THE ADVENT OF LAGER BEER.

OPENING CEREMONY AT THE BREWERY.

On Tuesday afternoon Messrs Hancock invited a number of gentlemen to be present at the opening ceremony of their new lager-beer brewery—the first to be established in New Zealand. Over three hundred gentlemen were present, the assemblage including doctors, lawyers, members of Par-liament, merchants, publicans, sinners, and other prominent individuals. The guests were received by Mr Moss Davis and his sons, and after a preliminary explanatory address by Mr Metzler (the expert who superintended the erection of the plant) a general inspection was made by all present. We shall be able to give a full description of the plant in a future issue, but lack of space and the lateness of the hour confines us in this number to the particulars of the opening ceremony. We may incidentally remark that the prevalent atmosphere in the vicinity of the plant was of a distinctly Arctic character, and the guests on emerging from the vacuum room welcomed the sunshine, not only for its genial warmth, but as an incentive to that thirst which was so quickly and satisfactorily allayed by sampling the delightful beer, which was lavishly placed at their dis-posal. A little desultory conversation, and then we all adjourned to the main cellar, which was gaily decorated with bunting. There were long tables spread with various dainties and enticing looking long-necked bottles, while attendants pressed upon each visitor foaming beakers of sparkling amber-hued lager, and while the inner man was refreshed and enlivened the pleasurable excitement was enhanced by strains of appropriate music. Suddenly a muffled report was heart, succeeded by a flash of light, and a general impression gained ground that the Boers had somehow got wind of the opening of the brewery and had come in force to commandeer all the beer. Apprehensions were dissipated, however, when we found that it was only the photographer taking a flashlight photo. of those present. When quiet had been restored, the Hon. E. Mitchelson declared the brewery open and proposed "Success to Messes Handcock and Company's Lager Beer Factory, coupled with the name of Mr Moss Davis," which was drunk with musical honors In responding, Mr Davis said that he had travelled all over the world, and had studied the different processes of lager-beer making. He was satisfied that he had got the best process, and, further, he wished his hearers to know that the beer would be made from local products and by local labor. He hoped that the New Zesland public would appreciate the inauguration of a new industry under such circumstances and accord him a generous patronage for his endeavors. It meant keeping the money in the country and finding employment for a great number of people. Although philanthropically inclined he was not altogether a philanthropist in starting the new brewery, as he hoped to personally profit after the great outlay of capital which had been entailed upon him. He thanked those present for their cordial wishes and the way they had drunk his health. "God Save the Queen" was then sung, and cheers given for Her Majesty and Lord Roberts. After which Dr Laishley, who couldn't resist the opportunity of giving a brief resume of his experiences in Germany and the taste he acquired for lager beer while there, proposed "Commerce of Auckland," with which he felt compelled to couple the name of Mr Moss Davis. The last-named gentleman responded to the toast in fitting terms, and, referring to the growth of commerce in New Zealand, expressed his pleasure at seeing Mr J. Mills, of the Union S.S. Company, present. Mr Mills had been one of the most prominent factors in the advance of commerce in New Zealand, and he wished all present to drink his health. Mr Mills briefly acknowledged the toast. He said that during the last few years his company had spent over £500,000, and although at times they had been misjudged they always had at heart the progress of New Zealand. He thanked Mr Davis for his kind remarks. Mr Gerald Peacocke, in a somewhat humorous speech, then proposed the health of the "New Zealand Legislature," coupled with the names of Messrs Kelly, Palmer, and Lawry. He claimed that England's power had to a large extent been built up on beer, and although he was not quite sure what analogy there was between beer and Parliament, still Mr Lawry was an authority on the subject and could make all necessary explanations. Referring to the name "Bismarck," which had been chosen as the brand of the new manufacture, although he had rather something more English had been chosen, still he was satisfied that any beer that arly Peacocke is evidently not aware of the fact that Bismarck died some time ago and is still dead. Mr Kelly replied first, and was followed by Mr Lawry, who was received with cheers. He made an excellent speech, during the course of which he referred to the disabilities under which the publicans suffered. He said that it seemed at though the whole police force of the colony were devoting their attention to persecuting the licensed victuallers. He claimed that although he had always been looked upon as the champion of the Trade in the House he had never been asked a political favor by any one, directly or indirectly, connected with the Trade. Mr Jackson Palmer, who spoke after Mr Lawry, said that although he appeared Lefore them as a moderate he was strongly in favor of amending certain clauses in the existing Liquor Act, which were really an insult to humanity. Under the law, as it stood at present, a publican was obliged to clear an intoxicated man out of his house, for if he attempted to put him to bed or look after him a policeman was liable to bring a charge against him, and he would run the risk of losing his license. He spoke of lager beer as a temperance drink; and complimented Mr Davis on introducing a beverage that would tend to promote sobriety. The "Health of the Licensed Vicd tuallers" was proposed by Mr J. M. Shera and responded to by Mr J. McLeod, the chairman of he Auckland Licensed Victuallers' Association.

Mr McLeod went into the detail of the difficulties a publican had to combat, and put the position of the average licensed victualler very lucidly before his listeners, referring particularly to the system of granting and distributing prohibition orders. A few other speeches were made, and the gathering broke up, after a very enjoyable afternoon, with hearty wishes tor the success of the venture.

# HANDICAPS.

THE CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S MIDSUMMER MEETING.

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Female Fra	nchise		10	0	Magg			8	
Ben Farley			9	18				8	
Skirmisher			9	12	Gold			8	
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	Jupiter	•••	9	7	Comuse	•••	•••	6	12

Gewgaw

Ben Farley ... First Blood ...

The Flemington correspondent of the Leader writes: - "Everything is in readiness for the reception of the intercolonial contingent, the several tracks being in the best of order. The several tracks being in the best of order. arrival of the visitors will necessarily cause things to assume a lively attitude next week, Walter Hickenbotham has been moving Finland and Kenley along in anticipation of determining the two-year-old championship with Haut Boy and any other ambitious youngsters who may come along. Finland is showing to advantage. The same trainer has not been hard on Fleet Admiral, who varies a long, slow exercise with an occasional sprint, which suggests that the Richmond horse is to be tried over short distances during the autumn meetings. Blunderer con-tinues to do all that is being asked of him, and does it with characteristic freedom, while his stable companion, Strathjoy, is also on the improve. Carrara and Model have been eased since their recent victories, both can be again got ready for action at short notice. Olaf is doing well, albeit he is never asked to do anything good against the watch. They are such a bad lot in the Futurity Stakes that there are more unlikely things than for him to capture the big prize. He is certainly going to have a try for it. Cripps has taken up Scotchman again, and Beau Brummell has also resumed acquaintanceship with the tracks. Burrabari tried his hand over the hurdles for the first time, and shaped well for a beginner."

The Premier Picnic will be held at Home Bay, Motutapu on Saturday, February 17. Steamers Warkworth, Puhoi, Turanga Creek, Howick Wharf, Pannure Bridge, Waipu, Wade, and everywhere. All profits go to the Patriotic Fund.

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# ACCEPTANCES.

VICTORIA RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

MARCH 3, 6, 8, AND 10.

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Merriwee				Shell			8	7	
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	Coralie			9	7	The Pirate B	ing		7	7
	Stand Off			9	0	Rona			7	7
	Tarquin			9	0	Saraswati			7	6
	Veneda			8	12	Silvermoor			7	6
	Fleet Admir.	al		8	11	Bushy Park			7	6
	Symmetry			-8	11	Blatin			7	6
	Wild Olive			8	9	Cornquist		••	7	5
	Sequence			- 8	9	Watch Dog		••	7	4
	Caledonia			8	8	Speculation		••	7	4
	Olaf			8	7	Marie Corell	i., .		7	3
	Robold	•••		9	6	Keyless			7	3
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	Veloce			8	8	Venganza			7	0
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	Dandy			8	0	Gallina			6	12
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	Cardamon			ż	īŏ	Jadoo			6	7
	Songbird			7	ğ	Harpist			6	7
	Auric		•••	7	9	Omrah			6	7
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	Glenroy	•••		7	ĕ	Youthless			6	7
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THE AUSTRALIAN CUP, two miles and a quarter.											
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Wait-a-Bit		•••	8		Waterloo		7				
Merriwee			8	10	Nitre		7				
Seahorse			8	10		***	7	١			
Parthian		,	8		George Frederick		7	•			
Mora			8		Drama		7				
Prince Carbi	ne		8	3	Carbinier		6 1				
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Tarquin			8	1	The Pirate King	***	6 1				
Brazen Lad			8	1	Shell		6 1	l			
Fleet Admir	al		8	0	Merry Pilgrim		6				
The Bride			8	0	Peeress		6				
War God			7	13			6				
Terlinga, lat	te Tr	amp	7	10	Tabilk		6				
Scorn			7	7	Grizzle		в				
Disfigured			7	5	Spangle		6				
Royal Purpl	e		7	5							
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#### AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

APRIL 16, 17, AND 21.

NORTHEEN CHAMPAGNE STAKES, SIX furlongs. Mr T. B. Bell's br f Rosiphele, by Hotchkiss—Reproach
Mr J. C. Caulton's ch f Kissmary, by Hotchkiss—St Mary
Mr J. Chaafe's b f St Olga, by St Leger—Satanella
Major F. Nelson George's ch f Zealous, by Nelson—
Mo nga
Mrs Lennard's br c Val Rosa, by Scaton Delaval—Vieux
Rose

Mr J. Marshall's chf Balbirnie, by St Leger—Coalscuttle Mr J. Marshall's b c Paul Seaton, by Seaton Delaval—

Leocant Mr Dan McLeod's ch f Matamataharakiki, by St Leger-Mr Dan McLeod's ch r Matamatanarakik, by St Leger-Bellona
Hon. H. Mosman's b c Hengist, by St Leger-Hilda
Hon. H. Mosman's b f Formula, by Hotchkiss-Formo
Mr L. D. Nathan's br g Beddington, by Seaton DelavalMiss Letty
Hon. J. D. Ormond's ch c Renown, by DreadnoughtLyzebird
Hon. J. D. Ormond's bik c Paphos, by Robinson Crusoe

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Aphrodite

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Hon. J. D. Ormond's br f Apollo, by Dreadnought—
Mount Ida
Mr J. G. Ralph's bf Lady Avon, by Soult—First Love
Mr E. J. Watt's che Nobility, by St Leger—Lady Emily
Mr G Wright's bf Aleger, by St Leger—Brown Alice
Mr G. Wright's ch f St Amy, by St Leger—Hazel

#### THE CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SUMMER MEETING.

FEBRUARY 22 AND 24.

MIDSUMMER HANDICAP, one mile and a half.

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Malatua			8	13	Skobeleff			7	6
Jupiter			8	9		٠		7	2
Djin-Djin	,		8	8	Ben Farley			7	1
Strathnairn			8	1	Сатео		***	7	0
Dundas		117	7	13	Derringshot	•••	•••	6	7
Huku	•••	•••	7	8					

# NOMINATIONS.

## HAWKE'S BAY JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

MARCH 17 AND 19.

HAWKE'S BAY Cup, one mile and a half. Advance The Crown Temeraire Tortulla Boreas Derringshot Daunt Korematuku Douglas Pitch and Toss Coronet Will-o'-the-Wisp Skobeloff Silver Lock Mistra Knight of Athol Bush Rose Jadoo

#### AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

APRIL 16, 17, AND 21.

EASTER HANDICAP, one mile. mile.
Miss Delaval
Sylvia Park
Kuight of Athol
La Gloria
Laborer
Swordfish II.
Battleaxe
Dundas
Rex
Rosella
St Clements
Telephone
Dayntree
Coronet Amoureux Hohoro St Ursula Waiorongomai Mantle Doctor Auld Reekie Cadiz Whorongoman Tiri Miss Blair Victoria Cross Autaia Oingo Lætitia Advance Minerva II. Tolstoi Solo Record Reign Sirocco Okoari Douglas St Jack Hastings St Gordon Red Lancer Tolstoi Firefly
Cuirasette
Lady Lorne
Ideal Cyrenian Bluejacket Daunt Coronet Palaver Will-o'-the-Wisp Jabber

Barbarossa Volcano Voltigeur II. Straybird

HUBBLE HANDICAP. two miles Korowai Dingo Favona

AUTUMN HANDICAP, one mile and a half. Mantle
Miss Delaval
Sylvia Park
St Ursula
La Gloria
Record Reign
Sirocco
Dundas
Rex
Rosella
St Gordon
Coronet
Palaver
Daunt Seahorse Doctor Auld Reekie Cadiz Tire Miss Blair Battleaxe Amoureux Hohoro Knight of Athol Waiorongomai Jim Kean Swordfish II. Okoari Oingo Lestitia Advance Autaia St Jack Firefly Bluejacket Lady Lorne Temeraire Cyrenian Sant Dario Will-o'-the-Wisp

#### BAY OF PLENTY JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

MARCH 1.

### WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB AUTUMN MEETING.

WANGANUI CUP, one mile and three-quarters. Bush Rose Will-o'-the-Wisp Palaver Tirade Rosella Sedgebrook Boress Tortulla Skobeleff Advance Sant Ilario Korematuku Worry Miss Delaval Djin-Djin Swordfish IL Sylvia Park Coronet

FLYING HANDICAP, Six furlongs. Rosella Bedgebrook Advance Hastings Beddington Ostiak Oingo Gowrie Sylvia Park Tolstoi

Lady Lorne Faugh a-Ballagh Titoki Autaia Djin-Djin Minerva II. Chasset I Cuirasette

WANGANUI STAKES, one mile and a half. Same as Wanganui Cup, with the addition of Crusos.

#### DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

MARCH 21, 23, AND 24,

DUNEDIN CUP, one mile and a half. Boreas St Ouida Huku Fulmen Malatua Tortulla Skobeloff Dundas Djin-Djin Paladin Advance Jupiter Red Banner Sant Hario Publicans' Handicap, seven furlongs.

Nihilist Advance St Ouida Deadbeat Peerage Dundas Vandyke Blazer Suzannah Gold Paladin Tortulla Jupiter Red Banner Rougement Ostiak Decoy Cherrystone Arline Benzoin

D.J.C. HANDICAP, one mile and a quarter. Boreas Brisa Paladin Arline Tortulia St Ouida Huku Advance Djin Djin Malatus Dundas Fulmen Skobeloff Strathnairn Suzann**ah** Jupiter Red Banner Peerage Nihilist

ANNIVERBARY HANDICAP. one mile.

Tortulla Blazer Boreas The Spinner Djin-Djin Strathnairn Skobeloff Red Banner Nibilist Jupiter Gold Benzoin Fulmen Deadbeat Advance St Ouida Dundas

### THE CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

APRIL 16 AND 17.

GREAT EASTER HANDICAP, seven furlongs. Jupiter Boress Ostiak Cherrystone Mauser Mountebank St Ouida Tortulla Advance Daunt Glenogle Jabber Relic Tire Jabber
The Spinner
Fulmen
Skobeloff
Rochester
Peerage Suzannah St Denis Briza Sant Ilario Derringshot Ben Farley Paladin Strathnairn Malatua Rougement Hermosa Corusa Dundas Benzoin Autaia Oingo Lady Medallist

GREAT AUTUMN HANDICAP, one mile and a half. Jupiter Advance Boreas Cameo Dauut Djin-Djin Huku Strathnairn Tameraire Fulmen Skobeloff Derringshot Peerage Dundas Sequin Benzoin

Tortulla Relic Tire Haris Sant Ilario Malatua Ben Farley Autaia

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