slow the first mile, he appeared to have had quite enough at the finish. Waipu (10.7) has a nice racing weight, and as he won the event last year, his staying the distance is assured. However, it will be just as well to remember that his victory last year was made easy for him by Paritutu, Omati, Dolores and Aorangi falling at the second fence from home. Waipu should be running on at the end when some of his opponents are stopping. Cuiragno (10.5) certainly won on the second day of the Takapuna meeting, but it cannot be said that his performance was

brimful of credit, as he only defeated Irish a head after a great struggle. Swagsman (10.4) has all he is entitled to, and as he walked away from the track about a fortnight ago lame, he may not be at his best. Sol (10.4) ran second last year, and but for the accidents during the race it is doubtful whether he would have gained a place. Sol started in the race won by Te Arai at Takapuna, and finished amongst the also started. Jack Pot (10.2) is well treated, and being well off in the matter of condition, should run well, but his chance is more fancied in the Steeplechase. Irish (10.0) has previously won the event, but that is a long time ago, and he is not likely to retain the same form. Irish did not walk away too sound on Saturday, and this is not in his favour. Newton (9.11) has a good jumper's chance, but there seems to be a doubt about his staying ability. Belario, who, by annexing the Century Hurdles at Wanganui, has to put up a 7lb penalty, will only have 9.8 to carry, and will undoubtedly take a lot of beating. Judging by reports to hand, Belario's performance at Wanganui was full of merit, notwithstanding that there were a number of mishaps during the race. Reservoir (9.10) has always finished up his races like a stayer, and the same remarks apply to Creusot (9.4). Some favour the chance of Creusot more highly in the Hurdles than in the Steeplechase. Bully, who figures at the bottom of the list with 9.3, has shown himself to be possessed of undoubted pace, and as he jumps well may run prominently, but his second to Pukenui at Takapuna was but a moderate one.

The acceptances for the minor events to be decided on the opening day are:—

MAIDEN STEEPLECHASE, about two miles and a-half.—Le Beau 11.1, Te Arai 10.7, Mozart 10.6, Nestator 10.5, Waihekau 9.13, Mawhiti 9.13, Te Kainui 9.12, Mangamahaki 9.8, Wairaka 9.7, Armagh 9.7, Red McGregor 9.7.

JERVOIS HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Hohungatahi 9.7, Miscast 9.0, Miss Advance 9.0, Turbine 8.13, Explosive 8.12, All's Well 8.9, Starboard 8.8, Zinnia 8.8, Coromandel 8.6, Klondyke 8.5, Norma 8.4, Durability 8.4, John 8.3, Blue Garment 8.2, Michaeloff 8.2, Cyrettus 8.1, Censure 8.1, Don Quex 8.1, Totika 8.1, Flying Soul 8.0, Madam Soul 8.0, Castle Blaney 8.0, Toa Tere 8.0, Silent 8.0.

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE, one mile and three-quarters.—Stayboy 11.5, Notorini 10.2, Bully 9.13, Tui Cakobau 9.11, Carlyle 9.7, Cymri 9.7, Quebec 9.3, Waione 9.3, Heathen 9.0, Leo 9.0, Urania 9.0, Pleiades 9.0.

CORNWALL HANDICAP, one mile and a-quarter.—Irish Rifle 10.2, Oxtion 9.12, Advocate 9.8, Ngapuka 9.6, Sedition 9.2, Waimangu 8.13, Delegate 8.12, Wauchope 8.9, Scotty 8.7, Maheno 8.7, Stayboy 8.5, Waihuka 8.3, First Gun 8.2, Lord Rosebery 8.1.

HUNTERS' HURDLE RACE, two miles.—Bachelor 11.3, Warden 10.6, Rouseabout 10.3, Putaruru 10.2, Red McGregor 10.1, Mangapapa 10.0, Carcken 10.0, Stroller 10.0, Gordon Regel 10.0, Boxer 10.0.

MEMBERS' HANDICAP, five furlongs.—Grenadier 10.3, Foremost 9.5, Dogger Bank 9.3, Devonport 8.13, Santa Rosa 8.12, Hohungatahi 8.11, Tarina 8.6, Miscast 8.4, Lady French 8.4, Turbine 8.2, Maika 8.1, Almwell 8.0.

THE STEEPLECHASE.

The meeting will be continued on Saturday, when the second day's racing will be decided, the chief attraction being, of course, the Great Northern Steeplechase. It is hardly necessary to say that great interest will be taken in the race, not only because it is the one great cross-country event of the North Island, but because it is the second "leg" of the "Northern" double. It is to be hoped that the weather conditions are favourable and the contest over the trying course of three miles and a-half is completed without mishap, so that the best horse at the weights may claim the attention of the judge. The acceptances are as follow:—

| | st. lb. | | st. lb. |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| Kiaterere | 12 6 | Cuiragno | 10 8 |
| Sol | 12 2 | Waipu | 10 2 |
| Audax | 10 13 | Kremlin | 9 13 |
| Jack Pot (inc. 7lb pen.) | 10 6 | Oryx | 9 11 |
| Maidi | 10 6 | Pawa | 9 11 |
| Irish | 10 4 | Playmate | 9 9 |
| Capitol | 10 4 | Te Arai | 9 8 |
| Creusot | 10 8 | Mawhiti | 9 7 |
| Le Beau | 10 3 | Whimper | 9 7 |

It will be noticed that the acceptance list numbers 18, but probably the field will not reach more than eight or nine. The field may not be large,

numerically speaking, but it must be admitted that it is well off on the score of quality. As on former occasions, Kiaterere heads the handicap, and with 12.5 opposite his name the son of Castor cannot complain. Kiaterere has been over the course so many times that he should know it as a schoolboy knows his A B C. On two previous occasions the Great Northern Steeplechase has been placed to his credit—in 1905, when he carried 11.3 to victory, and in 1907, when he came home in the van, notwithstanding that he had the steadier of 12.13 in the saddle. As he looks well off in the matter of condition, he may be depended upon to run a sterling race. Sol, who won the event in 1906, comes next with 12.2, or 3lb less than the top weight. Sol is such a genuine little stayer and a clever jumper that he must be entitled to respect. The son of Soul filled the role of runner-up to Loch Fyne last year. Audax has gone amiss and will not start, much to the chagrin of those who back doubles early. Maidi is said to be a starter, but the roan mare has to be taken on trust in a steeplechase, although she has a good record over the small sticks. Should Maidi negotiate the obstacles safely, she may run well with only 10.5 to carry. Irish (10.4) is a good horse when at his best, but three miles and a-half with a select field may not be in his favour. Capitol (10.4) is a horse whose chance is highly estimated, and there is no getting away from the fact that he is a beautiful jumper, and one who may be relied upon to complete the course. Le Beau (10.3) filled third place last year, and also ran second to Eurus in the C.J.C. Grand National Steeplechase. However, Le Beau may not be quite at his best, and perhaps the last half-mile will prove beyond him. Creusot (10.3) registered an attractive performance at Ellerslie when he won the Autumn Steeplechase very easily, and his chance is highly estimated in some quarters. Cuiragno (10.3) and Waipu (10.2) may be missing from the number of starters, but Jack Pot, who was originally weighted at 9.13, but will now have to put up a 7lb penalty, bringing his impost up to 10.6, reads well. In the Wanganui Steeplechase, Jack Pot was sent out a warm favourite, and reports state that he was sailing right away from his field half-a-mile from home when he fell. On the second day of the meeting Jack Pot had no difficulty in winning the Grandstand Steeplechase by 15 lengths from Eurus. The latter won the C.J.C. Grand National Steeplechase last year. Should Jack Pot stand up he may be depended upon to put up a great fight. Kremlin, Pawa, Oryx and Playmate will probably be non-starters, while Te Arai's displays in his schooling tasks have been anything but promising. Mawhiti (9.7) is a good jumper, but that is about all that can be said for him, and Whimper, who figures last on the list, should be amongst the absentees. Taken all round, the contest for supremacy should be a stirring one, and one worth going some distance to witness.

TRAINING NOTES.

SATURDAY.

F. Macmanemin was again the early bird, but in consequence of a heavy fog and mist very little could be seen before breakfast. Ngapuka had slightly the best of Scotty over the seven furlong course on the grass, and Turbine sprinted half a mile. Wauchope and Hohungatahi (separately) spurted four furlongs. Blue Garment and Coromandel hopped off at the five furlong mark from a standing start, finishing together. Tui Cakobau had Irish well settled at the end of one and a-half miles on the sand, running once round in 2.3 1-5. Censure and Maheno spurted. After the breakfast interval Madam Soul was slightly ahead of Starboard in a half-mile scamper in 52sec. Santa Rosa left Waimangu and Sir Artegal out in the cold in a mile spin on the sand in 1.46 1-5. Zinnia was too smart for Flying Soul for five furlongs on the sand in 1.7 4-5, a mate bringing them home. Dainty, alone, took 55sec. to negotiate half a mile, which distance Grenadier got over in 51 3-5. Advocate made a good finish with Epsom

Lass for three-quarters of a mile in 1.21 on the sand, Rosavere being beaten off. Leo led Reservoir and Creusot over the hurdles on the course proper for about 10½ furlongs; the trio finished in this order, running round in 2.24. Tarina and Miscast galloped the last four of five furlongs in 53 1-5sec. Tattoo led Cymri at the end of six furlongs, the last five furlongs in 1.10 2-5. It was a good finish between Newtown and Bully on the course proper, over the hurdles, the round taking 2.19 1-5. Kremlin held Urania for a circle on the sand in 2.1. Miss Advance and Michaeloff, with Escamillo in the rear, had a ding-dong tussle at the end of seven furlongs in 1.30 1-5, and Tamainupo and All's Well got over six furlongs in 1.19 on the sand. Waipu and Kairoma, with Carlyle to assist, galloped a round over the schooling hurdles on the course proper, the former having all the best of the gallop, running the circuit in 2.26 1-5. Castle Blaney had all the best of Carmania from the four furlong post in 53sec.

Foremost slipped over the half mile in company with Silent in the good time of 51 4-5sec., Silent taking 53sec. Lord Rosebery beat Waihuka at the end of a mile in 1.50, and Waihekau ran round the sand in 2.10. First Gun and Cuiragno did a circle in 2.6 1-5, and Warden jumped a few hurdles nicely. Wanakau jumped the steeplechase jumps. Jack Pot, looking bright and muscular, did a couple of rounds at three-quarter pace. The Heathen jumped the small sticks alone. Mangapapa had a slight advantage of The Stroller on the course proper over the hurdles. Capitol, Sol, Nestator, and Red McGregor started at the sod wall and jumped the water jump, stone wall and the old water jump, where Nestator balked and brought Red McGregor to grief. The others waited and went over the hill, making no further mistakes, and finished as above. Red McGregor took no further part in the contest.

Kiaterere, Le Beau, Armagh, and another gave a splendid exhibition of jumping over the same course, finishing as above in 2.55. Te Kainui and Te Arai got safely round the big country, but did not impress the spectators very much. Don Hannibal cantered round to the five furlong post and ran home in 1.8 2-5. Irish Rifle, Belario, Norma, Ben Jonson, Imprius, Luminator, Dawn, Oxtion, and others also worked.

TUESDAY.

Before breakfast a heavy fog prevented the onlookers from timing the gallops, as all the posts were obscured. Maheno and Rimlock galloped about seven furlongs together, and Scotty led Ngapuka home over a similar distance. Censure galloped a mile at top, and Turbine and Dogger Bank (separately) sprinted a few furlongs. Grenadier galloped five furlongs at top, finishing well. Coromandel and Blue Garment sprinted. Irish, with Carlyle and Armagh at different stages galloped twice round the sand in 4.14. Wauchope ran a mile on the sand in 1.52, while his stable mate, Hohungatahi, spurted.

After breakfast Santa Rosa settled Waimangu's chance over seven furlongs in 1.31, and Starboard slipped away from the five furlong post in 1.8 4-5. Escamillo alone got to the end of six furlongs in 1.21 3-5. Advocate finished too well for Epsom Lass at the end of three-quarters of a mile in 1.19 3-5.

First Gun was in front of Miscast over a similar journey in 1.20 3-5. Zinnia, from a standing start, easily beat Flying Soul from the five furlong mark in 1.8. Dawn was ahead of Oxtion in a seven furlong bout in 1.35 1-5. Reservoir surprised everybody by leading Waipu home in a circle in 2.1 4-5, while Tamainupo slipped away from the six furlong post, finishing in 1.22. Almwell easily settled Miss Advance in a short sprint. Belario, Kairoma, and Waione galloped a round over the battens on the course proper, Kairoma striking the second hurdle and pulling up lame. The round took 2.21 1-5. Tarina scampered over half a mile in 52 4-5sec.

Kremlin finished too strong for Urania in a circuit in 1.57 3-5. Dainty, Sir

Artegal, and Bully finished together at the end of seven furlongs in 1.35. Tat-too and Cymri galloped about seven furlongs in company in 1.34 4-5, and Newtown easily held Cuiragno in a round in 1.59 3-5. Delegate and Sedition ran the last six of seven furlongs in 1.22. Creusot did a couple of rounds at half-pace. Lord Rosebery led Waihuka home over seven furlongs in 1.35 3-5, and Durability had a flutter over five furlongs in 1.6 4-5. Foremost, alone, finished well in a short sprint, and Irish Rifle, not looking for time, left six furlongs behind in 1.24 3-5. Norma ran away from Silent in a four furlong flutter in 52sec. The Heathen, alone, with weight in the saddle, got to the end of nine furlongs in 2.3 4-5. Ben Jonson, looking well, jumped a few hurdles on the course proper. Noteorini also jumped a few hurdles, and then did a solid round, finishing strongly. Madam Soult sprinted. Capitol, Red McGregor, and another finished in this order over the steeplechase proper.

Le Beau and Kiatere gave a finished display of jumping over the same course; Te Arai assisted. Mawhiti, Nestator, and a mate went over the big country. Nestator fell at the double and took no further part in the gallop. The others finished without any mishap.

NOTES ON THE MEETING.

Kairoma is regarded as an unlikely starter in the Great Northern Hurdles. In company with Belario and Waione, Kairoma started for a schooling task over the hurdles on Tuesday morning, but he fell at the first fence and injured himself.

Jack Pot has been strongly supported during the last few days. If he is, as rumour says, as good as Moifaa, there is a chance of him annexing the double. However, he has yet to prove himself as good as Moifaa.

Nestator has cut a very sorry figure on each of the last two occasions that he has attempted to negotiate the steeplechase country. On Saturday the chestnut ran off, while on Tuesday he fell.

Le Beau and Kiatere were sent a round of the country on Tuesday morning, and both acquitted themselves attractively. Le Beau is in strong demand for the Steeplechase.

A horse who is fast coming into favour for the Hurdles is Reservoir. The chestnut never gave Waipu a chance in a gallop over a circuit on the flat.

Lady French put up an attractive performance at Avondale, when she came home in the van, and she appears to be well treated in the Members' Handicap this afternoon with 8.4. The minimum weight is 8.0.

Red McGregor, who figures amongst the acceptances for the Maiden Steeplechase and also the Hunters' Hurdles this afternoon looks like turning out well. In the Maiden Hurdles at Takapuna, won by Pukenui, Red McGregor finished close up fourth, after making up a good deal of ground over the last three furlongs. Bachelor figures top-weight in the Hunters' Hurdles.

Santa Rosa is galloping attractively just now, and never gave Waimangu and Sir Artegal a chance in a gallop over a mile on the sand on Saturday.

Leo put up an attractive performance when he finished in front of Reservoir and Creusot over a round of the hurdles on the course proper. Leo is engaged in the Maiden Hurdle race this afternoon.

Te Arai, who figures in the Great Northern Steeplechase, has given a very poor display on each occasion he has been asked to face the country at Ellerslie.

In a schooling task with Kiatere, Capitol and Red McGregor, on Saturday morning, Nestator tried to run off at the old water jump under the willow trees, and brought down Red McGregor.

After his performance with Kairoma over the hurdles on Saturday morning, Waipu has come into favour for the Great Northern Hurdles.

Irish did not appear too sound on Saturday morning.

At present it appears that there will not be more than seven or eight starters in the Great Northern Steeplechase. However, quality, if not quantity, will be there, should Kiatere, Sol, Jack Pot, Capitol, Creusot, and Le Beau all face the starter.

The first race at Ellerslie to-day is timed to start at 11.45 a.m.

Paritutu was an absentee from the track on Tuesday, but it is said there is no cause for alarm on the part of his supporters.

The much fancied Belario won the Ladies' Bracelet on the opening day of the Northern Meeting last year.

The winner of the Members' Handicap last year, Foremost, has 9.5 to carry in the same event this afternoon.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond, who had three strings to his bow when the weights appeared for the Hurdles, will probably be left without a representative. Audax amiss, North Head sold, and Kairoma lame is the cause.

The Great Northern Steeplechase has only once been won by a horse carrying the minimum, 9.7. This was in 1893, when Despised scored and returned his 21 supporters on the machine outside the large dividend of £93 5s, while those on the inside machine received £37 12s.

Sol (12.2) and Kiatere (12.5), who figure amongst the field for the Great Northern Steeplechase, have each previously won the event. Sol won in 1906 when carrying 11.3, but Kiatere goes one better, the son of Castor having scored in 1905 and 1907, on the first occasion carrying 11.0, and on the second the heavy burden of 12.13. Can Kiatere win a third time?

Belario (The Officer—Sprite), the latest winner of the Century Hurdles, was bred by the Hon. J. D. Ormond, and was sold as a two-year-old at Palmerston North for 14 guineas. Last season Belario started upon 24 occasions, winning awards coming his way three times, his annexations being registered in the Welter Handicap at Marton, the Welter Hack at the spring venture of the Feilding Jockey Club, and the Ladies' Bracelet at the winter gathering of the A.R.C. Last year Mahoe represented Mr. J. Bull in the Century Hurdles, but failed to get a place.

The racehorse Don Hannibal has been purchased by Mr. W. Lyons, and it is stated that he will be shipped to Sydney at an early date. The price realised for Don Hannibal has not yet transpired.

If anything were wanting to show the interest taken in the present meeting, it was afforded on Saturday morning, when the number of touts present reminded one of the scene in the morning during the final gallops for the Auckland Cup.

Wairaka, who showed promise of turning out well when in C. Weal's hands a couple of seasons ago, figures amongst the acceptances for the Maiden Steeplechase to-day with the minimum, 9.7. Wairaka's best performance over country is, I think, his second to Swimmer at Takapuna. But that is a long time ago.

Starboard put up a promising performance at Takapuna on the second day, when he won the five and a-half furlongs' race very easily, and the son of Daystar has been acquitting himself well in his work. Starboard is one of the large field of 24 in the Jervis Handicap.

Waione, concerning whom good reports come to hand from the South, went well in company with Belario over the hurdles on the course proper on Tuesday morning. Waione will be amongst the starters in the Maiden Hurdles this afternoon.

Stayboy, who has 11.5 in the Maiden Hurdles, also figures in the Cornwall Handicap with 8.5. Evidently Stayboy has plenty of pace.

Maidi will be ridden by that clever horseman, W. Young, in her Auckland engagements.

Old Scotty is moving nicely in his work at present, and may not be a past light.

STIPENDIARY STEWARDS.

The Wanganui Jockey Club, which has taken a lead in advocating the introduction of stipendiary stewards, will move, through their delegate, at the meeting of the Racing Conference to be held in July, 1909, as follows:—

That rule 2, part V., of Racing (page 22), be amended to read as follows:— (a) Any metropolitan club or any number of metropolitan clubs jointly may from time to time appoint any number of persons not exceeding one for each metropolitan club and not being members of the committee of any racing or jockey club to act as stipendiary stewards at any registered meeting held within the areas of their respective jurisdiction and may by resolution define the term of office powers (including the power to disqualify) duties and remuneration of such stewards and shall determine by what clubs and in what proportions such remuneration shall be paid or provided for. Provided that at any race meeting held under the management of the metropolitan club the powers of such stewards shall be confined to investigating any matter which in their opinion requires investigation and to reporting thereon to the committee of

such club or the stewards of the day of such club and recommending what penalty (if any) should be imposed either by way of disqualification or otherwise.

(b) At any registered meeting held under the management of any club other than a metropolitan club the stewards appointed under this rule shall have and may exercise the powers conferred upon them in the same way as the committee or stewards of such club could have or exercise the same and every decision given by the stewards so appointed in respect of any matter occurring at any such meeting as to which they shall have power to give a decision shall for all purposes be deemed to have been given by the committee or stewards of the club under whose management such meeting is held and shall be subject to appeal to the committee of the metropolitan club having jurisdiction in like manner as a decision of the committee or stewards of a club.

(c) The committee of any metropolitan club having jurisdiction may by resolution determine who shall act as stewards or as a steward under this rule in the event of all or any of the stewards appointed under this rule not being present at any recognised meeting.

(d) One or more of the stewards appointed under this rule may, if requested by the committee or stewards of any metropolitan club be present at any investigation or inquiry held by such committee or stewards.

MELBOURNE TROTTING CLUB.

SIRES' PRODUCE STAKES.

Regarding the Sires' Produce Stakes trotting events that will take place on the Richmond racecourse in July, 1912, under the auspices of the Melbourne Trotting Club, it is intimated by advertisement in the present issue that sires must be nominated with the secretary, Mr. A. J. Gray, 197 Bourke-street, Melbourne, on or before 16th June, the nominators of mares being due on 14th July. No nomination fee is charged for mares. The prize money offered is £500, for trotters and pacers, and the liberality of the club in thus allotting a large sum for competition is deserving of recognition by owners.

TURF TOPICS.

Auckland horses who figure among the nominations for the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase are Capitol and Creusot.

The injury to Audax is reported not to be of a serious nature.

The Birkenhead gelding Somateria broke down badly when competing at the North Otago Jockey Club's Meeting last week.

Mr. Ben Curtis, one time owner of Casket, winner of the Great Easter Handicap, is dead.

Mr. G. P. Donnelly intends to relinquish racing for the time, and his colours will shortly disappear from the Turf. Eldorado has been leased to Mr. Troutbeck, and the rest of the team in training will be nominated for future events, and will probably be disposed of at an early date.

The ex-New Zealander, Mr. H. J. Pick, recently won another race in Australia with the old hurdle horse Mainspring, who is trained and ridden by T. Cahill.

Mr. St. John Buckley has donated a cup, valued 15 sovs., to the newly formed Oamaru Trotting Club, and the trophy will be attached to the principal race decided at the inaugural meeting, to be held on June 10.

Florio broke down badly in front while doing strong half-pace work at Napier Park recently.

The well-known steeplechaser, Kaipitipeti, is to be thrown out of training, and will in future be used as a hack by his trainer.

Plateau, by Seaton Delaval from Campania, has been leased to Mr. K. S. Macleod, and goes into I. Foulsham's stable.

Mooltan, about whose prospects of standing another severe preparation grave doubts are entertained, is at present doing useful work at Randwick.

Should Provocation be taken to Sydney in the spring, of which there is every prospect, he will be accompanied by Gravitation and Tribulation.

Sandix, who was entered for three events at the Auckland Meeting, fell on the road when returning from the Opaki course and cut both knees rather badly. This will throw him back in his preparation for some time.

I have to acknowledge receipt from the secretary of the Avondale Jockey Club, Mr. H. Hayr, of a neat little book containing the rules and regulations which govern meetings conducted by the Avondale Jockey Club.

F. Davis, Mr. T. H. Lowry's private trainer, has purchased a property in the vicinity of Green Meadows. Consequently it may be taken for granted that the whole of the bearers of the blue and gold racing uniform of the Squire of Okawa will be prepared at Napier Park for the future.

Master Douglas, who got killed in the Century Hurdles, was sold as a two-year-old for 33 guineas by his breeder, Mr. G. P. Donnelly.

A Sydney paper of recent date says: There was at least one surprised man at Tattersall's Club, and he was a member of the betting ring. During the busy hours of settling he was called outside and handed £10 on behalf of a person whose identity was not disclosed. The ringman was not sure that a mistake had not been made in being told that the tinner was his. He was not even told who to put the amount down to, but was ultimately assured that it represented conscience money, the bookmaker in question having overpaid a client to the extent of £10 a considerable time ago. The money was received with thanks.

Owing to the anti-gambling laws more money was wagered on the Derby in America than had ever been risked on an English race before. The bookmakers were large winners, owing to the defeat of the American horse Sir Martin. Americans resident in London wagered £50,000 on Sir Martin.

A Mount Barker (S.A.) syndicate of ten is credited with having received £10,000 in "sweep" money in five years. And yet few of us in long years of investment have landed even a "fiver" cash prize.

At a meeting of the Taieri Licensing Committee it was decided not to issue any conditional licenses for the present. This means that the Winter Meeting at Wingatu will be held without the sale of liquor.

With St. Aidan and North Head sold, and Nogi and Audax on the easy list, the Karamu jumping team is considerably reduced at the present time, but there is a big reserve force to draw on, and probably half a dozen more Birkenheads will be schooled before the winter season closes. It is stated that the stable shelters a 17-hands horse, who, when he is called upon to jump, will make even Audax look to his laurels.

Mr. A. Brown, who resigned his position at Glenora Park, Papakura, in order to take up the management of the Shipley Stud in Victoria, left for Sydney by the s.s. Victoria.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond has disposed of North Head to Mr. Chas. Coleman, of Auckland, for £650, and the son of Birkenhead arrived in Auckland by the Waikare on Wednesday night in charge of his new owner. Though a very wild jumper at present, North head is a promising hurdler, and should win many a race for Mr. Coleman.

The New Zealand-bred two-year-old Snowfoot (by Soult) has been added to the list. At his few efforts in Sydney Snowfoot failed to act up to his New Zealand form.

Golden Slipper has again been sent to Windsor, and is to remain there about six weeks. There have been few greater disappointments than the daughter of Multiform, who has so far shown herself a better galloper in private than in public. That she will ever stay is more than doubtful, but her poor displays at the A.J.C. meeting should cause her to be sufficiently well treated to give her a fair chance of picking up a good sprint race in the event of a return to her two-year-old form.

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BOXING.

JOHNSON HUNGRY FOR GLORY.

WILL FIGHT ANYONE.

Jack Johnson is as eager to fight as a good citizen ever becomes. He isn't particular as to the identity of his opponent. It's fight he wants, and he wants it soon, and he wants it for the glory more than the gold. Johnson likes glory. He likes to be pointed out on the streets as a man of distinction. He may have a white wife, but when he wanders down among his own people he likes to have the coloured lassies make eyes at him. Thus writes Barratt O'Hara, the well-known American boxing authority.

John L. Sullivan liked to be known as a "good fellow," Corbett cared chiefly for the golden showers that could be dragged from the clouds of fame. Fitzsimmons doted much and Jeffries not at all on publicity; but this Johnson chap dreams of the limelight when asleep and, when awake could, if necessary, apportion it into meals and live therefrom. To be a great public idol he would fight Jeffries, Ketchel, Corbett and Langford, in the same ring, one after the other, and for nothing. Not that he could get away with such a job, but if he had to in order to keep the public eye he would assuredly try it.

It is more than a question of individual idolatry. The whole philosophy of pugilism lies beneath. Johnson is a negro, and underneath the skin in his heart he is a loyal negro. In the 200 years of boxing as a public sport he is the first negro champion of the world, generally recognised, although almost a century ago one of his forbears laid claim to a similar distinction. Being champion, he wants the limelight for himself no more than his race. Moreover, he wants to make his reign—the reign of a negro champion—more brilliant than the reign of any of his white predecessors. Hence his eagerness to fight often, to take them all on, either beginning or ending with Jeffries.

WILL PUT UP BLUFF.

Bear this in mind, for in the course of the next few weeks much fight talk will centre around Johnson, and it is not unlikely that his friends will put him up to bluffing about guaranteed purses befitting the championship dignity. This may cause certain matches to hang fire, but it will all be bluff. In the end Johnson will throw down his hand and fight anyway. He won't let a solitary white man escape, and in the final play of influences in making the matches the money lever will count least of all. Johnson intends to whip them all or die in the attempt. That's my estimate of the man's mental attitude after talking with him daily for a week.

Right now Johnson has a forfeit up to fight Stanley Ketchel, the middle-weight champion, for a side bet of 5000 dollars, and all of the purse. Ketchel has a similar forfeit posted. Jack says he wants a guaranteed purse. So he does—if he can make the promoters come through with it. If they won't come through he'll take what he can get. Stanley doesn't take Johnson seriously. Better than Tommy Burns, but not a world-beater, is the Ketchel estimate of the new champion. If the Ketchel proposition falls through there is Jim Corbett. Jim is talking fight until he is blue in the vocal cords, and even he has reached the posting-of-a-forfeit stage. Jim isn't altogether sincere. He likes the advertising. He's playing to the galleries. But if he gets caught and a promoter more sentimental than sensible hangs up a good purse, Jim will fight the negro and get whipped, of course.

JEFF IS TAKING TIME.

Meanwhile Jeffries is waiting for the time to ripen. Jeff will fight when the red money is in sight. That's a moral; in my opinion he would fight if he were certain, absolutely certain, of winning.

"I'll be a dog if I get whipped by a negro," he said. "Don't take me for a fool. I know the public."

"What do you think of Johnson?" was asked.

"I haven't anything to say," he answered, then leaned over, smiled and added: "When I was matched with Munroe, I knew what he was. I knew that one punch would finish. But when anyone asked me what I thought of him I answered: 'I haven't anything to say.' I didn't have anything to say, that was true. I didn't lie."

INCIDENTS IN JOHN L. SULLIVAN'S CAREER.

John L. Sullivan has had a somewhat eventful career outside of the ring (says an American writer). He began his business life as a tinker in a South Boston tin shop long before he ever put a boxing glove on. John was very fond of playing ball, and noonday he returned to the shop about fifteen minutes after the whistle had blown. A burly foreman gave Sullivan a hard call down and also a kick with his heavy boot for being late, whereupon John, with a punch on the jaw, sent the bully through a glass window. The incident gained for Sullivan the name of the Boston strong boy, and made him a fighter.

After he became champion and was in high popular favour, Sullivan opened a big saloon in Washington-street, Boston. The opening was a regular circus and lasted for a month. I never saw so much wine and booze flow during the same time since. Sullivan, who was backed by a shrewd fellow named Mike Clarke, was obliged to remain in the cafe during the entire month. Clarke knew that Sullivan was the drawing card and wouldn't let him escape, so John ate and slept in the joint while hundreds of men gathered around him.

I really believe it was this prolonged racket that caused Sullivan's first breakdown. After two weeks of this all day and night wine guzzling Sullivan was a wreck, but he stuck to it until nature finally compelled him to quit. I think he was the sickest big man I ever saw when he was carried to the hotel for repairs. The saloon did but little business in John's absence, and he got so tired of posing as proprietor that he finally sold his end for a song.

Sullivan next tried his hand as sporting editor of a New York pictorial weekly, which was just before he fought Kilrain; but his copy, when it was in evidence, was so fierce that the owner of the paper soon dropped John from the payroll.

Mr. Martin Taylor, the well-known New Zealand coursing enthusiast, who will be in Sydney for the next six weeks (says "Amateur" of the "Referee"), desires me to say that he is prepared to back, in a six-rounds contest, a nephew of Bob Fitzsimmons—a young native of Timaru (N.Z.), 17 years of age, 5ft 11in high, and weighing 10st 10lb, against anyone his poundage in Australia, for £50 or £100 a-side. As it was Mr. Martin Taylor who introduced the late "Otto Cribb" to the boxing world, it might very reasonably be inferred that he knows what he is about in taking up the latest "Simmons development."

Alf. Gault, the Auckland feather-weight boxer, was billed to fight Frank O'Grady at the Galety Athletic Club, Sydney, on Saturday night last. Up to the time of writing the result of the contest was not known locally.

Once more Arthur Cripps defeated Joe Costa, the iron-jawed Italian, this time at the Brisbane Stadium and in the fourteenth round. In throwing in the towel from Costa's corner it was announced that the Italian's hand had gone back on him.

Sandow, the Auckland wrestler and boxer, was matched to fight "Rangi" Burns at Wollongong, N.S.W., on Saturday night last.

Johnson, according to Mr. McIntosh, is only getting from £50 to £60 a week for his show turns in the American vaudeville places—he got £200 weekly at the Tivoli in Sydney, while Tommy Burns was receiving £225.

Recently Peter Maher, the Irish champion, showed at the Wayne Athletic Club, Philadelphia, that he still retains some of his old power by knocking out Billy Turnbridge, a burly coloured heavy-weight, in three rounds. Turnbridge was no match for Maher at any stage of the game, for Peter knocked him through the ropes three times in the first round, but could not get the punch to the right spot. In the second round Peter knocked Turnbridge through the ropes twice. In the third round Peter got to Bill's jaw, and one punch settled the business. A whiff of old times, indeed, is Peter Maher. It was to Peter Jim Corbett handed the world's championship once, and when, soon, after Bob Fitzsimmons settled Peter in short order, Jim Corbett, like the pinafores schoolboy, said he didn't give the title "for keeps," and handed it back again. It was Peter Maher who fought those six slaughtering rounds with Joe Choynski in New York, and it was Peter Maher (as a brewer's carter) whom Peter Jackson met in Dublin, I think, and played with; this, of course, before Peter was heard of outside the Green Isle. Maher was a great fighter beyond any manner of means.

AERONAUTICS.

THE WILBUR WRIGHT AEROPLANE.

Now that aeroplanes are "in the air," it is interesting to learn what Wilbur Wright has to say about the manner in which he and his brother were criticised regarding their refusal to compete for the London-to-Manchester prize. Many people were surprised that the Wright Brothers did not immediately declare a purpose to win it. Their backwardness was contrasted with the forwardness of another experimenter, and publicly made the basis of an unfavourable judgment as to the credibility of their past performances. Wilbur Wright states, however, that it was never his practice to publicly announce intentions which he had no settled purpose of promptly carrying to a successful conclusion. Consequently it has resulted that while he has repeatedly said that he believed the prize would be won, he never said that he himself was about to make an attempt to win it. Wilbur Wright regards it as practically certain that the "Daily Mail" prize will not be won at the first attempt, and that it may not be won at the tenth attempt. The same authority points out that neither public safety nor the safety of the aviator will permit that he shall fly directly over cities. He therefore cannot follow a railroad line directly. He must make detours, and, after a city is passed, be able to select the right one of many lines which diverge from each large city. One of the Wilbur Wright aeroplanes, in the charge of an expert specially trained by the inventor, is due for delivery to Messrs. J. and N. Taft, in Melbourne, early in July.

ATHLETICS.

GOTCH WINS WRESTLING BOUT.

Frank Gotch, the American, who relieved Hackenschmidt, the Russian Lion, of the world's championship in the wrestling line, has just defended his title successfully in a mat contest with "Yussiff Mahmout of Bulgaria," at Chicago. The match took place on the night of April 14, and Gotch won with two straight falls.

There was a wrangle before the affair started. Yussiff wanted to wrestle in his bare feet, and Gotch insisted that the 'Garian wear shoes. Finally Yussiff offered to pay 500dol. out of his end of the purse for the privilege of going bare-footed, and Gotch agreed. They say Yussiff was as a child in the hands of the big American. Gotch won each fall with a crotch and half-Nelson, the first in eight minutes, and the second in 9min. 10sec. It is said that Gotch did not try for his dreaded toe hold once during the match.

If all that has been published about Gotch recently is to be believed, he has received some alluring offers from different parties in Melbourne who are anxious to arrange a Gotch-Hackenschmidt match for Melbourne Cup time. It is understood that it is Gotch's intention to take in the Alaska-Yukon Exposition at Seattle, and then go on to Australia.

R. E. Walker and V. Duncker were the stars at the Maritzburg sports on April 17, in a special 120yds hurdles event. Duncker was timed to do 15-1-5sec. which ties the world's record—if correctly taken, and everything else was in order. Apparently it was not a competition, merely an attempt on record (with a pacemaker), and thus it would not count as a record in Australasia, although it may be in accordance with S.A. rules. R. E. Walker won his heat in the 100yds handicap from scratch in 9 4-5sec, but through a bad start he could only manage fourth place in the final (inches separated the quartette). In the 220yds handicap V. Duncker, 12s yds, beat R. E. Walker, scr., by a yard in 22 3-5sec. In the final of the 100 metres handicap Duncker, 7yds, again beat Walker, scr. Duncker won by a yard in 10 4-5sec.

In the final of the Second Johannesburg 100yds Handicap on April 10 the placings were: W. Routledge, 12 ½ yds, 1; R. Munro, 12yds, 2; G. Thompson, 12 ½ yds, 3; A. R. Postle, scr., 4. Time, 9 ½ sec. Routledge left the others at the start, and won by one and a half yards. In the finish Postle was three and a half yards behind the winner; yard between second and third. In his heat in the semi-finals Postle won by inches in 9 4-5sec. On the same night B. R. Day won his heat in the 250yds from scratch in 27 4-5sec, but was unplaced in the final.

From particulars to hand of the race between Postle and Day for the 440yds Championship at Johannesburg on April 17, it would appear the Irishman was not in form—he was not running well, and did not fancy his chance. There were 6000 people present.

Writing to the Sydney "Referee" from New York, Mr. Hugh D. McIntosh says he is seriously contemplating running a "Marathon" race (26 miles 385 yards) in Australia, during the coming Summer—this evidently prompted by the success of the big "Marathons" in the United States. Mr. McIntosh, if he goes on with the scheme, will bring with him Dorando Pietri (Italy), T. Longboat (Canada), and J. J. Hayes (U.S.A.), and they will be pitted against a picked squad of the best distance runners Australia.

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THE FOOTBALL WORLD.

Saturday proved an ideal day for football, and over 2000 people journeyed out to Alexandra Park to witness the district championship matches, the chief attraction being the game between City and University on No. 1 ground. It was thought that the students would put up a big fight against the Cityites, but though they played a very creditable game throughout, there was only one team in it, the red and blacks having the advantage from start to finish. The match was about the most attractive played so far this season in the senior competition, both sides opening up play, with the result that work was of a fast order, the backs getting plenty of chances to show their capabilities. City plainly demonstrated that not only have they got a solid forward team, but possess a useful set of backs, who are able to make the best of the opportunities that come their way. In Saturday's match the red and blacks' rear division were responsible for some fine passing runs, and lacked nothing in the way of combination. The City forwards played their usual hard game, a feature of their exhibition being the manner in which they opened the game up. The University backs are undoubtedly a clever division, and behind a heavier and more experienced pack they would be very dangerous. One can always rely upon witnessing some heady play in a match in which the Varsity team is participating, and their display on Saturday was no exception to the rule. The University forwards are not anything out of the ordinary, but they grafted hard on Saturday, and therefore deserve a word of praise.

The Parnell-Ponsonby match was, of course, a foregone conclusion, but it was anticipated the maroons would make a better showing than they did. They did not play nearly so well as on the previous Saturday, when they met the City team, their defence being very weak, the blue and blacks simply romping over them. As Parnell have now played their three toughest matches of the round, they may be expected to place a few wins to their credit in the remaining games. Ponsonby gave a good account of themselves, their backs working with clock-like precision, and they should go through the season without a defeat.

The Newton-Grafton match afforded the spectators a good deal of excitement, honours being very easy in this game, although play was not of an interesting character. The play of both teams calls for considerable improvement, as Saturday's match cannot be calculated to encourage the football-going public to take much interest in the game, as what they want to see is a fast and open exhibition, not a forward scramble.

CITY (25) v. UNIVERSITY (3).

The students won the toss, and elected to defend the western goal, and had the advantage of the sun at their backs and a slight breeze. S. Magee set the ball rolling for City, and the red and blacks commenced attacking hotly, but the students, making the best of a free kick, compelled the Cityites to force. The City back division engineered several likely looking passing runs, and finally Young, securing possession, passed smartly to R. Magee, who, evading the Varsity backs with a tricky run, registered City's first try. Taking the kick himself, he made a fruitless attempt at goal. City 3, University 0. The red and black forwards rallied, and kept the blues hard pressed, the clever work of the Varsity backs keeping their line clear for some time, until Thompson, obtaining possession of the leather in the loose, broke across and scored City's second try. R. Magee was again unsuccessful with the shot at goal. City 6, University 0. Shortly after the kick-out Wilkes gave the Varsity bar- rackets cause for excitement, the blue winger intercepting a pass and sprinting hard for City's line. On reaching the full-back, however, Wilkes made the mistake of clinging to the ball, instead of passing to Robinson, who had followed up and was in an easy position to score, thus losing a golden opportunity for his side; the City full-back accounting for the University man. In the play that followed in City's territory the red and blacks were penalised, University being given a shot at goal, Wilson succeeding in

piloting the ball over the cross-bar. City 6, University 3. Some fast, open play followed, in which City held the advantage over the blues, who were kept busy defending. Finally, from a scrum, S. Magee secured the leather and darted over the students' line and registered the red and blacks' third try. He took the kick at goal himself, which proved unsuccessful. City 9, University 3. Later on a clever passing run, in which Young, Magee, and Stewart handled the ball in turn, resulted in the last-named player scoring. S. Magee made a fruitless attempt at goal. City 12, University 3. No further score was obtained by either side during the first spell.

A period of uninteresting play followed the kick-off for the second half, the Cityites keeping the leather in the University territory. Estall finally getting over and scoring from a nice passing run by the red and blacks' rear division. R. Magee proved successful with the kick. City 17, University 3. Determined efforts to score on the part of the students all resulted in failure, it being found impossible to break through the red and blacks' line of defence. Hard graft by the City forwards was responsible for play being shifted into the blue territory, where from a passing run Estall notched his second try. S. Magee made a successful attempt at goal. City 22, University 3. The City forwards were wearing the blues down, and a scramble resulted in McLean getting over Varsity's line. S. Magee failed with the kick. City 25, University 3. The remainder of the game was played in semi-darkness, and a high punt by Wilkes was badly missed by Tobin, and the University men, following up smartly, scored a



MR. C. V. LANGSFORD, the popular Secretary and Treasurer of the Auckland Rugby Union.

try amid great excitement, Bailey getting over alongside the posts. Wilson's attempt at goal proved successful. City 25, University 3. Mr. A. Campbell had control of the game.

Of the City forwards, Herring, Williams, and Thompson were responsible for some hard graft, while Sheehan, who made his first appearance as a senior, played a useful game. R. Magee was the mainstay of the City backs, while Hanley, Stewart, and Young acquitted themselves with credit.

Wilkes, the Varsity winger, was of great service to his side, initiating several likely looking attacking tactics, but at times his display was only of a moderate character. Wilson was the pick of the blues' back division, and gave a good all-round exhibition. Robinson and Gray (at half-back) distinguished themselves, the former's kicking proving very useful to the students.

PONSONBY (33) v. PARNELL (3).

This match was played on No. 2 ground, and attracted little interest, the Ponsonby combination proving far superior to the maroons. From the start Ponsonby opened the game up, giving their backs plenty of work. Their first score was obtained within five minutes of the kick-off, Nicholson getting over the maroons' line from a loose scramble. O'Leary took the shot at goal, but failed. Ponsonby 3, Parnell 0. While the Parnell back division were responsible for much fumbling of the ball on the other hand the blue and black backs made but few mistakes in this respect. A neat run by Murray saw the Parnellites in diffi-

culty, the Ponsonby centre transferring to O'Leary, who took the pass cleanly and dashed in and scored the blue and blacks' second try. O'Leary made another unsuccessful shot at goal. Ponsonby 6, Parnell 0. The Ponsonby forwards were outclassing the light maroon combination, and Gillett, sending the ball into the Parnellites' territory, the full-back failed to take it, whereupon Gillett, who had followed up quickly, secured the leather and passed to Warner, who ran in and scored an easy try. O'Leary again failed with the kick at goal. Ponsonby 9, Parnell 0. Good play by the blue and black rear division saw Parnell in trouble on several occasions, the maroons being hard pressed in their own territory. Finally, from a throw-in O'Leary secured possession, and with a feinting run managed to baffle the maroons and score a try between the posts. He took the kick himself, and this time proved successful. Ponsonby 14, Parnell 0. Webb was the next try-getter for the blue and blacks, the Ponsonby half-back working his way over the Parnellites' line from some loose play. Cunningham was entrusted with the kick at goal, and succeeded in sending the leather over the crossbar. Ponsonby 19, Parnell 0.

Shortly after the commencement of the second half Parnell were awarded a free kick, and Hardwick succeeded in kicking a good goal. Ponsonby 19, Parnell 3. The Ponsonby men were now asserting their superiority in all departments of the game, and a pretty passing bout, in which the ball travelled from Webb to Bater to Morse and on to O'Leary resulted in the last-named scoring. O'Leary failed with the kick. Ponsonby 22, Parnell 3. The same player notched another try a few moments later from a forward rush started by Francis and Nicholson. He took the kick himself, and was successful. Ponsonby 27, Parnell 3. Webb was the next Ponsonby man to score, thus registering his second try. Nicholson failed with the shot at goal. Ponsonby 30, Parnell 3. McGregor got over for the blue and blacks a few minutes later, bringing the score up to Ponsonby 33, Parnell 3, which saw the game ended. Mr. R. McGregor refereed the match.

This game needs little comment, and it would be of little use to take the players individually, as the blue and blacks had a decidedly easy task in front of them, while the Parnell men played much below their form.

GRAFTON (9) v. NEWTON (6).

This match was played on No. 3 ground, and proved of a very even character throughout. Grafton won the toss and played uphill, having the wind in their favour. The black and whites had the Newtonites sorely pressed in their own 25 nearly all the first spell, but were only able to secure one try. McDonald snapped the ball up in the loose, and, transferring to Renwick, the latter took the pass in good style and sent it on to Beale, who got over and drew first blood for Grafton. Eaton had an unsuccessful shot at goal. Grafton 3, Newton 0.

A couple of minutes after the resumption of play the black and whites scored their second try, Carr getting across with the ball. Eaton failed with the shot at goal. Grafton 6, Newton 0. The Newtonites then pulled themselves together, with the result that Linkhorn scored from a scrum in Grafton's 25. Farrant's attempt at goal proved fruitless. Grafton 6, Newton 3. Continuing their attacking tactics, Newton were immediately over the black and whites' line again, Schraft scoring from a passing run. Farrant was again unsuccessful with the shot at goal. Grafton 6, Newton 6. Play now got fairly willing, and the issue of the game was very doubtful until Eaton succeeded in kicking a penalty goal for the Graftonites. Grafton 9, Newton 6. For the remainder of the game and black and whites were placed on the defence, but the Newtonites were unable to get across. Mr. A. Nicholson was referee.

For the winners, McGuire was most prominent of the forwards, while Eaton showed that he has lost none of his dash. Renwick showed glimpses of his old form in the backs, while Beale also played well in the rear division, and is a big acquisition to the black and whites.

Of the Newton forwards none play-

ed better than Linkhorn on the wing, who showed up well at all periods of the game. With the exception of Farrant, the backs had not a great deal to do, and were only given a chance of attacking on rare occasions.

JUNIOR MATCHES.

SECOND GRADE.

Newton II. defeated Parnell II. by 13 points to 12.

Ponsonby II. beat City II. by 27 points to 5.

Marist Bros. had an easy win over University II. by 17 points to nil.

North Shore II. defeated Grafton II. by 9 points to nil.

THIRD GRADE.

Ponsonby III. had a runaway victory over North Shore III. A by 51 points to nil.

Manukau beat City III. by 20 points to nil.



LANCE TODD, the ex-Auckland, who is reported from Home to be playing a remarkable game for Wigan, the crack club in the Northern Union League.

FOURTH GRADE.

City IV. defeated Clarence by 17 points to 3.

Chelsea beat Parnell IV. by 11 points to 3.

Grafton IV. had a win over Ponsonby IV. by 15 points to nil.

St. Patrick's and Newton IV. played a drawn game, each side scoring 3 points.

COUNTRY MATCHES.

In the senior matches under the Hamilton Rugby Union, City defeated Suburbs by 11 points to 3. The junior match between City and Suburbs resulted in a win for the former by 18 points to 3.

At the Thames, the senior match between the Suburbs and County teams resulted in a win for the former by 9 points to 6. In the junior grade, a combined City and Suburbs team defeated the County B fifteen by 8 points to 6.

At Paeroa the senior match between Suburbs and East resulted in a win for the former by 3 points to nil. In the junior grade, Paeroa defeated Suburbs by 6 points to 5.

At Waihi, in the senior competition Suburbs beat City by 14 points to nil. The junior match between West and Suburbs resulted in a victory for the former fifteen by 5 points to nil.

In the cup matches under the Rotorua Rugby Union, Waikite defeated Kahukura by 6 points to nil (Hare and Hunt being the try-getters), while City won the match from Whakarewarewa by default. In the junior grade competition City defeated Whakarewarewa by 16 points to nil.

THE GAME IN THE SOUTH.

The senior football matches at Napier resulted as follows:—Kia Oro (6) Napier (6), a draw; Old Boys (11) beat Pakipaki (3); Rovers (6) Athletic (6), a draw; Pirates forfeited to Ahuriri.

The Palmerston North senior football results were:—Palmerston North (8) beat Old Boys (nil); Feilding (9) beat Kaiatoa (nil).

The following were the results of the senior cup matches in Wellington:—Poneke (10) beat St. James' (6); Orientals (15) beat Petone (3); Ath-

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to be of the most melodious description, the concerted numbers especially. The audience is introduced to the gay and fashionable world of Mayfair, and this alone is said to afford unlimited opportunity for effective dressing. In the play a new lady will make her first appearance in the person of Miss Margaret Nicholson, who will play Julia Chaldicott. The various other roles will be filled by Mr. Edwin Brett as Sir John Chaldicott, Mr. William Cromwell as Hugh Meredith, Mr. Harold Thorley as Raimond Finchley, Mr. James Hilary as the Comte de Perrier, Mr. Lionel Walshe as the Earl of Mount Highgate, Miss Ruth Lincoln as the Princess Carl Ehornbriettstein, Miss Emmaline Orford as Lady Chaldicott, Miss Helena Rose as Lady Rosalina Rocksley, Miss Dora Denton as Lady Violet Jessop, Miss Essie Perin as Pincott. The play is written on the story of "Romeo and Juliet," but the hero and heroine are modern folk. Some novel features are introduced, amongst them being a burlesque on "The Merry Widow" waltz and the Gibson Girls. The opera will be staged under the direction of Mr. Charles A. Wenman.

ROYAL ALBERT HALL.

PATHE PICTURES.

The endless rolls of films at the Royal Albert Hall still hold their ground despite numerous other attractions and the attendances nightly are undoubtedly growing larger. The usual change of programme was made last evening (Wednesday) when there was a crowded house and the audience was well satisfied with the programme if one may judge by the manner in which the films were received. Amongst the pictures shown this week are "Pastimes and Customs in Naples," "Pensions for Workingmen"—this is a pathetic picture and takes rank with the best ever provided in a picture entertainment—"London Zoo" (second series), "Rifle Bill," a dramatic picture of the wild west variety, "Picturesque Holland" (scenic), "Sunshine after Storm" (dramatic), "Living Flowers" (trick) and the comic pictures entitled "The Bear on the Stairs," "Pedicure for Love," "Baby Chums," "The Spring Lock" and "Impossible to Lunch." The beauty competition which commences on Saturday evening is creating a great deal of interest and as the management have received close upon 100 photographs, the competition is certain to prove a draw and crowded houses may be expected. The beauty competition will commence on Saturday evening and conclude one week later.

A COMEDIAN'S AMBITIONS.

FIVE MINUTES' CHAT WITH MR. W. S. PERCY.

HE STILL PREFERS THE FUNNY BUSINESS.

"How do, Percy; back once more?" This, as Mr. W. S. Percy, the well-known comedian, steps into the office. "Yes, 'once more unto the breach, dear friends.' The only parts of that applicable to my being here are 'once more' and 'dear friends.' Don't forget to put that in, old chap." "You're glad to be back in New Zealand, then?" "Well, rather. It is good to see the old familiar faces. The name my colleagues sometimes give me—the 'Dunedin Buzzard'—explains a lot. I used to get badly chaffed in Australia about my New Zealand enthusiasms, but after our trip through the 'smalls' it is a good deal worse. My receptions everywhere have been most cordial, and it is most flattering to me to find so many loyal friends." "Tell you about my progress?" "Well, to continue the quotation, 'There's nothing so becomes a man as modest stillness and humility.' For some months I was out of the bill, understudying the late George Laurie, of whom I have none but the happiest memories. Poor old chap! His health was falling for a considerable period, and I had to stand by for quite a while. I have had no resting time for the last 17 years. Five years of that time have been spent with the Royal Comies playing leading comedy parts in all the productions."

It may not cure the housemaid's knee,
Gout or appendicitis;
But ill and chills before it flee,
Dyspepsia or bronchitis;
It is a fact, it will not act
To polish furniture,
But to polish off a cold or cough
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"No! really I haven't the least desire to play Hamlet, anyhow not as the fine William wrote it, although I believe most comedians are ensnared up their aspirations to do so, just as the leading baritone and tenor want to wear the cap and bells. In my salad (otherwise my Pollard) days, I once had a straight part and in a pathetic scene, where I hoped to raise a lump in the throat of the audience, it laughed uproariously. You see, I was the funny man."

"No, I have no ambition to seize the leading lady's wrist, and, striding down stage, hiss in her ear, 'At Last We are Aloneah!!! I prefer the funny business to that.'"

"The public gets queer enough ideas about actors which are sometimes amusing, sometimes not. At a reception given to Melba, at which I was also present, I was introduced to the wife of a city magnate, who flattered me by saying she knew me and remembered my wedding in Dunedin. Of course I blushed and smiled affably, but changed expression when she shot out 'Have you got the same wife still?' I hastened to assure her I had, 'Well,' she said, 'I suppose you're not a full-grown actor yet?' Now, why do folk get such silly notions about actors? I guess there are as many polygamists off the stage as on. Every faux pas of a member of the profession gets its share of calcium, so that, with a strong light on the true, and plenty of untrue stories, the poor actor loses all claim to respectability. Actors, after all, are very human, and, taken as a whole, are no worse, if not any better, than the rest of mankind."

"Well, 'tena koe.' See you in front to-night, I hope."

"Hello! Little Boy." This song is sung in the dark, and the limelight is thrown on a mirror in the singer's hands, the strip of light being used as a searchlight for the supposed admirer in the audience, and to whom the song is addressed. The flashing of the light on the various well-known people in the house on the opening night caused quite a furore, and the singer was recalled no less than eight times.

"MISS HOOK OF HOLLAND" COMPANY.

In response to hundreds of letters since the arrival of Messrs. Meynell and Gunn's English Comic Opera Co. in New Zealand, the management have decided to produce "Miss Hook of Holland" during the run of their pantomime season in Auckland and other towns, despite the enormous expense entailed in freight, etc. The dates for the production of "Miss Hook" will be announced next week.

A PLAY WITHOUT A SCRIPT.

William Collier, who paid a flying visit to Australia under the J. C. Williamson management two years ago, has gone to London to play "The Patriot," a New York success, under engagement to Charles Frohman. That manager cabled him recently to send the script of the play on ahead, to which Collier cabled back, "Never was a script." This is said to be largely a fact, as most of the lines were talked over, and the actors wrote them down as they were decided upon, so that the original of the play practically ceased to exist.

music hall in Bavaria recently, sprang, heavily manacled, from the Luitpold Bridge, purposing to take off his handcuffs under water. He failed in the attempt and was drowned.

"JACK AND JILL."

"Jack and Jill," on the figures of the J. C. Williamson management, appears to have a substantial claim to a world's record. When the mail left Sydney it had registered its 171st performance—60 in that city and 111 in Melbourne. In that time there was a break of only a few nights, occasioned in the transference of the pantomime between the two State capitals. The final week in Melbourne, it is stated, eclipsed the business of the first, and throughout the season the theatre was consistently crowded. In Sydney the popularity of the pantomime is best attested by the fact that at no performance has the accommodation of Her Majesty's Theatre been equal to the demand placed upon it. The pantomime is undoubtedly the biggest success that the J. C. Williamson firm has handled. In the two cities over 350,000 persons have paid admission to see it, aggregating nearly one-third of their total population. In Easter week at Sydney, it is an open secret that "Jack and Jill" took more money than any entertainment has ever made for the same time at the same prices in Australasia. During that week, which counted four matinees, not one late door ticket was sold. Taking that fact, with the capacity of the theatre, and the statement as to the record can be positively made. "Jack and Jill" has already exceeded the run of an English pantomime success, which is only a matter



A SCENE FROM THE "CINDERELLA" PANTOMIME AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

Greenroom Gossip.

By "Footlights."

"STAGE LIFE AND MORALS."

An interview with Miss Ruth Lincoln on "Stage Life and Morals" appears on page 9 of this week's "Review."

PERSONALIA.

Mr. J. C. Williamson left Melbourne by the German liner "Seydlitz" on a trip that will last for several months. Mr. Williamson contemplates visiting London, Berlin, Paris, Vienna, and other Continental centres, in search of dramatic and lyrical attractions for the Australian stage.—Mr. G. S. Titheradge is (writes my Melbourne correspondent) recovering from his severe illness, and is, in fact, so far restored to his old health and vigour that he was able to attend the last performance of "An Englishman's Home" in Sydney.—The Latonas (Frank and Jen) left Sydney for America last week. After a holiday in New York they open in London in October.—Mr. Edmund Sherras, late of the J. C. Williamson Company, and Mr. Roland Bottomley, late of Meynell and Gunn's English Comic Opera, have sailed for London.

"HELLO, LITTLE BOY!"

One of the biggest hits of the "Cinderella" pantomime now being played to packed houses by Messrs. Meynell and Gunn's English Comic Opera Co., is Miss Meredith Meredro's song,

REALISM ON THE STAGE.

There is a very realistic effect in "An Englishman's Home," which probably (writes my Melbourne correspondent) reminds members of the audience who have seen active service of the days and nights spent among the missiles of death which fly about during the period of campaign, and which makes the uninitiated in the horrors of war instinctively shrink back in dread. It is the sound which denotes the passage of a shell through the air, bound on its deadly mission of destruction. At first the dull boom of the cannon, and then the shriek and lastly the flash of fire and the mass of debris and smoking ruin.

FRED. LESLIE IN PANTOMIME.

Those who have argued for years that pantomime is Mr. Fred Leslie's metier will be pleased to learn (writes my Sydney correspondent) that their opinion will be put to the test from Saturday next onward, when the clever young comedian will replace Mr. Bert Gilbert as Baron Bounce in "Jack and Jill." Another change in the cast will be caused by Miss Alma Barber giving place to Miss Betty Ohls, who will be the third Jill of the pantomime. Miss Fanny Dango was the original in Melbourne, and very charming she was in the part. Sydney, however, was deprived of the pleasure of seeing her on account of a managerial decree that she should go to New Zealand with the Royal Comic Opera Company. The present is Miss Dango's first tour of the Dominion.

"HANDCUFF KING" DROWNED.

A so-called "Handcuff King," named Ricardo, who had been appearing at a

of three months at the outside. With five months to its credit, the end of the Sydney season not yet in sight, and the usual touring territory to cover, this year's extravaganza may be said to be making theatrical history.

A PANTOMIME SONG.

Anyone would be justified in assuming on appearances that the introduction of a new song into a pantomime was an easy matter, but with an exacting stage manager it proved just the reverse in "Jack and Jill" (writes my Sydney correspondent). Miss Betty Ohls required a line or two to lead up to a new number, "Au Revoir Little Hyacinth," and the suggestions offered were as numerous as they were unacceptable. Mr. Gilbert was the first to be approached. "Oh, that's very easy," he cried, airily; "just put in a line to give the orchestra the cue, and at the same time let it be something to make the song appropriate. Now, let me see—hyacinth, er—hyacinth. I'll think it over." That was about all from the popular comedian. Miss Stella Gastelle thought a flower in a vase might be apostrophised by way of leading up to the song, and somebody else suggested that a hyacinth ballet would be just the thing. The minor poet of the pantomime then diffidently offered:

Oh, Love is like a garden,
There the purple amyrrinth
Recalls my childhood's fancy
For the starlit hyacinth!

This was received with jeers. It would be all right for "Patience," but in "Jack and Jill" anything starting with "Oh!" was tabooed. Eventually the stage manager determined to wrestle with the problem himself, and in the

interim those whose offers he spurned are preparing cutting comments on what he will bring forth.

AN AUSTRALIAN ACTRESS IN NEW YORK.

The J. C. Williamson management has received advice of the success of an Australian actress, named Katherine Kaelred, in the New York production of "A Fool There Was." The New York "Evening Mail" critic writes of her performance that it was "the surprise, the triumph of the evening, and I can think of no other actress—and that includes Nazimova, Marlowe, Nethersole, and Anglin—who could play the Woman as well. She makes her impersonation as insidious as absinthe, as thrilling as electricity. Tall, lithe, with a voice that cajoles even while the manner menaces, Miss Kaelred made a vivid impression, and we see no reason why she should not enter the lists of our permanent stars." The actress is none other than Miss

quick changes. They managed fairly well so far as costumes were concerned, and the talent at their disposal was of no mean order, but they had no money to buy scenery and properties, and were naturally hard pushed to give their productions anything like adequate mounting. But all things considered, they managed wonderfully well, and to this day Mr. Harcourt (who was stage manager) reflects with pride on the fact that he once upon a time staged a melodrama for the total expenditure of 15s. In one of the plays a mill wheel was required, and after much rummaging about down in the cellar they happened upon an old fly-wheel, which they "faked up" to serve the purpose. When they filled their schedule a little later on, the proprietors had the extreme felicity of buying back some of their own machinery at the sale by auction!

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"SWEET NELL" IN ADELAIDE.

When first Melbourne playgoers heard that Miss Nellie Stewart was expected back in her own country they began to look forward to the pleasure of seeing her once more in "Sweet Nell," the piece with which she has identified herself so completely, and

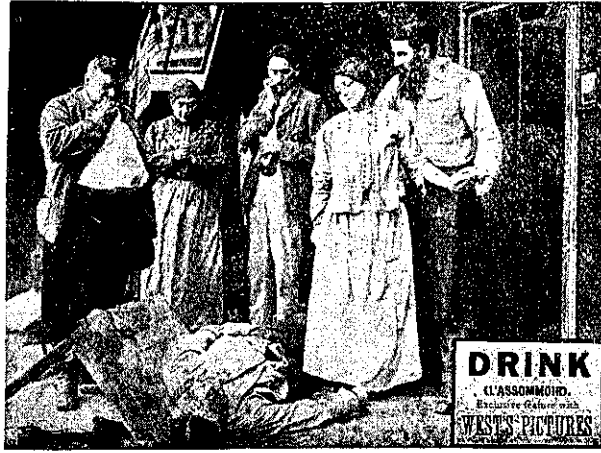
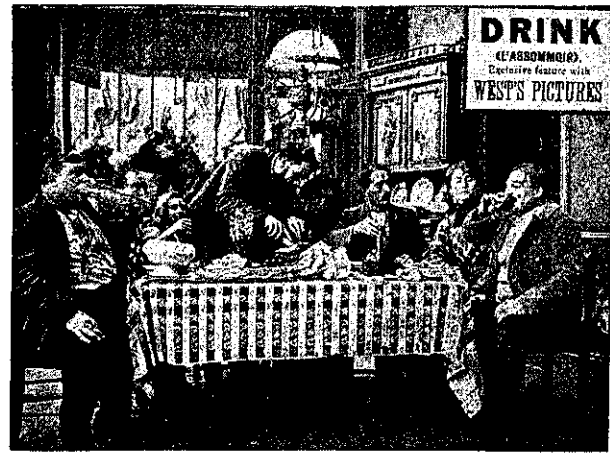
the role of Lashki, at present being played by Mr. Reginald Kenneth in the London production of the musical comedy. A new musical director will also arrive in the person of Mr. Fitzhart.

"WHITE AUSTRALIA."

The Northern Territory—the settlement of which is the latest political cry of all three Federal parties—is for the first time used as the debating ground of a drama. The scenes of the first three acts of Randolph Bedford's play, "White Australia; or, The Empty North," are laid in the Territory, at Maradane Station, at the telegraph office on the Ant Hill Plain, and in the streets of Chinatown, Port Darwin. The scenes of the invasion of Australia by coloured races are placed in the Territory, and when Australia is invaded most probably the Territory will be the point of attack. The author's knowledge of North Australia should provide a convincing local colour, and William Anderson's management is sparing no expense to realise the author's conception. The play has been especially strongly cast, and a strong army will make the scene of the fight in the streets of Port Darwin, and the partial destruction of Sydney by the alien fleet, resemble as closely as possible the sensationalism of real war and the glory of a real victory. The play is being staged by Mr. William Anderson at the King's Theatre, Melbourne.

A NEW COMPANY.

A cable stated that Mr. George Willoughby, the well-known comedian, had completed arrangements with Rupert Clarke, Meynell and Gunn, for a visit to Australia with a farce-comedy company in February next, the tour opening in Melbourne. One of the pieces will be "The Night of the Party," George Grossmith's famous farce, which ran for hundreds of nights in London, and has been described as another "Charley's Aunt." The other piece, "Mr. Preedy and the Countess," was produced on April 14 at the London Criterion with success, but a London journal described it as "a new specimen of an old and famous form, a genuine Criterion farce—irresponsible, cynical, and immensely amusing."



Elbert Orton, recently with the Julius Knight Company.

"THE CLIMAX."

The Australasian rights of "The Climax," a new play which has been successfully produced in New York, have been secured for Australasia by J. C. Williamson.

INEXPENSIVE MELODRAMA.

An interesting story of the old theatrical days is furnished by Mr. Frank Harcourt. A number of unemployed players happened to be in Sydney on one occasion, with very little hope of being "placed." They accordingly hired an inexpensive and not very popular theatre, and essayed a series of melodramatic performances with

of Navarre," which has recently scored a success at the New Theatre, London, have been acquired by J. C. Williamson. The play treats of the fortunes of Henry of Navarre and Marguerite de Valois, which bear out the old adage concerning the path of true love. The marriage is sanctioned by King Charles IX., who at the instigation of the Duc de Guise and Catherine de Medicis, wishes to lure Navarre to Paris in order to have him slain with the Huguenots. However, after many exciting situations and misunderstanding between Henry and Marguerite, the play ends in a complete reconciliation, and Henry is saved from being massacred by his wife, who devises a clever little ruse to that end. In the London production Fred Terry and

the crowded houses which greeted her nightly in this most popular revival gave abundant evidence of the fact that the desire to see their favourite in her favourite impersonation was universal. The Melbourne season finished on Thursday, when the company left for Adelaide, where they opened on Saturday.

"THE KING OF CADONIA."

By the R.M.S. China, which arrived in Melbourne on Monday, Miss Dorothy Court, Miss Lottie Sargent, and Mr. Frank Greene, arrived under engagement to J. C. Williamson for the leading roles in "The King of Cadonia." Miss Court has been cast for prima donna. Miss Sargent for the comedienne, and Mr. Greene will fill

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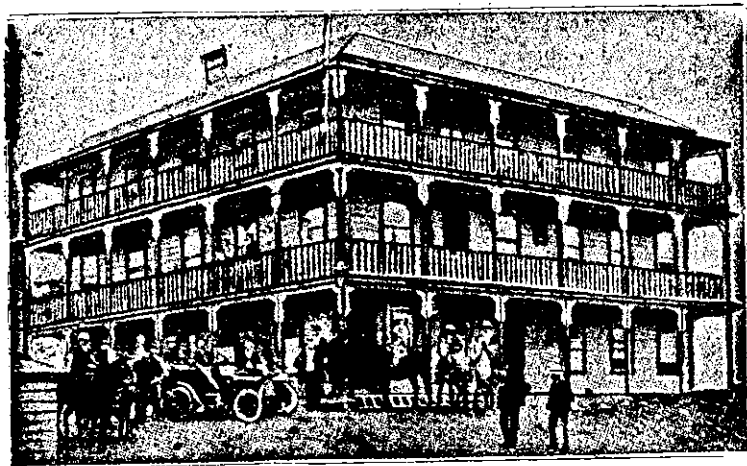
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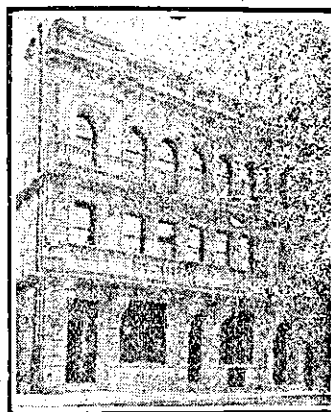
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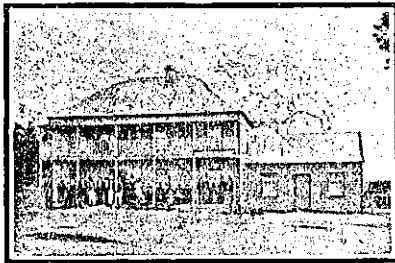
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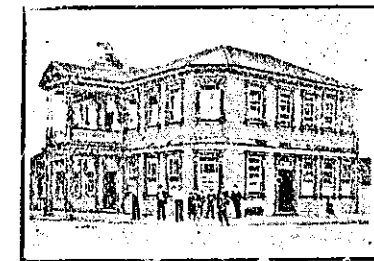
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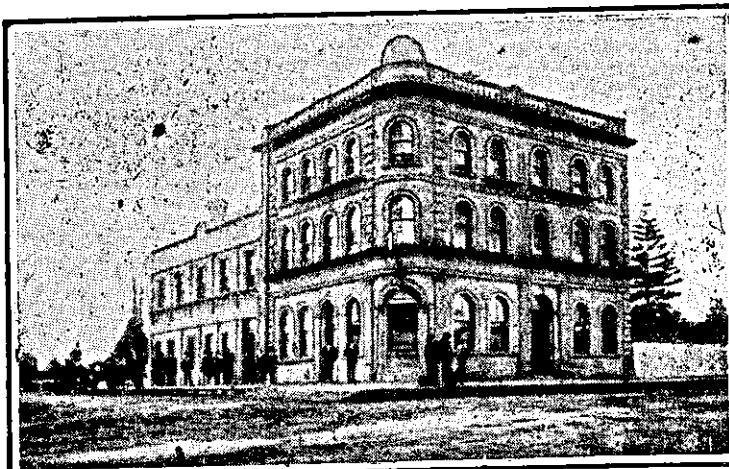
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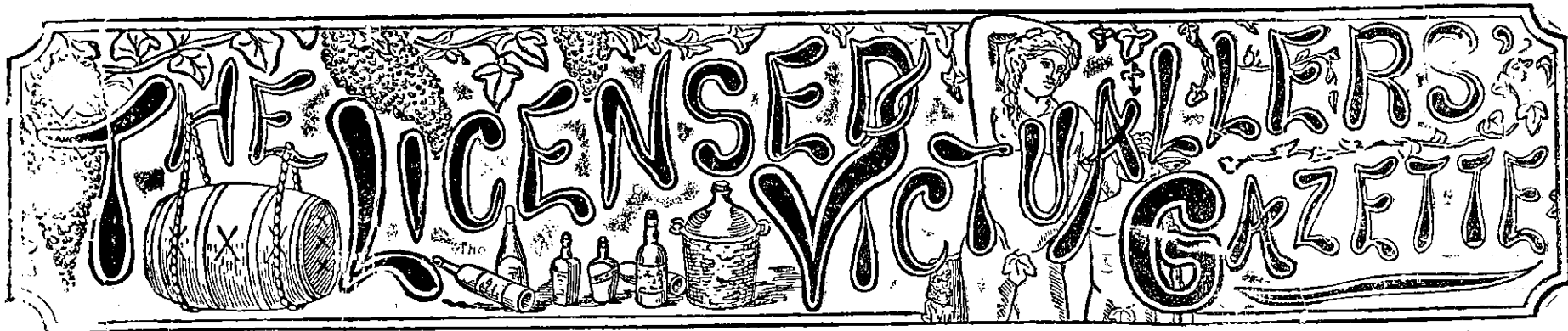
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TRADE TOPICS.

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On Saturday last the "Paragon" dining-rooms, Wellington, were raided by the police. About 100 bottles of beer, two gallons of whisky, and some gin were seized. Police prosecutions will follow.

Roderick McKenzie, licensee of the Excelsior Hotel, Dunedin, was last Monday fined £5 for supplying liquor to an intoxicated man. The license was not endorsed.

At Whangarei on Thursday three men, named Wm. Webster, Jack Edmonds and Duncan McKenzie, were charged at the Magistrate's Court with selling liquor without a license at the Parako Maori races. Each defendant was fined £5, with costs.

It is understood that there is a possibility of an interesting development in regard to the recent local option poll in Bruce, and that, acting on legal advice, the publicans will proceed to lodge application for renewal of licenses in the usual way.

The Western Australia State Premier informed a local option deputation that Cabinet intended to carry its promises in regard to local option, but desired to deal equitably with both parties. Compensation would come from the trade, not from the community. He hoped the people would use their power with moderation.

At the Supreme Court at Wellington last week, John Thomas Driscoll, who had admitted stealing a portmanteau and contents, valued at £3 5s 6d, from the City Buffet Hotel, was admitted to probation for 12 months.

It is said that the Dunedin Licensing Committee will consider the question of whether bottle licenses are to be renewed.

Mr. F. T. Lipscombe, the licensee for the Lake Hotel, Takapuna, is applying to have the license removed to the house recently sold by Mr. Paul Hansen, the new hotel to be known by the name of "Mon Desir" Hotel.

At Invercargill last Saturday a man named Percy Nat King, with several aliases, pleaded guilty to the theft of £14 from the bedroom of a fellow-boarder at the Club Hotel, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in Lyttelton Gaol. Accused arrived in Auckland from England four months ago, and is stated to have committed a series of thefts in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Invercargill. Jewellery and money articles were stolen. His method was to watch a favourable opportunity to enter rooms. Accused was also remanded to appear at Christchurch on a charge of stealing jewellery belonging to Mrs. Cowan, a boardinghouse-keeper.

At Rotorua on Friday, before Mr. Dyer, S.M., A. S. Graham, of the Geyser House Hotel, was charged with Sunday trading, and exposing liquor for sale on Sundays. On the first count a fine of £10 and costs was inflicted, on the second a fine of £5 and costs was imposed. Sergeant Watts, of Rotorua, prosecuted, and Mr. A. R. Graham appeared for the licensee.

We understand that the Cornwall Arms Hotel Thames, is to change

hands, Mr. Chas. Kasper having disposed of his interest to Mrs. W. Cullen, formerly of the Royal Hotel.

Messrs. Dwan Bros. report having sold Mr. George Searle's interest in the Royal Hotel, Palmerston North, to Mr. George Foster, formerly proprietor of the Imperial Hotel, Auckland; the lease, furniture and goodwill of the Manawatu Hotel, Foxton, to Mr. Hadfield, late of Wellington; Mr. James F. Meagher's interest in the Weraroa Hotel, Levin, to Mr. William H. Higgins, formerly proprietor of the Masterton Railway refreshment rooms; the lease, furniture, and goodwill of the Trafalgar Hotel, Nelson, to Mr. Walter H. Long, formerly in aerated water business in Wellington; Mrs. Keppler's interest in the lease, and furniture of the Columbia Private Hotel, Lower Cuba street, Wellington, to Mr. John Browne (a new arrival from London, where he was connected with large catering business); also the lease of the Club Hotel, Carterton, to Mr. George Harden, late of Kilmorie and Blenheim.

The finding of a partly emptied bottle of whisky near the Caledonian pavilion (says the "Oamaru Mail") led to the fear that the owner of the bottle had been burnt! Inquiry as to the reason of the rumour brought the all sufficient explanation: "Would any drinking man in Oamaru leave a half empty bottle unless he was dead?" That he would not be likely to leave if he was dead did not occur to the agitated one, but the police reassured him.

The new Maryland Hotel, of 240 rooms, at St. Louis, furnishes yet another example of the thoroughness in appointments and conveniences which characterises the American hotel of the period. Every room has hot and cold running water, telephone, pictures, waste basket, glass water-pitcher, lace curtains, laundry bag, pin-cushion, glass candlestick, radiator, and electric illumination. The wash-bowls are located in a corner of each room, with twin mirrors arranged at right angles over each. Alongside each washbowl is a package of shaving-paper, a razor-strop hook, and a metal towel-rack of new designs built in the form of rings. Nearly all the rooms have clothes closets, equipped with coat hangers and trouser and skirt hanger. Those rooms without closets have a wardrobe, which contains also a shoe drawer.

Henry Watterson, the famous editor of the Kentucky "Courier-Journal," wrote recently:—"There are doubtless many Republicans who are not Prohibitionists. But no man can be a Prohibitionist and remain a Democrat. In saying this the "Courier-Journal" seeks not to draw a line between extremes. The Democratic objection to prohibition is threefold: that it does not prohibit; that it begets evils of its own quite as bad as those it proposes to cure; and that it is an unwarranted intrusion upon the personality of the citizen. The Democratic alternative is local option. When a community does not want a saloon it can vote 'dry.' When it does it will vote 'wet.' The history of prohibition, wherever it has been tried, is the history of smuggling, hypocrisy, adulteration, extortion and pharisaic politics. In Maine, God and morality means the spy system. In Georgia it means mongrelism and lawlessness. The 'Courier-Journal' would save Kentucky from the conditions which prevail in those two States. It is opposed to political hysteria set on by religious fervour. Heaven knows, we have enough of that sort of thing in night-riders, whose schemes of destroying trusts by murder is no more reasonable than that of the clericals who think to destroy the drink demon by drastic legislation. The red-nosed angel, alike in the churches and in the parties, is the genius of bigotry, of self-seeking cant and fraud, sacrificing the virtues and the graces of life

upon the altars of corruption and intolerance. He has proved a scourge to humankind, wherever he has appeared." True for you, Henry. We know it in the southern hemisphere.

According to reports from Wichita, Kan., the latest whisky selling device found was a slot machine. It was confiscated by the police, and while it was originally made to turn out aluminium labels, it had been re-modeled so bottles of whisky could be shoved out from its interior.—"Bonforts."

How's this for a puzzler for the no-license advocates:—"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 8,000, and there are fifty-eight licensed houses."

What is estimated to be the biggest deal in whisky ever consumed was brought off by the Millwood Distilling Company, of Kentucky, recently. It involves 26,000 barrels, at an average of 46 gallons per barrel, equaling 1,196,000 gallons, and a sum of 750,000 dollars; or, with duty of 1 dol. 10 cent. per gallon, nearly 2,000,000 dollars. The brands are E. L. Miles, 10,000 barrels, and Belle of Nelson, 16,000 barrels. Thomas W. Tinde, a big Chicago distributor, was the other party to this enormous deal.

Concerning Robert Browning's appreciation of good wine, Mr. Comyns Carr (in his recently published reminiscences) remarks that it must have been hereditary, because his father once betrayed some indignation when in youthful days the poet asked for a glass of water. "Water, Robert!" exclaimed the parent in dismay. "For washing purposes it is, I believe, often employed, and for navigable canals I admit it to be indispensable; but for drinking purposes, Robert, God never intended it!"

One Mabee, who was a collector on commission for the American Anti-Saloon League, and who was dismissed, now declares war on the "temperance" organisation. He asserts that "money intended for the organisation never reaches it; that of £1,000,000 collected from churches £600,000 has been spent in league salaries. He also asks that the League shall make a public accounting yearly of the money received and how it is spent. The League says that Mabee is employed by the liquor interests, and he has challenged them to prove it and he will forfeit £400. The outcome will be interesting.

"Maoriland" writes to Sydney "Fair Play":—"Met a lot of chaps at the N.Z. boat on arrival from Wellington recently. 'Here,' chorussed the lot, 'can you tell us where Dan. O'Brien is? We heard he had a pub in Sydney.' Dan., who bought out the genial Joe Power, some time ago, was as well-known and as popular as Seddon himself in Maoriland, and when I took the lads to the Victoria in George Street they enjoyed a few drinks and a sight of Dan. He never knew of the incident, however. 'Oh, we don't know him, but we wanted to see him; that's all. We didn't want to go back and say we hadn't seen Dan. O'Brien. We would look such fools.'"

The Chicago "Hotel World" tells us that the main restaurant of the renovated Hotel Baltimore, of Kansas City, "has been copied after nothing in America or Europe; it is a creation of the Baltimore's architect." The main scheme is a succession of great white marble arches, rising to a central dome. The color scheme is red and white, the leather-covered chairs and the heavy hangings at the great windows being a rich red. A circular gallery at the height of the second floor overlooks this unique restaurant.

THREE GIRLS AND A MAN.

At Palmerston on Thursday, Mr. Justice Chapman, in the Supreme Court, heard the slander case in which Irene Halston claimed £300 damages from Henry and Annie Baker, Dannevirke, hotelkeepers. Plaintiff said she was a barmaid, and had been employed by the defendants. She started on New Year's Day, and on the evening of Sunday, January 10th, after having been out for a drive, plaintiff and two other girls went into the parlour to demand an explanation from Mrs. Baker for statements she was alleged to have made reflecting on their chastity. Mrs. Baker replied that defendant had misconducted herself, and complained that all of the girls were in the habit of entertaining men at supper in their bedrooms. One of the girls replied that there was no other place to have supper, and that seeing that there were three girls and only one man at that supper, no harm could be done. Mrs. Baker replied that there certainly could be harm, and her husband then told her that her tongue would be getting her into trouble. The statements were made in the public passage of the hotel in a loud voice. Defendants had also threatened to nail up the windows and lock the doors of the girls' bedrooms, and give the keys to the waitress to unlock the doors in the morning. There was absolutely no truth in the statements made by defendants. May Hall, one of the girls at the hotel, corroborated plaintiff's evidence. They had had a man to supper that night, but not in plaintiff's room. His name was Vaile, and he worked with his brother at the hotel stables. Plaintiff slept with witness that night. His Honor did not call on the defence, and dismissed the case.

"YORKSHIRE STINGO."

The Yorkshire Stingo Brewery, in Marylebone road, which has just been bought—shade of Falstaff!—by the Church Army, and will be converted into labour shops, has its place in London history. It was the starting-place of the first pair of metropolitan omnibuses, which began running to and from the Bank of England on July 4, 1829. Three bay horses were harnessed abreast of each bus, which carried twenty-two inside passengers—there was no "knifeboard"—at a fare of one shilling for the whole journey or sixpence for half the distance. A newspaper was provided to relieve the travellers from ennui. The undertaking was promoted by George Shillibeer, best known to fame as the inventor of a funeral carriage. "Yorkshire Stingo" was a celebrated "tippie" 200 years ago at least, and our hearty grandfathers still knew it well in the days of the immortal Ingoldsby.—Daily Mail.

THE COMPENSATION QUESTION.

HOW THE ENGLISH LAW WORKS OUT.

The following from "The Licensed Victuallers Gazette and Hotel Courier" shows how the English Licensing law is working out:—"We have always maintained and there is ample evidence to prove that a reduction in the number of licensed houses does not necessarily mean a diminution of drunkenness. The faddists, however, who hold the opposite view ought really to look upon members of the Trade as the "saviours of mankind," for they are fast contributing to their own extinction. They are, in fact, doing a work which should be done by the country. We have had a hazy notion of the amount contributed by the Trade towards the extinction of licenses since the passing of Mr. Balfour's Act. The volume of statistics published during the week supplies the exact figures. It appears that in the four years, 1905-8, a total sum of £4,378,818 was received by the compensation authorities, and £3,545,452 was paid out in compensation



for 4,056 licenses. Let it be distinctly understood that the whole of this money was supplied by the Trade. Not one penny came out of the pockets of the public. Thus it will be seen on the authority of the Government that the Trade is contributing over one million sterling a year for the extinction of licenses which have been going out of existence at the rate of 1,335 a year during this period. There were in existence on January 1st last in England and Wales only 95,517 on-licenses, and 24,924 off-licenses, which taken together give a proportion of 34.07 licensed premises for every 10,000 of the population. It is ridiculous to expect that the present average annual decrease should continue for years to come. There must soon come a time when it will be advisable, not to say necessary, to call—"halt"!

NEW TAKAPUNA HOTEL.

It is stated that Mr. A. Raynes has purchased Mr. P. M. Hansen's residence at Takapuna, and plans are being prepared to convert it into a first-class seaside hotel. Arrangements have been made for the necessary application to the Licensing Bench at the next sitting for a transfer of the license from the old site to the new in the name of Mr. Raynes. Some 20 additional bedrooms will be built on to Mr. Hansen's residence, and a new entrance, with a large hall and office will be provided, and will form the connection between the old and new

buildings. Refreshment rooms will be erected some distance from the hotel, overlooking the gardens and harbour.

The grounds attached to Mr. Hansen's residence, which have a frontage of 400 feet to the main road, will be left intact, though it is proposed to add croquet and tennis lawns and a bowling green. It is intended to call the new hotel the "Mon Desir Hotel," after the name of the estate. It is estimated that the scheme will cost £10,000.

ANNUAL LICENSING MEETING.

REDUCTION AT AUCKLAND.

THE BENCH CONSIDERING.

The annual meeting of the City Licensing Committee was held at the Magistrates Court, on Tuesday, Mr. E. C. Cutten, S.M., occupying the chair and the following members of the Licensing Committee were present:—Messrs. L. J. Bagnall, J. J. Holland, J. M. Mennie, Dr. F. W. King, and W. C. Somers. Nearly all the leading members of the bar in Auckland were present.

Sub-inspector Hendry represented the police.

Mr. Ralfe formally handed in the declaration of the local option poll.

When proceedings commenced, considerable discussion took place as to the manner of procedure owing to reduction being carried at the recent licensing poll. Mr. O. Nicholson, Mr. F. Earl, Mr. F. E. Baume K.C., and Dr. Bamford all desired that the Bench should intimate the number of

houses it was proposed to close, and also indicate the houses to which, on the application of the licenses, they were prepared to grant licenses.

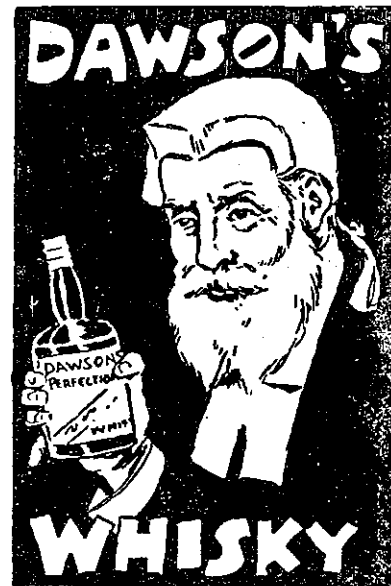
After a great deal of discussion the chairman said "it seemed almost the unanimous wish of the counsel that the committee should indicate in respect to which houses they would require further evidence. Of course the counsel only represented the applicants, but the committee had also to consider the public. The committee considered they could meet the wishes of counsel while still protecting the interest of the public. They would go through the list, and as each hotel was called the police report would be read, and if there was no public objection that case would be allowed to stand down, on the understanding that no further evidence would be required. It was, however, quite possible for a licensee to be called upon to show cause why his license should not be refused, as a result of evidence given in respect to other houses in the vicinity. When the committee had heard the whole evidence it would reserve the question, and give a decision later on as to which hotels should be closed."

Transfers.—The following transfers were granted:—Naval and Family Hotel, from W. T. Watts to F. E. Raynes (Mr. O. Nicholson appeared for the applicant); Caledonia Hotel, Ellen Williams to Joseph Molloy (Mr. Baxter appeared); Alexandra Hotel, J. H. Turnbull to T. B. O'Connor (Mr. Nicholson); Railway Terminus Hotel, from the administrator to J. Vollemaere to S. A. Vollemaere (Mr. McGregor appeared).

Freeman's Hotel, from M. Resta to J. E. Hunt, as licensee of the Freeman's Hotel, at Freeman's Bay.

Wholesale Licenses.—Wholesale licenses were granted as follows:—Campbell and Ehrenfried Co., Chas. McMaster, E. B. Dufaur, Great Northern Brewery, Hancock and Co., W. H. Heather and Co., Heather, Robertson and Co., Hipkins and Coutts, Timothy Kenneally, A. D. Kennedy, Lauguth and Co., A. H. Nathan, Ltd., L. D. Nathan and Co., Ltd., J. Reed and Co., and Vaughan and Percival.

Packet Licenses.—The Northern Steamship Company was granted packet licenses for the boats in its



fleet which have previously held such licenses.

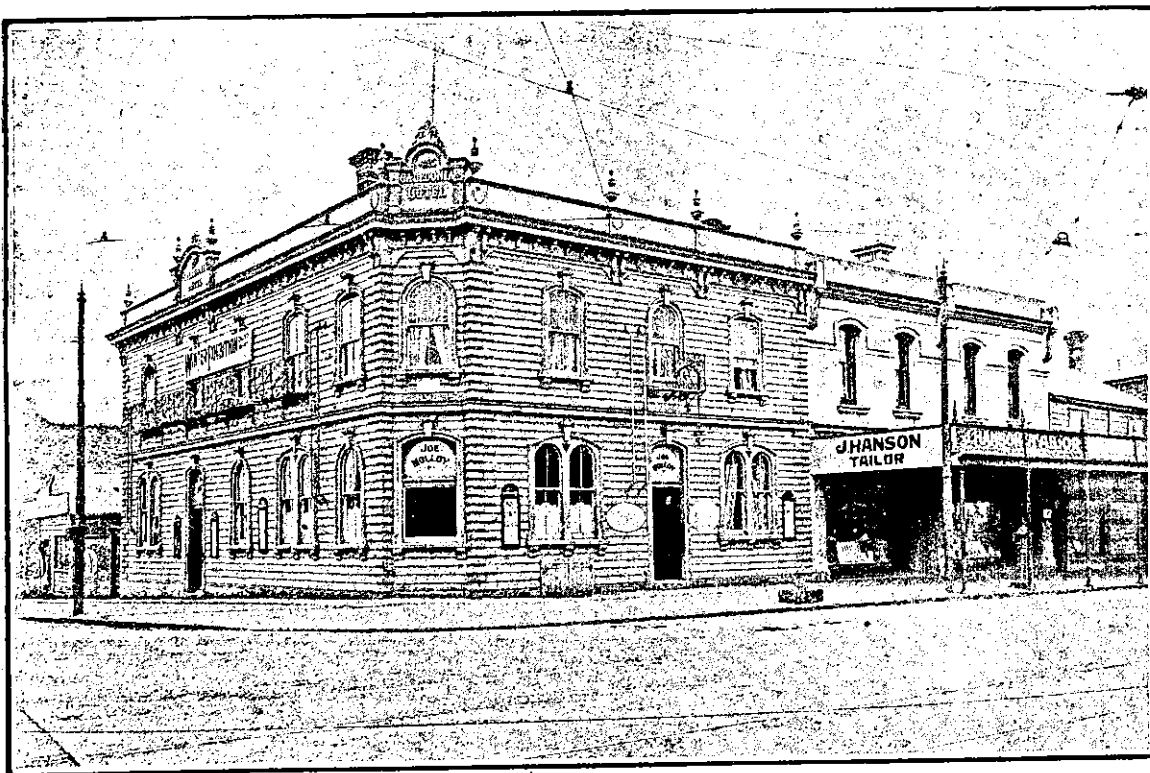
N. Z. Wine Licenses.—The executors of A. Trevethick applied for transfer of a license in Karangahape road to B. Trevethick. The Sub-inspector stated that the place had been exceptionally well kept during the past 12 months. The transfer was granted.

Alexandra Hotel.—T. B. O'Connor applied for a license, Mr. Nicholson appeared for the applicant, and pointed out the police report was satisfactory as far as the present applicant was concerned.

Mr. W. Richardson said he objected on the ground that the hotel had been badly conducted. He thought the court would be wise to make an example of the house, and not let the license be transferred to another.

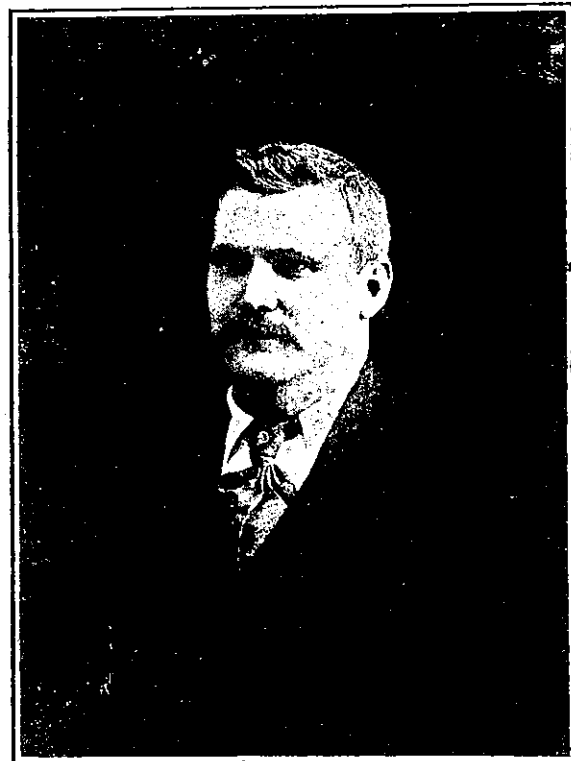
On Mr. Nicholson's request, the application was put back to permit of evidence being called in support of the application being granted.

Caledonia Hotel.—Joseph Molloy applied for a license, Mr. Baxter appeared, and there being no public objection, and the police report satis-



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factory, the Chairman intimated that no further evidence would be called for at present. Similar announcements were made in respect to the Anchor Hotel.—Arthur Whitehead applied for a license for this house. There was no public objection. Mr. J. R. Reid appeared for the applicant. There being no public opposition, and the police report being good, the Committee intimated that so far as they could at present see, there would be no need to call for further evidence.

Held Over.—In the case of Gleeson's Hotel, for which Thomas James Storey applied for a license, the chairman said: "We will call upon you for further evidence." Similar statements were made in respect to the Globe Hotel (John Ernest Parker, applicant), Aurora Hotel (Andrew Moros), Britomart (Joseph U. Fischer).

As a result of the day's sitting, the licensees of the following 14 hotels have been called upon to show cause why their houses should not be closed:—

- Railway Terminus Hotel (Beach Road), S. A. Vollemaere.
- Star Hotel (Newton), W. Jones.
- Aurora Hotel (Victoria-street West), Andrew Moros.
- Bricklayers' Arms Hotel (Federal-street), Chas. J. Molloy.
- Britomart Hotel (Custom-street East), Joseph D. Fischer.
- Fitzroy Hotel (Wakefield-street), Walter G. Taylor.
- Grosvenor Hotel (Hobson-street), Joseph Robertson.
- King's Arms Hotel (Pitt-street), Patrick Brodie.
- Newton Hotel (Newton), William J. Priest.
- Park Hotel (Wellesley-street), Samuel Kahn.
- Queen's Hotel (Symonds-street), V. Cornaga.
- Queen's Head Hotel (Upper Queen-street), J. Sullivan.
- Suffolk Hotel (Ponsonby), Catherine Little.
- Thistle Hotel (Queen-street), Robert Noton.

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The Dunedin South Licensing Committee met on Tuesday and refused the renewal of three licenses, the maximum allowed as the result of the reduction mandate at the local option poll. The question of issuing bottle licenses was held over, pending decision by the City Licensing Committee next week.

The annual meeting of the Manukau Licensing Committee is now set down for Monday next, at the Court-house, Onehunga, when Mr. H. W. Northcroft, S.M., will preside. The newly elected committee consists of Dr. W. G. Scott, Messrs W. Westney, G. H. Fleming, J. Flanagan, and D. Hatt.

way. The committee is pledged to close three hotels, and to refuse accommodation licenses at race meetings, cattle sales, etc.

The Commercial Hotel at Waverley was gutted by fire on Tuesday night, and the Clarendon Hotel was partially destroyed. The fire originated in the kitchen of the Commercial Hotel. This building was owned by Mr. Ellis, and occupied by Mr. Smith, the latter being a heavy loser. The hotels were on opposite sides of the street, and the fire brigade had great difficulty in preventing the spread of the flames. The damage at the Clarendon, occupied by Mr. Oakenfall, is estimated at several hundreds of pounds. The insurances on the Commercial are: Building, £900; stock, £300; furniture, £700. The Clarendon building was insured for £1025, and the furniture and stock for £875. The inmates of the Commercial lost nearly all of their belongings, escaping in their night clothes.

Consequent upon an intimation by the police that they intended to oppose all applications by the licensed victuallers of Newmarket, England, for the extension of an hour for the licensed houses during all the ensuing race weeks, excepting those of the July Meeting, the licensed victuallers were legally represented before the justices. Considerable evidence was called in favour of the extension, while the police contended that the principal license-holders did not wish for it, and many towns-people objected on the ground that those using the licensed premises were frequently noisy when proceeding home after midnight; and, furthermore, that it necessitated extra police duty. The justices, after a short retirement, decided to grant the extension as usual.

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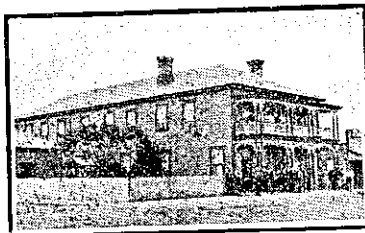
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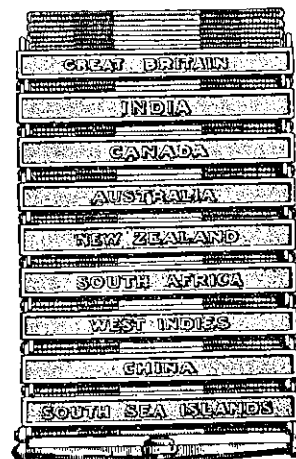
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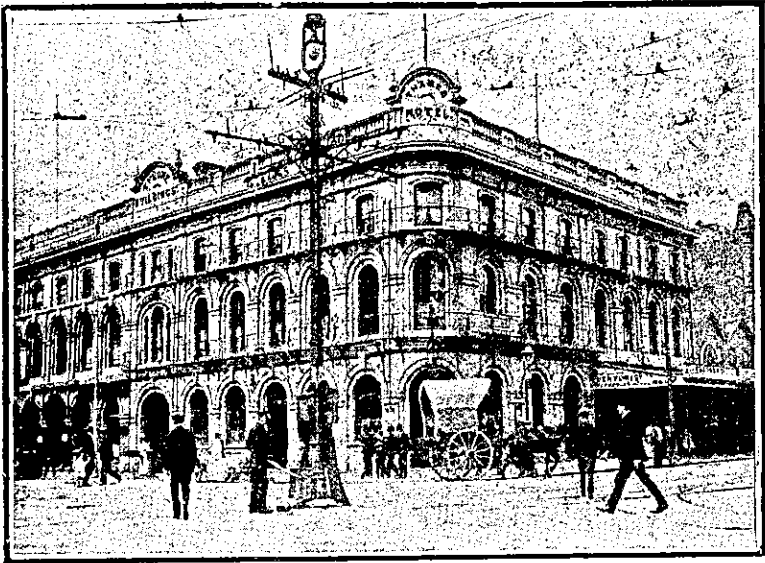
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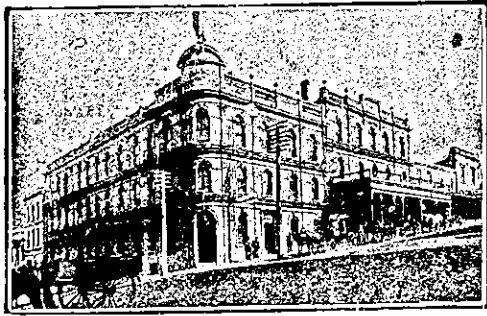
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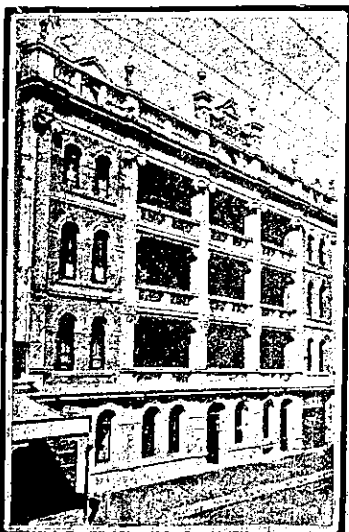
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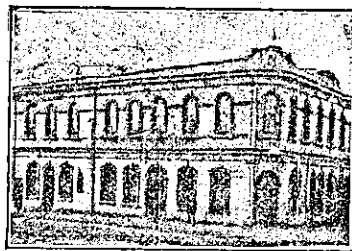
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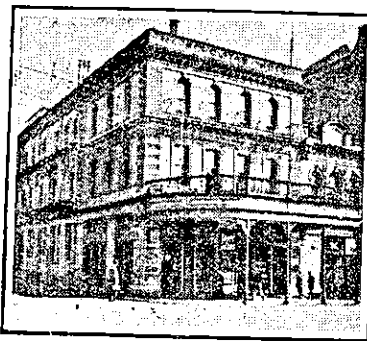
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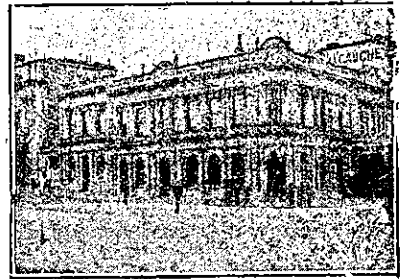
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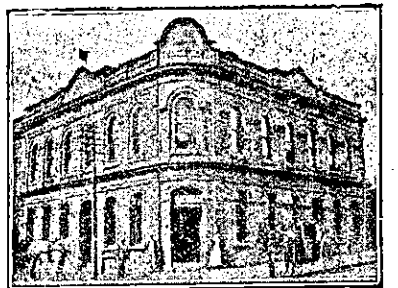
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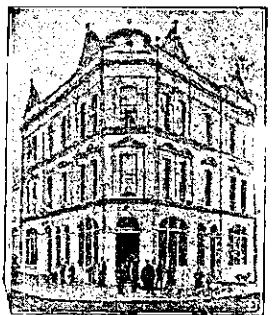
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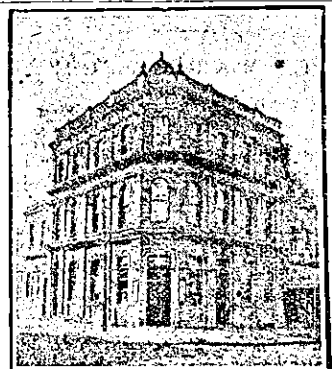
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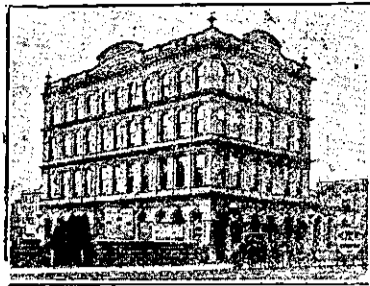
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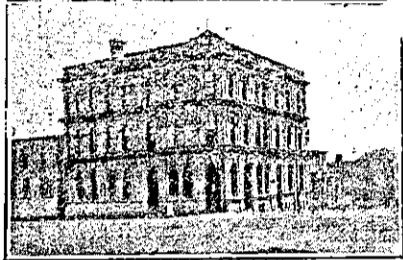
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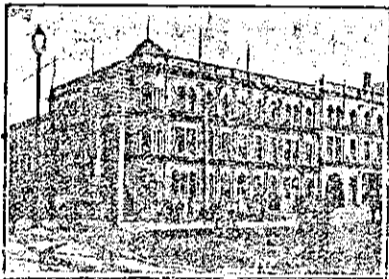
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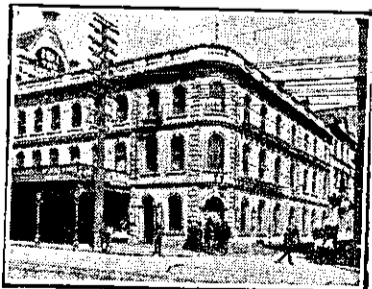
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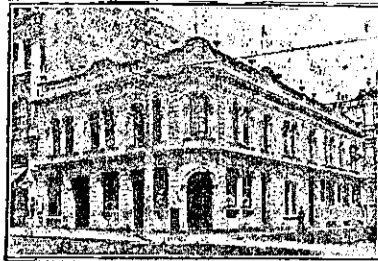
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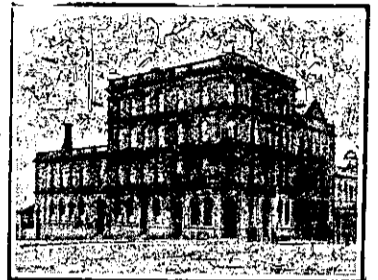
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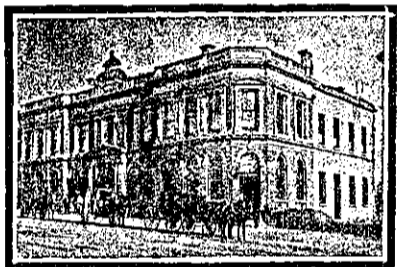


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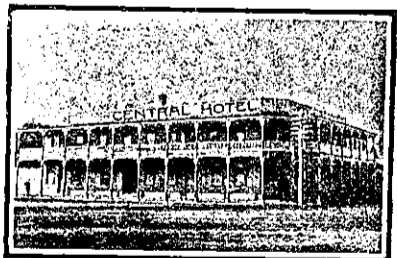
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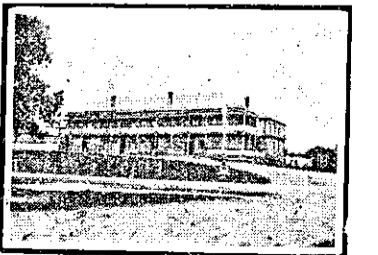


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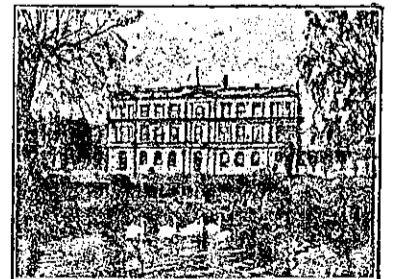
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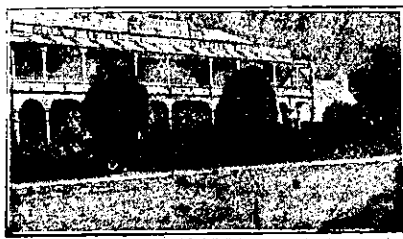
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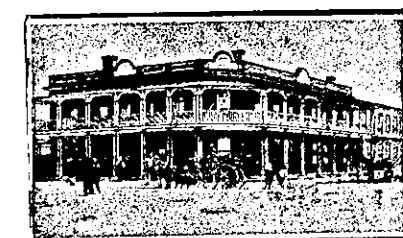
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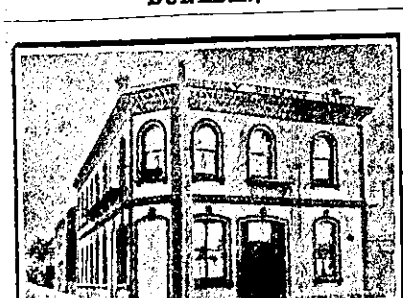
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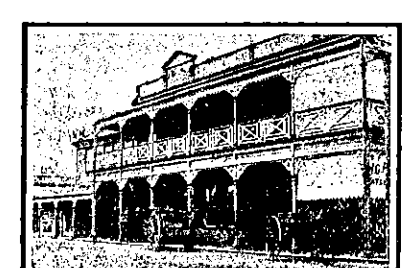
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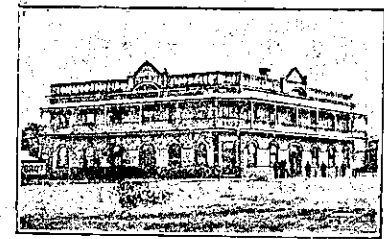
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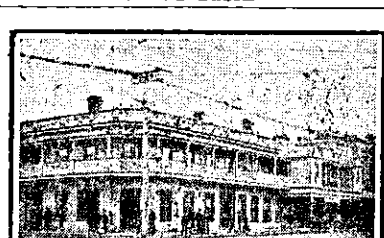


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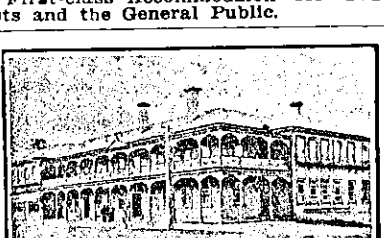
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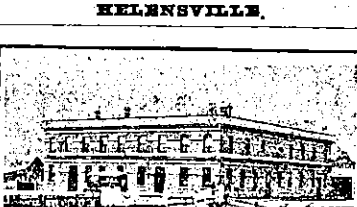
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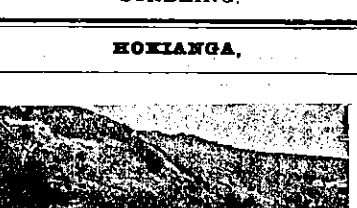
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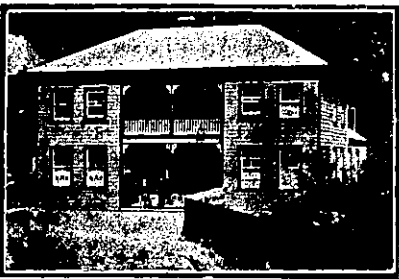
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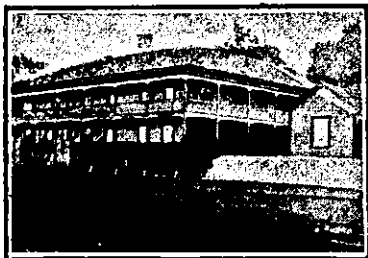
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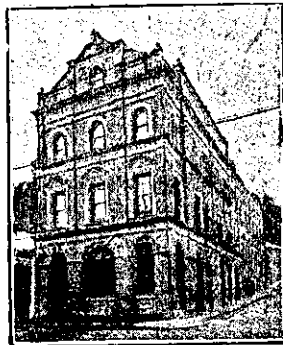
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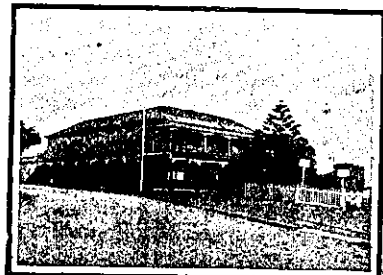
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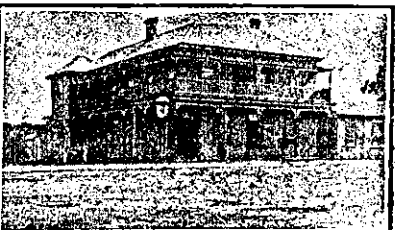
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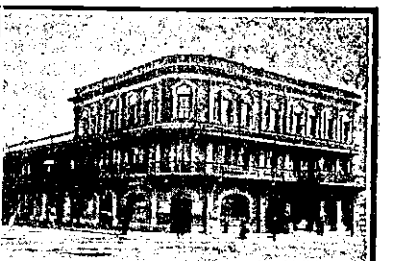


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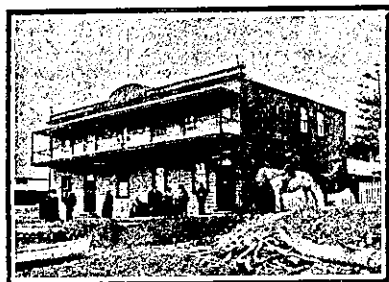
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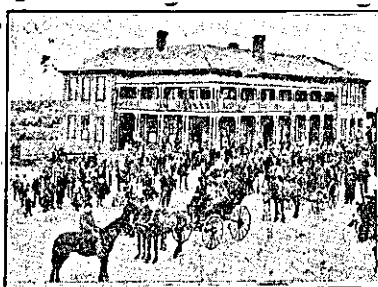
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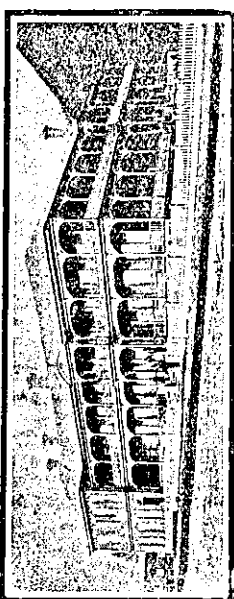


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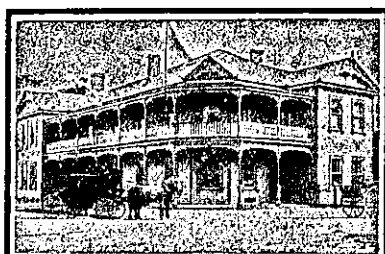


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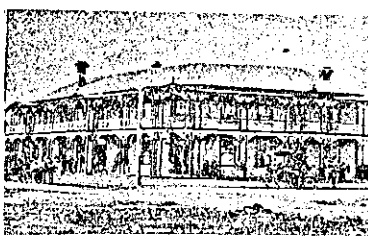


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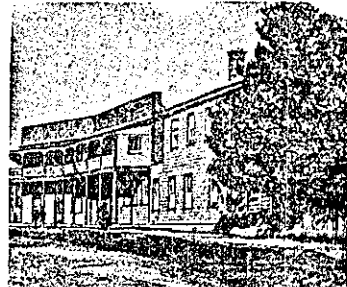


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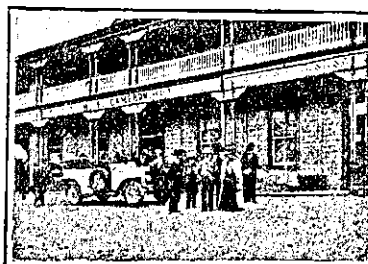
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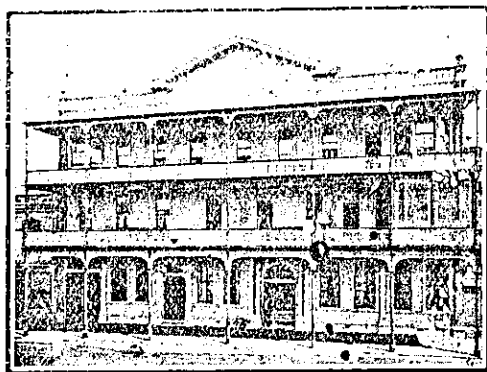
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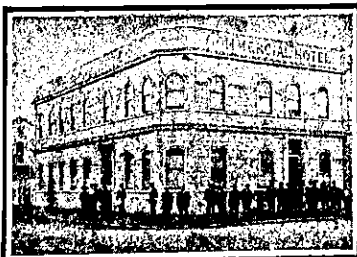
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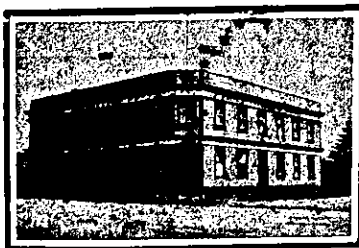
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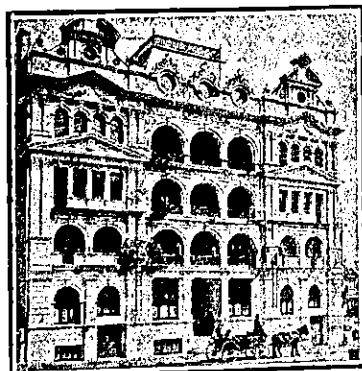
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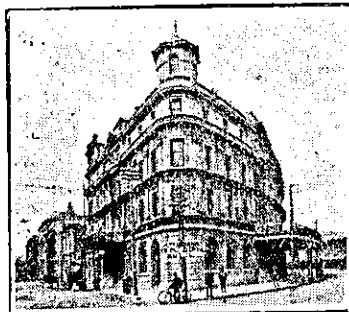
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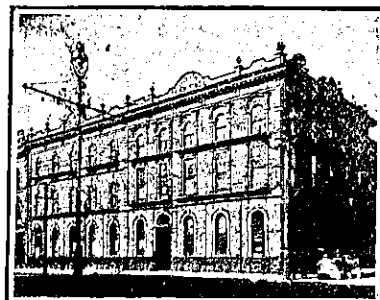
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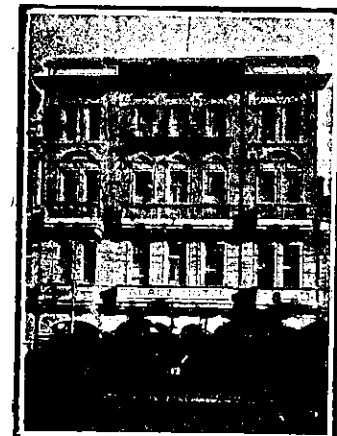
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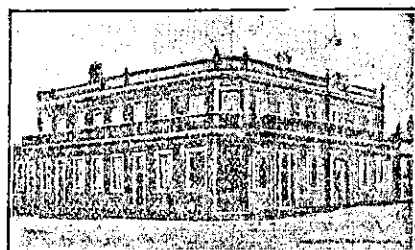
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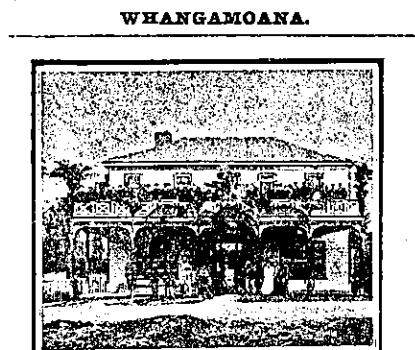
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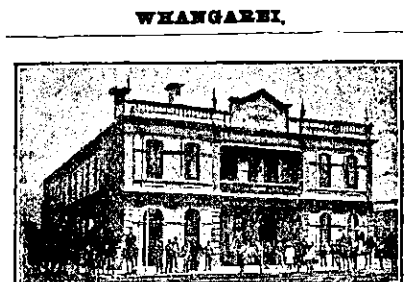
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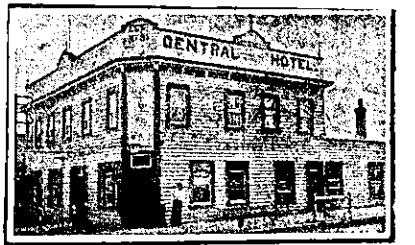


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