

[By SPINNAKER.]

FIXTURES.

- Jan 12—North Shore Sailing Club Races
- Jan 19—Auckland Yacht Club Picnic
- Jan 26—Parnell Sailing Club Races
- Jan 29—Anniversary Regatta
- Feb 2—North Shore Sailing Club Picnic
- Feb 9—North Shore Sailing Club Races
- Feb 16—Parnell Sailing Club Races
- Feb 23—Auckland Yacht Club Cruise
- Feb 23—Auckland Swimming Club Carnival
- Mar 9—Auckland Yacht Club Races
- Mar 9—Parnell Sailing Club General Handicaps
- Mar 16—North Shore Sailing Club General Handicaps
- Mar 23—Auckland Yacht Club. Thelma Cup

At a meeting of the executive of the New Zealand Rowing Championship Regatta on Wednesday evening 72 entries were received, which constitutes a record. There were 13 entries in the Maiden Fours, also a record. Sixty pounds was received in entry fees. The Regatta takes place at Little River on Boxing Day.

The Auckland yacht Rainbow arrived at Lyttelton on Wednesday; all well. Mr A. T. Pittar (the owner) and crew were welcomed by the Mayor of Lyttelton and several of the regatta officials upon the arrival of the yacht.

The Sydney Amateur Sailing Club had an important event on the programme December 8, this being the first of a series of three races to decide the club championship. But as the weather conditions were not altogether to the liking of the raters, the race was greatly marred by accidents, and the retirement from the race of more than half the competitors. Mercia, after missing stays several times, capsized, and had a hole knocked in her bottom, while Yankee

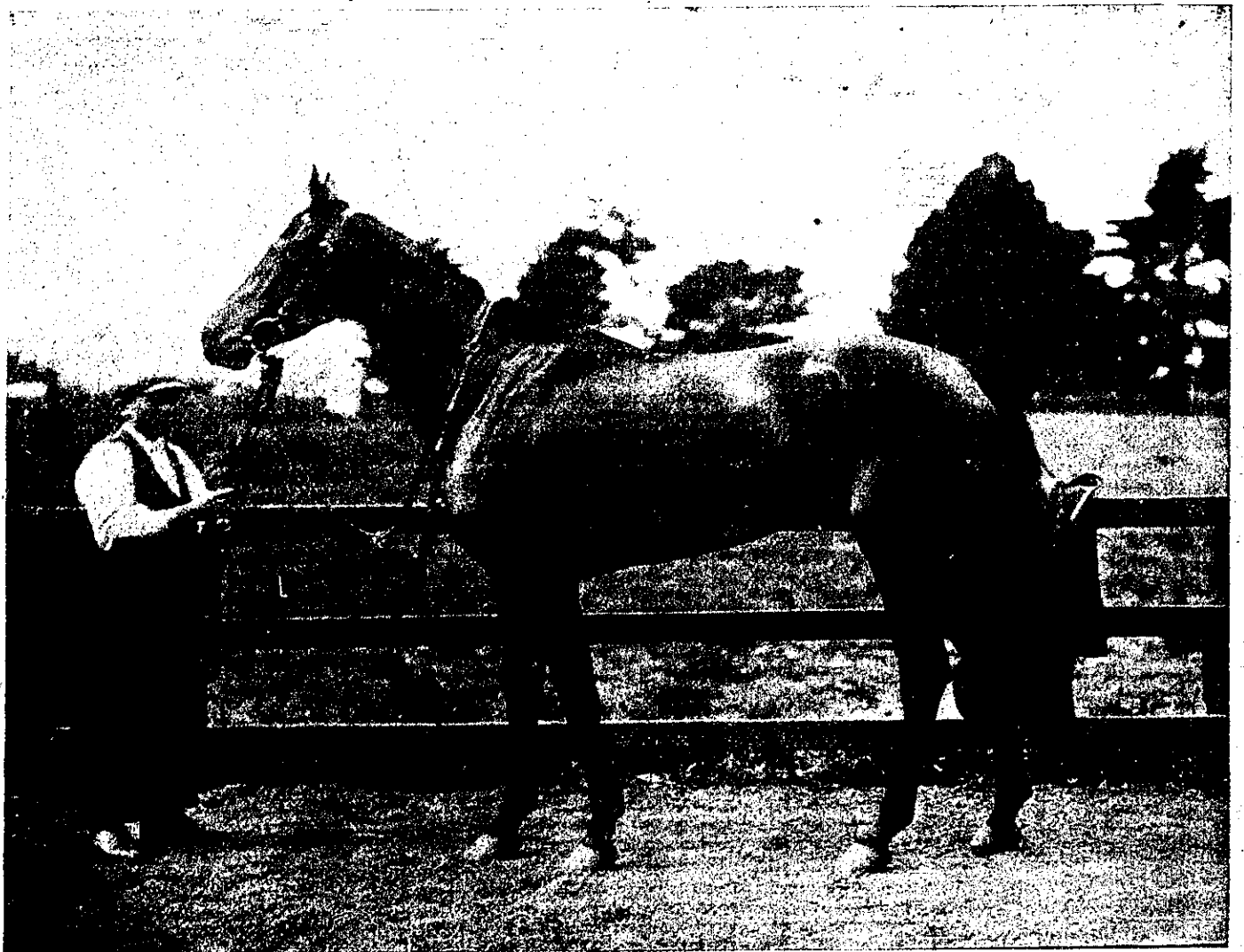


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THE HON. J. D. ORMOND'S B.M. IDEAL 5 YRS (BY DEADNIGHT—MOUNT IDA).—TRAINED BY STEWART WADDELL

carried away her rudder, and Quadratic and Dragon failed to finish. The worst sufferer of all, perhaps, was Yankee, which up till the time she was rendered *hors de combat* was looked upon as an almost certain winner. The usual Lightship-Shark Island Course was sailed the entrants, with their respective time allow- ances being:—Magic, 30 rating (J. O. Fairfax)-scratch; Meteor, 23.2 rating (Dr J. F. Elliott), 1min 46sec; Canarsie, 23.2-rating (R. Howard Lyons), 7min 42sec; Dragon, 20.6-rating (J. George), 11min 37sec; Gloria, 20-rating (F. Doran), 12min 37sec; Mercia, 19.59 rating (A. W. Crane), 13min 19sec; Bunyip, 18.3-rating (A. E. Cutler), 15min 44sec; Quadratic, 17.7-rating (P. Summerbell), 16min 57sec; Yankee, 16 rating (J. Craig), 20min 44sec. The times at the finish were: Meteor, 4hr 56min 45sec; Gloria, 5hr 4min 44sec; Bunyip, 5hr 8min 27sec. Thus after deducting time allowances, Gloria had the small margin of 36sec to spare from Bunyip, which in turn beat Meteor by 2min 16sec. The placed boats are entitled to the following points by virtue of their respective positions:—Gloria

(late Laurel) 3, Bunyip 2, and Meteor 1 for the Challenge Cup presented by Mr T. H. Kelly (commodore of the club).

The dates of the America Cup races are fixed for August 20 and alternate days days following. The starts are to be made at 1.30, and 5½ hours, is to be the time limit. There is some talk in New York, it is said, of building a second boat by a different designer.

Thus an American exchange in commenting upon Sir Thomas Lipton's second challenge for the World's Cup:—"It is generally realised by yachtsmen that if anything is to be done to successfully defend the America's it must be done soon. The challenge of Sir Thomas Lipton, which will be made public at a special meeting of the club, calls for a race in August, and there is little time to spare to build the new yacht and get her in shape. The three previous races have not been sailed until late in September or October, and the defenders were not launched until June. If this is done this time there will be very little time left to get the yacht in shape for an International race.

E. A. Willard, who sailed the Vigilant when that yacht was used as a trial boat against the Defender, said recently: "We have got the hardest job ahead of us we have ever had, and we may as well prepare for it. Sir Thomas Lipton is better prepared to lift the cup than he was last year. He has the Shamrock as a trial boat, and we don't know how good that yacht is. If her spars had stood she would not have been beaten by the Columbia as badly as she was." William Jamieson, who is to look after the Shamrock II., is the best amateur on the other side, and many think him the best in the world for big boats, so that the challenger will be well managed."

Newcastle will be well represented in the professional rowing events to be decided at the Commonwealth Carnival in Sydney next month. Charlie Towns, Tressider, and Macfield are getting into condition, and it is quite likely that the speedy Wallsender, Alf Worboys, will also enter.

The first of the series of pair-oar races of the Union Rowing Club took place on the inner harbour on Wednesday afternoon, when a quartette of the Wednesday afternoon crews met. It was a beautiful day for the sport, weather fine and warm, and the surface of the water was like a sheet of glass. In the first heat Wright and Donnelly met Montgomery and R Willis after a good contest. The latter brace asserted their superiority, winning by a bare yard. Time, 6min 55sec. Wright (who took the place of Roscoe) and Dickson met Simmonds and Krogh, and after a great battle the former couple got the verdict by a very slight margin. Time, 6min 54.3-5sec. In the final Wright and Dickson had to succumb to Montgomery and Willis, who just got there by a couple of feet after a keen struggle. Time, 6min 45sec.—(Napier correspondent.)

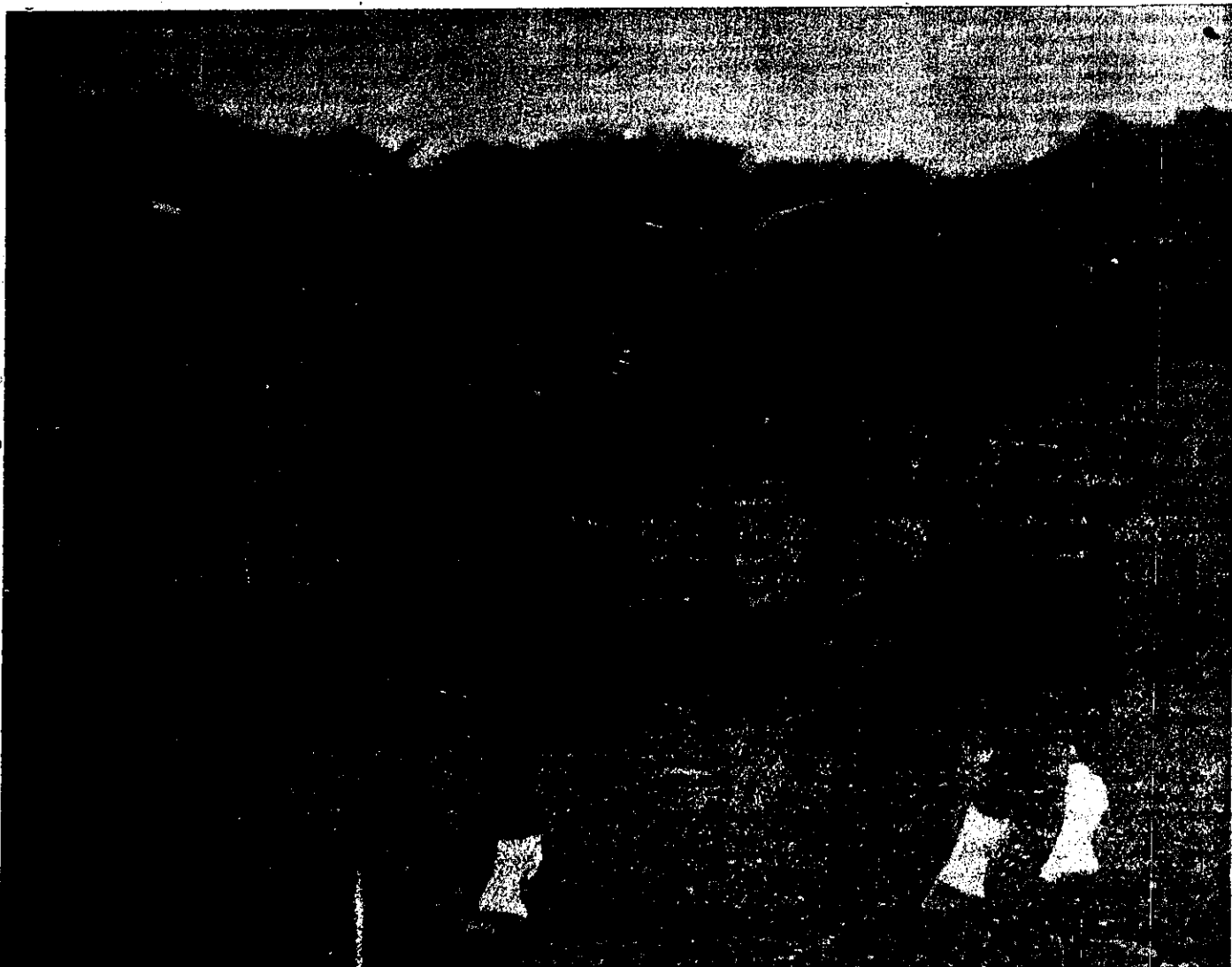


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