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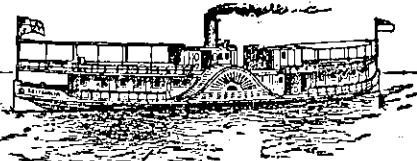
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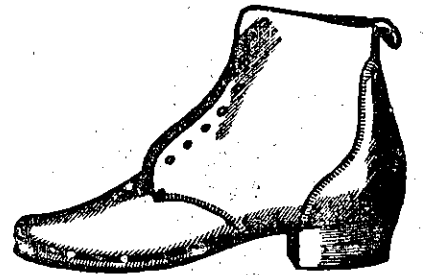
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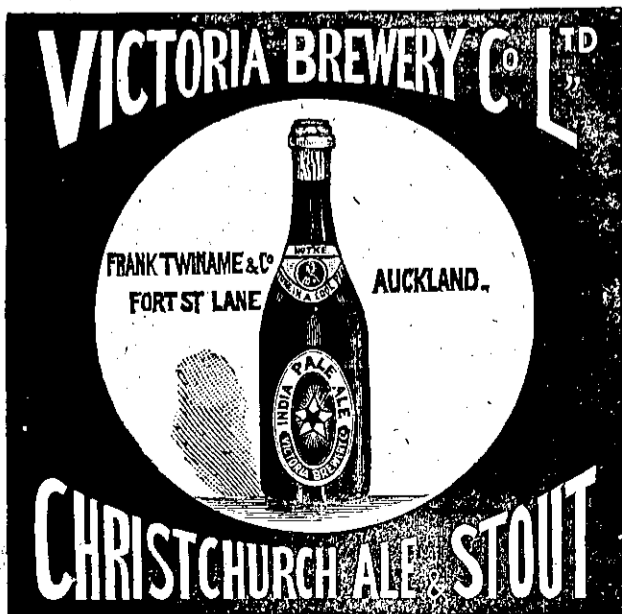
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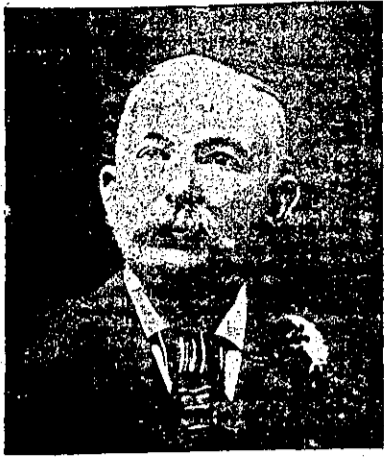
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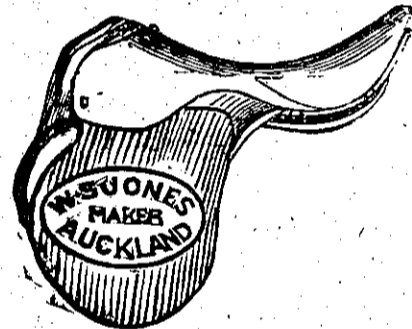
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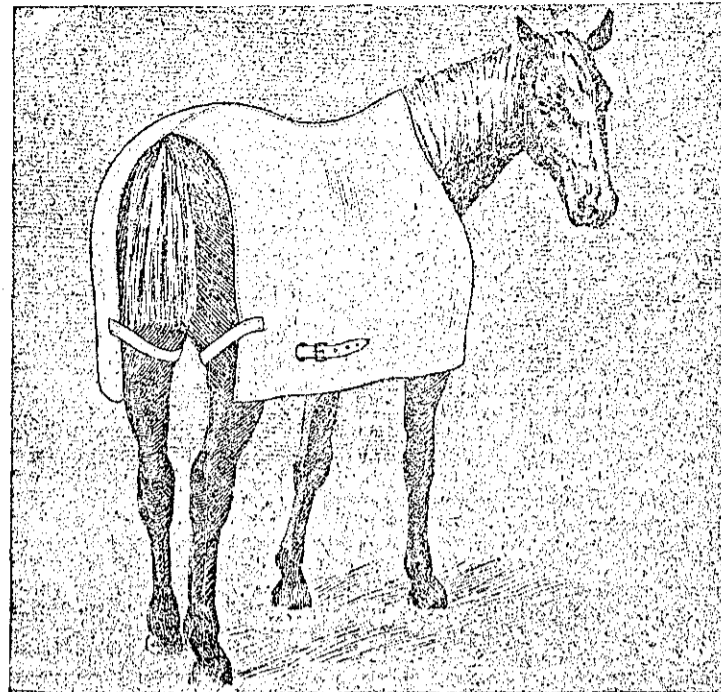
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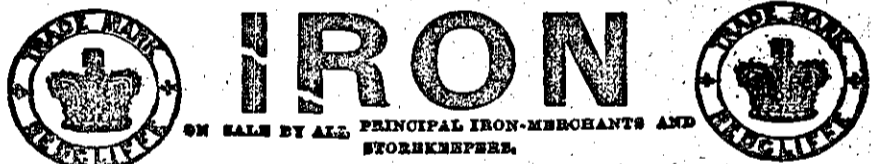
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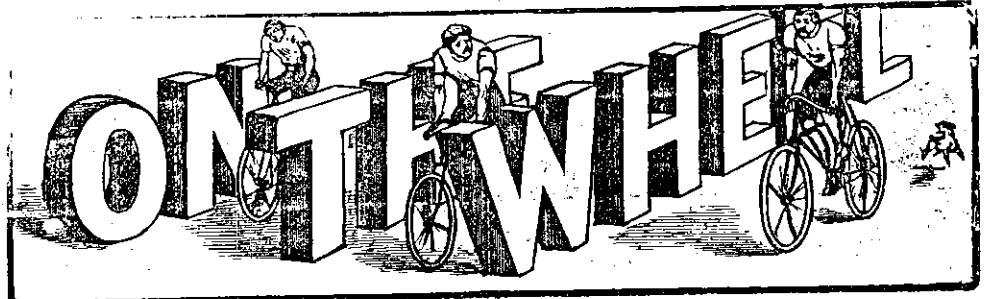
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THE CYCLES.

On June 29 Smyth made his attempt on the 10 miles record on the Sydney Cricket Ground. The wind again was very strong and interfered with him considerably, but nevertheless he got well inside Kerr's time of 24 minutes 58 seconds, done on the St. Leonard's Oval from a flying start. The attempt was from a standing start, and getting away well Smyth soon picked up the Dunlop motor tandem and the first mile was reeled off in 2 minutes 12-5 seconds. Monday previously he did his first mile from a flying start in 2 minutes 6 seconds. Getting well into pace two miles was done in 4 minutes 16 seconds, three miles in 6 minutes 26 seconds, four miles in 8 minutes 37 1-5 seconds, five miles in 10 minutes 46 1-5 seconds. The seven miles distance was ticked off in 15 minutes 19 1-5 seconds; eight miles in 17 minutes 32 seconds; nine miles in 19 minutes 45 4-5 seconds; 10 miles in 22 minutes 34 4-5 seconds. The times for the six, seven, eight, nine, and 10 miles are new records.

The old firm of Humber and Co., Limited, has practically passed out of existence, for, with its offshoot, the Humber Extension Company, Limited, it has been merged into "Humber Limited." This was accomplished almost unanimously, there being but one dissenting vote at the meeting of the shareholders. The new concern will have a working capital of £30,000, obtained from the Extension Company, and about £25,000 more to be realised from a call that will be made on the shares.

It is a curious thing, and an instance where history is repeating itself, that the most enthusiastic advocates of the free-wheel are those who have used it longest, while the condemnation of the device comes from those who have never used it, or have given it a very limited trial. It was the same way with cycling when it was in its infancy. It has survived.

The protracted litigation between the Dunlop Tyre Company and the Palmer Tyre Company has been terminated satisfactorily to both parties. The Dunlop people had obtained a sweeping judgment against their opponents with respect to certain infringements, against which the Palmer folk were appealing whilst the Dunlop Company had a cross-

action for cancellation of a license held by the Palmer Company, on the ground of infraction of terms. Both suits, by mutual consent, have been withdrawn, and my authority states although the terms of settlement have not been divulged, the shareholders of the big concern may safely conclude that their interests have not suffered to the extent of a penny-piece. In any case both companies are to be congratulated on the turn matters have taken.

The cyclists in Servia will not be allowed to use acetylene, as the importation of calcium carbide has been forbidden. It appears that the adoption of acetylene as a lighting medium gave prospects of interfering with the sale of petroleum, which is a Government monopoly. Hence the decision.

The Grand Prix de Florence, decided on May 3, says Tommaselli, the famous Italian crack cyclist, who last season figured as the king of sprinters, in his old form, he defeated the pick of the European sprinters, and winning the above event; Meyers was second and Grogna third. Eros, Bixio, Grogna and Tommaselli have each now placed a good event to their respective credits this season.

On the face of evidence, (says *Bicycling News*) it seems as if the crime of scorching was greater than theiving in the eyes of some Lancashire Magistrates. For instance, a young fellow of Ulverston was fined 20s and costs for furious riding and a youth at Barrow, who was caught riding away with a bicycle that was not his own, was only fined 10s and costs, with a warning that he musn't do it again.

The League of New South Wales Wheelmen contemplate holding a race meeting in August.

The *Daily News* states that twenty a day is the average number of motorists who are arrested in Paris under the new regulations for furious driving. All motor race dates are now practically declared off.

An English exchange says:—The Osmond Cycle Company have stated that over 40 per cent of the orders received during the early part of the season were for machines fitted with the free wheel device.

The Melbourne *Sportsman* says, rumour is persistently circulated that the next Austral Meeting will be held independent of the control of the League of Victorian Wheelmen. It is asserted that the Melbourne B cycle Club has at last determined to ignore the League entirely, and to conduct its meetings under its new rules.

To-night (Thursday) a meeting is to be held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall to forward a movement to have cycle paths constructed in Auckland. Mr Seymour Thorne George will preside, and several prominent citizens who are interested in cycling will address the meeting. It is to be hoped that cyclists will roll up in large numbers and give assistance to the movement, as the paths are very much required in this city.

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NEW ZEALAND TATTERSALL'S BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.

The annual Tournament in connection with the above Club commenced at their splendidly appointed rooms last month. A considerable amount of interest was centered in this Tournament, and a lot of wagering on the different heats took place, no less than three to one chances getting home. The committee decided to add three very valuable trophies in addition to the ordinary sweepstake which added to the interest, if that was possible. A lot of wagering took place on the production of the handicaps, Cooke being the favourite, though a lot of others were backed for good money. A start was made by the two limit men meeting, W. Dyer and A. de Groen both being on the 110 mark. Dyer was a 2 to 1 hot favourite and justified the confidence reposed in him by winning by 46 points. J. Machattie (owes 135) then opposed J. Thompson (received 40). Machattie, who was favourite, played a very good and lucky game, and defeated the Taranaki man by 36 points. C. McKinney (received 80), a previous Tournament winner, met A. Harris (owes 25) and the popular little Secretary made a clean run away race of it, winning by 170 points. The winner made some really marvellous shots (I was nearly writing fluke) and quite paralysed his opponent, who, however, has been in bad health for some time past. The next to meet were Dan McLeod (received 20) and T. Tobias (received 70), McLeod being a firm 2 to 1 favourite. He started very quickly when 5 to 1 was laid on his ability to win. Tobias was very slow in getting under weigh, and when McLeod had nearly caught him when 10 to 1 was laid on him, and immediately that was done, the balls broke in Tobias's favour, and playing very well, he won by 24 points. There was a grand exhibition of high kicking and Highland fling dancing during the progress of this game, which was highly entertaining to the spectators. The next heat was between R. Cleland (received 20) and H. Thompson (received 40). The latter was favourite. Cleland started very well and quickly passed his opponent, but the balls breaking in a remarkably safe way for him, after getting a few points ahead, enabled Thompson to score 80 to his 6, but Cleland kept pegging away, and almost caught him again at 200, but through a fluke Thomson made 21, and that practically settled the game, for he won by 31 points. F. Whiting (received 50) and R. Duder (received 90) were the next to play. Whiting played a remarkably solid game, and never giving the genial North Shoreite a ghost of a chance, won by 70 points. On the strength of this game, the winner was well backed for the final. H. Hayr (received 40) and G. Brimblecombe (owes 10) were the next that were to play, but owing to an unfortunate accident, Hayr was forced to give Brimblecombe a bye. And then came one of the best contested heats of the first round, (J. Davidson (received 70) and J. Cooke (owes 175). Cooke was favourite, and after a really interesting game, Cooke won by 20 points. Both men played a game equal to their best form, especially the loser, who, I think, played the game of his life. It was indeed bad luck for "Ponem" to meet the scratch man in such good form. The last heat of the first round was of a really sensational character. C. Phillipot (received 80) met "Oom Paul" (owes 80), the Boer being a very warm favourite. He caught his man at 175, and after 10 to 1 being laid 15 to 1 went begging, and no wonder, seeing that after catching up such a big start there seemed but little prospect of "Philly" playing him 75 upon even terms, but that is what he did, for at the finish he fairly wore him down, and beat him, amidst great excitement, by one point. On Philly making the winning shot (a difficult one) there ensued a scene which has seldom been witnessed at the Club for both winners and losers heartily congratulated him on his gallant fight. I think that "Oom Paul" showed the white flag in a very pronounced manner, and was troubled with what the Americans call "cold feet."

Cooke and Machattie were the first to meet for the second round, and after a rather uninteresting game Cooke won by 47 points. Neither played up to their form, and Cooke had the best of the luck. Phillipot (who after his game with "Oom Paul" was always singing "They can't beat the boys of the bull dog breed") and Whiting then went to the table, and Whiting won by 6 points, after a rather interesting game. Phillipot should certainly have won this game, but his great game a few nights previously seemed to have taken all the "go" out of him.

McKinney and Tobias were the next to meet, and it was really hard to say which was favourite for 5 and 6 to 4 was laid on each of them, but Tobias proved equal to the occasion, winning by 8 points. McKinney lost this game by his own generosity. He was leading in the last 50, and refusing to pot the white, and playing for a most difficult cannon missed it, and letting Tobias in, who made a break, and won as above mentioned. H. Thompson and Brimblecombe were the next to play, Thompson being odds on favourite, but the old General played a really good game, and won by 19 points. W. Dyer secured the bye. The first to meet in the third round were Dyer and Cooke, the scratch man being a firm favourite, and playing a really brilliant game won by 60 points. Cooke excelled himself in this game, making breaks of 35, 31, 28, 29, 36, 35, 41, and 21 unfinished, his average for the whole game being 8½, which could have been considerably increased in the last 100, in fact his average up to that stage was 10½, a

really first class performance. Brimblecombe and Tobias were the next to play, and after a most monotonous game Brimblecombe won by 25 points. It was the slowest game of the whole series, and the most uninteresting. Whiting secured the bye, and Brimblecombe was the one drawn to meet him for the semi-final, and after a very uninteresting game Whiting won by 42 points. Both men played in their very best style, the winner especially playing some remarkably good shots. Cooke and Whiting then met the following evening for the final. Cooke was favourite, but once again the non-favourite won. There was a fair attendance to witness it, and a close and keen game was expected, and although it was a close finish the play was of a very mediocre character. The scratch man, who was suffering from a very severe cold, played a very poor game. The winner also played very badly, in striking contrast to his game with Brimblecombe. Eight to one was laid on Cooke at one time, and 10 to 1 was freely offered without any takers, but Whiting played up much better in the last 50 and won by 11 points, and so became the winner of the Tournament for the year 1900.

The following are the winners of the tournament since its inauguration:—

Year	1st	2nd	3rd
1892	R. Blaikie	C. Phillipot	R. Budge
1893	J. E. Cooke	F. Whiting	J. W. Russell
1894	J. E. Cooke	T. Tobias	G. Brimblecombe
1895	F. McManemin	J. E. Cooke	F. Machattie
1896	H. H. Hayr	F. Machattie	M. Moore
1898	C. McKinney	F. McManemin	R. Duder
1899	R. Cleland	R. Duder	G. Rhodes
1900	F. Whiting	J. E. Cooke	G. Brimblecombe

TOURNAMENT 1900.

FIRST ROUND.

W. Dyer receives 110 beat A. De Groen receives 110 by 46 points.
F. Machattie owes 135 beat J. Thompson receives 40 by 30 points.
C. McKinney receives 80 beat A. E. Dunn owes 25 by 170 points.
T. Tobias receives 70 beat D. McLeod receives 20 by 24 points.
H. Thompson receives 40 beat R. Cleland receives 20 by 31 points.
F. Whiting receives 50 beat R. Duder receives 90 by 70 points.
G. Brimblecombe a bye.
J. Cooke owes 175 beat J. Davidson receives 70 by 20 points.
C. Phillipot receives 80 beat "Oom Paul" owes 80 by 1 point.

SECOND ROUND.

J. Cooke beat F. Machattie by 47 points.
F. Whiting beat C. Phillipot by 6 points.
T. Tobias beat C. McKinney by 3 points.
G. Brimblecombe beat H. Thompson by 19 points.
W. Dyer a bye.

THIRD ROUND.

J. Cooke beat W. Dyer by 60 points.
G. Brimblecombe beat T. Tobias by 25 points.
F. Whiting a bye.

SEMI-FINAL.

F. Whiting beat G. Brimblecombe by 42 points.
J. Cooke a bye.

FINAL ROUND.

F. Whiting beat J. Cooke by 11 points.

NOTES.

The winner of New Zealand Tattersall's Tournament had great luck in winning, for he should have been beaten in the second round when he met Phillipot, and again in the final, when he caught the scratch man decidedly off and suffering from a very severe cold.

The Committee of New Zealand Tattersall's are considering the advisability of getting up a second tournament again this year. They did so last year, when it proved a great success.

Mr Woodleigh, the Tattersall's Club billiard handicapper, did his work well in the recent Tournament, and he marked the games with conspicuous success. The players are keenly looking forward to his handicaps for the next tournament.



[BY VIGILANT.]

Americans and Canadians are greatly against the proposal to hold the various athletic, rowing, and other outdoor sports in Paris on Sundays. "Old Blue," writing on the proposal, says:—"One thing is certain if the athletic and other programmes as arranged are carried out on Sunday, then very few, if any, American or Canadian sportsmen will compete."

The employees of the Auckland Gas Company held a meeting recently in order to form an athletic club to play football, cricket, and other games. Mr C. Suggate was elected president, and Messrs C. Merrit, A. Ramsay, J. Shaw, G. Wallace, R. Stillwell, G. A. Pearce, H. H. Od, H. McMurtie, B. Exell, J. Trewheela, and J. Ewen were elected vice-presidents. A committee was also formed, comprising the following:—Messrs W. Cammell, F. Williams, S. Dunn, C. Shaw, J. Cole, J. Gubble, J. Heath, C. Snowden, and E. Lanigan. Mr O. Bailden was elected hon. secretary and treasurer. The directors of the Company, through Mr Suggate, made a handsome donation towards the Club's funds.

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[BY SPINNAKER.]

The announcement published in a London exchange that the trustees of *The Sportsman* Challenge Cup had decided that in future the races for the championship and the possession of the trophy, shall be rowed over the Thames championship course, from Putney to Mortlake, has given the utmost satisfaction to oarsmen in the South, and particularly to those who use the Thames, an additional gratifying feature being the announcement in *The Sportsman* that James Wray (Australia) and his Newcastle friends had accepted the inevitable, and promptly issued a challenge to the champion under the new conditions. Already the match is the theme of general discussion along the river front, where preparations for the coming regattas are in full swing. It is very evident that the North country people mean business, and they will be readily accommodated, as the champion and his friends are very sanguine.

A representative of *The Sportsman* had an interview with George Towns lately regarding James Wray's challenge. The champion had been out rowing, and notwithstanding his recent severe illness, looked very well indeed. Unlike most champions, Towns is by no means a man of words; in fact, the contrary is the case, as he is particularly reserved, but on this occasion he seemed to be in the very best of humours with himself, and actually volunteered to talk. "Yes," said he, "I certainly was delighted with the decision of the trustees of *The Sportsman* Cup, and I shall be very glad to defend my title to it here, no matter who comes along. I am glad Wray has done the right thing, too, as we both had too much to say before this decision was come to. Now we are down to business at last. Of course, if it had been necessary, I would have gone to the Tyne, but why should two Australians row for the championship of England up there, when this course is in existence, eh?" You can say that I accept his challenge, and will row him for £200 a-side. I will be only too pleased to meet him or his representatives at *The Sportsman* office, where we can draw up articles and make a deposit. Any articles will suit me, as I want a race, and I think Wray wants one, too.

Subsequently the ex-champion, Tom Sullivan, the champion's fidus Achates, was seen. In the course of an interview, he said:—"Of course, we are all glad that the trustees have decided that the Thames will in future be the course for a championship race, and I may say that every oarsman I have spoken to is of the same opinion. Wray will have as good a chance here as on the Tyne, and he certainly will get fair play. Towns is in a very fair condition, and it won't take him long to tune up to concert pitch. I see by *The Sportsman* that Wray and his friends in Newcastle were taken by surprise at my statement that the Tyne is not a suitable river upon which to row a championship race. Well, the trustees of the cup were perfectly independent in the matter, and they thought as I did, and as everyone else around here would think if they looked into it. After all, it is a matter for the champion now, but I can say this—that there is a very great difference in the conditions of traffic and trade on the Tyne now from what they were when Ned Hanlan rowed the 6 in 1879. I know something about it because I rowed Harding there five years ago, and our race had to be postponed day after day for a week. You might as well row a championship race in best and best boats from London Bridge to Chelsea as row on the Tyne at the present."

The yachtsmen on the Clyde are organising a great international regatta, to be held in connection with the Exhibition in 1901, and have been trying to induce Sir Thomas Lipton to postpone his challenge for the America Cup till the following year. Sir Thomas as yet has given no definite reply, but he has promised that, under any circumstances, the Shamrock will be commissioned to take part in any international yacht race which may be held on the Clyde during the Exhibition year. He has also consented, with his usual generosity, to give a cup, or money, to the extent of 200 guineas, in conjunction with the £500 already promised in the shape of prizes. He added that, if he does not challenge for the America Cup next year, he will send the new challenger to the Clyde to take part in an international or other contest, provided a suitable date can be arranged.

The Committee of the Port Hunter Club will shortly issue the conditions of another handicap for a fairly liberal prize. It is expected that all the local scullers will take part, including Tressider and Worboys. These men have not yet come to terms for a third match, but if brought together on handicap conditions it is thought by those who ought to know that everything will be satisfactorily arranged for another contest. It is the intention of the Club to promote a big handicap in a few months' time on the lines of the carnival so successfully carried out at Coraki on the Queen's Birthday.

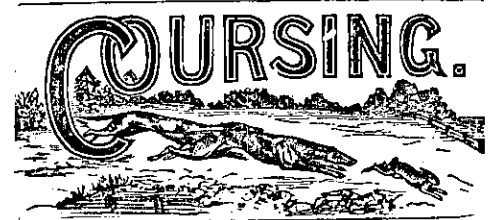
Says a Sydney exchange:—"Mr J. J. Daley, the amateur champion sculler of this colony, states that he means to get really well by the end of September, when the Rowing Association Regatta will, no doubt, be held, and the amateur championship form part of the programme. Mr Daley thinks it may be convenient for Mr Slack to come down for the race, and if he does our man will be pleased to meet him. Perhaps the Rowing Association might invite the Queenslander to compete."

The Committee of the Sydney Flying Squadron have drafted a comprehensive programme of 15 events for next season—10 events for prizes of £15 each on Saturday afternoons, and five races for £10 prizes on Wednesday afternoons. In addition an extra prize will be offered for one intercolonial event in January next, should any boats visit Sydney from the other colonies for the Anniversary Regatta.

The subject of our yachting picture this week is a crack 24-footer, the "Witch," who for the past three years has had the best record of any 24-footer on the Shannon Lakes. She proved herself a most successful boat in all weathers, and her owner, Mr G. T. Parsons of Athlone, has quite a collection of valuable trophies. Her best sailing is done in a light breeze, with sheets hauled home, and although she has been matched against newer boats of the same class, she is at least one minute per mile better than any of them with suitable weather conditions. Her entire displacement is about 19cwt, and, as her sail area almost reaches 500 square feet, it is easy to understand her great speed in a light breeze.

The North Shore Sailing Club had a very successful social in the Foresters' Hall, Devonport, on Friday evening last, a large gathering of members and friends being present. The first part of the programme consisted of a series of limelight views of yachts and boating pictures. Mr A. Alison, Commodore of the Club, then presented the trophies won during the past season as follows:—Second-class, silver cup, presented by Mr W. E. Bennett, Vice-Commodore, won by Mr W. A. Wilkinson's Rogue; third-class, afternoon tea set, presented by Captain Parker (rear-commodore), won by Mr F. H. Hunt's Freak; fourth class, Pataki, a salad bowl, presented by Mr P. Delaney, won by Mr

limit as to length imposed on this club's boats. The balance sheet showed the receipts, including a balance of £3 17s 5d carried forward, to be £29 5s 9d. The expenditure was £27 1s 9d, leaving a balance of £2 4s. The assets totalled £64 1s, and the liabilities amounted to £9 19s. The report and balance sheet were adopted. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr G. Humphreys; vice-presidents, Dr. Jennings, Professor R. J. Scott, and Messrs H. R. Webb, W. Rees, F. Waymouth, A. E. G. Rhodes, H. Wynn-Williams, J. Collins, Hadfield, O. Archer; commodore, Mr S. B. Seymour; vice-commodore, Mr K. F. England; secretary, Mr R. Nightingale; treasurer, Mr W. Garrard.



THE AUCKLAND COURSING CLUB'S JULY MEETING.

FIRST DAY, SATURDAY, JULY 14.

The above meeting was commenced on Saturday, when a good number of enthusiasts journeyed out to the Avondale Plumpton to see the sport. The coursing proved highly interesting, and as the hares ran very strongly they gave

Mr W. Turner's brdl d Solazzi beat Mr G. Brabant's brdl d Hempton.
Mr A. Hooker's wh and blk d Highwater beat Mr G. Philpot's brdl d Siege Tr.in.
Mr J. Homan's brdl d Dragoon beat Mr G. W. Stevens' fn and wh d The Gale.
Mr C. Edgar's brdl and wh b Miss Flirt beat Mr E. O'Hare's rd d Payboy.
Mr J. Appleby's fa and wh b Sweet Packet beat Mr M. Graham's blk and wh d Tam o'Shanter.
Mr W. Turner's fn d Firelock beat Mr B. Buttimore's brdl and wh d Hector McDonald.

SECOND ROUND.

Sweet Briar beat Admiral Dewey.
Frisco beat Solazzi.
Dragoon beat Highwater.
Sweet Packet beat Miss Flirt.
Firelock a bye.

WAITAKERI CUP. Winner £7 10s and a trophy presented by Mr F. W. Coombes; runner-up £3.

FIRST ROUND.

Mr G. W. Stevens' wh and brdl d The G ft beat Mr Chilcott's (ns) fn b Lavender Water.
Mr B. Buttimore's rd d Rory O'More beat Mr G. W. Stevens' (ns) fa and wh b Gobb.
Mr J. Appleby's brdl and wh d Picklock beat Mr H. Barton's brdl and wh d Waltzer, after an undecided.
Garfield, a bye.



[BY STONEWALLER.]

In *Chats on the Cricket Field* ("Cricket") the following occurs concerning Robert Peel:—"So many brilliant performances have been done by Peel that it would be hard to say which was the best. He would himself, perhaps, place first his six wickets for 23 runs in the third and final match between Australia and England at the Oval in 1896. Of this match he says: 'The Australians, with nearly all the third day before them had to make 111 runs. I went down to the nets to have a little practice, and bowled a few balls to Mr Jackson. On our way back he asked me what I thought about the result, and seemed quite surprised when I said that if the bowling was managed all right they would not get the runs. In the pavilion Lord Sheffield said to Shaw: 'They can't help getting the runs without any difficulty at all,' to which Alfred replied: 'Well, they're going to get 75, unless some awful mistake is made about the bowling—you'll see.' Richardson began with a maiden, and Jack Hearne bowled at the other end, getting Joe Darling in the first over. After his first over, Richardson, not being able to get a foothold, was taken off, and I took his place. Jack Hearne took the next two wickets, the next six fell to me, and the last to him. They only made 44 runs. It was the biggest match I ever played in during my career, and it was exciting to the last, for anyone might have knocked up runs quickly."

In the match at Cambridge, Cambridge University v M.C.O. and Ground, the Club scored 213 in its first innings, and the "light blues" 285. In the Marylebone second innings, with the score at 64 for two wickets, Mr L. T. Driffild, a freshman, from St John's School, Leatherhead, in seven overs took seven wickets for seven runs. The innings closed for 102, leaving Cambridge 31 to get to win, which they did without the loss of a wicket. Driffild is one of the most promising of young English amateurs. Playing for his school last year his averages were:—Batting: Innings 24, runs 910, most in innings 167 not out, times not out 6, average 50.55. Bowling: Overs 407, maidens 101; runs 1041, wickets 97, average 10.73. In the Cambridge match Mr Driffild went in last and made 4 not out.

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A. Matheson's Rita; fifth-class, pair of carvers and pickle stand, presented by Mr A. Alison (commodore), won by Mr S. Phipps' Rewi; first prize, general handicap, a silver cup, presented by Mr J. Dunning (president), won by Mr Murdoch's Ida; second prize, pair binoculars, presented by Mr Dunning, won by Mr Wilkinson's Rogue; third prize, photo enlargement, presented by Mr H. G. Holland, won by Messrs Stevenson and Frater's Alma. Yachts' dingey race, prize a silver matchbox, won by Mr W. Oliver, Ladies' dingey race, gold brooch, won by Miss E. Alison. An excellent concert programme was rendered, which was greatly appreciated. Refreshments were then partaken of, and the hall cleared and dancing indulged in until a late hour. Mr W. A. Wilkinson, the popular Secretary of the Club, did everything in his power to make the function a success.

The yacht Windward has again changed hands, and has become the property of Mr A. Buchanan, her former owner, Mr C. B. Stone, having purchased the Ngaru.

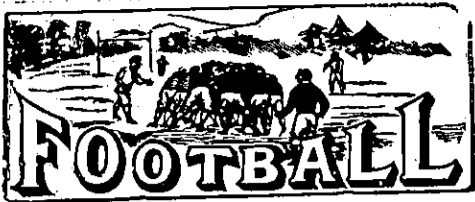
The annual meeting of the Christchurch Model Yacht Club was held on Saturday, July 7th. The Commodore of the Club, Mr S. B. Seymour, occupied the chair. The secretary, Mr W. Garrard, read the report and balance sheet. The report stated that the growth of weeds in Victoria Lake had prevented the race for the Commodore's prize being completed. Financially the club was fairly satisfactory, and especially in view of the fact that they had paid up a good sum of last year's arrears and paid off the builders of the pavilion. Competitions had taken place with the Wellington and Dunedin Clubs, and the club had held its own considering the

the dogs plenty of hard work. Two rounds in the Bracelet Stakes and one in the Waitakeri Cup were decided during the afternoon, and in both events some capital courses were witnessed. The go between Mr Homan's bridled dog Dragoon and Mr Stevens' fawn and white dog The Gale was a splendid one, while in the Cup Mr Buttimore's Rory O'More and Mr Stevens' Gobo fought out a desperate battle. The latter pair had a very gallant hare, and she gave the dogs a rare smelling. Puss travelled over the Plumpton at a great pace, and seemed to enjoy the contest highly. She ran in all directions, and alternately got away from the dogs, who were quite done up. Gobo was the first played out, and Rory O'More received the judge's verdict. Mr F. W. Coombes, the judge, gave his decisions promptly and accurately throughout the afternoon, and Messrs J. O. Evelt (slip steward), M. Foley (flag steward), Mr Burke (call steward), and D. Brennan (as slipper) performed their various duties in excellent style. Mr Hay's arrangements for the meeting were, as usual, quite up to the mark, and the general opinion was that Saturday's gathering was one of the best of the season. The details of the coursing are as follows:—

BRACELET STAKES. Winner, £10 10s and £5 donated by Mr H. H. Hay; second dog, £6; third, £3; and two dogs at £1 10s.

FIRST ROUND.

Mr J. Taylor's wh and blk b Sweet Briar beat Mr B. Buttimore's rd and wh b Juanita.
Mr J. Appleby's blk and wh d Admiral Dewey beat Mr G. Homan's fn and wh d Reprive.
Mr G. Brabant's brdl d Frisco beat Mr R. J. Elliot's blk and wh d Ballance II.



[By Vigilant.]

THE CUP MATCHES.

CONTINUATION OF THE SENIOR CUP MATCHES.

WINS FOR CITY, SUBURBS, AND GRAFTON.

On Saturday last one of the largest attendances yet seen at a cup fixture at Potter's witnessed the game on No. 1 ground between City and Grafton. The general opinion was that a great battle would be witnessed, as each team had great confidence in its powers. This expectation was in every way carried out, for the game was made a willing one from start to finish. City gained a victory over their doughty opponents by 11 points to three, mainly due to the better play of their forward division. City commenced hostilities with the wind and sun in their favour. From the outset the City forwards gained the mastery both in the pack and in the open. The first attack on Grafton's territory was kept up for several minutes, and Absolom took a shot at goal from a mark obtained by Asher. The kick failed, and D Hay relieved. Wilson headed an invasion on Grafton's territory, which was spoilt by Donovan's wild passing. Wooller and Brady got away with the ball at their toes, and got right through City's defence, when Brady slipped and fell, and the red and blacks closed round, and after a little play in City's quarters the red and blacks took the ball back into Grafton's territory. After several unsuccessful attempts on Grafton's line the red and blacks started a passing run, in which Young, Asher, and Absolom took part. The latter was grassed by D. Hay near the line, and Nicholson bounded after the ball and drew first blood. Young's kick at goal failed. (City 3, Grafton 0.) Grafton livened up and tried to invade City's territory, but were forced back by the fine line kicking of Stevens and the strong dribbling rushes of the forwards. About ten minutes from the end of the spell Absolom got possession, and made a dash for the corner flag amidst loud applause. He succeeded in grounding the ball, and thus obtained City's second try. Scott took the kick but failed. (City 6, Grafton 0.) Grafton from this out to the end of the spell rallied, and on several occasions looked like scoring but in each instance threw their chances away. On one occasion the ball struck one of the City backs and crossed the line, Stirling, who went after it, over ran it, and City kicked behind the dead ball line. The sun had died down when the players came out in the second half, and Grafton did not have its help. City again assumed the aggressive from the kick off, and the City vanguard got away a fine rush which they carried past Stewart, the full-back, only to be stopped by Campbell, who outpaced the City men and saved. City renewed their attack from the kick-off, and had the advantage for the greater part of the spell, until H. Smith followed up a smart kick by Kiernan, and managed to carry play into City's 25. Here a scrum took place, and Kiernan, getting the ball out, passed to Smith, who dashed over the line and scored Grafton's only try. Cucksey made a good attempt at goal but failed. (City 6, Grafton 3.) Grafton renewed their efforts to score from the kick-off, but were always foiled by City's defence, in which Young, the City centre half, was very conspicuous. Near the end of the spell City rallied and Sid Brown, breaking away from near the half-way flag with the ball at his toes, headed one of the finest, if not the best, rush of the season. He was backed up by Tyler, Bonella and Scott, and as they swept over the line Scott fell on it and scored. Young took the kick, and landed a fine goal just before the bell sounded, and the match ended City 11, Grafton 3.

Donovan, at full back for City, played a very safe game. His kicking was all that could be desired.

Stevens, on the left wing three-quarter line for City, play a really good game, and his kicking brought forth rounds of applause.

Absolom played a much improved game to the previous ones this season. He seems to be at last returning to his old form.

Magee did not have a lot to do, so had little chance to distinguish himself.

Asher, at five-eights, played a fair game, but did not come up to his earlier season form.

Young, at centre half for City, played a real good game, stopping rushes in fine style, and but for constantly lying on the ball his display was a good one.

Brown and Stannaway acquitted themselves well, and the former played one of his old games. They were, however, inclined to play rather much off side.

The City forwards all worked hard to a man, and their dribbling was some of the finest seen on Potter's for seasons. Perhaps the pick of the bunch were Tyler, Bonella, and Scott.

Stewart, at full back for Grafton, was decidedly weak, his kicking and tackling being one of the worst displays this season.

D. Hay was by far and away the best back on the ground on Saturday, and played one of the best games I have ever seen him play. His long line kicks, using either feet, being very good. H. Smith played a fairly good game.

Campbell had little to do, but did all his work well.

Taylor, at five-eights, did not play up to his usual form, and played a long way away from rep qualification.

Kiernan was hardly as successful as usual. Certainly his pack did not help him as their opponents did his *vis-a-vis*. His line kicking was good and marked by sound judgment.

Wooller played a very fair wing game, and kept more on side than on the previous Saturday.

Of a beaten pack Stirling, Cucksey and McGregor stood out the most prominently, and individually played really good games.

On No. 2 ground at Potter's Suburbs met and defeated Ponsonby by six points to five. Ponsonby won the toss, and chose to play with the strong sun behind them. Suburbs sent the ball into Ponsonby's territory from the kick off, and it was kept there for some time until it was secured by Ponsonby's backs, who carried it to Suburbs' 25, where it was kicked over the Suburbs' line, and Carlaw, by fast following up, managed to score. Lendrum took the kick and landed a goal. (Ponsonby 5, Suburbs 0) From the kick-off Otway neatly stopped a Ponsonby rush, and sent the ball out of bounds at the half way. From a throw-in a scrum took place Suburbs' forwards proved superior, and they carried the ball through and compelled Ponsonby to force. From the kick-off the ball was carried by Ponsonby's backs to close to Suburbs' line, where it was stopped, and the ball was carried out, Suburbs rallied from the throw-in, and carried the ball to Ponsonby's 25, and they were compelled to force. From the kick-off the ball was kept travelling up and down the field for some time, until Dempsey secured and scored. Johnson's kick at goal was a failure. (Ponsonby 5, Suburbs 3.) From the kick-off play was of a loose nature until Dempsey again got possession of the ball and scored. (Suburbs 6, Ponsonby 5.) From the kick-off Ponsonby carried play into Suburbs' territory, and the blacks were compelled to force. In the second spell Ponsonby rallied, and their backs gained possession for a forward rush and carried the ball out near the Suburbs' line. From the throw-in Suburbs

at goal from a free kick, but failed. From a forward rush into Newton's territory, a scrum took place and Gerrard got the ball and passed to Frankham, who crossed the line and scored. Harp failed to convert. (Newton 6, Shore 3). Fifteen minutes from time, Newton rallied, and from a forward rush, Braash scored. Eaton converted. (Newton 11, Shore 3). Taylor succeeded in scoring for Shore just before the call of time. The shot at goal failed, and the match ended Newton 11, Shore 6.

Heath and Dobbs, on the wings for Newton, played good games, as did Eaton, Wilson, and Hill in the forward division. Of the backs, Woods, Paul and Roberts were the most conspicuous.

Irvine, Scott, Taylor, McClusky and Frankham were the most conspicuous of the Shore vanguard. Gerrard played his usual brilliant back game.

The position of the seven clubs competing for the cup are shown by the following table:—

	Ply'd	W.	L.	D.	P'ts For	Ag't
City	9	8	1	0	88	33
Newton	9	7	2	0	72	35
Grafton	9	6	3	0	70	30
Ponsonby	9	4	5	0	65	53
North Shore	8	3	5	0	39	58
Parnell	8	1	7	0	11	70
Suburbs	8	1	7	0	12	78

Note.—City and North Shore won from Suburbs by default on June 2nd and 9th respectively.

No junior matches were played on Saturday last, the City v Newton fixture going to the former by default, and the Parnell v Suburbs match was won by Parnell by default.



J. W. CHALMERS, now on his way to Paris.

carried play back to Ponsonby's territory. From this out to the end of the spell play was of a loose nature, and no further score resulted.

Sutherland and Dempsey played good games for the victors, and Grey, Cawley, and Austi were also conspicuous. Galloway, Ru'e, and Lendrum were the pick of Ponsonby's back team, while Doran was fairly successful at three-quarter.

At Devonport on Saturday, Newton met and defeated the Shore team by 11 points to 6, after a very even game. Newton won the toss and chose to defend the western goal. After a lot of loose play, a forward rush, headed by Wilson, Hill and Heath, resulted in the latter scoring. Eaton failed to convert. (Newton 3, Shore 0). A lot of loose forward play ensued, and the ball was transferred from one end of the field to the other, until Newton were awarded a free kick for off-side play by Frankham. Eaton took the shot at goal, and succeeded in propelling the ball over the cross bar. (Newton 6, North Shore 0). Loose forward play followed until Gerrard gained possession of the ball and carried it to Newton's 25, where he was collared. Frankham carried it on to near the line, but lost possession, and Newton were compelled to force. From this out to the end of the spell, Newton had the best of a fast forward game, but no further score resulted. Newton opened hostilities in the second half, and Roberts managed to carry the ball to a yard or so from Shore's line, where he went out of bounds. Frankham averted a score, and Shore's vanguard carried play back to mid-field. Harp took a shot

PUBLIC SCHOOL MATCHES.

A SECTION.

Wellesley-street v Onehunga: Resulted in a win for the former by 6 points to 3.

Beresford-street v Grafton Road: The former won by 14 points.

Newton East v Napier-street: The former won by 31 points to nil.

Ponsonby v Nelson-street: Nelson-street won by default.

Devonport v Mount Eden: Devonport won by default.

B. SECTION.

Wellesley-street v Bayfield: Wellesley-street won by 4 points to nil.

Chapel-street v Epsom: Chapel-street won by 3 points to nil.

At last week's meeting of the Rugby Union, it was decided to close the third grade competitions. City A are thus the winners of the championship cup, with a record of eight wins and a draw to their credit.

It seems almost a certainty that the City District Football Club will capture the three championships this season, a feat which has not been accomplished since the inauguration of the district scheme of football. City's juniors have

been prominent in past seasons, and it speaks well for those young players to keep up the reputation of their club. From their ranks the seniors should be able to draw a lot of good recruits when needed.

Heffernan, the ex-Aucklander, is said to be playing a great forward game for Pirates at Wellington this season.

Harrison is said to be playing up to his old form this season and may come under the eye of the selector when the representative team comes to be chosen.

The results of the senior cup matches to date, indicate without a doubt that Star (north end) and Hawera (south end) will play off for the championship of the province. One match only will be played either at New Plymouth or Hawera. On Thursday, July 12th, teams representing the north and south divisions, met in the Recreation Grounds, New Plymouth, to play a match, the first of three, to test rep form. The game was very interesting from start to finish, and ended in a win for the north by 6 points (two tries) to 4 points (a goal from a mark). The scoring was all done in the second spell. Bendall and Duffin scored tries for the winners and A. Hunter kicked a goal from a mark for the losers. (Taranaki Correspondent).

In Saturday's senior matches, at Wellington, Petons beat Oriental by 11 points to 3. Athletic and Melrose played a drawn game, there being no score on either side, and Poneke and Old Boys also played a draw, scoring 3 points each.

At Christchurch, on Saturday last, Sydenham and Christchurch played off for the senior championship, but the game ended in a draw, each side scoring a try. The game was exciting, and keenly contested throughout, and was witnessed by an exceedingly large crowd.

In Saturday's senior football matches, played at Dunedin, Pirates (3) beat Southern (nil), Kaikorai (15) beat Zingari (nil), University (14) beat Dunedin (6), Alhambra (8) beat Union (nil).

On Saturday last at Waihi, Waihi met and defeated Ohinemuri by 3 points to nil.

At Thames on Saturday, Probables met Possibles. After a good game, Possibles who played 18 men, won by 6 points to 3.

True Blue were defeated for the first time this season by Rovers II, who won by 6 points to nil. True Blue II defeated Carlton by 3 points to nil.

Saturday last was somewhat of an off day in matters football, owing to their being no senior fixture. West End succeeded in defeating Pirates II, after a well contested game on the Recreation Ground, by 5 points (a goal kicked by Willis from a try by Fortune) to 3 (a try scored by Pirie). The play was even throughout, and at times fairly willing, necessitating the referee asserting his authority to the extent of ordering one player named W. Boyd off the field. Mr Renouf had charge of the whistle. West End No. 1 met Ahuriri II, who defeated them by 9 points to 3. This is West End's first defeat this season on the Spit ground. Kia Ora put up a big score against West End No. 2, whom they defeated by 28 points to nil. Mr Fulton was the referee. At the meeting of the Rugby Union, held in the evening, W. Boyd was disqualified for the rest of the season.—(Napier Correspondent.)

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[By PAUL PRY.]

"Paul Pry" will be glad to hear from those managers of theatrical companies touring New Zealand who desire that the public shall know the movements of the companies. Any information as to dates, etc., will be acknowledged in these columns, as well as any other items of interest to the theatrical world. All letters should be addressed—"Paul Pry," SPORTING AND DRAMATIC REVIEW, Vulcan Lane, Auckland.

George Musgrave, says the London correspondent of the Sydney Telegraph, writing on May 4th, has every reason to congratulate himself he did not, in the expressive Yankee phraseology, "go whacks" with Loderer and Company in "An American Beauty" at the Shaftesbury. The successor to "The Belle of New York" is dull as ditch-water, boasting neither a plot nor good songs. Edna May, the much photographed, looks divinely chic, and has one decent ballad, "The Old Days," but her playmates are lost amidst morasses of fatuous dialogue. I fear even the buxom belles forming the chorus (on whose drawing powers Mr Musgrave placed such faith) will not save this hopeless piece.

Miss Lalla Miranda, the new Australian prima donna, from whom great things are hoped, will make her debut at Convent Garden as Gilda in "Rigoletto," the role in which Melba first introduced herself to English audiences.

Lazerna, the conjurer, was at the Wellington Opera House last week.

The Douglas-Ancelon Dramatic Company after their successful Wellington season, played at Hawera to good houses.

The Ancelon-Bentley Company opened at Christchurch on Tuesday night. The season there will last a week.

John Fuller's Waxworks and Variety Company will open at the Auckland Agricultural Hall on Saturday evening next. The waxworks combine several novelties never before witnessed in New Zealand. The variety artists are all possessed of first-class ability, and there is little doubt that the company will succeed in their undertaking to amuse and interest the Auckland public.

Paul Cinquevalli has just perfected a new trick at the London Empire, which surpasses all his other juggling feats of this nature, and leaves his imitator far behind. A Ralli car with people in it is drawn on to the stage by a pony, he then balances the car on his chin by the point of a shaft, meanwhile nonchalantly spinning the wheels.

Amongst the waxworks novelties to be shown at the Agricultural Hall on Saturday are tableaux representing the Gaton Tragedy, the Boot Trunk Mystery, the Deeming and the Little Bourke-street Murders.

The artists who will take part in the Fuller Variety Entertainment at the Agricultural Hall are Miss Lucy Fraser, Mr Martyn Hagan, Mr Will Stevens, an old friend Mr Will Watkins, and others. Mr John Fuller, junr., manages the show.

The Seale-Payne Bellringers brought their present season at the Auckland Opera House to a close on Saturday evening, when there was again a large attendance to listen to the musical part of the programme and to look on the excellent living pictures. The Queen's visit to Dublin was admirably depicted, and this, with the other pictures, was remarkable for its steadiness. The company will pay a series of visits to the suburbs, and will presently return to the Opera House.

Miss Nance O'Neill played Camille, at Melbourne, at Her Majesty's, on Saturday night, July 7th. So intense did the clever actress make the dying scene that more than one lady fainted from excitement.

Mr Joseph Carne made a hit as the Comte de Varville in "Camille" at Her Majesty's, Melbourne. The Armand of Mr Thomas Kingdon was, according to report, also a fine performance.

In the course of some reminiscences to an interviewer the other day, Paul Chingvalli said one or two out-of-the-way things have happened to him. "Once, at Sydney, as I was balancing a big iron ball at the end of a pole on my forehead I let it fall, as a bit of by-play, allowing the ball to just kiss my head. When I started again a lady got up in the second row of the stalls and cried—'For God's sake, don't do it!' She covered her face till I'd finished. It was in Australia, too, that I escaped being shot by a mad Irishman because I was wearing green."

"M.A.P." tells a good story about two artists well known in the colonies. A hard-working actor and his family were compelled "to take to the sands," and gave a performance on the beach at a seaside resort. The little daughter was put up to sing "Sweet Violets," and as she had not sung in the open air before was very nervous. A well-dressed man in the crowd came up, complimented the little girl, heard the story, and immediately offered to sing himself. He sang "Sweethearts and Wives" and collected 30s for the child. The little girl was Ada Reeve, and the benevolent vocalist the late Charles Godfrey.

Mr Franke Yorke is back again at the City Hall.

Miss Zoe Karkeek, who was a popular member of the Pollard's Opera Company, has been engaged as principal boy in an American Burlesque Company.

The death is reported of Mr McAdoo, of the McAdoo Minstrels.



MISS MURIEL WILSON.
A Charming and Accomplished English Amateur Actress.



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MR TOM LEONARD, now at the City Hall

Gilbert J. Smith, whose death occurred at Nyngan (N.S.W.), May 20th, was a well-known figure in the Australian theatrical world. In 1883, he started in Brisbane as a theatrical wigmaker, and soon he became lessee of the local Gaiety Theatre, which he successfully conducted for some time. Later on he established a theatrical costume business known as "Noah's Ark" in the same city. In 1891 he opened in Sydney, and remained there until the time of his death, with the exception of occasional tours which he took with different companies. While lessee of the Gaiety Theatre in Castle-reagh-street, says a Sunday Times writer, Mrs Keightley appeared under his management in "Bailed Up," a piece which had been specially written for her. The deceased made his will a couple of hours before his death, leaving his business to Miss Lily Smith and Miss Harrie Courtney, his manager (Lieutenant Stephen J. Byrne) and Mr B. F. Brentnall being appointed the trustees. The remains were interred at Nyngan with Masonic honours, the local band and that of Eroni Brother's circus heading the funeral procession. A monument will be placed over the grave by the local Masons. Fortunately the deceased left ample provision for his mother, wife and family.

Miss Trixie Leamar is the newest artist at the City Hall. This versatile singer and dancer made her first appearance last night. I shall be able to say more about her turns next week.

Mr Jimmy Bain made his last appearance at the City Hall last night (Wednesday). Throughout his season he has been immensely popular, and I shall not be at all surprised if Mr Dix prevails on him to pay a return visit.

The Christchurch Kinematograph Syndicate commenced a season at the Auckland Opera House last night (Wednesday). I cannot say anything about the pictures shown, as the Review goes to press before the Opera House opens, but I know that the war pictures exhibited are really excellent. They are the latest from the seat of war and all are moving; there are no slides on view. The artists with the company are Miss Amy Vaughan, a very accomplished serio comic artiste and a very neat dancer, and that old favourite, Mr Harry Baxter, who gives some smart up-to-date songs and sketches.

During the week the City Hall has been extremely well attended. Mr Bain has kept up his end of the stick in splendid style, and every evening has been rewarded with an enthusiastic reception. Miss Annetta Bodin is back again after her trip to Wellington. Patrons of the Gaiety Company have enjoyed themselves heartily, for they have had the following artists to amuse them: Miss Lulu Zetch, Miss Malvena Moore, Miss Daisy Chard and Messrs Bob Hall, Tom Edwards, Arthur Hahn, Tom Leonard and Joe Watts.

The Pollards have had a highly successful season at Dunedin.

A very enjoyable smoke concert took place recently at the Post Office Hotel, Wellington, to bid good-bye to Mr A. S. Levy, who has been for the past six years licensee of the well-known Central Hotel, Wellington, and is now leaving for Melbourne. The hotelkeepers were in strong force on the occasion, and through the President of the local Association, presented Mr Levy with a gold sovereign case and gold match box. With eating, drinking, smoking, singing, recitations and speechifying, a very pleasant evening was spent and regret was expressed that more of these social gatherings did not take place.

Mr Arthur Blanchard is the advance agent for the Christchurch Kinematograph Syndicate. He is an enterprising and energetic young gentleman and thoroughly understands his business.

Mr T. Edmond Leonard, whose portrait appears this week, is at present at the City Hall with Mr Dix's Company as comedian and stage manager, where his efforts to amuse have met with every appreciation. Mr Leonard has the advantage of a ready pen to help his sense of humour, as his new version of "The Wearin' of the Green" and "So Runs the World Away" exemplifies. He is a many-sided artist, and has run the gamut of his profession from Shakespeare to end man, and has also contributed two plays to the dramatic stage, "The Passion of the Hour" (Sydney) and "The Fatal June" (Melbourne), both of which were favourably received and criticised.

The many friends of Miss Gertie Campion will regret to learn that she has for some time past been suffering from a serious throat trouble. Acting under medical advice, Miss Campion underwent an operation lately, and has since been confined to her room. She is, however, I am pleased to hear, improving daily, and will probably be able to resume her professional duties very shortly.

Mr Harry Rickards has introduced a very clever and charmingly graceful dancer in Miss Isabel Landon to the audiences at the Melbourne Bijou.

The "Quo Vadis" quarrel between Mr Wilson Barrett and his American rivals, now happily settled, has so familiarised the piece and its name that no protests are likely to be heard from the masses against titles in unknown tongues. Mr G. R. Sims ("Dagonet," of the London Referee) labels the following street scene "a fact":—"First Dustman (On Cart to Mate): Hello, Bill. See Jim Cully togged up? Second Dustman: Where's he off to? (Jim Cully, a coster, in his Sunday best, approaches). First Dustman: Arrest him, Bill. Second Dustman (to Cully): Wot ho, Jim—Quo Vadis?"

Miss Ada Ferrar has lately been playing the Duchess of Strood in "The Gay Lord Inex" in Mr John Hare's English Provincial Company. Lord Quex was played by Mr Gilbert Hare, who is said to have given a very excellent imitation of his father in the same character.

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CITY OF AUCKLAND. SANITARY PRECAUTIONS

The City Council, acting as the Local Board of Health, desires to call the attention of Citizens to the necessity for taking due precautions against the introduction or spread of disease in the city.

HENRY W. WILSON, Town Clerk. 25th June, 1900.

NEW ZEALAND INSURANCE COMPANY.

An Interim Dividend at the rate of Two Shillings per Share, for the six months ended 31st May last, is payable to Shareholders at the Office of this Company, Queen-street, on and after WEDNESDAY, the 11th inst.

By order of the Board. DAVID CRAIG, General Manager. Auckland, 10th July, 1900.

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JAMES COATES, General Manager. Wellington, July 6, 1900.

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RACING CALENDAR.

PRINCIPAL AUSTRALIAN FIXTURES. July 21, Sat—Victoria Amateur Turf Club. NEW ZEALAND FIXTURES. July 20, Sat—Wellington R.C. Winter Aug 14, Tues; 18, Thurs; 18, Sat—New Zealand Grand National. Sept 5, Wed; 6, Thurs—North Otago J.C.'s Spring. Sept 5, Wed; 6, Thurs—South Canterbury J.C. Spring. NOMINATIONS. July 19, Thurs—Hawke's Bay J.C. Hawke's Bay Stakes, 1892. July 27, Fri—New Zealand Grand National. Aug 10, Fri—New Zealand Grand National. November 1—Wellington B.C. North Island Challenge Stakes. HANDICAPS. July 21, Sat—New Zealand Grand National. Aug 3, Fri—New Zealand Grand National. ACCEPTANCES. July 27, Fri—New Zealand Grand National. Aug 3, Fri—New Zealand Cup. Aug 10, Fri—New Zealand Grand National. FIRST FORFEITS. Aug 3, Fri—C.J.C. Welcome, Derby, Oaks, and Challenge Stakes. FINAL PAYMENTS. Aug 10, Fri—New Zealand Grand National.

RESULTS OF RACES.

NOTICE. AT the request of several Subscribers to the SPORTING REVIEW, we have decided to undertake wiring the results of races occurring in New Zealand. If you wish to know the result of any race please forward One Shilling in Stamps, or Postal Note to The Manager Result Department, SPORTING REVIEW, Vulcan Lane, Auckland

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Sporting and Dramatic REVIEW AND LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE.

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 1900

Sporting Topics.

The New Zealand Racing Conference is held to-day. Dingo is a starter in the Wellington Steeplechase. Advance is moving well at Porirua. Long, slow work is his portion at present. Seahorse continues to work and move well. Dundas is getting through a sound preparation at Riccarton. Maluma is favourite for the Liverpool Cup at 6 to 1. The first acceptance for the New Zealand Cup is due on Friday, August 3. The New Zealand Cup candidate, Ben Farley is reported to be looking in fine condition for the big preparation he has to undergo. A visitor to Randwick says there is no horse there wearing a more improved appearance than Gauleon. Frank Reid, the Hon H. Mosman's new trainer, hails from Wanganui, where he recently had charge of Tangahoe, Black Rose and others. It is rumoured that the Committee of the Dunedin Jockey Club will reduce the stakes for the ensuing season by some £500. Castashore, who was contrary to expectation, not entered for the New Zealand Cup, has been lately walking on the Riccarton roads. The chestnut looks lusty and big. Ted Cutts has three horses in the New Zealand Cup, Djin-Djin, 'Scottish Minstrel, and Glenaldale. The Chokebore Lodge trainer has the trio in work and looking fit. On Friday, August 3, first forfeits are due for the Canterbury Jockey Club's Welcome Stakes, Canterbury Derby, Canterbury Oaks, and C.J.O. Challenge Stakes. Acceptances are due on Saturday next, July 21, for all events to be decided at the meeting of the Hawke's Bay Hunt Club. The gathering will take place at the Hastings Racecourse on Wednesday next, July 25. The weights for the Grand National Steeplechase, Grand National Hurdles, and Winter Cup are due on Monday next. The acceptances for the same races should reach the Secretary of the C.J.O. on Friday, July 27. Nominations for the Hawke's Bay Stakes, to be run at the Autumn Meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club, 1900, close to-day (Thursday). The race is worth 500sovs, and no money is required at the time of nomination. After an exhaustive analysis of the New Zealand Cup Handicap, "Spectator" selects the nine horses following to provide the winner:—Record Reign, Mataroa, Malatua, Sant Ilario, Dundas, Miss Delaval, Skobeloff, Military, and Tortulla. The Riccarton plough gallop has lately been improved. At the mile and a-quarter post there were a lot of stones; these have been removed and soil substituted. The welcome change will be much appreciated by trainers.

It is said that Mr G. G. Stead's colt Formosan will not be a starter in the A.J.C. Derby.

The South Australian jumper, New Warrior, died from the injuries received through falling in the V.B.O Grand National Hurdles.

Mr Robert Wynyard, the Secretary of the Takapuna Jockey Club, left for Wellington on Sunday.

Hautboy is reported to be wintering well at Randwick. Another two-year-old highly spoken of is Wigelmars. Both are doing good work on the tracks.

Record Reign goes on from the Hutt to Christchurch next week. The Castor gelding is in the best of health, and has been doing slow work on the Wellington track.

Messrs J. O. Everett, W. Percival, H. G. Gorrie, E. W. Alison, and H. Hay left for Wellington on Monday to take part in the Racing Conference, which is held to-day.

The Marton Jockey Club will hold a Hack Meeting at the York Farm Racecourse on Wednesday and Thursday, September 5 and 6. £405 will be given away in stakes, which will be paid in full.

There is, Sir Rupert Clarke says, no foundation whatever for the rumour that he will be a bidder for the far-famed St. Albans when the estate is auctioned. "If," says the Baronet, "I want to go in for breeding on a big scale, I have plenty of room at Rupertswood."

The opposition to the starting machine in England seems to be very determined, for it is stated that one prominent trainer taking the trouble to write to his patrons saying that the two-year-olds in his charge would be ruined if the starting-machine came into vogue.

Patron and Buenalf's brother, Maccenas, won two races on the Westralian circuit. The first was the Farewell Handicap at Kalgoorlie, in which he carried the fairish impost of 9st 2lb, and beat Explosion and Black Boolka. His second success was in the Farewell Handicap at Coolgardie, in which he carried the steadier of 9st 13lb.

Wait-a-Bit's time in the V.B.C. Maiden Hurdle Race, 3min 53sec, has only once been beaten, viz, by Response, in 1897, when she covered the distance in 3min 51sec. The Malua horse won very easily, and there can be little doubt that he would have completely beaten the record if his rider had pushed him ever so little.

One well-known bookmaker, who is also an owner, had his license refused by the V.B.C. bookmakers' committee just before the V.B.C. Grand National Meeting. Two or three minor men were also refused permission to bet, while several bookmakers were cautioned for using objectional language to the public.

Mr W. S. Vosbrugh, the great American authority, says:—Men who profess to tell a race horse by looking at him, I always regard as very ignorant or very insincere. Conformation is a good thing, but nervous force is the motive power, and that is not apparent.

In the Grand National Hurdle Race Aquarius got to the end of the trying three miles in 5min 52 1/2 sec, which by 1 1/2 secs beats the previous record put up in 1889 by the famous Redleap. The first mile and a half on Saturday was run in 2min 59sec, the second mile and a half in 2min 54 1/2 sec, the last mile in 1min 55 1/2 sec, and the last four furlongs in 58 1/2 sec.

Our Taranaki correspondent sends word that Dummy's leg gob so bad that a vet had to be called in. It appears that the horse was suffering blood-poisoning, and the horse doctor had all his work cut out to pull the chestnut through. That he has done, and though it will be an impossible task to get Dummy ready for the Grand National Meeting everybody will be glad to know that Mr Watson's old champion will live to run another day.

The betting market is still in a state hovering on stagnation, says a Sydney writer, who probably wrote bordering thereon. The only horse asked for the Melbourne Cup was Lancaster, against whom 2000 to 80 was written. Leapfrog, 6st 10lb, and Sequence, 9st 4lb, were backed for the Epsom at 100 to 5, and Undaunted at 100 to 3. These horses and Reviver, Duke of Kent, and Allings, were also chosen in doubles, but even that generally popular means of speculation was not in request.

The Belgian Jockey Club have a very rough-and-ready way of settling betting matters. The Comte de Liedekerke had a bet with a bookmaker, but forgot with whom, so the stewards collected all the books and had them examined. No bookmaker in Belgium can enter a bet in a book until it has been initiated by a jockey club official, and when it is filled he has to send it to the same official for inspection. In the case of any suspicious running or market operations all the books are called in.

The following are the names of the drawers of the placed horses in Tattersall's Consultation of 100,000 subscriptions at 5s on the Grand National Hurdle Race, run at Flemington (Victoria) on Saturday, and which was fully inscribed:—First horse, Aquarius, Geo. Lewis, Camro Syndicate, Port Augusta, S.A., £4500; second horse, Rack-staw, Fred Stone, 76 Pitt-street, Sydney, N.S.W., £1800; third horse, Goldfinder, Trilby, care of A. Tomlinson, Newtown, Cobar, N.S.W., £900. The amounts are net.

The election of nine members to the New Zealand Trotting Association Board resulted as follows; fifteen clubs voting:—Messrs P. Selig, 13; D. McLean, 13; G. King, 11; G. H. McHaffie, 11; C. S. Howell, 11; A. L. Myers, 11; G. Bisset, 10; E. Clarkson, 10; and C. W. Garrard, 9. Messrs G. Bisset and C. W. Garrard are the new members. The former is agricultural editor and sporting writer on the Canterbury Times, and the latter writes about cycling and other athletic matters in the same paper.

Double Event, who it will be remembered, broke down badly on the eve of the last New Zealand Cup, will serve a limited number of mares this season. He will stand at his owners farm, Syndhurst Ashburton.

A Randwick correspondent says that old Paris looks bright and gay, but looks to have a difficult task in front of him in getting ready. At present he shows no symptoms of leg failure, but Allsop hasn't shoved him along yet on account of the unfavourable state of the track.

In a recent speech delivered in Melbourne, Mr J. L. Purves, one of the leading lawyers of Victoria, said that at one time he was a bitter opponent of the totalisator, but he had seen the error of his ways, and was now firmly convinced that it was a good thing.

The appointment of Mr Harry L. James to succeed his father, Mr Sidney James, as Secretary to the Dunedin Jockey Club, is regarded as almost a certainty. There could hardly be a more popular selection, for Mr Harry James, who has so long assisted his father, knows the ropes thoroughly.

The wire stating the acceptances for the Wellington Steeplechase left out Dingo's name and consequently Auckland's thought the chestnut was out of the race. Happily, his absence was due to the error of the telegraph office, and I am able to say that Dingo is a sure starter for Saturdays race.

Nominations for the following races, to be run at the C.J.O. National Meeting, close on Friday, July 27:—First Hunters' Hurdles, Second Hunters' Hurdles, Merivale Hurdle Race, Maiden Hurdle Race, Enfield Steeplechase, August Handicap, Selwyn Handicap, Islington Handicap, Heathcote Handicap, Tally-ho Plate, Hunt Club Cup, Hunters' Steeplechase, and Ladies' Bracelet. The entry fee for the latter race is 2s 6d, for all the others the fee is 1s 6d only.

Bonnie Gal, the dam of Disguise II, who finished third in the Derby, came into possession of Mr J. R. Keene in rather a curious way. She belonged to Colonel North who gave 1300gs for her as a yearling, and for some reason or other, at the end of her three-year-old season he sent her up to the Newmarket December sales. He, however, had no real intention of parting with her, and Captain Carriok and Mr Moncrieff were both present to see that the gallant Colonel did not lose the mare. Somehow or other they got separated in the crowd at the ringside, and when she was knocked down for 1600gs each thought it was the other's bid. Consternation reigned supreme when they found that the successful bidder was a third party, who had a commission to buy promising mares for Mr Keene.

The accounts to hand of the English Derby show that Diamond Jubilee was in the best of humours, prior to the race, displaying no sign of the possession of a bad temper. In the race he took charge a-quarter of a mile from home, and being kept at it to the end, won by half a length from Simon Dale, who was interfered with at a critical moment, but for which he might have just about downed the Prince's colt. Disguise II ran well throughout, but the second favourite, Forfarshire, failed to stay, being in trouble three furlongs from home. The longest priced animal in the race was Mr T. Jones' Ayshire colt, Dewi Sant, who started at 200 to 1. He was in front at the end of half a mile, but then retired, and finished absolutely last. The time, 2min 42sec, equals the best previously recorded, which, strangely enough, stood to the credit of Diamond Jubilee's brother, Persimmon.

Hautesse has already been supported for the Epsom Handicap, but that race has never been a good one for three-year-olds. At the A.J.C. Meeting Hautesse showed herself an improving filly, and though she was badly beaten in the Champagne Stakes, she subsequently won two races, and in one of these cut out a mile in 1min 41 1/2 sec with 8st 10lb on her back. As she will be about four months older, and will have 2lb less to carry, it is only natural to suppose she will run a very slippery mile in September, but even then the odds are all in favour of something from the older division proving a bit too good for her. Last year Sequence, with 7st 2lb, had to put up with second place, and yet a few days later we saw him easily win the Duff Memorial Stakes, beating a fair field of three-year-olds, which further demonstrates how difficult it is for a horse of that age to win the Epsom Handicap. The last three-year-old to account for that race was Daredevil, trained by J. Burton, who also has Hautesse in his charge.

When the Hon W. A. Long goes into print he always commands attention which is not in the least surprising, seeing that he is an authority on affairs of the Turf of long standing and practical experience. Mr Long has been taking the handicappers to task over the manner of their productions for the big races of the Spring. His contention is that there is not enough range from the top weights to the minimum at 6st 7lb, and that, consequently, lots of horses entered have no possible chance with the small allowances they are getting from the best horses engaged. But, of course, this is nothing new, and may be at once conceded. The weight adjusters, if they are wrong now, must have been in error for years. "Umpire" says the answer to this indictment is that there is a general opinion that the best handicap horses should not be loaded down heavily in the biggest handicaps of the year to afford chances to horses that have really no claim in point of class to be found among the entries. If owners enter them they have to take the chance of their making some extraordinary improvement between the time the weights are declared and the date of racing. The handicappers guard against letting a dark one in with a big concession from ordinary horses by limiting the range as they do.

News from Sydney states that Reviver has grown into a grand specimen of the thoroughbred. He has many admirers who declare that he will play a prominent part in the spring fixtures.

Seaton Delavel will only serve a limited number of mares this season. I shall have something to say about this promising stallion next week.

It was Matthew Dawson who first unearthed Fred Archer, and he had oftentimes been heard to expatiate on the promise quickly displayed by the youngster, whilst to show his firm belief in him he determined to put up poor Fred on Atlantic for the Two Thousand Guineas as far back as 1874 and to ride the filly he had in the saddle 2st de d weight, but rode a brilliant race down to the Bushes against Fordham on the flying Ecossais, and having got those celebrities in trouble, he sailed home an easy winner. It was in the year that Jannette won the Oaks that Lord Falmouth netted £37,000 in stakes, the daughter of Lord Clifden placing about two thirds of the amount to his credit by her successes in the Oaks, St Leger, Park Hill, and Champion Stakes.

The death is reported from Sydney of Mr "Phin" Thompson, a well-known sportsman. Although he was born in Liverpool, England, Mr Thompson (whose real name is Solomon) was an American citizen. He was a cigar manufacturer in his young days, but on the outbreak of the Civil War he joined the army, and rose to the rank of captain and adjutant-in-charge of the New York Regiment. For his services in the war he was awarded the Grand Army badge. Coming to Australia about 18 years ago he commenced business as a cigar importer, but some years later developed into a sporting commission agent, and he at one time occupied a foremost position among sportsmen, taking a particular interest in pedestrianism. For some seven years past he was manager of the cigar divan at the Hotel Victoria, George street. Mr Thompson, who was about 64 years of age, leaves three sons and two daughters, two of the sons being engaged on the American mailboats, and the other, Harry Thompson, is at present in Auckland with Alec Phillips. Mr Thompson was a man of commanding presence, and his geniality and stores of reminiscences and "yarns" gained him many friends. His father, Mr Samuel Solomon, still resides at Darlington, and his brothers were Joe, Jack, Harry and Barney Thompson, the well-known bookmakers.

THE AUCKLAND AND SUBURBAN POULTRY, PIGEON AND CANARY ASSOCIATION.

Amongst our illustrations this week there is a fine full page portrait group of the officers of the Auckland and Suburban Poultry, Pigeon and Canary Association, whose show was held last week at the Drill Hall. The following gentlemen were unfortunately absent when the photographs were taken: Messrs J. Bouskill, O. Grosvenor, F. Watkinson, J. Coyle and J. B. Kyd. Last week's show—the poultry division—was an excellent one. The birds shown were very numerous and the quality all round first class. We regret that we are unable to publish our report of the show this week. Our space is limited, and therefore the publication must be postponed until next week.

OUR £20 SKILL COUPON.

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Inter-Provincial.

[OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

CANTERBURY.

CHRISTCHURCH, July 17.

Peerage has been purchased from D. O'Brien by C. Stratford, who will probably make a trip to the West Coast after the Grand National Meeting.

During the past week Mason has been down at the racecourse with the Yaldhurst division. The Cup candidates, La Notte, Skobloff and Sant Ilario are all looking well, though the last-named makes a noise when moving along.

Melita has been put in work again after a short spell, and looks in first class health.

Gillie has been given useful work lately, and there is every reason to believe he will come through the Grand National preparation.

I hear Murray Hobbs was asked to name a price for Dundas, but he declined to sell this speedy son of Perkin Warbeck II.

Influenza has appeared in one of the Riccarton stables, and other trainers are naturally feeling anxious.

Garmoran and Rougemont, after having a rest, have been taken in hand again by Hobbs.

The tracks were in good order this morning, and some useful work was done by Mountebank, Khaki, Bristol, St. Dennis, Female Franchise, Redan and Phryne.

Barnet and Grant report the following business on New Zealand Cup:—300 to 9 against Materoa, 300 to 12 Tire, 200 to 20 Record Reign, 200 to 14 Sant Ilario.

Members of the New Brighton Trotting Club appear to take very little interest in the Club's affairs, the annual meeting having been twice adjourned for want of a quorum.

WELLINGTON.

THE MASTERION CLUB—GENERAL GOSSIP—THE TROTTING CONFERENCE.

WELLINGTON, July 16.

At the annual meeting of the Masterton Racing Club, the report presented stated that two race meetings had been held during the season, the total value of stakes offered being £1590. The December meeting resulted in a loss of £226, occasioned through a general election being held prior to the meeting, and so many of those who generally attend meetings being shearing and harvesting. The meeting in March, however, nearly compensated for the December gathering, a profit of £212 being made. The month of December not being a suitable time for the holding of a reunion gathering, the stewards had fixed on 4th and 5th October instead. The amounts received for nominations, entries and acceptances show an increase of £64 over the amounts received during the previous season, and this in face of the fact that the stewards made an experiment in fixing the charge for nominations.

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Racing Results.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

This meeting commenced yesterday (Wednesday). The weather was dull and cold. There was a good attendance. The results up to the time of going to press were as follows:—

MAIDEN STEEPLE.

- Cairo 1 Silver Ray 2 Gorse 3

Scratched: Pipi and Dr Bill. Won easily. Dividend, £2 11s.

STEWARDS'S HANDICAP.

- Lasting 1 Indian Shot 2 St Peter 3

All started. Dividend, £9 12s.

MAIDEN HACK.

- Leah 1 Dum Dum 2 Sir Redvers 3

Scratched: Lord Kitchner. Dividend, £2 14s.

WINTER HURDLES.

- Chevalier + Hauriri + Cour de Lion 3

After a fine race, Chevalier and Hauriri ran a dead heat. Div., Chevalier, £1 12s; Hauriri, £9 5s.

PARLIAMENTARY HANDICAP.

- Will-o'-the-Wisp 1

Dividend, £5 18s.

HACK AND HUNTER STEEPLECHASE.

- Menaderva 1

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following business:—

- New Zealand Cup. 800 to 9 Materoa 800 to 12 Tire 200 to 20 Record Reign 200 to 14 Sant Ilario CAULFIELD, MELBOURNE, and NEW ZEALAND CUPS. 1000 to 1 Bellemite, Gunda Din, Advance 1000 to 1 Wait-a-Bit, La Carabine, Record Reign 1000 to 1 Hautboy, Bellemite, Malatua 1000 to 1 Gauleon, Lancaster, Sant Ilario 1000 to 1 Gauleon, Lancaster, Nobility 1000 to 1 Palmer, La Carabine, Seahorse 1000 to 1 Malster, Ace of Diamonds, Seahorse 1000 to 1 Le Var, Wait-a-Bit, Malatua MELBOURNE and NEW ZEALAND CUPS. 1000 to 4 La Carabine and Record Reign 500 to 2 Wait-a-Bit and Record Reign 500 to 2 Wait-a-Bit and Sant Ilario 500 to 2 La Carabine and Advance 500 to 2 Seahorse and Renown Mr D. McLeod reports the following business over the forthcoming New Zealand Cup:— 1000 to 35 Bengist 500 to 20 Tire 300 to 15 Seahorse 200 to 13 Malatua 800 to 10 Jabber 500 to 25 Military 400 to 25 Sant Ilario 1000 to 15 Strathairn 500 to 25 Fulmar

for all events at the March meeting at ten ahillings. The thanks of members were due to Mr James Macara, one of the vice-presidents, who had undertaken to plant both sides of the entrance to the course, and Mr H. G. Williams, who had rendered assistance in draining the plough and running tracks. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, A. W. Cave; vice-presidents, Messrs J. Macara, O. A. Powney, L. C. F. Vallance and John Mackae; judge, Mr J. Irons; stewards, Messrs T. W. Wardell, J. Ewart, W. Irons, O. H. Smith, E. M. D. Whatman, F. E. Chalmers, J. D. Cruickshanks, D. McLachlan, D. Casselberg, A. G. Palmer, F. A. Sheath and F. Moors; clerk of scales, Mr R. E. Chalmers; clerk of the course, Mr H. Welch; assistant, Mr O. Bannister; timekeeper, Mr F. Hills; honorary surgeon, Dr Butement. It was decided to give £875 in stakes at the October meeting, the same amount as last December. The stewards were authorised to expend not less than £500 in improvements, to consist of fencing the course, improving the grandstand, and shifting the totalisator house, the two latter to be completed before the October meeting. The delegates from the club are to wait upon the Minister of Railways to endeavour to arrange special trains at the time of race meetings. It was resolved that the club's delegate to the Conference vote against the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's proposals with regard to compelling the insertion of a weight for age or classic race on the programme of clubs giving £500 in stakes. At a meeting of the stewards subsequently, Messrs Cave, Pilmer, Vallance were appointed a committee to draw up a programme for the October meeting.

Straybird was not eligible for the Maiden Steeplechase at the Hutt, having won a race over the specified amount after entry.

At the meeting of the Horowhenua R.C. Mr Bartholomew stated that Messrs J. R. McDonald and H. Davidson deserved their thanks for services they had rendered the Club. Both gentlemen and himself had great trouble in securing a racecourse, and what they had to contend with no one but themselves knew. Mr H. Piper was suggested as starter for Horowhenua R.C. by Mr Davidson at last meeting, in place of Mr R. Nicholson, a local man. Mr J. R. McDonald disagreed, and said he favoured local men being chosen when they showed aptitude for any particular offices. There were two handicappers whose services were sought after throughout the colony, and they practically had the horses in their own hands. They could handicap as they liked, and many horse owners knew this too well. The Club should encourage local men for such positions, and the requisite knowledge could only be obtained by their being given the opportunity. It was eventually decided to re-appoint Mr Nicholson.

Record Reign, who is on his way to the National Meeting, is exercised every morning on the Hutt course. He goes South next week, in company with Chevalier.

Scallywag has been scratched for all engagements at the Wellington Racing Club's Meeting.

July 17.

The Trotting Conference met to-day in the Parliamentary Buildings. There were present:—P. Selig (Greymouth), W. Ramsay (Wellington), G. Bennett (South Wairarapa), Hon. J. Twomey (Temuka), T. Duncan (Masterton), O. F. Mark (Auckland), A. I. Myers (Tahuna Park), D. McLean (Ashburton), A. Cohen (Inangahua), G. H. McHaffie (New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club), F. L. Absolum (Otahuhu), C. S. Howell (Plumpton Park), J. H. Pollock (Nelson), A. I. D. Fraser, M.H.R. (Hawke's Bay). The Chairman's report said that they met for the first time since one governing body for trotting, thoroughly representative of the whole colony, was established, and if they were to judge by the size of the order paper the work of last year's Conference must have been in the right direction. Concerning amendments to the rules he thought it would be a wise step to give in addition to clubs the executive of the Conference and any delegate power to suggest notice of alterations, etc., as was the case in connection with the Racing Conference. In looking back over events of the past year they must be satisfied that on the whole trotting had been raised to a higher standard. The cases of ringing-in which, when addressing the Conference last year he stated the Marlborough Racing Club had in hand, had since been cleared up and life disqualifications passed. The Hawke's Bay, Otahuhu and Tahuna Park Clubs had during the season dealt with similar cases. If this fraudulent practice was to be stamped out clubs must exercise the greatest vigilance, and act promptly and fearlessly when necessity arose. Life disqualification was, it was feared, the only remedy. The system of registration of horses should always assist in tracing any horse that the owner desired to represent as what he was not. It was necessary that clubs should assist in every way possible to secure a correct description of all horses. Regarding the issue of licenses to trainers, riders, and drivers, clubs should exercise the utmost judgment and care when recommending applicants, who should be reliable, and in no way likely to discredit trotting. A provident fund for the relief of licensed trainers, etc., was to be set up, and a sum of £70 was placed on deposit from the moneys of the South Island Trotting Association to form the nucleus of such a fund. Complications had arisen as a result of the reciprocal arrangement entered into with the Racing Conference, respecting disqualifications in connection with Galloway races carried on by Auckland and other trotting clubs. Representations had been made to the chairman of the Racing Club Conference, but the desired relief could not be secured. It was possible, however, that the difficulty would be overcome during the coming season. There had cropped up more than once instances of stewards adjudicating on cases of protests in races in which they were monetarily interested. This was a pernicious practice, and one calculated to destroy the confidence of the public in the conductors of the sport. It did not seem to him a matter there

should be two opinions about, and an expression of opinion by the Conference might have a beneficial effect. The operations of the clubs, as a whole for the year, showed an increase in stakes and tote revenue. An interesting table of statistics compiled by the Chairman showed that £16,168 had been given in added money, the amount put through the tote being £126,580 10s. These figures did not include operations of many racing clubs that found trotting events such a profitable source of revenue. There was every indication of a desire in some parts of the colony to push the sport, as evidenced by the fact that Clubs had been established at Auckland, Blenheim, and Gore. In Gore and Blenheim there were no other trotting clubs, but in the Auckland district, however, there were two old established Clubs, and as the new Club was applying for totalisator permits the Conference would have an opportunity of learning what reasons existed for the formation of a new Club. While they had to see that there was not too much trotting, the proper conduct of Clubs and the sport had also to be insisted on. It must be remembered also that there were only a certain number of permits available, and that some Clubs had been on what the former Colonial Secretary happily termed "probationers" so far as their claims to use the machine were concerned. Allusion was made to the unsuccessful attempt to amalgamate the Canterbury Jockey Club and the New Zealand Metropolitan Clubs. The position would have to be faced by the Conference.

It was decided to have the report printed. The balance-sheet was adopted. The motion standing opposite the Tahuna Park Club was withdrawn.

Mr Mark (Auckland) moved that rule 7 be amended so as to provide that it should not be necessary for clubs to accept appeals from decisions of the stewards for incorrect description of foul riding or driving. The idea was to prevent the tote money being locked up, and the case remains undecided for perhaps two months. The motion was carried. It was decided to amend rule 68, so as to provide that a man disqualified may also be fined. Mr Mark also moved that an appeal, if against a decision given on the course, must be made in writing within ten minutes after the decision of the stewards has been publicly declared, and must be lodged with the secretary of the club hearing the case. In the case of an appeal against the decision of the stewards not being delivered on the course, such appeal must be made within 24 hours after the decision has been notified by being posted in a conspicuous place in the office of the club or in the public Press. Mr Myers seconded the motion, which was carried.

Mr T. Marr (Canterbury T.C.) moved a motion having for its object the non-publication of names of amateur owners who may be granted licenses by the Association. This was lost.

Mr Howell (Plumpton Park) moved that any driver or rider speaking to any person or persons with the exception of the starter or clerk of the course on the course after leaving the saddling paddock may be disqualified for the race in which he is engaged to drive or ride, or fined as the stewards may direct. Mr Myers seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr D. McLean (Ashburton) moved that all trotting clubs shall have patrols round the trotting track to watch the running of the horses during a race. Mr McHaffie seconded, and this was agreed to.

Mr Pollock (Nelson) moved in the direction of making moneys owing by defaulters payable to the secretary of the New Zealand Trotting Association instead of to individual club as at present. Mr McLean seconded; the proposal was agreed to.

The motion of Mr Duncan expressing gratification at the action of the Trotting Association in regard to interested stewards adjudicating in cases of protests was carried.

The allocation of permits was then proceeded with, the following being recommended: Temuka, one; Auckland Trotting Club, three; Ashburton, two; Greymouth, two; Masterton, one; Nelson, one; Tahuna Park, three; South Wairarapa, one; Westport, one; Otahuhu, two; Hawke's Bay, one; Canterbury Trotting Club, one; (permit on condition that it trots on the Metropolitan Club's course, and takes steps to amalgamate as soon after this meeting as possible); Inangahua, one; New Brighton, one; New Zealand Metropolitan Club, three; Plumpton Park, two; Wellington, three; Southland, one. The applications of the Northern Trotting Club (Auckland), Gore Trotting Club, Evansdale (Dunedin) Trotting Club and Wairau (Blenheim) Trotting Club for permits were not granted, Mr McHaffie moving and Mr Howell seconding that they be placed on probation for a year. There was a lengthy discussion over the application of Northern Club, a full report of which will appear in the next issue of the REVIEW. A hearty vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the Hon. J. Carroll, late Colonial Secretary, in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the sport during his term of office. Mr Rollitt was re-elected secretary, and Mr Selig re-appointed chairman for the ensuing year.

The Wellington Steeplechase, on Saturday, promises to prove a most interesting race from every view point. The rain that has fallen lately

has made the track and course sodden, but by Saturday the latter should be in tip top condition if no rain falls in the meantime.

Ideal and Ejector will not fulfil their engagements at the Meeting.

La Volta threw McMorran while schooling over hurdles this morning, and shaped badly subsequently.

As Tarrigan is nominated for the July Steeple, he wasn't eligible for the Hunters' Steeple.

TARANAKI.

DUMMY—HORSES FOR WELLINGTON.

NEW PLYMOUTH, July 13.

Mr J. J. Russell returned home on Tuesday last. I am pleased to hear that he has somewhat improved in health.

The Wairaka nominated in the Hack Races at Wellington is not identical with Mr W. Elliot's Waireka (Howitzer—Maratau). The former is by Sou'wester.

The St Leger Vivat gelding, Doncaster, has been sold by Mr T. Wright to Mr Ogle, of Waitara.

The Annual Meeting of the Waitara Racing Club was held on Wednesday evening. There was a good attendance of members, Mr Ogle presiding. The balance-sheet, which showed a liability of £51 odd, with £150 assets, was read and adopted. A Sub-Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Messrs McKay, Elliot and Hignett, were appointed to make enquiries re acquiring a property for a racecourse. It was resolved to race at Lepperton this year. The annual fixture was set down for November 22. The officers of the previous year were re-appointed, the only alteration being the addition of Mr Brewer's name in the Stewards, and Mr Budge as starter. Messrs Ogle, Elliot, and Finnerty were appointed a Sub-Committee to draw up a programme.

A Julian, the well-known light weight, is at present unattached to any stable, and is hibernating at his parents' home at Inglewood. Last season, while riding for Mr J. B. Williamson's stable, Julian pushed himself well ahead in his profession.

S. McGuinness shipped Friar and Taplow today for Wellington. All going well the twin will be taken on to the New Zealand National at Christchurch. Kaimate is still suffering from the effects of his crash into the stonewall at Auckland, the injury being located in the knee. I much doubt whether he will be all right for the National fixture. It was bad luck in getting the son of The Australian knocked out when a few wins were in prospective.

J. George has his pair, Crusoe and Lasting, in good nick, and I think that the pair of browns ought to pay their way at Wellington and Christchurch Meetings.

One of the coastal pencilers was sued the other day by the Commissioner of Taxes for £2 15s, evidently income tax. The defendant must have neglected the matter, as he did not appear, and judgment went against him for the amount and costs.

Taranaki has not a representative in the New Zealand Cup this year. Last year the district was well represented both in the nominations and in the field on the day.

Uhan is still being spelled. I suppose he will be taken up for next season should he be sound enough to stand a preparation.

Are these notes appear in print the first day's events at Wellington will be over, and it is, therefore, needless to give any opinions about the first day. For the Wellington Steeplechase on the second day I like the chances of THE FRIAR, MORAG, and INGO in order. There should be a good contest for the event.

A Wanganui scribe reports that the gelding Rubin (Tasman—Rubina) has been sold to J. Maher for £150.

July 16.

Dummy cannot be trained for the New Zealand National Meeting. At the end of last week blood poisoning ran right up his injured leg and into the quarters. A vet was called in, and had to operate on the gelding, who is now recovering, but it will be impossible to put him into work for some considerable time. It was touch and go with The Mute's son.

Mr Russell is slightly better, but still confined to bed.

Riot is being hacked about by a local resident. Mr J. Paul leaves to-morrow to attend the Racing Conference as the Taranaki Club's delegate.

Uhan is being spelled at his owner's place at Stratford.

The Friar and Taplow were shipped on Friday to Wellington, while Crusoe and Lasting were sailed.

HAWKES BAY.

GENERAL RACING TALK.

NAPIER, July 14.

Toha, whom Mr Skipwith took to Gisborne to fulfill his engagements there last week, was left with his owner, Mr A. Hood of that place. Skipwith informs me that the gelding is to be spelled for a time.

Arthur Neale, who lately quitted the Hon J. D. Ormond's employ, has not been long in getting a berth, for the beginning of the week he accepted an engagement with T. Quinlivan, junr., and is now domiciled at that trainer's establishment. Arthur Lord, who has been associated with the horses trained by Quinlivan for Mr Watts, since the beginning of the year is putting on weight, and consequently when he will be too heavy to ride any of the blue and white carriers in their engagements, Neale will be entrusted with their manipulation.

While exercising on the roads in the Hastings district the other day, is, the coming two-year-old low-sister to The Shannon, owned by Mr T. H. Lowry, had the bad luck to come down, damaging her knees. This is hard lines on her owner, whose racing path lately has not been strewn with roses, for it will be remembered that it is not so long ago since St Canon met with an accident that resulted in his death, and the St Leger—Ouida filly, Lady Helen, that cost him 500 guineas as a yearling at the '98 Wellington Park sales, had to be thrown out of work through going sore.

Tire is looking and jumping well in his tasks at present.

Some time back efforts were made to secure Record Reign on behalf of a Hawke's Bay racing man, but unluckily for those interested, some delay took place in the negotiations, and in the meantime Castor's son had been sold. And now that he has got so well treated on the matter of weight for the New Zealand Cup, there is lamenting by the would-be local purchaser of the now New Zealand Cup favourite.

Alick Smith, who has been connected with the racing quarters of the Hon J. D. Ormond for nearly nine years, the major portion of which time he has filled the position of head lad, has severed his connection with the Squire of Karamu. He (and Ted Woolley, his brother-in-law, the trainer of Torpina, have entered into partnership as public trainers at Hastings. A steady, obliging and capable young fellow, I hope he will receive, in conjunction with his partner, a fair share of support. Owing to the difficulty experienced in preparing Te Hapaka, in consequence of his dicky fore-leg, his owner, Mr W. Robinson, has decided to put Dreadnought's speedy son to stallion duties, and during the coming season he will be mated with several of that sport's mares.

July 17.

D. Munn, who has been acting as private trainer to Mr W. Rathbone for several months past, last Saturday severed his connection with the Waipawa sport. He takes charge of Mr W. Robinson's team at Te Aute this week.

Fred Stone has relinquished training for a time, as he has taken on hand another form of employment. K Jam, who has been an occupant of his stable for over 12 months, was last week transferred to W. J. Cameron's care. This trainer has in hand Seahorse's half-sister Mongonui. Carbine's daughter has benefited by her spell, and is now coming on nicely.

At Karama Fred Carrington is handling a first brother to Roller.

Mr P. Neagle is making rapid strides towards recovery from the accident that laid him out at the late Gisborne Meeting. He came home by the Zea andia on Saturday morning, and though showing palpable signs of the crumpling that he got in good heart and spirits, and as he has youth on his side should not be long before he is again in the possession of his usual vigorous health.

Blackberry has been doing good work lately on the Hastings track. He left yesterday morning for Wellington.

Morag, Roller, and Tataramona had a twice round gallop over the steeplechase country on Saturday morning. They all went well, the two former having a bit the best of the big chestnut at the conclusion of the bout.

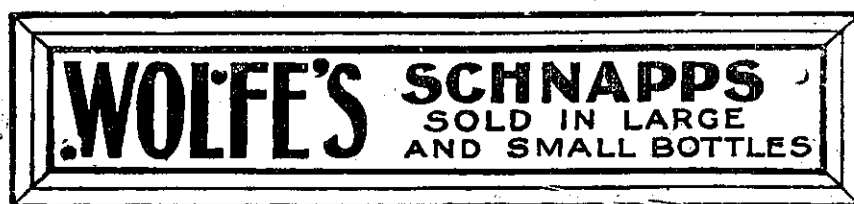
Morag, Ideal, Temarua, Ocur de Lion, Sylvanus and Daphne also left for Wellington yesterday, Tataramona and Barbarossa making the journey to the same destination to-day.

Coolgardie has been schooling over the little sticks during the past week on the Metropolitan track. On Saturday morning he gave a very pleasing exhibition of his powers in the way of negotiating obstacles.

Mr J. C. McKay, one of the delegates to the Racing Conference for the country clubs in this district, left by the express train this morning for Wellington.

Mr R. H. Skipwith offered George Collelo a good advance on the price he paid for the five-year-old daughter of Dreadnought and Tatter, that fell to his nod when the mare was submitted to auction at Hastings last month. He apparently considered that it was good business to sell, for Tatter's half-sister now occupies a box at Skipwith's establishment at Greenmeadows. So far I have not yet seen the mare, but I intend next week to make her acquaintance, and then I shall have more to say about her.

Yesterday Mr G. E. G. Richardson kindly introduced me to a couple of thoroughbreds that he has running in the paddocks attached to his private residence on the Hospital Hill. One of them is First Foot, who I have seen erroneously called First Fool, a rising two-year-old by Robinson Crusoe from First Flash by Fusilier-Luna. He is consequently a half-brother to First Blood, and he greatly resembles his relative both in colour and structure. A sweeping reaching youngster, with fine quarters, good shoulders, and the best of backs, a splendid lengthy rein, with a bold masculine head of the determined, courageous stamp well set on, fills the picture. If he does not furnish into a galloper of a right good grade, well then, looks and appearances are very deceptive. His companion is a well-formed, sturdily set-up colt, a coming yearling by Gold Leaf from Seal Brown by Ascot-Last Chance. I have seen several of the Gold Leafs at his age, but he shows more size than any that have previously come under my notice. He is a dark brown in colour with a white star, and is endowed with all the qualifications that one looks for when out on the hunt for a speedy, strong sample of the genus race horse. His owner has a half-brother of his,



Robin Adair by Robinson Crusoe, in work at Greenmeadows, but the Gold Reef young 'un does not show such a leaning to coarseness as does the Robinson Crusoe horse.

W. Davidson, who was for a long time in the service of Mr R. J. Platt, has joined the Hon J. D. Ormond's establishment. He is installed in the position lately vacated by Alick Smith.

A report has been published here that Mr W. Rathbone, of Waipawa, intended relinquishing racing, and was selling his horses in training. I have that gentleman's authority for stating that there is not the slightest foundation for the rumour as regards his giving up racing. He certainly has advertised six of his horses in training for sale, and therefore the conclusion has been jumped at that he was going out of the pastime. Luckily such is not the case.



THE PAKURANGA HOUNDS.

[By FOLLOWER.]

These hounds had been out several times before the opening meet at Sylvia Park, and had given some very good sport. The recent having been good in the early morning the pack had killed four or five brace of hares before the season commenced in earnest.

We have had three good days over the Sylvia Park country. The second day (June 23) was considered by some of the oldest members of the Club to have been the best day's hunting ever seen with this pack. We have had good runs at Ihumata, Mangers and at Messrs Gray and Moody's. I think the followers of these hounds have been most fortunate, as at all the above meets the occupier of the land where the hounds have been thrown off have provided refreshments. This goes to show what a good hold and how popular hunting is in this part. The farmers, not content with giving their land and fences to be ridden over and damaged, are such a sporting lot that they provide something substantial for the riders in the way of jumping powder, therefore it is our duty in return for such hospitality to be as careful as possible not to ride over new grass and other crops, and generally to do as little damage as possible.

Our meet on Saturday last was at Pukekohe Station. About forty members went up by the 9.30 train, and were met at the station by a number of local sports. After the horses were taken out of the boxes we were all invited by Messrs Douglas, Rutherford, Boulston, John Johns and others I do not know by name to lunch at Mr Goodman's boarding-house. We were quite surprised to be treated and entertained in such a hospitable manner. Needless to say, this was much appreciated after our journey. If the grand old sport of hunting is dying out in some parts of the world, I am glad to see that it has not done so in this part of the colony, for a better lot of sporting men than those at Pukekohe it would be hard to find. After partaking of the excellent lunch we were led by that good sport, Mr Douglas, towards the school, where we were informed a hare was sure to be found. After drawing the first field without success, we were rewarded with a find in the next, and a rare strong one she proved to be. Taking a line to a small swamp over a nice country, the hounds did not run very fast until after we had gone through a small patch of bush. Then the scent was frustrated, and the hounds ran for quite four miles in a straight line and very fast, in fact they seemed to have flown out of sight when we came out of the bush, and ride as hard as we could, we could only just hear them now and again in the distance quite a mile ahead. The country ridden over was a very stiff one, big posts and rails and wire fences, about a dozen of the latter, and I think without anyone falling over this kind of fence. When we came up to the hounds they had checked, and on being cast back got on to the line of another hare, which they soon killed. Though the huntsman was told where the hunted hare was, it was decided to leave her for another day as the hounds had had a kill, and the hunted hare was a real good one. Those fond of a fast run with plenty of jumping had a most enjoyable gallop, and it suited those who were not mounted on jumpers, as a road ran parallel with the line taken by the hare and hounds. These saw far more of the run than any one else. I cannot remember ever riding with harrriers after a hare that gave such a long straight run as this one gave us, and several others have passed the same remark. After giving the hounds and horses a short rest, we were taken by Mr Douglas to his farm, where he said we were sure to find. This gentleman has the gift of knowing just where the hares are to be found, for no sooner were the hounds in his paddock than one was seen on the move, and the pack soon in full cry. The scent just at this time was anything but good, and the hounds could only hunt slowly. The hare, running in a circle, giving the followers a lot of big jumping, was lost. We then drew towards where we found such a good hare last season, and found again this time, and had a nice short run, but had to call the hounds off, as they were on some land that we could not ride over. We were not fortunate enough to find again for some time, but at last chopped one on Mr Boulston's farm and at that time another got up, and the pack were soon after her, and ran well to the large swamp and trees and were going well when they had to be called off as it was time to leave for Pukekohe to entrain the horses. I am sure all who journeyed from here for a hunt over the Pukekohe country, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I hope

all those who reside in the neighbourhood and joined in the sport, were as well pleased and satisfied with the day's fun as we all were, and that we shall have many such days together. On behalf of the Pakuranga Hunt Club, I beg to thank all those gentlemen whose land and fences we rode over and through, and also those who took so much trouble to make the day enjoyable.

THE WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The following satisfactory report will be presented to members at the Annual Meeting to be held on Wednesday next, July 25:-

In presenting the annual balance-sheet to Members, the Committee congratulate them on the successful result of the year's operations.

Comparing figures with those of the previous year, the receipts show an all round increase, the total receipts being £3,240 8s 1d, as against £7,502 8s 0d, or a net increase of £738 0s 1d. On the expenditure side, stakes show an increase of £330, and £631 8s 11d was spent on permanent improvements. Notwithstanding the heavy expenditure disclosed in the balance-sheet, the net profit for the year amounts to £379 1s 10d. In view of the strong financial position of the Club your Committee recommend that the stakes for the ensuing season be materially increased, feeling sure that such a course will tend to popularise the Club with horse owners, and in the interest of racing generally.

At the last Annual Meeting Mr Freeman R. Jackson resigned his position as Treasurer, and subsequently intimated to the Committee that, owing to continued ill-health, he was compelled to resign his secretarial duties. Your Committee reluctantly accepted Mr Jackson's resignation, and in appreciation of his past services, voted him a full year's salary as a retiring allowance. It is now with deep regret your Committee have to record Mr Jackson's death, which took place a few weeks ago. In view of his many services to our Club your Committee recommend that some lasting memento be arranged for to perpetuate the memory of one who did so much for us.

Consequent on Mr Jackson's resignation, Mr F. Moffatt was appointed Secretary, and your Committee congratulate members on having secured the services of a gentleman so well qualified to fill such a responsible position.

The following members retire from the Committee, but are eligible for re-election, viz:- Messrs R. Anderson, Jas Watt, A. Cameron, and Dr Saunders.

In concluding this report your Committee desire to thank all the officials of the Club, honorary and otherwise, for the careful attention they have given to their respective duties.

Dr Connolly has given notice that he will move at the Annual General Meeting, "That the office of Judge be a paid one," and in the event of this motion being carried, "That the by-laws be altered accordingly."

The Annual Meeting of active members be held at Chavannes' Hotel, on Wednesday, July 25, 1900, at 8 p.m. Business: To receive report and balance-sheet, elect four members of Committee, other honorary officials and an auditor, and the consideration of Dr Connolly's notice of motion given above.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE For the Year Ending June 30, 1900.

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditure, listing items like Balance in bank, Salaries, and various expenses with amounts in pounds, shillings, and pence.

Australian Racing.

THE V.R.C. GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

The above meeting at Flemington was brought to a conclusion on Saturday when a large attendance was present to witness the racing. Chief interest, of course, centred in the Grand National Steeplechase. The field numbered sixteen, but through falls and running off only six horses completed the journey. The favorites Chelsea and Mysore were amongst those who failed to finish, the former falling at the first fence in the straight, and the latter running off passing the sheds for the last time. The winner turned up in Rosebud, who started at 33 to 1. Rosebud, who is by an aged mare by Quintin out of Matsep, was followed home by Wallaby and Hayseed. The details are as follows:-

THE GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLCHASE, a handicap of 15 sovs each, with 1000 sovs added. About three miles and a furlong.

Rosebud (by Quintin—Matsep), aged, 9 0, Jackson ... 1 Wallaby, 9 3, Smith ... 2 Hayseed, 11 7, Mooney ... 3

Sixteen horses started. Betting: 9 to 2 against, 9 to 1 Chelsea, 33 to 1 Rosebud. The race was a chapter of accidents, only six horses finishing. Euro made the running along the back. Mutiny piloted the way over the first fence in the straight, where Chelsea fell. Wallaby took command at the riverside, leading Rosebud, Euro, Crusado, Mutiny, and Mysore, who were strung out along the back the second time. Passing the sheds Crusado fell, and Mysore ran off. Wallaby swept into the straight clear of Rosebud, but the latter gradually wore down the leader in the run home, and won by four lengths. Time, 6min 39 1/2sec.

Table titled 'WINNERS OF V.R.C. GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLCHASE' listing years, owners, winners, weights, and times.

THE CONFERENCE OF NEW ZEALAND TROTTING CLUBS.

The Annual Conference of delegates from trotting clubs in New Zealand was held on Tuesday. Mr P. Selig, the President of the New Zealand Trotting Conference, in his report, stated that trotting on the whole had been raised to a higher standard during the last season, but he dwelt upon the necessity of clubs acting promptly and fearlessly in cases of fraudulent practice, and also strongly deprecated stewards adjudicating on cases of protests in races in which they are momentarily interested. Referring to the latter question, he thought an expression of opinion from the Conference might have a beneficial effect. The report made reference to the successful manner in which the Hon Mr Carroll had coped with all the difficulties that presented themselves when assisting the Conference to a happy solution of totalisator allocation business.

It was decided that rule 7 be amended so as to provide that it should not be necessary for clubs to accept appeals from the decisions of stewards for incorrect descriptions of foul riding or driving. The idea was to prevent the totalisator money being locked up and a case to remain undecided for perhaps two months.

It was decided to amend rule 68 so as to provide that a man disqualified may also be fined.

It was resolved, "That any rider or driver speaking to any person or persons with the exception of the starter or the clerk of the course on the course after leaving the saddling paddock may be disqualified for the race in which he is engaged to ride or drive, or fined, as the stewards may direct."

"That all trotting clubs shall have patrols round the trotting track to watch the running of horses during a race."

"That the Conference expresses gratification at the action of the Trotting Association in regard to interested stewards adjudicating in cases of protests."

When the delegates resumed business in the evening the Hon James Carroll addressed the Conference. He said that the efforts they had made to regulate the conduct of the sport met with the commendation of all right-thinking people throughout the colony. He himself had been very pleased indeed with the work performed by affiliated bodies in that direction. It had been a source of delight to him to note the improvement in trotting throughout the colony, and the avidity shown in tracing or sheeting home misdemeanours or wrong-doing perpetrated on various trotting courses. This marked an advance on the part of the authorities toward the desired goal. Mr Carroll dealt fully with the question of permits. He said that as far as the Canterbury and New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Clubs were concerned, he had endeavoured to induce them to amalgamate, but without success. Gentle pressure had been put on the Canterbury Club, and he was prepared to go still further and inflict further penalty. He intimated that in future the Hon Mr Ward would have charge of

the permit department, and they would find him liberal, firm, and just.

After Mr Carroll's little speech the Conference proceeded to allot totalisator permits for the coming season. This business necessarily occupied a long time. The applications of the Northern Trotting Club (Auckland), Gore Trotting Club, and Wairau Trotting Club for permits were not granted, it being decided that they be placed on probation for a year. The following permits were recommended:—Temuka, one; Auckland Trotting Club, three; Ashburton, two; Greymouth, two; Masterton, one; Nelson, one; Tahuna Park, three; South Wairarapa, one; Westport, one; Otahuhu, two; Hawke's Bay, one; Canterbury Trotting Club, one permit on condition that it trots on the Metropolitan Club's course and takes steps to amalgamate as soon after the Meeting as possible; Inangahua, one; New Brighton one; New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club, three; Plumpton Park, two; Wellington, three; Southland, one.

The President moved the following resolution:—"That as this is the first meeting of the Conference since the Hon J. Carroll has relinquished control of the Department that issues totalisator permits, a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to him for his valuable assistance to the sport."

This was carried unanimously. Mr F. P. Selig was re-elected Chairman, and Mr W. Rollitt Secretary of the Conference.

It was decided that next year's Conference be held in Wellington. The Conference then closed.

OUR SKILL COMPETITIONS.

£20 SKILL COMPETITION £20

FOR THREE WINNERS

IN THE

G.N. STEEPLE

G.N. HURDLES

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HANDICAP

£20 FOR THREE WINNERS

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IN THE

CAULFIELD CUP

MELBOURNE CUP

N.Z. CUP.

For Full Particulars See Page 24.

RESULTS OF COMPETITIONS.

£245 PAID IN GOLD.

Auckland Easter Handicap, Autumn Handicap, Auckland Steeplechase; A.R.C. Autumn Meeting. W. J. Dickey, Auckland, £20.

Auckland Cup, A.R.C. Handicap, Auckland Steeplechase; A.R.C. Summer Meeting. F. Robinson, Epsom Road, Mount Roskill, £25.

Easter Handicap, Autumn Handicap, Autumn Steeplechase; A.R.C. Autumn Meeting. £10, nineteen receiving 10s 6d each.

Newmarket Handicap, Australian Cup, Wanganui Jubilee Cup. H. S. Ashton, Auckland, £25

Placed horses in Melbourne Cup, £25. T. Robinson (Mount Roskill), Mrs J. H. Noonan (Victoria-street, Auckland), O. Ramun (Devonport), each received £8 6s 8d.

Takapuna Cup, Calliope Handicap, T.J.C. Handicap, £25. O. Hannigan (Khyber Pass, Auckland), L. J. Richards (New North Road, Auckland), O. Morrison (Metropolitan Hotel, Auckland), each received £8 6s 8d

Caulfield Cup, Melbourne Cup, New Zealand Cup, £100. Maud J. Bell, Chapel-street, Auckland.

Grand National Hurdles, Great Northern Steeplechase, Second Winter Welter. R. H. Abbott (Wellesley-street, Auckland), Harry Emott (Paeroa), Joseph Watkin (Exmouth-street Auckland), W. P. Shearman (Ellerslie), each received £5.

HANDICAPS.

V.A.T.C. SPRING MEETING.

CAULFIELD CUP, one mile and a half.

Table listing horse names, jockeys, and weights for the Caulfield Cup and other races at the V.A.T.C. Spring Meeting.

A.J.C. SPRING MEETING.

THE METROPOLITAN STAKES, of 1500 sovs. One mile and a-half.

Table listing horse names, jockeys, and weights for the Metropolitan Stakes and other races at the A.J.C. Spring Meeting.

THE EPSOM HANDICAP, of 1000 sovs. One mile.

Table listing horse names, jockeys, and weights for the Epsom Handicap and other races.

C.J.C. SPRING MEETING.

NOVEMBER.

NEW ZEALAND CUP, Two miles.

Table listing horse names, jockeys, and weights for the New Zealand Cup and other races at the C.J.C. Spring Meeting.

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V.A.T.C. MEETING.

AUGUST 4 AND 11.

CAULFIELD GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE, three and a half miles, less 92 yards.

Table listing horse names, jockeys, and weights for the Caulfield Grand National Hurdle Race.

CAULFIELD GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE, about four miles.

Table listing horse names, jockeys, and weights for the Caulfield Grand National Steeplechase.

Table listing horse names, jockeys, and weights for various races at the V.A.T.C. Meeting.

ACCEPTANCES.

THE WELLINGTON RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY, JULY 21.

WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP, about three miles.

Table listing horse names, jockeys, and weights for the Wellington Steeplechase Handicap.

NOMINATIONS.

NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

AUGUST 14, 16 AND 18.

WINTER CUP (flat) of 800 sovs. One mile.

Table listing horse names, jockeys, and weights for the Winter Cup.

GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE of 650 sovs. Three miles and a-half.

Table listing horse names, jockeys, and weights for the Grand National Steeplechase.

GRAND NATIONAL HURDLE RACE of 500 sovs. Two miles.

Table listing horse names, jockeys, and weights for the Grand National Hurdle Race.

SYDENHAM HURDLE RACE HANDICAP, one mile and three-quarters.

Table listing horse names, jockeys, and weights for the Sydenham Hurdle Race Handicap.

LINCOLN STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP, about two miles and a half.

Table listing horse names, jockeys, and weights for the Lincoln Steeplechase Handicap.

BEAUFORT STEEPLECHASE, about three miles.

Table listing horse names, jockeys, and weights for the Beaufort Steeplechase.

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BATTLES FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

GRAFTON AND PONSONBY WIN THEIR MATCHES.

NORTH SHORE DRAW WITH PARNELL AFTER A GREAT STRUGGLE.

Beautiful weather prevailed for the second series of the second round of the championship contests for the "Kohn" medals and Mrs Noton's caps. Ponsonby and Grafton again proved their superiority over Suburbs and Grey Lynn respectively, while North Shore could only draw with Parnell. This was a great surprise to everybody, for when North Shore left the Pavilion they were hot favourites, it was then just a question of how many goals they would win by. They evidently underestimated their opponent's strength and gameness. When the teams met in the first round, North Shore won easily by 9 goals to nil, but lacrosse possesses the same uncertainty as other sports. The heavy rain that fell on Friday night made the turf heavy, the strong sun drying it in the afternoon made it very sticky, which was a great drawback to weighty players.

The lady friends of the Grafton Club dispensed excellent afternoon tea on the Pavilion. The matches were again slow in starting. It would be well for the referees to exercise their power in connection therewith.

The number one attraction was the game between Ponsonby and Suburbs. The former were the first to attack vigorously. Two minutes after the face-off, Davis lost a golden opportunity by not passing at the correct moment, Owen made an attempt at throwing, but his effort was too feeble. Loose, wretched play took place close to Suburbs' goal and from a scramble McCoy hooked the rubber and drew first blood of the match for Ponsonby. The blue and blacks renewed the attack. A good chance of scoring was spoilt by the time-keeper sounding "change ends." In the next quarter some fast, interesting play took place, both goal-keepers were called upon to stop shots, which they did successfully. Half-time was announced, leaving Ponsonby a goal to the good. Anderson played home in this half and was a success. Directly after the face-off, Peacock, Davis and Latta brought the rubber well into the red and black territory. Anderson, by a clever piece of dodging, notched Ponsonby's second goal a little while later. No. 3 goal was thrown by Anderson. Alan Brown executed a throw, which gave the red and blacks' attack a good opening. Morrin scored and passed to Walker; the opposing point was about to check him when he slipped, thus the speedy suburban had only to beat the goal-keeper, which he did successfully. This score lowered the Ponsonbyites' rip. They again attacked with great vim. Anderson shot fourth goal from a long difficult angle, and got fifth and last goal from a loose scramble a few minutes later. Then "change ends" for the last quarter was called. Suburbs had the blue and blacks defence defending all they knew during the greater portion of this twenty minutes, but failed to make any alteration in the scores, which were left—Ponsonby, 5 goals; Suburbs, 1. As referee, Mr McVeagh was *par excellence*, the right man.

Grafton v. Grey Lynn (No 2 Ground).—Stewart and Gummer, open play. Luckie instantly snatched the ball, and sent it on to Hardingham, when it was handled by all the black

and whites' attack, and Atkinson opened their account, which proved afterwards to be a large one. Before half-time 7 more goals were scored—Atkinson, 1; Graham, 2; Hill, 3; Stewart, 1. In the next spell Grafton again had the best of it, and romped home winners by 15 goals to nil. Mr Montgomery was a correct and impartial referee.

Parnell v. North Shore (No. 3 Ground).—The latter were hot favourites. The result of this match, a draw, counts a point against the Shore. Parnell played a man short in the first half, and when they got a substitute he was only a tyro at the game. Stubbs was the most important absentee. One of North Shore's best men (Blackler) was also absent, but this did not disorganise the team much. Ruddock (Parnell) and Martin (North Shore) faced off, give and take play occupying the first five minutes. Then the blues gradually drove Parnell's defence back. They pressed very hard. Near goal a couple of shots were dealt, the ball going wide. Fenn cleverly secured, and threw to the other end of the field. Lennox was nearest, got possession and passed to Challis, who dwelt too long upon his throw. Alexander checked him, obtained the rubber, and threw out of bounds at midfield. From the throw-in Watson initiated a passing rush, which was cleverly stopped by Fenn and Hicks, when things were looking uncomfortable for their side. Nothing very noticeable occurred till half-time, except that both sides indulged in too much scrambling for the ball. Second spell

Parnell invaded opposite territory directly after the face off. Eagleton was called upon to stop a couple of deadly shots, which he did successfully. From this out play was distinctly good and even, neither had anything the best of it, and failed to score. Upon returning to the dressing-rooms the Parnell boys were cheered to the echo for the splendid fight they made when the odds were very heavy against them. They were very modest over their doings.

NOTES.

Had "Bob" Noton been playing for Ponsonby they would have run up a large total against Suburbs. The blue and blacks' homes were given numerous chances to score, which they fairly threw away.

Anderson was the only home who met with any success, and he was not tried till the second spell.

White had a fair amount to do in goal, and he did it well.

Gallaher showed the best form I have seen him give yet.

Peacock did not shine as usual. Foubister was generally at him very quick.

Lundon was far below his usual standard of play.

E. Mason, at third man, stopped some splendid rushes on the part of Rendall, Walker, and Brown.

Davis is gradually improving. Walsh at left attack for Suburbs mustered heaps of pace, and handled the ball well.

Herrold had a tremendous amount of stopping to do in goal. He came out of the ordeal very creditably.

Alan Brown always got his throw and smothered Lundon every time.

Owen played too close up to centre. This cost his side more than one goal.

Somerfield, Allen, and Morrin did all that was asked of them.

Grafton had quite a day out. They do put up a score against a weak team. Their defence had practically nothing to do.

Grey Lynn stuck to it gamely, and played much better towards the end of the game.

Ward and Fenn were easily the best defenders for Parnell, and Lennox, Ruddock, and Ohallis were never found wanting on attack.

Hicks showed a big improvement in his play. De Lucca and Thomson handled their crosses much better.

North Shore's attack played far too close up. When the ball was near Parnell's goal they all seemed too eager to score. This remark applies to Parnell's attack also.

Alexander, Eagleton, and Tizard acquitted themselves creditably on the defence, while Richardson, Watson, and Wynyard were the pick of the attack.

I expect North Shore will perform much better against Grafton on Saturday. If they want to win they will need to.

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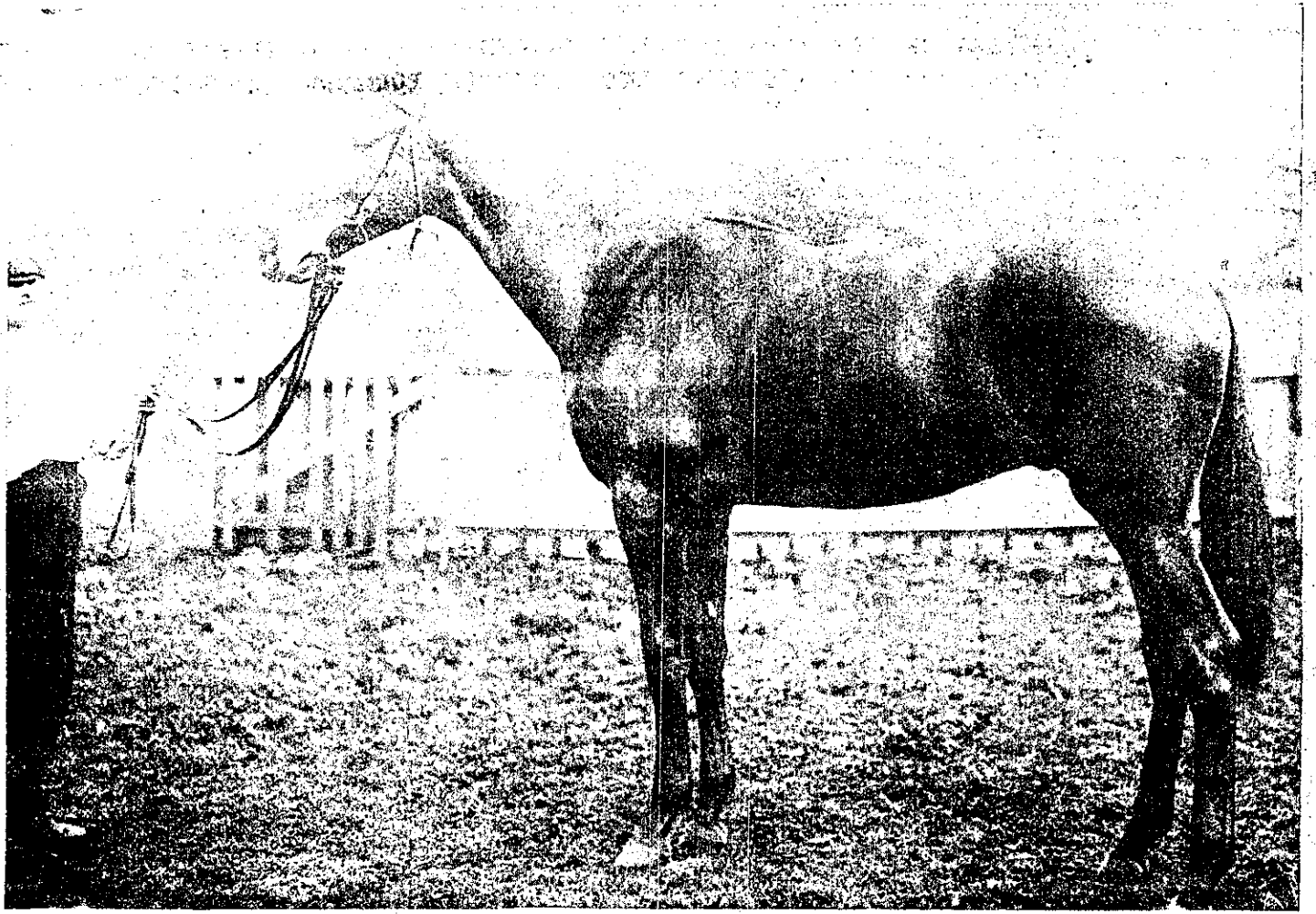


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Mr Leonard Marshall's BOBS.

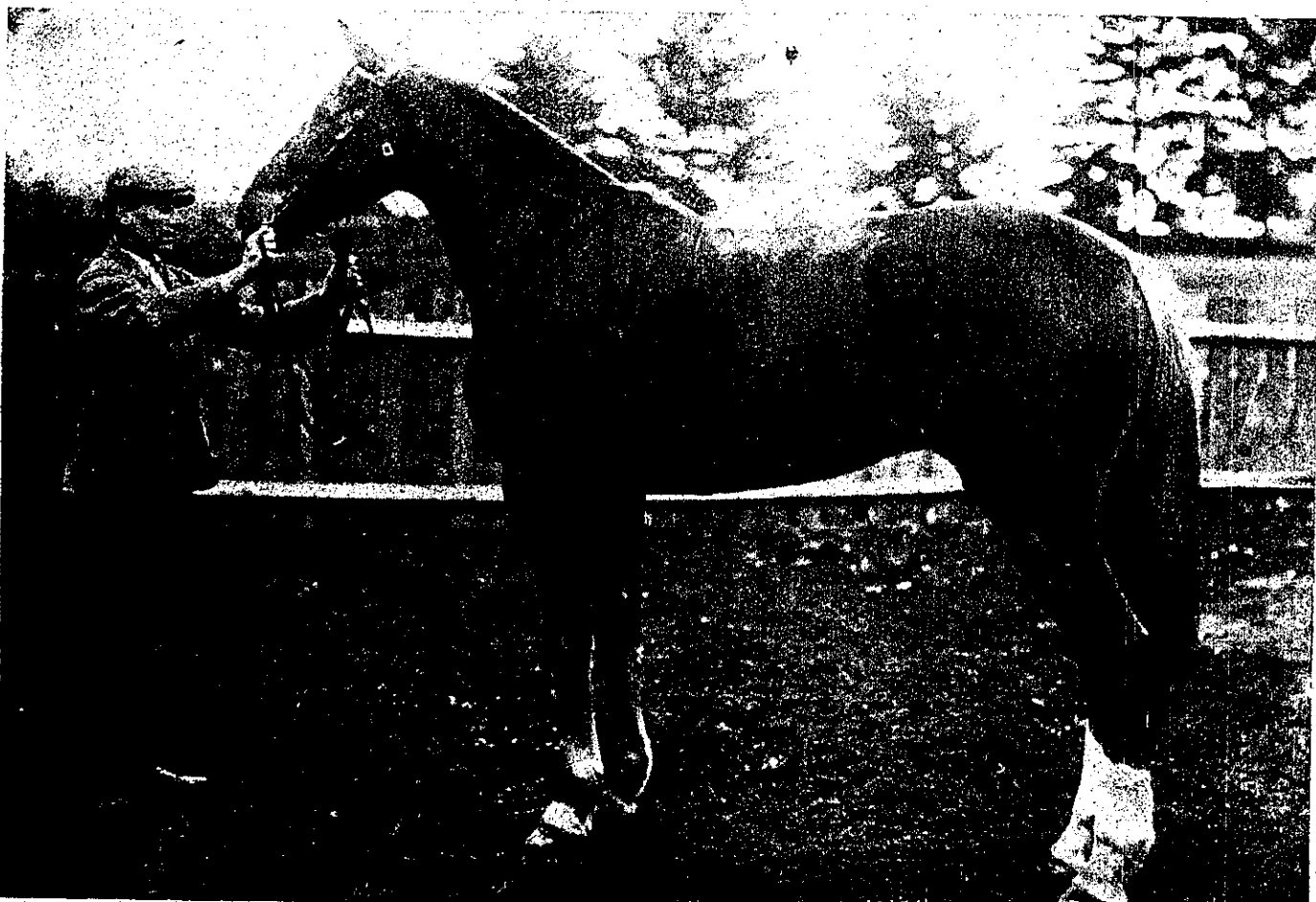


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Mr Leonard Marshall's colt by Ascot-Romp, full brother to Norton.

SOLD.

By H.W. in the Australasian.

The days of calm, unruffled tranquility were over at Woodstock. Hitherto it had faced the open lands around with the quiet dignity of a prosperous, monotonous pastoral town; now its serenity was disturbed by bustle and energy, by strange men, that run up new dwellings, introducing fresh tastes and reviving old ones. Some eighteen months back, gold had been discovered close by, and the money spent by many gold-mining companies had wrought this change. In a word, the place was booming. Of course, one of the first local institutions to receive business-like attention was the race club, whose principal race, the Woodstock Mile, had become well worth the winning.

Quite lately a man named Gully—Vernon Gully—had arrived in the town, and had taken his place as manager upon one of the smaller leases. In appearance he was extremely youthful, uncommercially youthful in fact, and upon his fair clean-shaven face lived a look of gentle sweetness and simplicity that was almost angelic. So much innocence and prettiness combined caused half the women to want to kiss him, and a great many of the men to want to play cards with him. One day at the club, which had sprung into being shortly after the finding of gold, Rainey and his cronies, Marrie, might have been seen with their heads very close together. They had been discussing the thorny ways of finance, with, apparently, anything but an amiable result.

"If we can raise some money soon; I know of a lease in a real good position that we can buy cheap; then all we've got to do is to take it home, get it put on the London market, and we're made," said Rainey. "These 'chumps' here always want to float a show in the colonies. That's no game at all."

Marrie played with the ears of a bull-terrier thoughtfully.

"How much, seven or eight centuries do?"

"About that."

"I've been scheming very hard lately. Eh! Nothing new? Well, perhaps not. You seem to forget, lad, that we've got one rich trick up our sleeves yet—Divinity. It ought to be just 'pay out' with him for the Woodstock Mile, all going well, and we've kept him as quiet as a vault."

"Sounds very nice; but how do you suppose we'll keep going until then, and how back him? We must have some 'ready,' we can't get it all on the nod."

"I thought of all that. It struck me that we might part with Navel, and let his purchase money pay our road."

Rainey laughed scornfully. "And who do you think will buy that white-livered cur—the Zoo? No; pull off that gag and plant some fresh schemes. Everyone knows that rogue."

Marrie smiled dryly, expectorated into the terrier's eye, and said, "I thought perhaps we might sell him to Gully, that new, baby-faced fellow. The other night at the concert I heard him tell that Delves girl that he was very fond of racing. It's a good manly taste that ought to be encouraged. Besides, they say he has a bit of brass."

Rainey chewed his moustache diligently for a few moments. "Gad! it might work. It's worth trying, at all events. Hulloa! here's the man. Get him on the ropes now, Ma," he said, in a low tone.

Vernon Gully sauntered indolently into the room.

"A'morn', Gully. Splendid day out," said Marrie affably.

"Not too bad in, either," drawled the mild-faced youth.

"You've met Mr Rainey, I suppose? Thought so. I've just been trying to sell him a horse—a racehorse that I've made up my mind to part with. The wife objects to it, so I intend giving the game up gradually. He's a tremendously fast animal, and he's dirt cheap at £250."

"I must confess I feel tempted," backed up his friend. "He certainly is a very cheap beast, and one I tip to win the Woodstock Mile. But unfortunately my money is inconveniently tied up at present," he added confidentially.

"Indeed! how really sad," said Gully languidly.

"And before purchase I'll undertake to send him a mile in 1min 45 sec," said Marrie. It was well-known that Navel could compass a mile easily enough in the time mentioned—on the track—and a good many unfortunates had several times paid dearly for the knowledge, for with the silk up he always ran like a prize-fed ox, and in no matter what company, seemed to like to see a few others between the post and himself.

"Now why don't you go in for a little sport yourself?" said Rainey, addressing Vernon Gully suddenly with an air of inspiration. "This horse is just the sort that would suit a dashing young fellow like you."

Gully shook his head silently.

"A chestnut, too," persuaded Marrie. "Look at all the good chestnuts there's been—Abercorn, Wallace, Nelson, Newhaven and scores of other top-notchers."

Gully suddenly began to show a little more interest in the proceedings.

"By Jupiter! a chestnut, is he? I'm awfully fond of chestnuts, don't you know. I always say, 'ginger for pluck.'"

"Quite right; very true."

"How old is he?" asked Gully.

"Four years old, and as sound as a bell (rubbish like this always are, he thought). I really wouldn't part with him, only for the wife's entreaties."

An expression of deep interest had now crept into Gully's gentle countenance, and his girlish eyes looked more blue than ever.

"Well, I would like to buy him, for I'm so awfully fond of chestnuts, you know. By Jove, extraordinarily fond of chestnuts I am. But I can't afford to give more than £200 for him, 'pon any word, I can't."

Marrie felt such a warm wave of delight run through him that, unable to catch Rainey's eye, he winked amiably at the bull terrier.

Ultimately Vernon Gully became the owner of the horse for £210, and on leaving, the frank trustful manner in which he said, "If you assure me he can gallop a mile in 2min 46sec, was it? Oh, 1min 46sec then. That is quite sufficient for me," tickled the worthy pair so much that they giggled for a good ten minutes after he had gone.

"He's a sweet boy. I wonder how many shares his pa holds in the company the young mug manages?" said Rainey.

"Let him be," answered his friend. "It takes all sorts to make a world."

A few weeks went by, and although Vernon Gully lived in a quiet spot a mile or two out of town, it became generally known that Navel was being carefully trained in view of the Woodstock Mile; and everyone laughed and thought it was a fine joke, for the short-comings of the animal were as well-known as the price of beer. In due time the nominations appeared, and among them was Mr Vernon Gully's chestnut gelding Navel. And when the date of the race drew nigh and betting became brisk, Gully was always ready to accept all offers at a longish price about his "gee." As money was plentiful in the town, the business of the books was considerable; and in this instance, feeling that generosity was a payable emotion, they fielded against Navel at tall odds.

Race day arrived, and with it a crowd of ladies, punters, bookmakers, sight-seers, and spicers, from the neighbouring town. Vernon Gully—or "Verdant" Gully, as Rainey, in a light moment, had christened him, being, as that sport said, "The greenest gully he'd ever seen"—sauntered on to the course, looking, in his immaculate sporting tweed, pinker and younger than ever, and joined a group that were talking at the back of the grandstand. Miss Maitland, a tall, dashing-looking girl, smiled on him sweetly, and asked,

"How is your horse going to run to-day, Mr Gully?"

A few of the men laughed softly at the question.

"On his legs, I think," drawled Gully, with inscrutable solemnity.

"Then I hope he will be faster than his master," retorted a sharp-faced little fair girl, who thought him an incurable "Mollie."

As the horses were on their way to the post Rainey joined Marrie, who had posted himself in a good position half-way up the straight. Hardened gamblers, who in their days had played for, lost and won, many good stakes, they looked on at proceedings with faces that showed no signs of excitement; but excited they were, for all that. Thus far their scheme had been carried through successfully; their horse was red-ripe, their commission had been executed satisfactorily; now it only remained with Divinity and his rider to put a seal to everything by winning. They felt sanguine to a degree—"dead sweet," as Rainey expressed it; but they had both, in their racing vicissitudes, too often seen "dead birds" take wing to feel cock-sure till the numbers were up.

"Did you see that chestnut cur go up?" asked Rainey.

"Only from the distance, but he seemed to have built up, and looked a different animal altogether from when I saw him."

"That young ass will lose a ton of gilt on him. He has never stopped backing him, till now the chestnut's favourite."

"I could grow very fond of that boy, do you know, if I lived with him long enough. We've got to thank him for making a market for us. Steady! There they are in a line. Away they go!—good start."

It was a good start; the horses jumped off nearly into line. For a few yards they were all bunched together, then a chestnut horse, whose rider wore a bright all-yellow jacket that could be followed easily without glasses, singled out from the rest.

"That's Navel leading," cried Rainey, "and he seems to be running quite kindly, too. That's our fellow on the outside—third."

"He's sure to beat Navel, that's a foregone."

On they came to the four furlongs post, Navel still in the lead, with daylight between him and the field. At the five-furlongs Divinity and The Ledger were up with him. And so they ran to the turn, where Divinity went up and got his head in front.

"It's all right, Ma, we'll win," said Rainey.

The two horses were well into the straight now, and the crowd were all on tiptoes in expectation of a great finish. But suddenly the boy on the chestnut made a move on his mount, and shot away from Divinity, despite the punishment of his jockey, and ran home past the judge an easy three-lengths winner.

"Well, I'm damned!" exploded Rainey, his face dark with anger.

"But that's not Navel that won. I'll take my oath it wasn't," said Marrie excitedly.

"Of course it wasn't—I could see that."

Just then Vernon Gully chanced to pass near by, and beamed joyously on the two men. Rainey grabbed him by the arm roughly. "You young 'gun,'" he said, "so you've rung a horse in on us."

"I beg your pardon, but that arm belongs to me," replied Gully, shaking off the other's grasp. "And I'll trouble you to select your English a little more carefully. Now, what do you mean?"

"That isn't the chestnut we sold you that has just won?"

"Certainly not; who says it is? Kindly contradict any such rumour," said Gully, in a voice wonderfully free from his habitual drawl.

"You admit it then," said Marrie, with a mystified air. "Come along, Rainey, we'll go and protest."

"Save yourself the anxiety. The horse you sold me was a four-year-old chestnut gelding named Navel, a performer of some notoriety, I believe. The winner of this race is a four-year-old chestnut gelding Navel, and this is the first time he has started. You see by the card the

name is spelt 'N-a-v-a-l.' It's not a mistake of the printer; they are distinctly different horses."

The explanation sounded too lean to the ears of the owners of Divinity, and they entered a protest; but Gully easily proved that Navel had never started before, and consequently the objection was dismissed.

It transpired that Vernon Gully, at the time he bought Navel, owned an unraced gelding that had shown great pace in private, whose age and colour agreed with the other animal's. He had been having him quietly prepared down at the coast in the hopes of bringing off a coup with him in one of the big autumn handicaps at headquarters. But with the purchase of Marrie's horse Gully altered his plans. The night before the Woodstock races the town Navel was clandestinely brought to Gully's stable, while the country Navel was spirited away to town, and as he was only taken on to the course in time to race, he was very little noticed until after he had won.

On the true state of affairs becoming known the people of Woodstock smiled copiously, and altho they had mostly lost on the race, they agreed that it was the funniest thing that had happened in the town.

Rainey and Marrie are now partners in a tick-tacking business, carried on at suburban meetings; but, it is feared, they will carry to their graves an unboly hatred for all persons that look sweet and innocent.

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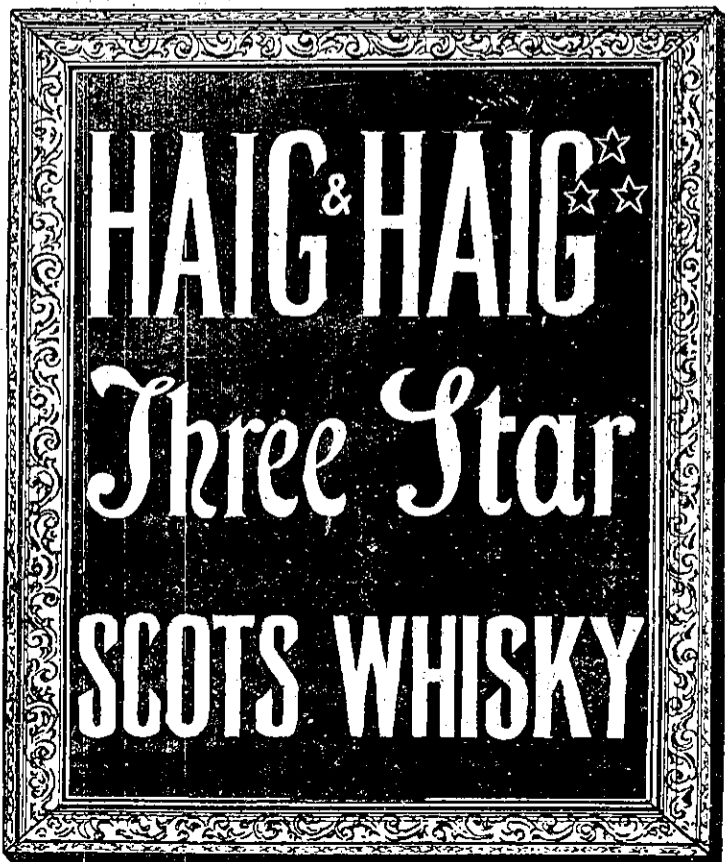
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THE POLICE COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

The report laid before the House last week by Commissioner Tunbridge, gives much food for reflection to the Trade generally, and especially so to the Trade in Auckland. I say especially Auckland, because we not only show an increase of 448, but we now have the unenviable notoriety of heading the list of charges of drunkenness in the colony for the year 1899, while it remains for Dunedin to head the list for the number of arrests for drunkenness on Sunday. The Commissioner has given his opinion that the increase in Auckland is largely due to the increased efforts of the police under Inspector Cullen to more expeditiously remove drunken persons from the streets than was formerly the case. We must thank Mr Tunbridge for this side light that he has thrown on the question, as it can be readily understood that if the police are extra zealous in removing drunken, or apparently drunken persons, to the police stations, then we must look for an increase in the number of charges made. This, of course, raises the old question as to what stage of incapability must a person be in, to be considered incapable enough to be taken in charge. As the Commissioner states the Auckland police are using increased efforts, it is just possible that many who are perchance not actually incapable, may become victims of the extra zeal displayed in this particular direction. There is no apparent cause in the way of increased prosperity in Auckland, or any other reason, that can satisfactorily account for the increase in figures. Unless the great enthusiasm displayed in the sending of our heroes to South Africa during the latter end of last year, may have added somewhat to the total. It is a matter of much regret that Mr Tunbridge also opines that the 11 o'clock licenses which were in force during the whole of 1899, are to some extent, accountable for a share in the increase, this is rather an indigestible opinion, when compared with the statement made a few days ago in our Magistrate's Court by the police, to the effect, that owing to the hour of closing having been set back to 10 o'clock, there was an increase in the number of cases of drunkenness at night. The Commissioner also ascribes a proportion of the increase to the prosperous condition of the colony, and the large increase in foreign going shipping at the various ports. Figures quoted show that the law against Sunday trading in the colony is by no means strictly observed, notwithstanding the efforts of the police; Mr Tunbridge goes on to say in this respect, that those who incite the publican to break the law run no risk at

present whereas, the consequences to the publican, if caught, are most serious. This is manifestly unfair to the latter, and the licensing laws should be amended in the direction of something approximating to section 25 of the Intoxicating Liquors Act, 1872, in force in England being included. This section, it may be remarked, penalises the buyer and the seller. Why the Commissioner should come to the conclusion that cases of drunkenness on Sunday are traceable to hotelkeepers is somewhat difficult to understand. Surely there must be other means of supply on Sunday than hotels. Auckland hotelkeepers, to a man, stoutly deny that Sunday trading is carried on by any of them. The police should use further increased efforts to endeavor to trace the sources from whence Sunday drunkards obtain their liquor. If, as is very strongly suspected, that the law of strict Sunday closing observed by all hotelkeepers, has created increased activity on the part of the sly grog selling fraternity, then in the interests of the law abiding hotelkeepers, the stigma of breaking the Act on Sunday should be removed from them, and the real offenders severely punished. The few charges of Sunday trading that have been preferred against local publicans, have been clearly the result of a mistaken estimation of the distances that customers lived from the hotels. The charges have been invariably dismissed, and in no one instance has it been shown that deliberate Sunday trading was being carried on. It is pleasing to note that Commissioner Tunbridge is an advocate for the better treatment of those suffering from the effects of drink, no doubt his long and varied experiences in London have shown him that while persons may be suffering from a minimum of drink, they may also be suffering from a maximum of illness.



Many of the wine houses of France have subscribed liberally to the British War Funds.

The New South Wales Lager Beer Brewery has been sold, all complete, to Mr Edmund Resch, of the Waverly Brewery, for £16,600.

The corks used for bottling champagne are cut by hand. The best material is used, and they are not tapered nor cut quite round, thus swelling and fitting more perfectly in the bottles.

The Queensland distillers have raised their prices for rum, an advance of 25 per cent, having been notified on former f.o.b. quotations. This is due to the increased demand now experienced for Queensland rums in Great Britain and on the Continent.

Williams' and Bourke's hotels, two of the oldest hosteleries in Reef-ton, were burned on the morning of the 7th. The fire is supposed to have originated in a bedroom in Williams' Hotel. Everything was lost except that the downstairs furniture was saved from Bourke's. The insurances are: £900 on Williams' and £450 on Bourke's.

A few days since a well-known publican named Dowling, at MacLean, New South Wales, inflicted fearful injuries on his wife and niece with a tomahawk. The latter is in a precarious condition. The wife's injuries are serious. It is supposed that Dowling had suddenly gone mad owing to ill-health.

At Beenham Vallance, Aldermaston, Berks, a writer tells us that there is a monument in the church to the Rev T Stackhouse, vicar, who died in 1752. The rev gentleman, whose "History of the Bible" is often found in godly households, was a village boozier, who frequented a "publie" called Jack's Booth, on the Bath Road, and sometimes stayed there for two or three days running. He used to emerge from this boozing booth on Sunday mornings, and, on going to church, ask pardon of God in the pulpit for his folly and wickedness, while he warned his congregation against the sin of drunkenness! This edifying preacher wrote most of his "History of the Bible" in the arbour of the garden of Jack's Booth.

It is probable that in Victoria, as a result of the Vauxhill Distillery case, a charge will be levied upon all proprietors of distilleries to cover the cost of supervision of their premises by departmental inspectors.

A deputation of temperance workers were recently introduced to the New South Wales Premier, their objects being to have the Licensing Act altered to provide for the earlier closing of hotels on week nights, and the more rigorous enforcement of the law dealing with Sunday closing of hotels. At the conclusion of his reply Sir William Lyne is reported to have said "that when the people saw that the change was necessary they would rise up and demand it."

Mr H. P. Barry, chairman of the Ohinemuri County, wrote to the Waitemata County Council suggesting that all county councils should have complete control of the expenses of licensing elections within their respective districts. He estimated that if the law in this respect was altered the cost of licensing elections would be reduced by at least one-half. The Council unanimously supported the proposition.

The Premier, in answer to a question put by Mr Frank Lawry in the House, said:—"That since the sale of liquor in the King Country was prohibited, the circumstances had entirely changed. Logically he did not think that the European settlers in the King Country could be denied the same privileges as were granted to settlers in other parts of the country, and as there were now a large number of European settlers in the district, he could see no reason why they should be debarred from enjoying these privileges.

The favourable composition of the brewers' grains as a fodder is due to the fact that brewers extract, so to speak, only the starchy matter, and not the fat and albumen from the malt. Dried brewers' grains are recommended as a food for all domestic animals, including poultry; also fresh brewers' grains, which should, however, be fed at once and before they start to decay, as this will reduce the food value, but, on the other hand, is not exactly detrimental to the animal or the milk.

Addressing a meeting of the New York Medical Association, held in New York City, on the subject of the use of alcohol medicinally, Dr Thomas J. Hillis spoke as follows:—"Alcohol in the banquet hall, in the beer garden, and at the domestic hearth make hundreds merry for every ten it renders miserable and every one it destroys. The man is justified who, feeling insecure, puts up a lightning rod to protect his house; so is the man who cannot handle alcohol in a rational manner equally justified in taking a pledge and attaching him to a "temperance" society.

Regarding the recent disclosures of adulteration in Melbourne, "Bibulous" in the Melbourne Sportsman remarks:—"Now, I feel sure there are none of our large brewers who would not gladly submit their beer to a Board of Health examiners. They would never, for obvious reasons, dream of refusing to do so. The public would then be able to judge for itself who were the adulterators and who were not. Meanwhile I shall continue to take my pint of my favourite brew. I have been drinking 'Colonial Beer' and 'Colonial Wine' for close on forty years. Now, according to Mr Wilkinson, I must have 'taken in' a lot of salicylic acid and other injurious adulterants and preservatives in that time. I can't say, however, that I feel any the worse for them. If they are poisons, they are very slow ones indeed—as the Scotchman said of his 'whuskey,' in reply to a rabid Temperance orator.

The Public Petitions Committee reported as follows last week, on the petition for the establishment of homes for the treatment of inebriates:—"That in the opinion of the committee hospitals are not the proper institutions for the treatment of inebriates, and that separate institutes should be established where suitable curative treatment might be carried out." Mr G. W. Russell said this was a burning question in Canterbury, and he hoped that the Government would place a sum on the Estimates for inebriate homes this session. Mr Fowles said some members of the committee were of opinion that the cost of cure should be borne by the manufacturers, in form of an increased beer duty. Mr Seddon, in reply to Mr Fisher, stated that he had already promised to put a sum on the Estimates this year for inebriate homes.

At last, so we are assured by Mrs Nolan, the President of the New South Wales Women's Christian Temperance Union, the teetotal leaders have learnt discretion, and are amending their plan of campaign accordingly. The lessons of the war in South Africa have, we are told, been taken to heart, and instead of hurling their battalions upon the front of the securely entrenched enemy, they are resorting to "flank and side movements" with a view to expel their opponents from their strongholds. This very gratifying testimony as to the newly-acquired "sweet reasonableness" of the cold water faction was given to the Premier a few days ago, when he was receiving a deputation from the representatives of the churches, and kindred organisations, in favour of the early closing of hotels, and the rigid enforcement of the Sunday Closing laws. Various other soothing and comforting remarks were made as to the high moral mission which members of the deputation were embarked upon, and all we hope is that the supply of halos will be sufficiently large to go round when the saintliness of the petitioners is recognised in the proper quarter—as it assuredly will be. The old pharasaical spirit was strongly in evidence as usual, and the forces of evil ranged on the side of liquor were indicted and arraigned with the same old melodramatic fervour as of yore, but the Premier proved to be unresponsive, and was cold-blooded and noncommittal in his reply.—*The Australian Wine, Spirit, and Tobacco News.*

Mr D. Leslie, late of the Waitara Hotel, intends, I understand, to take up his residence in Auckland for a few months.—The remarks made at the Anglican Synod about drunkenness being so prevalent among the Taranaki Maoris is not according to fact. The Maoris in Taranaki are, if anything, more abstemious than their brethren in other districts, for the simple reason that they are, take them as a whole, too poor to spend money in stimulants. Another matter too, that needs explanation is, that when Maoris do frequent a house a stranger would think a great deal of spreeing drunkenness was going on, because the Maoris dearly love to discuss over their pot of beer, and their remarks are not pitched in a lower key. I have seen Maoris make more korero over a quart or gallon of beer than a similar party of Europeans would over a hoghead. And again, if the Maoris like a few drinks to stimulate them why shouldn't they have them.—(Taranaki Correspondent, July 13.)

The consumption of beer in Japan is increasing enormously. Before the China-Japan war, beer was almost unknown in Japan, but since then it is becoming the favourite beverage. In 1878 the first brewery was established in Tokio, while now there are three. In the entire island there were ten breweries in 1899. The Government has made the duty on sake, the national beverage, so high as to discourage its use by the masses, while the duty on beer is correspondingly low. It is intimated that the shrewd Japanese statesmen thus fixed the duty in order to encourage the consumption of beer, which was recognised to be decidedly superior from a hygienic standpoint. M. Harmand, the French Minister at Tokio, declares that the Japanese are exporting beer, and already monopolise the trade of Vladivostok, Siberia, and are making headway in the Philippines, Hawaii, and Chinese treaty ports, and gives it as his opinion that the Japanese will control the beer market of the East, because of their good beer, and the cheap prices at which they can make it.—From the *Australian Brewer's Journal.*

Thus the *Trade Review*:—"It is no discredit to a licensee that he does not win the respect and liking of persons of the Taylor type (who think it better to keep a house of ill-fame than a respectable hotel); indeed, we should be inclined to suspect the publican who possessed the goodwill of that unscrupulous gang of malvolent meddlers. But the esteem and goodwill of the general community are worth winning, and there is reason to believe that they are possessed by a large majority of the traders of the colony. May this happy state of matters continue throughout the new licensing year! and may the people come to recognise more clearly how closely their interests are bound up with the legitimate prosperity and security of the Trade. For, depend upon it, if one trade is robbed of its freedom and rights, other trades and interests will suffer in like fashion sooner or later. Long before the licensing year is over we hope and expect to be able to congratulate the colony upon the passing of an enlightened and progressive licensing law, correcting the errors of the past, guarding the freedom of the subject, and furthering the interests of all who love liberty, reason, and justice. So may it be!

The May number of the *Royal Magazine* has the following by Mr Arthur Goodrich:—"Good champagne is generally of a pale straw colour. The underground towns also say that dry wine is the safest, because the purest, to drink; that in addition to being a harmless and transient stimulant, it is good for neuralgia, headache, and influenza. Underground champagne shudders at the mere mention of champagne being mixed with ice or ice-water, and declares that its flavour is injured if it is cooled below the temperature of 50deg. The people work for 11 or 12 hours a day. One intelligent old Frenchman assured me, when I visited Rheims, that he had worked below ground upon 45 years. His duties consisted in shaking the bottles to dislodge the sediment. He had shaken 50 bottles a minute during the working day of 12 hours for these 45 years. The cellars of one firm are 15 miles long. Some are well ventilated and lighted, but otherwise of the dark, dank, and dismal order. Never was such a sight? Miles of roadway lined with hogheads of raw wine. Stacks of bottles of various vintages in different stages of maturity and in every conceivable position. Streets, roads crossings, squares, and open spaces stretch out in all directions. Many are hewn out of the solid rock, others excavated from the chalk. Some of the wine has been lying there more than 10 years, for a good wine will keep on improving for 11 years. In one of these cellars is the largest cask in the world. It holds 200,000 bottles, and requires 12 horses to draw it.

That was an important appeal which was decided by the House of Lords the other day in regard to the Inhabited House Duty, but publicans would do well not to rely too much upon the judgment, since there were special circumstances in regard to the case. In Scotland many public houses have entirely separate entrances from those leading to the dwelling house, and this was the case in connection with the appeal of Grant v Longston. The building consists of two storeys, the ground floor being used by Mr John Grant for carrying on the trade of a licensed victualler, and the upper storey, which was separately numbered in the street, being used by him as a dwelling house. There is no communication between the two storeys, and access to them is by different doors. The Surveyor of Taxes claimed Inhabited House Duty on both the dwelling house and the premises set apart for the public house business; but the Commissioners held that no liability attached for duty in respect of the latter. Upon appeal the First Division reversed the decision of the Commissioners, and decided that the licensed premises came under the duty, and the First Division took the same view, holding that that point had been decided by previous decisions. Mr Grant then decided to appeal to the House of Lords, with the result that their lordships expressed the opinion that the public house was a separate tenement within the Act and was exempt from the tax.



Mr Alex McGruer has taken over the Royal Hoyal, Raglan, from Mr R. M. Hutchinson.

Mr Seddon is reported to have said that the leading Maori chiefs have altered their views on the question of licenses in the King Country.

"A man who did not pay his debts was not fit to be a licensee," was the remark made by a New Zealand magistrate not long since.

Mr John Nicholson of the Empire Hotel, Whitianga, has sold out his interest in that hotel to Mr R. Middlemas.

During his recent visit to Washington Mr Arthur M. Myers had the pleasure of a very interesting interview with President McKinley.

The statement made by no less authority than the police that the 10 o'clock closing has increased the number of drunks at night, will hardly be pleasant reading to our recently elected licensing bench.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of Auckland have passed a resolution to the effect that the hotel bars should be closed on the day of the peace rejoicing.

Rumour has it that Mr D. O'Connor, a brother of the well-known and popular hotelkeepers in this city, intends purchasing Mr G. H. Brewer's interest in the Freeman's Hotel, Freeman's Bay.

Amongst the many additions and improvements to the Commercial Hotel, Hamilton, Mr Joshua Smith, the proprietor, is adding a powerful windmill, to enable him to keep up a continuous water supply.

Mr B Anderson, who replaces Mr Tom Enwright in the Kohukohu Hotel, Kohukohu, takes possession on the 19th inst. I heartily wish him every success in his new venture.

Mr Lang wants the Government to amend the Alcoholic Liquors Sale Control Act, in the direction of reducing the expenses that are at present borne by local bodies.

Mrs Kate Fraser, who was recently under a charge of shooting her husband, Dr Fraser, in Melbourne, lately applied for and obtained a license to carry on the Royal Hotel, Queen-street, Melbourne.

Mr Seddon has stated that he did not think a hard and fast rule was desirable in the matter of the closing hour, as the convenience of the public required that certain houses should be kept open later than the ordinary hour.

The Rev T. Patterson thinks that the evil of licenses in the King Country would be greater even than sly grog selling. He also suggested that the licensed houses should be closed on anniversaries like Mafeking Day.

Mr A. E. Kernot, of Wellington, the New Zealand agent for "Johnny Walker," has concluded a most satisfactory business visit to Auckland. He informs me that Walker's is now the leading whisky in the South and on the West Coast.

What a promising man the Mayor of Dunedin must be. Last week, in answer to a deputation of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, he promised to ask publicans to close their bars on Peace Celebration Day. The publican's reply which no doubt will be very interesting, is not published.

The Rotorua local paper says:—"That a vast improvement has taken place in the conduct of the natives, in regard to the drinking habit, and the drunken orgies amongst the natives, so disagreeably prominent a few years ago, have entirely disappeared.

Power's Hotel, which obtained a transfer of license from Paeroa to Waihi at the recent meeting of the Licensing Bench, has commenced operations in one of the three-roomed houses situated on Mr Lockington's section, between the Waihi battery and the township, pending the erection of a suitable building.

The following novel excuse for being drunk was given in a London police court some time ago, when the prisoner, in his defence, stated that "he obeyed the teachings of the Bible." The magistrate did not agree with this view, whereupon the prisoner requested a loan of the Bible which was ordinarily used for administering oaths. Without a moment's hesitation the prisoner turned to the 31st chapter of Proverbs, and read the 6th and 7th verses to the astonished magistrate: "Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his poverty no more."

Only the other day, in the House of Lords, the Bishop of Winchester proposed that "legislative effect" should be at once given by the Government to the recommendations of the Commission. But his Lordship was effectively snubbed by the Prime Minister, Lord Salisbury, who held that there was no call for such legislation; the people did not ask for it, and the Government did not legislate on every report or reports which a commission might adopt. He further told some plain home truths which must have proved unpalatable to the assembled prelates, such as that the class legislation suggested resolved itself into a question as between the rich and the poor, of "those who had cellars and those who had no cellars"—that is, the poor were to be restricted in their freedom of purchasing liquor, whilst the rich were left untouched. Only too true, alas!—*The Australian Brewer's Journal.*



For delaying to admit the police, the licensee of the Imperial Hotel, Dunedin, was last week fined £5 and costs.

A charge of permitting drunkenness on the premises, laid against Alexander Owen, licensee of the Club Hotel, Dunedin, was dismissed by Mr E. H. Carew, S.M.

In the Southwark (London) Police Court, before Mr Paul Taylor, Mrs Sarah Hayward, manageress of the "King's Head," Newington Causeway, was fined £20 each on four charges of selling other than Walker's whisky in a "Johnny Walker's" bottle. Ten guineas costs were also allowed. The charges were laid under the Merchandise Marks Act of 1887, and excited considerable amount of interest in the Trade.

At the Police Court, one morning last week, there were an unusual number of "drunks" before the Magistrate, Mr T. Hutchinson. Since the hotels closed at ten o'clock the police state drunkenness at night has considerably increased. Those who turn up the daily records of the Court will see for themselves the large number of offenders that have been dealt with of late.

At the City Police Court, Dunedin, George Page was charged with procuring liquor for Frederick Page, knowing that the latter was the subject of a prohibition order. Mr Hanlon appeared for accused, and pleaded guilty. Sub-Inspector Kieley briefly stated the facts, which were that defendant obtained a bottle of beer, which the two consumed together along with their lunch. Mr Hanlon submitted that the case was one that might be met with a small penalty. At the time the defendant was not aware of the gravity of the offence, and it was only after conferring with him (Mr Hanlon) that he realised its seriousness. His Worship said he could not share Mr Hanlon's view of the case. It was a very serious offence, and he thought that the best way of showing him and others how serious it was would be to inflict a substantial penalty. Accused would be fined 40s and costs (11s).

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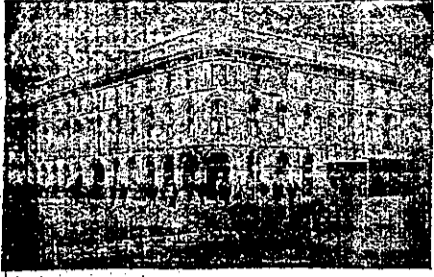
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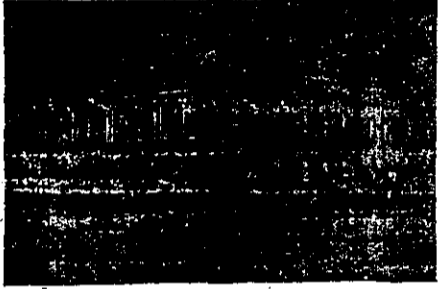
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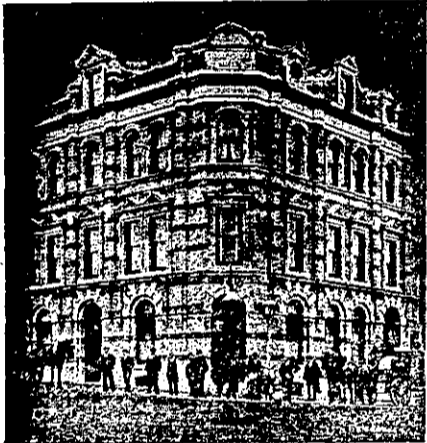
AUCKLAND PROVINCE.



THAMES HOTEL. CORNER OF QUEEN AND CUSTOM STREETS, AUCKLAND. Commercial and Family Hotel. First-class Accommodation, Day and Night Porter. Terms Moderate. Best Wines and Spirits kept. Telephone No. 363. E. LUKS Proprietor



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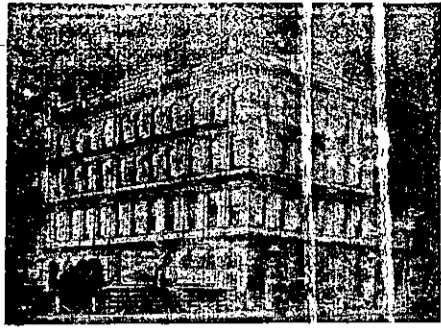
SHAKESPEARE HOTEL. Corner of Wyndham and Albert Streets, AUCKLAND. Every convenience, combined with civility and comfort, for Country Visitors and Boarders. All Liquors of First Brands. Five minutes walk from Wharf, Railway Station, and G.P.O. Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. Telephone, No. 596, for the convenience of visitors. T. FOLLY Proprietor.



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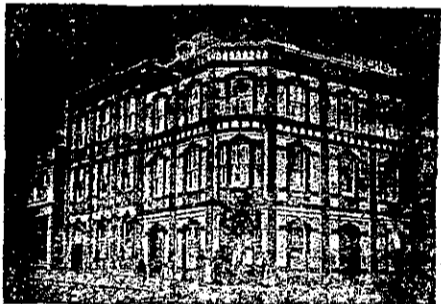
GRAND HOTEL. (Opposite Domain). VICTORIA ST., THE ARCHA. This house has recently been built, is directly opposite and commands a first-class view of the Domain and picturesque surroundings. The furniture is also brand new and of the latest design. Campbell and Ehrenfried's Prize Beer on draught and in bottles. Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands Only. Best Table in the Town. An additional 13 rooms have been added. P. O'MEAGHER Proprietor (Late of Lake Hotel, Takapuna).



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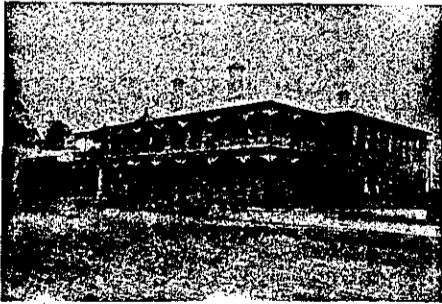


IMPERIAL HOTEL. PORT STREET, AUCKLAND. A First-class Family and Commercial Hotel convenient to all public offices and places of amusement. Letters and Telegrams will receive prompt attention. Telephone Exchange. Sample Rooms. Private Bar. Thos. Cook & Son's Coupons accepted. W. H. PEARCE Proprietor and Manager

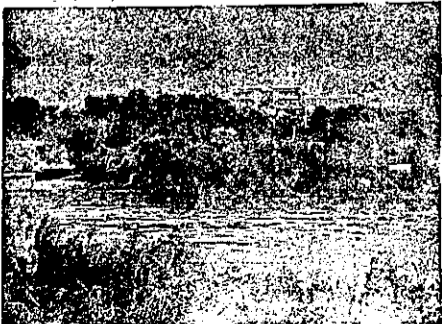


CRITERION HOTEL. ALBERT STREET, AUCKLAND. The above hotel is within two minutes' walk of Railway Station and Wharf. None but the best Wines and Spirits kept in stock. XXXX Local Beer and Dunedin Beer on tap. This well-known commodious Hotel has just been thoroughly renovated and newly furnished throughout. Every comfort afforded the travelling public. The Sanitary Arrangements of this house are the best in Auckland. J. MORRISON Proprietor

HAMILTON HOTEL, HAMILTON, WAIKATO. J. W. H. BRIGHT Proprietor

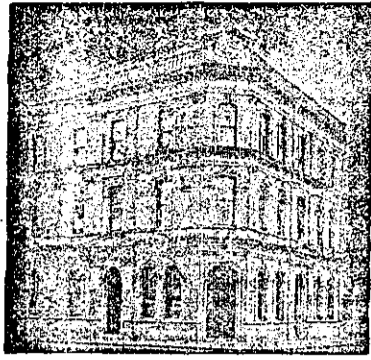


NEW HOTEL, front view.

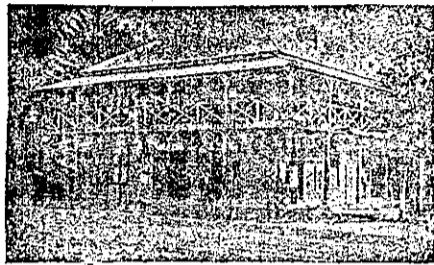


BACK VIEW showing the river.

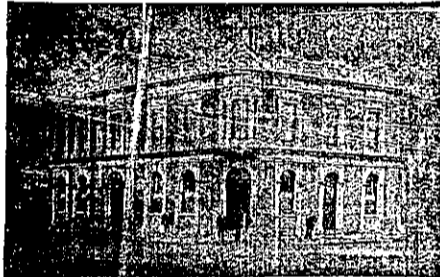
Newly Furnished Throughout. Splendid Suites of Apartments for Families. Good Accommodation for Tourists. Furnished Drawing-room for Lady Visitors. Hot and Cold Water Baths. Billiard Room. Good Stabling. Convenient and Well-lighted Sample Rooms for Commercial Travellers. Wines and Spirits of Best Brands. Ales, on draught and in bottle.



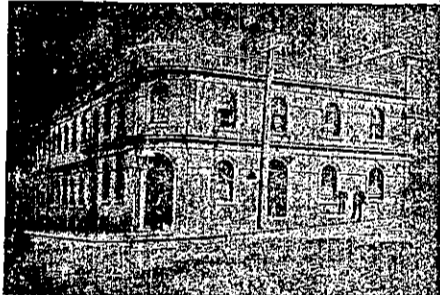
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ROB ROY HOTEL. FRANKLIN ROAD, AUCKLAND. Best Brands of Wines and Spirits. Hancock's Ales. Splendid Accommodation for Boarders. Billiards Hot Cold, and Shower Baths. W. REGAN Proprietor



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CRITERION HOTEL, OTAHUHU. The Best Wines, Spirits, Beers, and Cigars. ALL THE COMFORTS OF A HOME, AND A GOOD TABLE KEPT. Charges Reasonable, and Civility the Rule of the House.

COMMODIOUS STABLES. GOOD PADDOCKS. BILLIARDS. W. ABBOTT Proprietor.

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ROB ROY HOTEL. Waihi. First-class Accommodation for the Travelling Public. COACHES leave the door for Paeroa. J. FLEET Proprietor.

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL. VULCAN LANE, AUCKLAND.

THE SPORTING RENDEZVOUS. J. W. RUSSELL Proprietor.

HARRY ELLISON. Wants Everyone to Know that he has taken over the THISTLE HOTEL, QUEEN STREET, AUCKLAND. When you desire to 'Wet your Whistle,' Just Call for Harry at the Thistle.

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PRIVATE SUITES FOR FAMILIES. SAMPLE ROOMS. LINDSAY COOKE Proprietor (Late of Union S.S. Co.)

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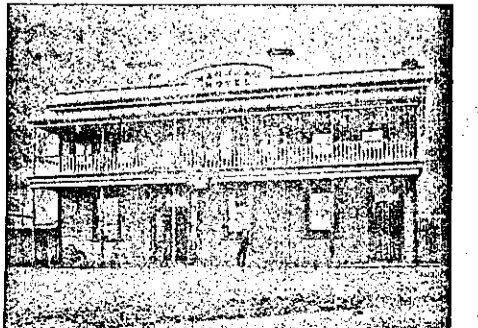
LORAM'S COMMERCIAL HOTEL. OPITONUI.

This Large and Commodious Hotel has recently been built, and newly furnished throughout.

TRAVELLERS AND VISITORS Will find Every Convenience, Civility, and Attention.

ONLY THE BEST BRANDS OF WINES AND SPIRITS, ALES, ETC., KEPT.

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ELLERSLIE HOTEL, ELLERSLIE
(Close to Racecourse).

Best Brands Wines & Spirits. Alongside Railways Station, and within easy distance of Auckland.
GOOD STABLING.

F. LAYCOCK — PROPRIETOR.
Telephone, No. 110.

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This excellent hotel offers the Best Accommodation for Travellers, Theatrical Companies, etc.
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BROWN AND ALBERT STREETS,
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Tourists and Commercial Gentlemen will find every convenience, combined with civility and attention, at the **PACIFIC HOTEL.**

Cabs and Expresses meet every boat, and the Mail Coaches for Paeroa, Waihi, and up-country districts leave the door every morning.

Bath rooms, Sitting Rooms, Billiard Room, and well-lighted Sample Rooms.

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Opposite Ponsonby Reservoir.

FINEST BRANDS OF BEERS, WINES AND SPIRITS.

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I have taken over this Hotel. Good Accommodation for Boarders and Country Visitors.

Only Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, and Beers kept in stock.

ROBERT M. HUTCHISON — PROPRIETOR

WAIPA HOTEL, NGARUAWAHIA
(Close to the Railway Station).

Best Brands of Wines and Spirits only kept.
FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION.
Hot and Cold Baths. Good Billiard Table.
Coach leaves for Waingaro Hot Springs twice a week.

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TERMINUS HOTEL, ONEHUNGA

This old established and centrally-situated Hotel has been thoroughly renovated and re-furnished, and affords

EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

Trams and Buses Stop at door, and within two minutes' walk of wharf.

THE PRINCIPAL HOUSE OF STOPPAGE FOR CYCLISTS, HUNTSMEN, ETC.

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VICTOR COENAGA

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Has pleasure in informing the inhabitants of Cambridge and surrounding district that he has purchased the Freehold of the above well-known Hotel, and intends to personally conduct the business.

The Hotel has been thoroughly renovated, and is being

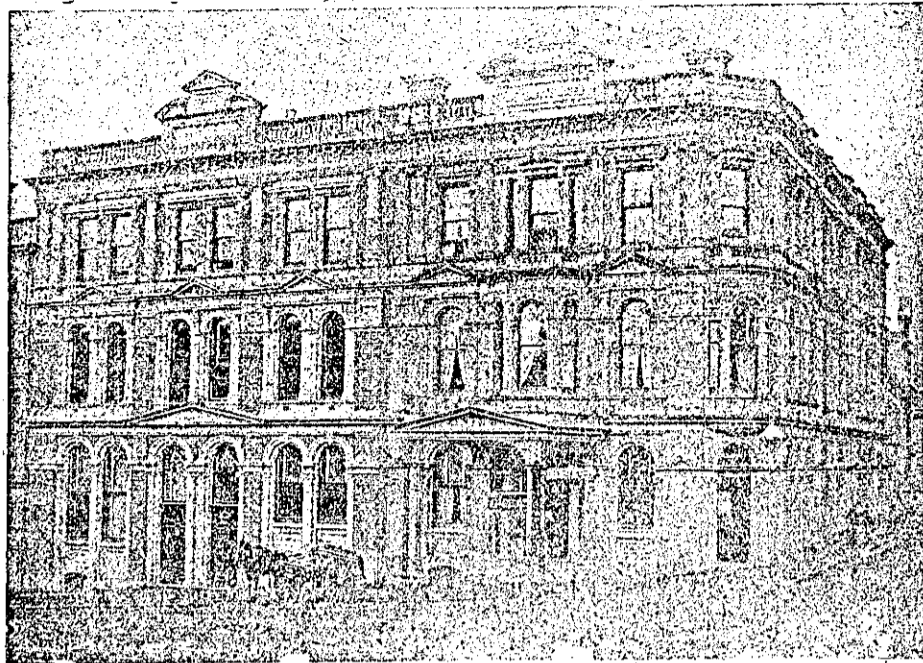
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and made as comfortable and convenient as any hotel outside of Auckland.

None but the **BEST SPIRITS AND ALES** stocked, and patrons calling on me are guaranteed the same satisfaction as I gave in Auckland

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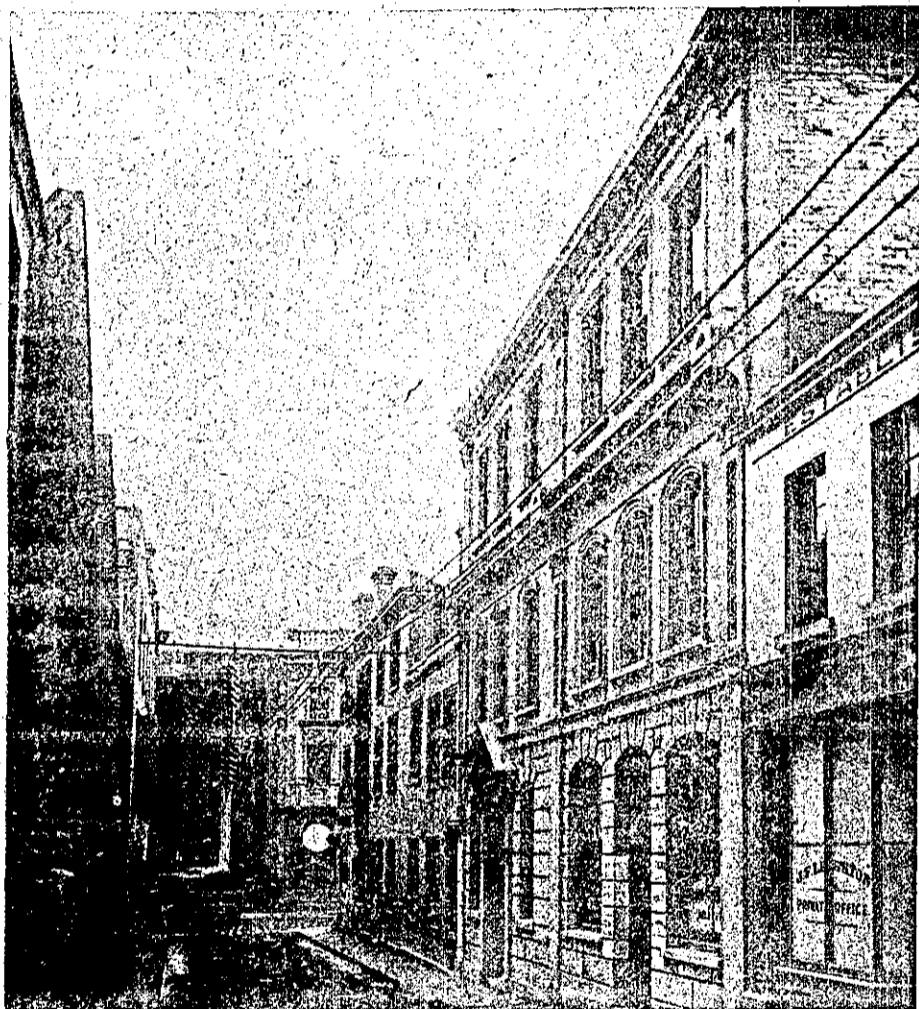
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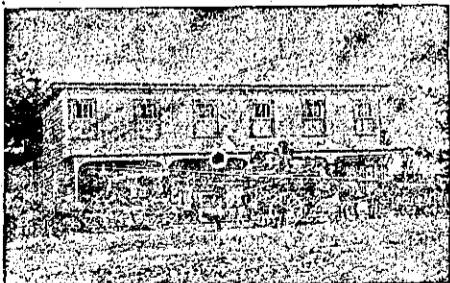
TELEPHONE 1490

P.O. BOX 365.

CENTRAL HOTEL,
Victoria Street East, Auckland.
JAMES ROLLESTON — PROPRIETOR
(LATE OF HIKURANGI AND COROMANDEL.)



KIDD'S COMMERCIAL HOTEL.
SHORTLAND AND HIGH STREETS,
AUCKLAND.



MACKAYTOWN HOTEL,
KARANGAHAKE.

Travellers passing this hotel cannot do better than stop and taste the liquor kept by Mr Priston. All the latest sporting information may be had here, and members of all the athletic, football, cricket, and cycling clubs congregate here. The best of accommodation for travellers, and the table is excellent.

HARRY PRISTON .. PROPRIETOR.

PAPAKURA HOTEL, PAPAKURA

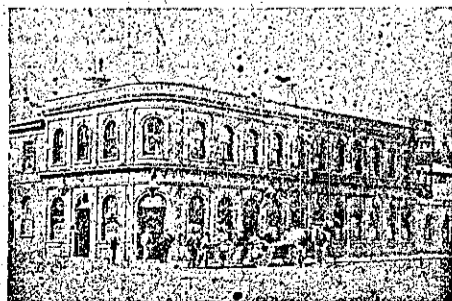
Notice to Cyclists, Footballers, and others.—Your old friend Thos. McEwin has taken the above Hotel, and will be pleased to see all old faces. Splendid Accommodation and Cuisine. Large Rooms for use of Clubs.

THOS. McEWIN — PROPRIETOR.

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This well-known business house is situated on the road to Ellerslie and Onehunga, and is the principal place of call for Cyclists, Tourists, and Sportsmen. Best Brands of Everything Kept. Good Accommodation for Boarders.

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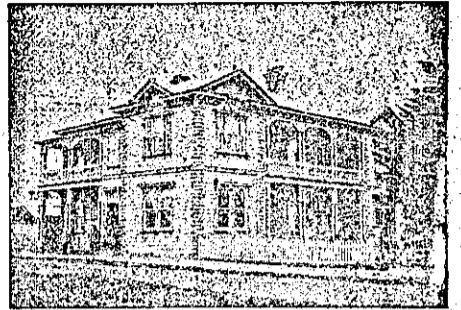
J. MOLLOY .. PROPRIETOR.

RAILWAY HOTEL, DRURY
(Under New Management).

This old-established Hotel affords all the Comforts of a First-class House. Boarders, Cyclists, Travellers, and others can depend upon getting the Best of Everything.

Horses and Traps for Hire.

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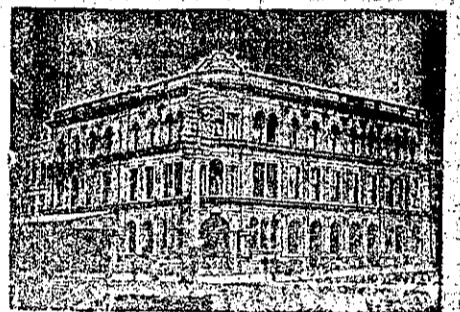


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Within easy distance of Auckland. Ferry Service every half hour.

Under New Management. Has been renovated throughout, and now offers EVERY FACILITY FOR BOARDERS AND TRAVELLERS. Recommended by the Medical Faculty a Health Resort.

J. BROWN .. PROPRIETOR.



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CORNER OF QUEEN AND CUSTOMS STS.

All Home Comforts. First-class Wines and Spirits. Good Beds. Meals at all hours. Night Porter in attendance. Telephone, No. 589.

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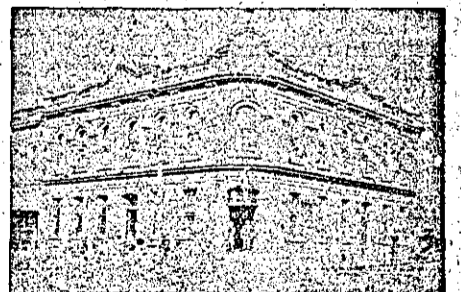
HOBSON AND WELLESLEY STREETS.

This Hotel is situated in a most Healthy and Convenient Position, standing, as it does, in an elevated locality, and having buses and trams passing the door every few minutes.

**FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD ROOM,
SAMPLE ROOMS,
SITTING ROOMS, AND BATH ROOM.**

Every department is under the personal supervision of

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Corner of Hobson and Victoria Sts.

Wines and Spirits of Best Quality.
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(Under Entirely New Management).

FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION

Best Brands Only of Wines and
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Cuisine under the personal supervision of
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Upper Symonds Street
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SECCOMBE'S XXXX BEER.

Every Convenience, combined with Civility and
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ALL LIQUORS OF FIRST BRANDS.

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Only the Best Brands of Wines and Spirits
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HOUSE, LAND, AND ESTATE AGENTS
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22 SHORTLAND STREET
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(Few minutes' walk from Railway Station)

The above Hotel, which has been newly fur-
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Good Stabling and Paddock. Saddle Horses
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Secombe's Draught Beer of Best Quality, and
Choice Wines and Spirits. First-class Billiard
Table.

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This Hotel has been rebuilt, and is now re-
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the travelling public. It is close to the Railway
Station, and all trains stay at Mercer twenty
minutes.

**MEALS ALWAYS READY.
GOOD STABLING & LOOSE BOXES.
EXCELLENT SHOOTING in the District.**

The Travelling Public will find a stay at
Mercer a convenient break in the monotonous
journey to Rotorua.

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MASONIC HOTEL
TAURANGA.

Having taken over the above well-known
Hotel, which is now replete with every comfort
and convenience, I shall be glad to see all old
friends and new.

Commercial Gentlemen and Tourists will find
here every requisite

Coaches call here daily for all the surrounding
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FIRST-CLASS SAMPLE ROOM.

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THE ONLY FREE HOUSE IN THE TOWN

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Solicits the patronage of Tourists and the
General Travelling Public. Good Table. Best
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will fix you up. Dinners, teas, and suppers pro-
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furnished cottages to let Summer or Winter.
Coal and coke, lime, cement, bricks, pipes, tiles
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our own fish, make our own sauces, etc. Wed-
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supper parties supplied. Milk twice daily. Fresh
pastry, groceries, pipes, tobaccos, cigars, cigarettes,
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fruit in season. Bathing machines and boats for
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ROYAL MAIL HOTEL, PAEROA.

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Coaches leave from the Hotel for Thames,
Karangahake, Waikino, Waitekauri, Waihi,
Katikati, and Tauranga, and daily trains and
steamers.

Table a Specialty.
Telegrams promptly attended to.

WELLINGTON PROVINCE.

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CARTERTON.**

MR T. WATTS begs to inform the Travelling
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GOOD STABLING ATTACHED.

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Near the Opera House; Electric Bell rings in
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Best Brands of Ales, Wines, Spirits, etc., only
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Best Wines, Spirits, etc. Staples XXXX Ale
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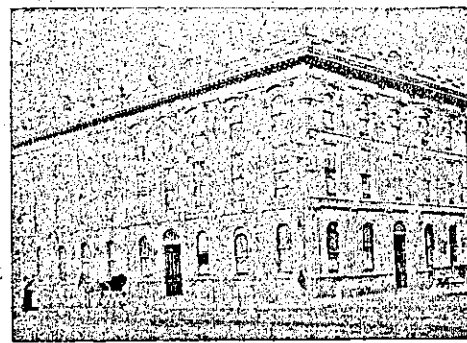
J. G. PYKE - PROPRIETOR
(Late of the Cambridge Hotel).

MASONIC HOTEL
Cuba Street, Wellington.

This favorite hotel has just been thoroughly
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Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, and Ales only
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MANNING & BAKER - PROPRIETORS.
First-class Accommodation. Tariff, 8s per day.
Only the Best of Wines and Spirits kept in stock.
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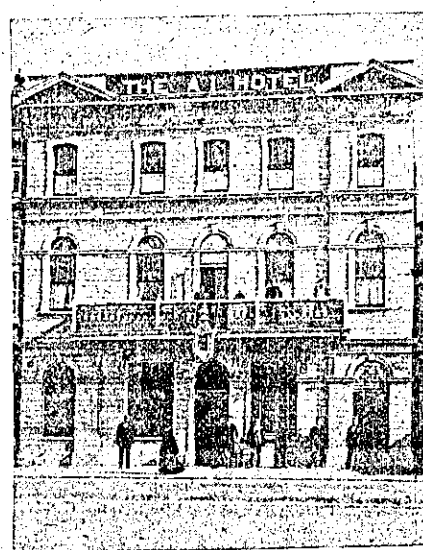
**COMMERCIAL HOTEL (Late Ranfurly)
LAMBTON QUAY, WELLINGTON.**

FRANK SMITH & MRS MASTERS, having
purchased the lease of the above Hotel, the pro-
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Commercial Public that no effort will be spared
in catering for their requirements and comfort.
Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. Only Best
Brands of Liquors kept. Tariff, 4s 6d per day.

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W. DARVILL - PROPRIETOR

Excellent Accommodation.
Best Brands of Wines and Spirits.
Dunedin Ales on Tap.



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(Late Queen's),

LAMBTON QUAY, WELLINGTON.

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A. GREENWOOD, having purchased the lease of
the above hotel, has had the whole premises
renovated, remodelled, decorated, and fitted up
in the most modern style. Best Brands of
Wines, Spirits, and Ales only kept.

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Travellers and others will find here a pleasant
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Shower Baths. Good Billiard Table. Private
Sitting-rooms, provided with Pianos.

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Under Patronage of His Excellency Lord Ranfurly.
This favourite hostelry has been renovated and refurnished
throughout. Private and Public Drawing Rooms upstairs
en suite. First-class Billiard Room. The most com-
modious Sample Rooms between Wellington and Wangai-
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Best Dinner for One Shilling in the Antipodes.

McCarthy's, Staple's, and Speight's Beer.
E. WILSON - PROPRIETOR.

PROVINCIAL HOTEL

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Centrally and Conveniently Situated, and
offering Good Accommodation to the Travelling
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Best Brands of Liquors kept in stock.

J. MAHONEY - PROPRIETOR.

**IN PASSING THROUGH PALMERSTON
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Don't Forget to Call on
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**RAILWAY REFRESHMENT ROOMS AND
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CENTRAL HOTEL, PALMERSTON N.

Wines and Spirits of Best Brands kept.
Good Accommodation.

MRS. A. QUINN - PROPRIETRESS
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North Broadway, Marton.

First-class Accommodation for Boarders and
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to Cyclists and Tourists.

Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths.
Note: Having had considerable experience in
the Wine and Spirit trade, customers can rely
on being supplied with nothing but the Best of
Wines and Spirits. All Meals, 1s.
W. DEVINE - PROPRIETOR
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**METROPOLITAN HOTEL, MOLES-
WORTH STREET, WELLINGTON**

(Close to the House of Parliament).

WILLIAM McLEOD & MRS LEGG,
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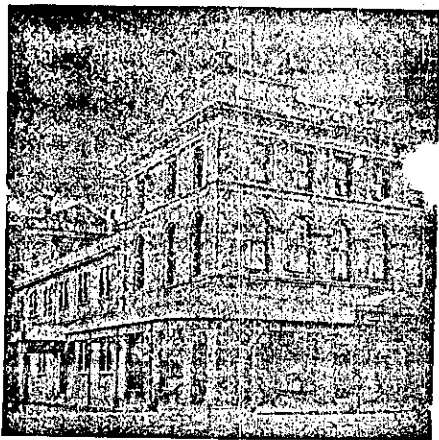
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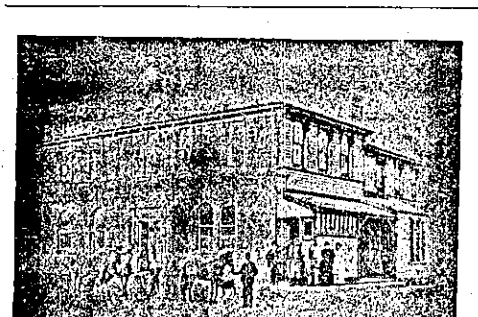
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