

was the Five-mile Championship of Australasia, at Adelaide the other Saturday, and on the same day he was only just beaten in the final of the Wheel Race by his namesake, L. M., another good rider. In Sydney recently W. C. Jackson was debarred from taking part in the Ten-mile Championship of Australasia owing to an accident, and his rival, Walne, won. Despite Jackson's great deeds and present superiority, we hesitate to say, both fit and well, that he is better than Walne. The Queenslander is not himself, evidently, and having had a very hard campaign for several seasons, is in need of a long rest. The fact of his sticking so close to the racing business as he does, while it gained him many victories for the time being, has caused him to be run right out. Jackson, on the other hand, has not a particularly rigid method of training.

S. Draffin succeeded in winning the Wheel Race at the Lancaster Park meeting on Saturday last. He rode a Rudge-Whitworth machine, and scored an easy victory.

Details of the Christchurch Meeting, held at Lancaster Park on Saturday, are unavoidably held over for want of space in this issue



G. B. Tincler has had quite a prosperous time of late, and last Saturday, March 3, he succeeded in beating that young rival Harry Cullum in a 1,000 yards at Rochdale. As soon as Tincler returned from his last trip to America he was keen to meet Cullum, but at that time the half-mile championship between Cullum and Bredin was at issue. At New Year both Tincler and Cullum at the Powderhall festival talked about a match, but the beginning of February had arrived before articles were ratified. He then went into training near Buxton, in fact at the Duke of York, Budge, and he has not been a troublesome charge to his trainer, Bob Walker. Cullum took his airings at Llandaff, and later at his home at Cardiff, and was so much fancied that he started favourite. At the start Cullum went away with the lead of a yard, but Tincler, moving perfectly, stepped in his footprints. The pace was by no means a cracker, as the first quarter took 58 1/2 sec. Neither made any effort to increase the speed, and they kept close company until 200 yards from home. Then Cullum tried to draw away, but Tincler, responding beautifully, remained close. Coming around the bend nearest the entrance gates, Cullum was evidently very earnest in his endeavour to increase his lead. But Tincler seemed to lengthen his stride, and stealing over the ground it was evident that a great battle for supremacy was taking place. Cullum just had the advantage as they approached the straight for home—a run in of eighty yards—and he struggled with the utmost gameness. But Tincler drew abreast, and about sixty yards from the tape placed daylight between himself and his opponent. It was now a stern chase for Cullum but try as he would he could not regain the premier position, and Tincler broke the worsted a yard in front of his opponent, amid considerable enthusiasm. It was a very fine race despite the fact that the time, 2min 22 1/2 sec, was rather slow, for the track was really in fine condition. Tincler, who was also running for the Matrimonial Stakes, is to wed Miss Shaw, of Rochdale, on the 14th inst., and his winnings will doubtless establish a happy home in Dublin.

The Tramway employees held a sports carnival and picnic at Potter's Paddock on Good Friday, when a very enjoyable day's outing was spent. A good sports programme was gone through, and some excellent racing was witnessed.

Several pedestrian events were run at the Wellington Druids' Sports on Easter Monday. The results were as follows:—Half Mile, Logan won from scratch in 2min 5 1/2 sec. One Mile, Ward won this event from the 10 yards mark in 4min 38 1/2 sec.

There is to be no boxing or wrestling allowed at the forthcoming Paris Exhibition. No reasons are given for this, but, nevertheless, it is to be strictly adhered to.

Fresh schemes are being devised to raise money for the purpose of sending Stanley Rowley to Paris and England. The committee find that the money is coming in far too slowly.

Lacrosse.

[By COVERPOINT.]

The prospects of a prosperous season seem very bright at present, and I have no doubt that this great Canadian pastime will obtain a very substantial footing here before very long. The Association have secured three grounds for matches in the Domain Cricket enclosure. With six district clubs going it is expected that the general public will give this sport the patronage it deserves.

The Association held its annual meeting on the 10th inst., there was a large attendance. Dr. King occupied the chair and the general business

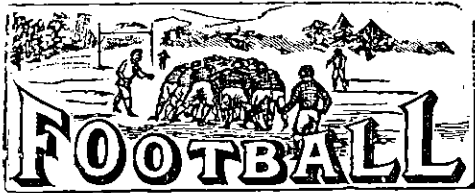
was got through successfully. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:— Patron: His Excellency the Governor, Lord Ranfurly; president: Mr D. Goldie (Mayor); vice-presidents: Drs. King and T. A. Purchas, A. Kohn, J. B. Macfarlane, S. T. George, J. E. Witheford, Rev Beatty, Dr. Egan, A. Heath, A. M. Myers, W. R. Wilson, Thos. Morris, Dr. Bedford, E. Broughton, and G. A. Pearson; secretary: H. Howey Walker; treasurer: W. Noton; consuls: E. Broughton (Canterbury) and A. C. Major (Wairarapa). It was decided unanimously that six district clubs should be formed, namely, Parnell, Grafton, North Shore, Ponsonby, Suburbs, and Grey Lynn, with the same territorial limits as the Rugby Union has, with one exception, there being no city club, half of which goes to Parnell and Grey Lynn. The new rules were read and agreed to. Members in the different districts were asked to convene meetings and form clubs.

It is expected that practice will be started next Saturday week.

A Referees Association is in the course of formation.

A large supply of crosses will arrive here in a few days. Intending players should give their names in to the secretary of the club in the district they reside in as early as possible.

Messrs A. C. Major (Wairarapa) and Eric Broughton (Canterbury) are in hopes of starting Lacrosse in their respective provinces very soon, both are very keen enthusiasts, and I hope their efforts will be crowned with success.



George Gillet will be an absentee from the Karangahake team this season.

Cunningham, the Thames forward who played in the Auckland reps. last season, is to play for Waitekauri this season.

City will have a very strong back team this season, and should prove a hard nut to crack when the Cup matches come up for decision.

Grafton have lost A. Renwick from their ranks. Renwick is now in the Karangahake district, for which team he intends playing during the coming season.

The Waihi Union has held its annual meeting and elected officers for the ensuing season. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £60. Three senior and three junior teams are competing, and the union expect to be able to place a good team in the field for inter-union matches.

Footballer have made a start in the Ohinemuri district, Waitekauri, Paeros, and Karangahake having held practices. A meeting has been held at Waikino for the purpose of forming a club. The meeting proved a success, and a good team is anticipated from this district. Messrs R. Montgomery and McKenna were appointed delegates to the Ohinemuri Union. The committee and members are busy preparing a ground, where the club will play their matches.

On Tuesday evening of last week the Parnell District Football Club held their annual meeting in the Parnell Oddfellows' Hall. Mr J. Page (vice-president) presided. The annual report stated that £80 had been paid off the ground which the club purchased for the purpose of erecting a gymnasium. The committee hoped to make a start on the erection of the hall as soon as another £45 had been raised. Reference was made to the death of the club's late secretary, Mr H. Dunnage. The balance-sheet showed a profit of £11 13s 7d on the year's work. The club's assets were shown to be £129 8s 11d over liabilities. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Hon. secretary, Mr G. Tottan; hon. treasurer, Mr O. M. Hume; committee of management, Messrs F. Murray, F. M. Jervis, and Thompson; delegates to the Auckland Rugby Union, Messrs P. R. Fraser, F. Murray, and F. M. Jervis; selection committee, the captain and vice-captain (both to be selected after the first practice match), and Mr R. Handcock; auditors, Messrs A. G. Buchanan and P. R. Fraser.

The forward team which City will put in the field this season will be almost the same as last, the only change being the inclusion of Sid. Brown, an old rep. man and City player.

A match between the Sydenham and Dunedin Clubs took place on the Caledonian Grounds, Dunedin, on Saturday last, and resulted in a win for the visitors by 7 points to 3. There was a fair attendance. During the first spell McKenzie scored a try for the local team, but the score was not advanced. In the second spell Brunsten secured a try for his side, which was not converted, and Gasson kicked a goal from a mark. The play throughout was fairly even, but it was evident that both teams lacked form.

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