

## LAWN TENNIS

The English mail brings to hand this week particulars of the games won by English players during the season 1902. The list includes the names of the first hundred players who have competed in championship events, and details of all the matches in which they took part are also given. H. L. Doherty, the holder of the championship of England, heads the list, and his record for the season shows that he won 21 matches, 49 sets, 342 games, and lost no matches, 6 sets, 171 games. The greatest number of matches for the season was won by M. J. G. Ritchie, who competed in no fewer than seventeen tournaments. His record shows 67 matches, 156 sets, 1109 games won, against nine matches, 38 sets, 655 games lost.

Dr. Coates has resigned his position as President of the Tennis Association. The genial doctor has always been most popular, and much regret is expressed at his determination to withdraw from the chief post of honour. Mr W. R. Holmes is the new President.

Mr W. B. A. Morrison, who has done a very great deal of hard work for the Tennis Association, has resigned his position as honorary secretary. Mr A. F. Billing has been chosen to fill the vacancy. He is a good player, and has a genuine enthusiasm for the game, and should be the right man in the right place.

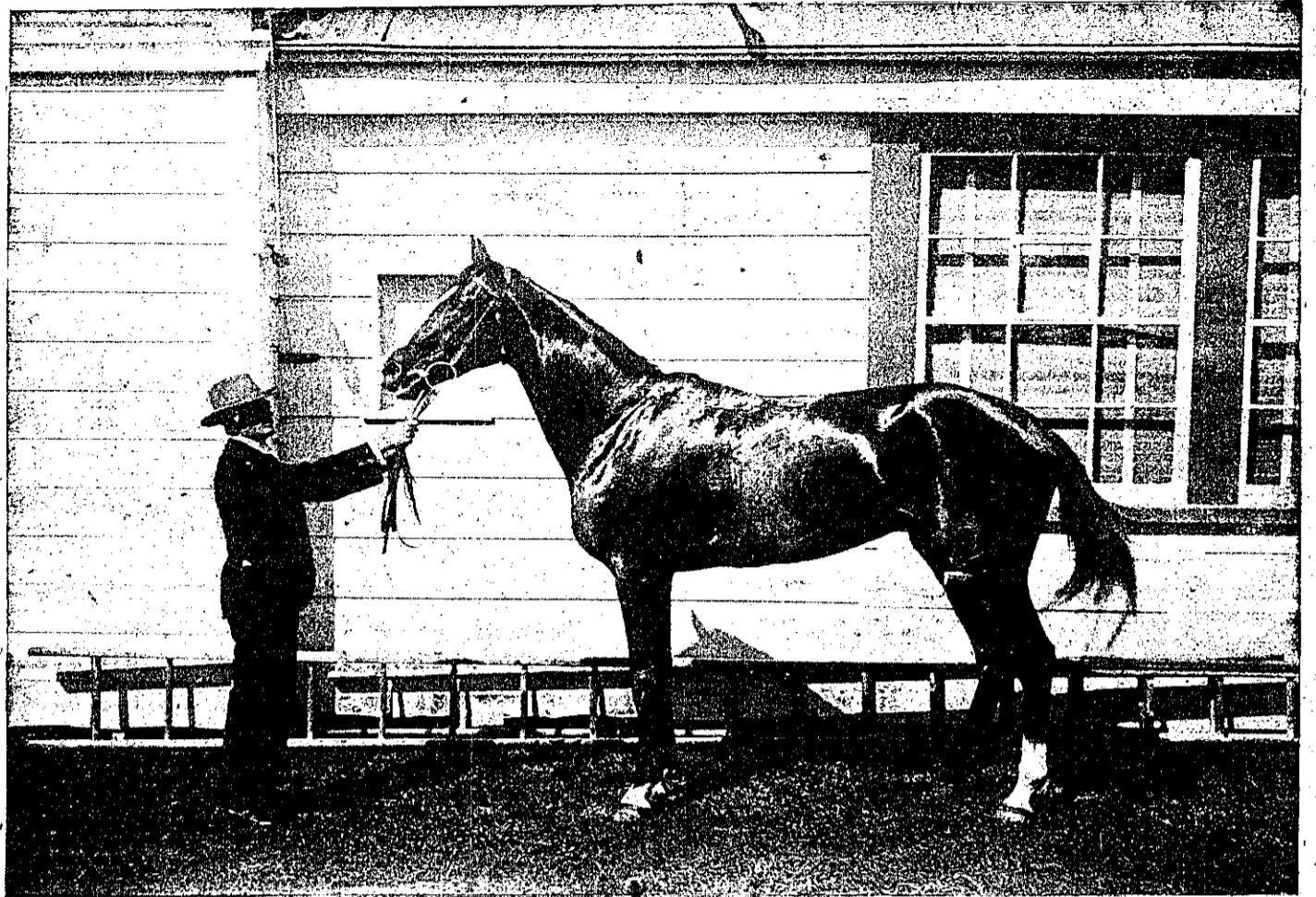
Entries for the Auckland Championships must be made on or before Monday, February 2. In addition to the Championship Singles, Ladies and Gentlemen's Doubles, and Combined matches will also be held. The new law as to the service, particulars of which have already appeared in these columns, will be adopted.

H. A. Parker, formerly of Auckland, but who now plays for Wellington, won the Men's Championship at the Wairarapa Lawn Tennis Meeting on Friday, beating Cox in the final by 7-5, 6-1. The Ladies' Championship was carried off by Mrs Broughton, of Pahiataua, who defeated Miss Jackson in the final by 9-4.

## AQUATICS

(By "The Reeler.")

Owing to the wretched weather conditions obtaining on Saturday afternoon, the Class Races of the Royal New Zealand



Newham and Brady, Photo.

Sir George Clifford's b m WINDWHISTLE, Winner of the Anniversary Handicap at Wellington.

land Yacht Squadron were postponed. Up to the last it was hoped that the weather would clear, but when the rain stopped such a dense fog settled down on the harbour that the sailing committee had no other alternative but to put off the various events, and they will accordingly be decided next Saturday. This is rather unfortunate, as the fixture will now clash with that of the Parnell Sailing Club series of races. It could not be helped, however, for no other date was available.

The Anniversary Regatta will take place on Thursday. Time was when this was the great attraction of the year, and the event was eagerly looked forward to by the water-loving people of Auckland. The Ponsonby Regatta coming earlier in the season has robbed it of much of its former glory, and there is also rather a plethora of racing nowadays. A sameness is also very noticeable about the programme, and the public would doubtless be pleased to see a little more variety infused into the cut and dried list of fixtures. It looked this year as though the annual affair was to be allowed to fall through, but a few enthusiasts have made an attempt to carry on the old function.

The committee were unfortunate in not securing the splendid Tyser liner Niwaru for flagship, as she would have made an ideal vessel for the purpose. The Union Company has kindly offered the steamer Waihora as flagship, and no doubt the two thousand-tonner will be liberally patronised. Her deck accommodation is unfortunately somewhat broken up by houses, etc., so that she will soon become crowded, but no other vessel of her size was obtainable. A programme of twenty-nine events has been arranged, and as there was a good balance left over from last year, and the public have subscribed liberally, the fixture should prove a financial success.

The Ngaruawabia Annual Regatta will take place on March 17, when the usual Maori aquatic sports will be held, as well as various rowing races.

Yachtsmen have been indulging of late in many a growl about the vile weather we have been experiencing all this summer. So far the Saturday to Sunday trips have been strangely alike in the matter of rain and gales. The monotony, however, was varied on Saturday, when the time for starting on the week end

cruise came round, for after days of pelting rain, one of the thickest fogs we have had for many a long day settled down on the harbour, completely blotting out the landscape. This pea-soup condition of affairs lasted till the evening, by which time most of the sailing folk had given up all idea of going for a cruise. As one well-known yachtsman put it, "If this sort of thing goes on much longer every yacht in Auckland will be for sale, but where shall we get the bally fools to buy them."

The West End Rowing Club rowed the third trial fours on Saturday afternoon for trophies presented by Vice-President A. G. Bartlett. With a thick fog making everything moist and unpleasant, it is small wonder that but few visitors turned up to witness the racing. The wind blowing into the bay from the north made the water very lumpy and unsuitable for good rowing. There were four heats in the opening round. Carrigan's crew won the first race by two lengths, while the second race was much closer, J. A. Bigelow's four just squeezing home by two feet. J. F. Thomson's crew annexed the third heat by a length, Carder's men winning the fourth. The final proved a desperate struggle, victory falling to G. Whitehouse, A. Bond, G. Mitchell, and J. F. Thomson (stroke), who beat Carder's four by a length, with the other two close up.

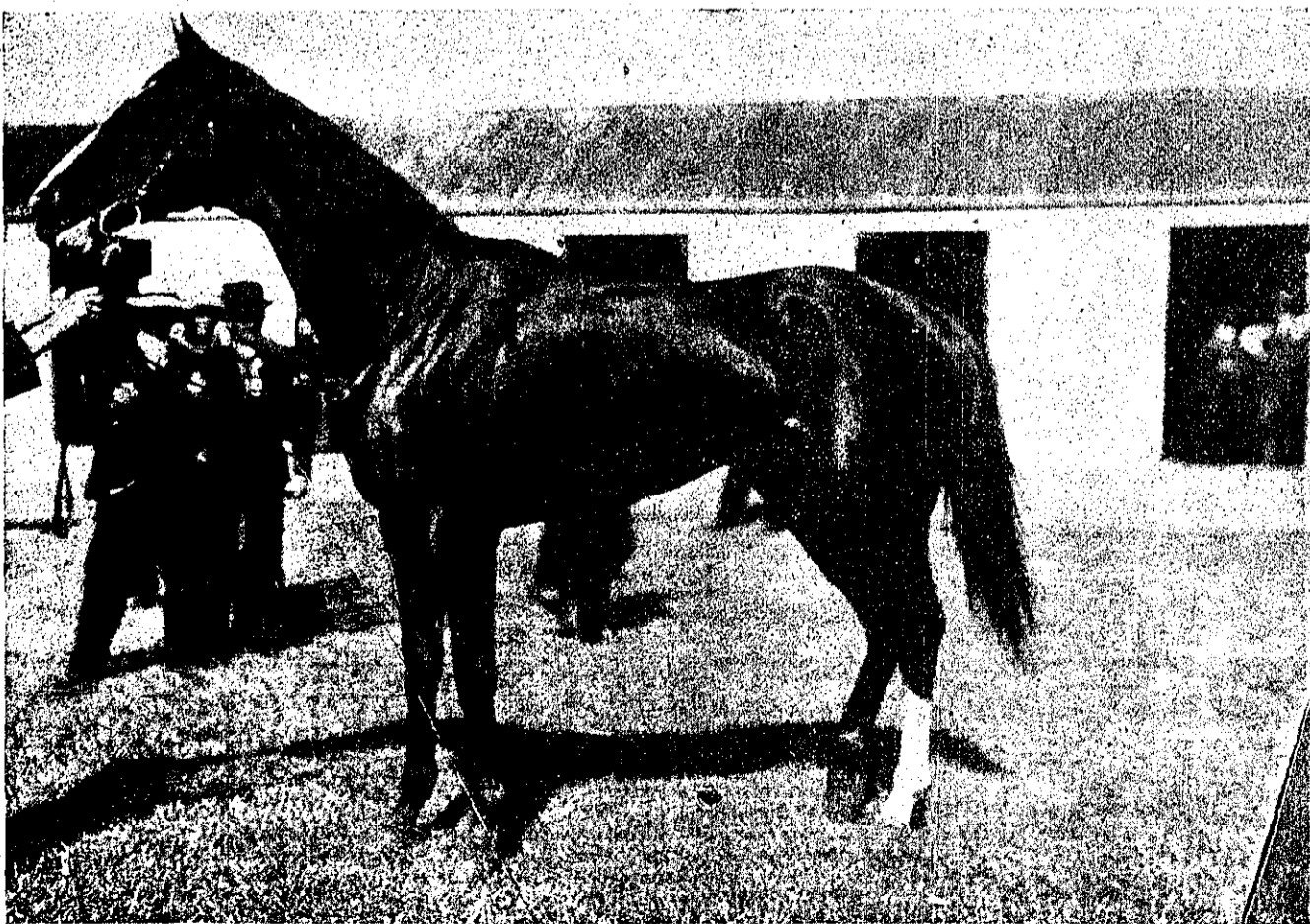
A fire broke out in the shipbuilding yard of Messrs Denny and Company, Dumbarton, on December 4, when £15,000 damage was done to the engine shops. The shed in which Shamrock III, the America Cup challenger, is being built, was only saved with difficulty.

Richmond Cavill, the young Sydney crack swimmer, has still further added to his laurels by swimming 120yds in 1min 12.10secs, which is a world's record. The feat took place at the Newcastle Swimming Baths. The Cavills have all been champions at the national art, but the youngest scion of the house has far surpassed his father and elder brothers.

Mr A. H. Turnbull's 36-footer Iorangi won the first-class yacht race at the Port Nicholson Y.O. Regatta. The Logan cutter beat the older yacht Waitangi by fourteen minutes. Mr Turnbull is a member of the R.N.Z.S. Places in the second class yacht race fell to Mahina, Muritai and Tiren.

Parnell Sailing Club holds their second series of races on Saturday, and as the North Shore Yacht Club has very generously altered the date of their races so that the vessels belonging to the fleet can compete in the sister club's series, there should be no dearth of entries.

The New Zealand Amateur Rowing Association having disbanded, the reins of government have been taken over by the newly-formed Auckland Rowing Association. New regulations will be drafted, and a strong committee formed. It is intended that a regatta shall be held at Lake Takapuna on March 7, at which the chief event will be a Auckland championship four-oar race.



Leslie Hinge, Photo.

Mr J. Monk's ch c ACHILLES, Winner of the Wellington Stakes.