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FIRST DAY:
SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH, 1903.
 First race to start at 12 noon.

Tradesmen's Plate Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. One mile and a-quarter.

Northern Champagne Stakes of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; fillies, 8st 5lb; and geldings 8st 7lb each. By subscription of 5 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1902, 1 sov forfeit; if struck out by the first Friday in February, 1903, 2 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date liable for the whole 5 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Six furlongs.

Easter Handicap of 650 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs and third horse 50 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs, and a final payment of 8 sovs each at the post to go to the funds. Winner of any race or races collectively of the value of 100 sovs, after the declaration of weights, to carry 5lbs; of 150 sovs, 7lbs; of 300 sovs, 10lbs penalty. One mile.

Hurdle Race Handicap of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of a Hurdle Race after the declaration of weights to carry 7lbs extra. Two miles.

Eden Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any handicap after declaration of weights to carry 5lbs extra. Seven furlongs.

Onslow Stakes Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds that have never won a race of the value of 75 sovs, or races of the collective value of 200 sovs at time of nomination. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

Pony Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Railway Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any race after declaration of weights to carry 5lbs penalty. Five furlongs.

SECOND DAY:
EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 13TH, 1903.
 First race to start at 12 noon.

The Stewards' Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile.

Ellerslie Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

The Fourth Century Stakes of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Weight for age. Penalties to commence on 1st August, 1902. Winner of O.J.C. Derby, Canterbury Cup, or Great Northern Derby to carry 7lbs penalty; of two of these, 14lbs penalty. Winner of any other race or races collectively of 500 sovs to carry 5lbs; of 1000 sovs, 10lbs extra. 14lbs extreme penalty. Maidens starting allowed: Three year-olds, 5lbs; four-year-olds, 7lbs; five-year-olds and upwards, 14lbs. By subscription of 5 sovs each. If struck out by 9 p.m. on first Friday in January, 1903, 2 sovs forfeit. Those left in after this date to pay 5 sovs each. One mile and a-quarter.

Autumn Hurdle Race Handicap of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.

Flying Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. The winner of any race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lbs penalty. Six furlongs.

Pony Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

St. George's Handicap of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, acceptance 2 sovs, and final payment of 2 sovs each at the post to go to the funds. Winner of Century Stakes to carry 10lbs penalty, or any handicap after declaration of weights 5lbs penalty. One mile and a-quarter.

Shorts Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. The winner of any race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lbs penalty. Five furlongs.

THIRD DAY
EASTER TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH, 1903.
 First race to start at 12 noon.

Maiden Hurdle Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 75 sovs, or since August 1st, 1899, hurdle races of the collective value of 200 sovs at time of nomination. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.

Criterion Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For all horses that have never won 50 sovs, or since 1st August, 1899, races of the collective value of 200 sovs at time of nomination. Six furlongs.

Autumn Handicap of 650 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs and third horse 50 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 5 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-half.

Hurdle Race Handicap of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov. each to go to the funds. Two miles.

Welter Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight 8st. One mile.

Pony Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

Grandstand Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of a race after the declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 5lbs. Seven furlongs.

Victoria Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, etc.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1903.
 With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.R.C.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.
SECOND FORFEIT.—Champagne Stakes, 1903, 2 sovs.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, by 9 p.m.
NOMINATIONS.—Easter Handicap, 1 sov; First Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Autumn Handicap, 1 sov; St. George's Handicap, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 (General Entry Night) by 9 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES.—Easter Handicap, 2 sovs; Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov.

NOMINATIONS.—Tradesmen's Plate Handicap, 1 sov; Eden Handicap, 1 sov; Onslow Stakes Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Ellerslie Handicap, 1 sov; Autumn Hurdles, 1 sov; Flying Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Maiden Hurdle Handicap, 1 sov; Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Criterion Handicap, 1 sov; Welter Handicap, 1 sov; Grandstand Handicap, 1 sov; Victoria Handicap, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, by 9 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES.—Tradesmen's Plate Handicap, 1 sov; Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Eden Handicap, 1 sov; Onslow Stakes Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap 1 sov; Railway Handicap, 1 sov.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, at the post.
 Champagne Stakes, 5 sovs; Easter Handicap, 3 sovs.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, by 10 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES.—Stewards' Handicap, 1 sov; Ellerslie Handicap, 1 sov; Autumn Hurdles, 1 sov; Flying Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Shorts Handicap, 1 sov; St. George's Handicap, 2 sovs.

MONDAY, APRIL 13, at the post.
 Century Stakes, 5 sovs; St. George's Handicap, 2 sovs

MONDAY, APRIL 13, by 10 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES.—Maiden Hurdle Handicap, 1 sov; Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Autumn Handicap, 5 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Criterion Handicap, 1 sov; Second Welter Handicap, 1 sov; Grandstand Handicap, 1 sov; Victoria Handicap, 1 sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.
FRIDAY, MARCH 20, by 9 p.m.
 Easter Handicap, Handicap Hurdles,

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, in morning paper
 Tradesmen's Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, Eden Handicap, Onslow Stakes Handicap, Pony Handicap, Railway Handicap.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, by 9 p.m.
 Stewards' Handicap, Ellerslie Handicap, Autumn Hurdles, Flying Handicap, Pony Handicap, Shorts Handicap, St. George's Handicap.

MONDAY, APRIL 13, by 9 p.m.
 Maiden Hurdle Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, Autumn Handicap, Pony Handicap, Criterion Handicap, Second Welter Handicap, Grandstand Handicap, Victoria Handicap.

WM. PERCIVAL,
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AUTUMN MEETING.
 Run under New Zealand Racing Rules.

FIRST DAY,
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1903.

Maiden Plate Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stake. For all horses that have never won an advertised flat race exceeding 50 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.

Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, two miles.

Juvenile Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs.

Avondale Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, third 10 sovs out of stake. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lbs extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. Distance, one and a quarter miles.

First Pony Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stake. For all ponies 14.3 and under. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.

First Hack Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 10 sovs in value at time of starting. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance six furlongs.

Auction Stakes of 50 sovs. For three-year-olds and upwards. Three-year-olds to carry 9st; four-year-olds, 9st 12lbs; five, six and aged, 10st 4lbs. Winner to be sold immediately after the race for 50 sovs, and the whole of the surplus to go to the funds. If entered to be sold for 40 sovs, allowed 7lbs; if for 30 sovs, 14lbs; if for 20 sovs, 21lbs; if for nil, 28lbs. No other allowances. Nomination, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs.

Railway Handicap of 100 sovs; second to receive 10 sovs and third horse 5 sovs out of stake. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lbs extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, seven furlongs.

SECOND DAY,
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1903.

Maiden Handicap Hurdles of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stake. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 25 sovs at time of entry. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, one mile and three-quarters.

Flying Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, four furlongs.

Second Pony Handicap of 45 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stake. For all ponies 14.3 and under. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, five furlongs.

Autumn Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, one mile.

Nursery Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of stake. For two-year-olds. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.

Handicap Steeplechase of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs and third horse 5 sovs out of stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, about three miles.

Second Hack Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of stake. For all horses that have not won an advertised flat race exceeding 10 sovs in value at time of starting. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.

Waitakerei Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs and third horse 5 sovs out of stake. Winner of Flying or Autumn Handicaps to carry a penalty of 5lbs. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, six furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, ETC.
AUTUMN MEETING

With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary A.J.C.
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 1903, by 9 p.m.
NOMINATIONS.—Avondale Handicap 1 sov, Autumn Handicap 1 sov, Steeplechase Handicap 1 sov, Railway Handicap 1 sov.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 (General Entry) by 9 p.m.

NOMINATION.—Maiden Plate Handicap 1 sov, Handicap Hurdles 1 sov, First Pony Handicap 1 sov, Juvenile Handicap 1 sov, First Hack Handicap 1 sov, Auction Stakes 1 sov, Maiden Handicap Hurdles 1 sov, Flying Handicap 1 sov, Second Pony Handicap 1 sov, Nursery Handicap 1 sov, Second Hack Handicap 1 sov, Waitakerei Handicap 1 sov.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, by 9 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES.—Maiden Plate Handicap 1 sov, Handicap Hurdles 1 sov, Avondale Handicap 3 sovs, First Pony Handicap 1 sov, Juvenile Handicap 1 sov, First Hack Handicap 1 sov, Railway Handicap 1 sov.

MONDAY, APRIL 20, by 9 p.m.
 Maiden Handicap Hurdles 1 sov; Flying Handicap 1 sov, Second Pony Handicap 1 sov, Autumn Handicap 2 sovs, Nursery Handicap 1 sov, Handicap Steeplechase 1 sov, Second Hack Handicap 1 sov, Waitakerei Handicap 1 sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.
 On or about MONDAY, MARCH 30, 1903.

Avondale Handicap, Handicap Steeplechase, Railway Handicap.

On or about MONDAY, APRIL 6.

Maiden Plate Handicap, Handicap Hurdles, First Pony Handicap, First Hack Handicap, Juvenile Handicap.

MONDAY, APRIL 20, Morning Paper.
 Maiden Handicap Hurdles, Flying Handicap, Second Pony Handicap, Autumn Handicap, Second Hack Handicap, Waitakerei Handicap, Nursery Handicap.

H. H. HAYR,
 Secretary.

TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.
WINTER MEETING.

FIRST DAY:
SATURDAY, MAY 16TH, 1903.

Handicap Maiden Hurdles of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised hurdle race exceeding the value of 10 sovs at time of entry. Over six flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and a-half and a hundred yards.

Handicap Maiden Plate of 65 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race exceeding the value of 50 sovs at time of starting. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Seven furlongs.

First Pony Handicap of 65 sovs; second pony to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards; 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Five furlongs.

Empire Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs out of the stakes. Winner of any race of the value of 50 sovs after the declaration of the weights to carry a penalty of 5lbs extra; of 100 sovs 7lbs extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

First Handicap Hurdles of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs out of the stakes. Over eight flights of hurdles. Winner of Maiden Hurdles to carry a penalty of 5lbs extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Two miles.

Handicap Maiden Steeplechase of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won a steeplechase exceeding the value of 25 sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. About two miles and a-half.

Royal Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Winner of the Empire Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lbs extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Five furlongs.

SECOND DAY:
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH, 1903.

Hack Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. For all horses that have not won an advertised race exceeding the value of 10 sovs at time of entry. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Five furlongs.

Second Handicap Hurdles of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Over seven flights of hurdles. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and three-quarters.

Britannia Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stakes. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance 2 sovs. One mile.

Second Pony Handicap of 60 sovs; second pony to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. For three-year-olds and upwards; 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.

Victoria Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Winner of the Britannia Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lbs extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Six furlongs.

Handicap Steeplechase of 225 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stakes. Winner of Handicap Maiden Steeplechase to carry a penalty of 5lbs extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. About three miles and a-half.

Welter Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stakes. Winner of any flat race, excepting the Hack Handicap, after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 5lbs extra. Lowest weight, 7st 7lbs. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile.

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES.

NOMINATIONS.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH, 9 P.M.

FIRST DAY.

Handicap Maiden Hurdles, 1 sov; Handicap Maiden Plate, 1 sov; First Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Empire Handicap, 1 sov; First Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Handicap Maiden Steeplechase, 1 sov; Royal Handicap, 1 sov.

SECOND DAY.

Hack Handicap, 1 sov; Second Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Britannia Handicap, 1 sov; Second Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Victoria Handicap, 1 sov; Handicap Steeplechase, 1 sov; Welter Handicap, 1 sov.

WEIGHTS.

FRIDAY, MAY 1ST, 4 P.M.

First Day's Racing.

Handicap Steeplechase (Second Day).

MONDAY, MAY 18TH, 12 NOON.

Second Day's Racing.

ACCEPTANCES.

FRIDAY, MAY 8TH, 9 P.M.

FIRST DAY.

Handicap Maiden Hurdles, 1 sov; Handicap Maiden Plate, 1 sov; First Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Empire Handicap, 3 sovs; First Handicap Hurdles, 2 sovs; Handicap Maiden Steeplechase, 1 sov; Royal Handicap, 2 sovs; Handicap Steeplechase (second day), 8 sovs.

SECOND DAY.

MONDAY, MAY 18TH, 9 P.M.

Hack Handicap, 1 sov; Second Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Britannia Handicap, 2 sovs; Second Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Victoria Handicap, 2 sovs; Welter Handicap, 1 sov.

R. WYNYARD,
Secretary.



WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING.

APRIL 23RD AND 25TH, 1903.

PROGRAMME (Abridged).

FIRST DAY.

1. Waiwetu Handicap, of 100sovs, 7 furlongs
2. Silverstream Hack Handicap of 80sovs, 1 mile
3. Thompson Handicap, of 400sovs, 1 mile
4. First Hurdle Handicap, of 150sovs, about 1 1/2 miles
5. Heretaunga Handicap, of 100sovs, 9 furlongs (Minimum Weight, 8st.)
6. N. I. Challenge Stakes, of 400sovs, 7 furlongs (closed)
7. Tinakori Hack Handicap, of 80sovs, 6 furlongs
8. Railway Handicap, of 150sovs, 6 furlongs

SECOND DAY.

1. Hutt Handicap, of 100sovs, 1 mile
2. N.Z. St. Leger Stakes, of 300sovs, 1 1/2 miles (closed)
3. Muritai Hack Handicap, of 80sovs, 7 furlongs
4. Autumn Handicap, of 300sovs, 1 1/2 miles
5. Second Hurdle Handicap, of 125sovs, about 1 1/2 miles
6. Pacific Handicap, of 150sovs (for 2 and 3 year olds), 6 furlongs
7. Belmont Hack Handicap, of 80sovs, 6 furlongs
8. Suburban Handicap, of 150sovs, 7 furlongs

NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES

Monday, March 30, at 10 p.m.—Nominations for all 14 Handicap Events.

Wednesday, April 15—First Day's Weights declared.

Saturday, April 18, at 10 p.m.—Acceptances for First Day's Handicaps.

Monday, April 20, at 10 p.m.—Final Payments for Challenge and St. Leger. (Declaration essential.)

For Complete Programme, see REFEREE.

J. F. CLARK, Secretary.

Wellington, March 16, 1903.

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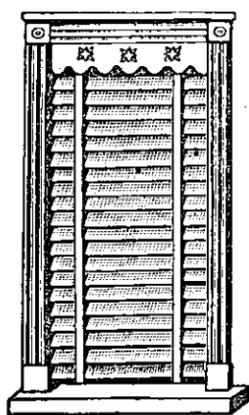
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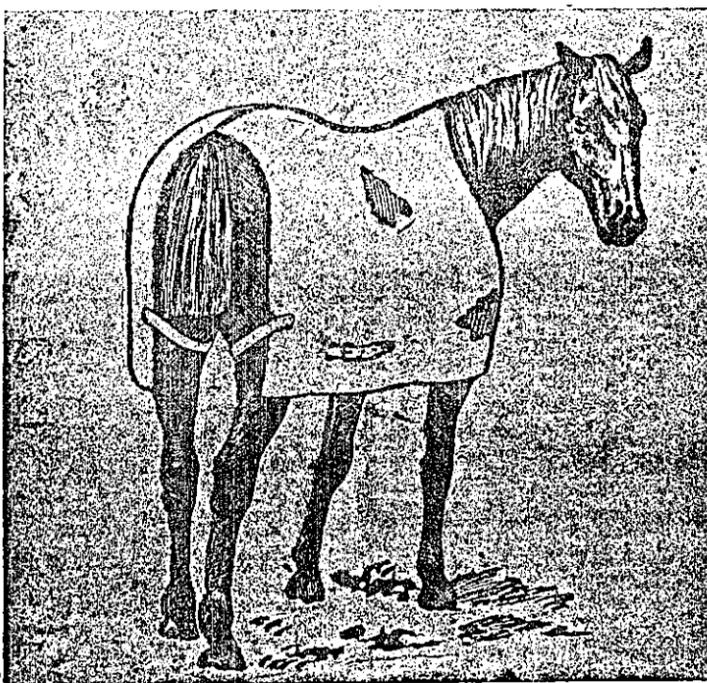
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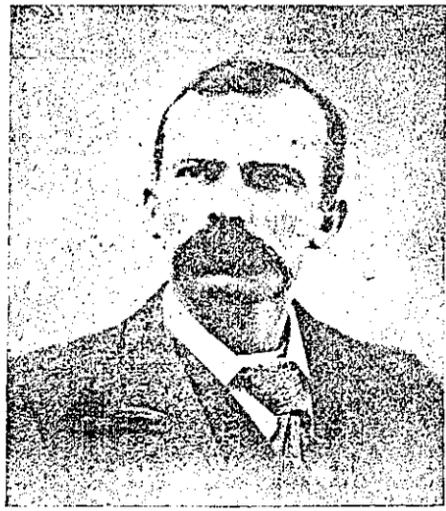
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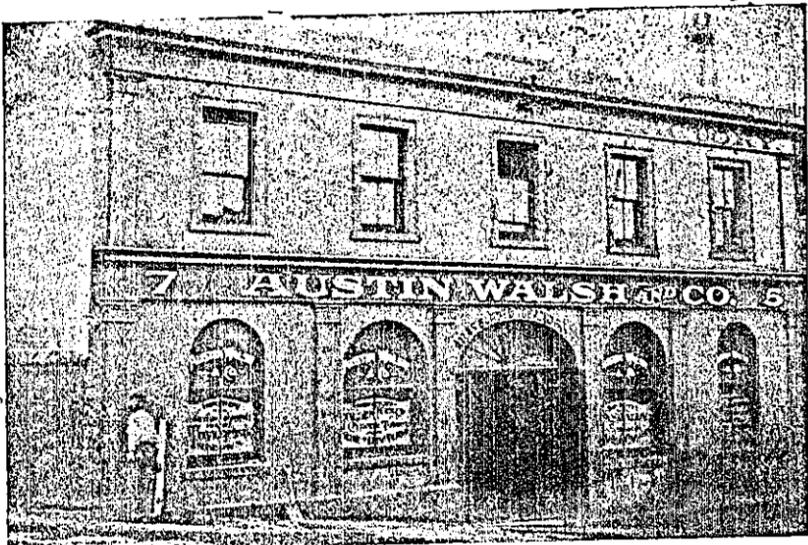
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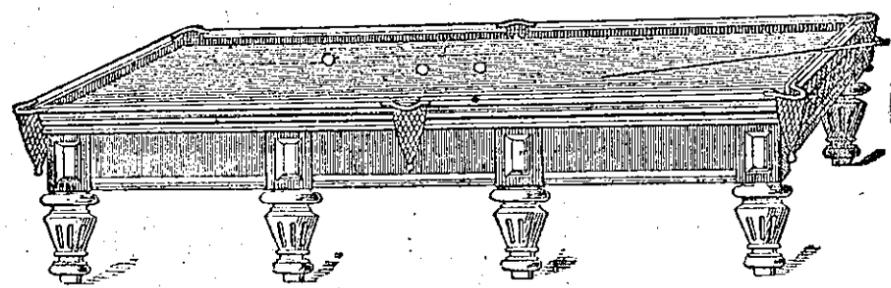
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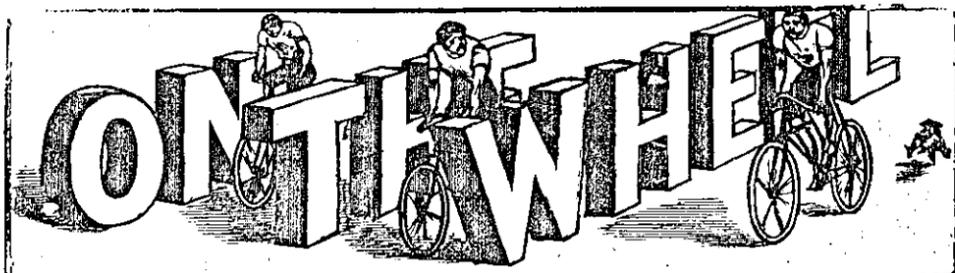
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There were twenty-five thousand people present on the Sydney Cricket Ground to witness the final of the big £1000 Handicap. It was a big venture offering so much money for a single race, it being the largest stake ever competed for by cyclists. It is to be hoped that there was not a financial loss, and with such a huge attendance to finish up the meeting there ought not to be much chance of this.

N. C. Hopper, who won the £750 prize in the big race at Sydney, is an American of somewhat diminutive stature, and is a sort of portage of W. Martin's. It was generally agreed that with 75 yards start in a mile race he was exceptionally well treated. Indeed, the handicaps all through appeared at the first blush to be excessive, but judged by Don Walker's bold showing from the 5 yards mark this can hardly have been the case.

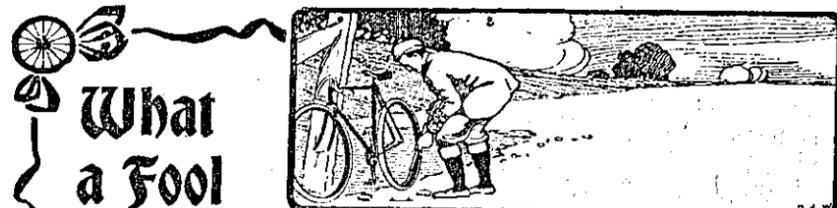
The American cycling paper, the "Bicycling World," which has just celebrated its twenty-fifth birthday, was founded by an Englishman named Weston before cycling was seriously thought of in the States. He ingeniously invented news and advertisements, and so boomed the pastime that the public were induced to take it up. When the paper was first published in 1877, there were very few bicycles in America, in fact the "Bicycling World" might have been said to have catered for a pastime which did not exist. Weston was one of the first to introduce the cycle from England, as well as starting the first cycling club in America.

Final of the Sydney Thousand; distance, one mile. First prize, £750; second prize, £100; third, £50; heat winners divide £100; first in heat, £5.—N. C. Hopper (U.S.A.) 75yds, 1; D. J. Walker (Victoria) 5yds, 2; H. Thorn (Victoria) 80yds, 3; A. C. Forbes (New Zealand) 10yds, 4. There were eleven starters for the biggest stake for a cycle race on record. Knowing that if the back markers once caught them they would have no chance, the long-start division rode for all they were worth from the pistol shot, the riders dividing into groups. Pacing each other the limit men held their advantage, but Walker steadily closed the gap. At the members' stand Hopper shot away, and although the Victorian champion made a magnificent effort to get up he could not catch the American, who won by fifteen yards, with Thorn two yards away (third). The time for the mile was 11min 53 2-5sec.

The designers of motor bicycles are paying much attention to method of power transmission, and are endeavouring to adopt the positive chain drive. Owing to jerkiness when starting, the chain is comparatively little used, but to overcome this defect they are coming to the belief that there really is no need to have teeth on the rear sprocket-wheel where direct driving is employed. In England the experiment is being made of using a large grooved pulley, such as employed in belt-driving, but lined with leather, vulcanised fibre, or some such material, and the claim is that it gives quite an efficient grip in a very simple manner, and at a small constructional expense.

Six months from now a train will, it is said, be running out of Paris to Dijon at the hitherto unattainable speed of seventy-five miles an hour. That departure is about to be taken by the Paris, Lyons, and Mediterranean Railway. The innovation consists of employing motors. The car is after the manner of a Pullman, only it is pointed at both ends to lessen the wind resistance. The driver will be protected by glass; otherwise, at such high speed, his eyes would be effected, and he would be in danger of not seeing the signals. The fuel is paraffin, which is automatically pumped into the flame, so there is no need of a stoker, and the new motor can be managed by one man. The speed of seventy-five miles an hour has been fixed upon as the objective, because that is the limit as defined by French law. But much greater speeds are probable in the near future. A hundred miles an hour is certainly quite easy of attainment, seeing that cars have travelled over eighty miles an hour on the macadamised road.

The International Cup, which was founded and given by Mr Gordon Bennett three years ago, and is held by the Automobile Club of the country whose motor car wins the great international race of 340 miles or more, is to automobilism what the America Cup is to yachting. France secured it in 1900 and 1901, but in 1902 Mr S. F. Edge, on a Napier car, of wholly British construction, won it in a race from Paris to Innsbruck, for the Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland. The Cup is, therefore, now in the possession of that club, at its premises, 119 Piccadilly. The Automobile Club of France and the Automobile Club of America have sent challenges to the London Club as regards the international race in 1903. A further challenge has now been received from the Automobile Club of Germany. As each country can be represented by three cars, it may be expected that twelve of the most powerful motor cars in the world will take part in the race. In the event of the race not being held in the United Kingdom, it must, under the rules, take place in France. It is believed that Parliament may, at the beginning of the next session be asked to pass an Act which would suspend the twelve miles an hour limit as regards certain roads, during certain hours on a specific day, but this step will not be taken until a sparsely-inhabited and otherwise suitably country road has been found on which the race could be run, with the concurrence and cooperation of the authorities and residents upon it. Representatives of the Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland are at the present time engaged inspecting roads in Ireland, which, it is reported, might possibly be suited for the purpose.



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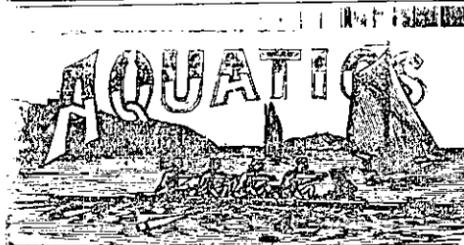
Two anglers got a nice lot of trout last week from the Waikato River, near Wairakei. The minnow proved the best lure, eleven rainbow trout coming to hand, which turned the scale at 63½ lb.

A Timaru angler caught a grand trout last week in the Opihi River. It was just over nineteen pounds in weight. This is the sort of fish which makes visitors to the colony, who are disciples of old Isaak Walton, wish to return at the earliest opportunity.

At the Thames last week, Thomas Senior, Robert W. Wilson, and James Crosbie were each charged with being in possession of native game, to wit, teal and wild duck, on the 9th inst., the said date not being the period fixed as the game season. Defendants each pleaded guilty. Sergeant Walker pointed out that the shooting of wild game out of season was being carried on with impunity, and that it was a difficult matter to catch the offenders. In the case then before the Bench no less than sixty-eight birds had been found in the accused's possession. He therefore asked that a substantial penalty should be inflicted. Mr. Miller, who appeared on behalf of the Acclimatisation Society, pressed for a substantial penalty, and pointed out the unfairness that was being done to other sportsmen who waited for the proper shooting season by men like accused going out and shooting birds before they were full grown. He considered it was necessary that a substantial penalty should be inflicted, in order that it might act as a deterrent to other persons who were guilty of similar offences. His Worship said that as cases of this sort were hard to detect, he would fine each of the accused £3 and 7s costs.

A new Act has come into force in New South Wales which deals with the question of capturing undersized fish, and penalties are enforced for retaining such. The fish inspectors will not have too enviable a task seeing that the regulations are carried out, and one or two different points are sure to arise, concerning which the Sydney writer "Glaucus" has the following:—"The question has been put to me whether, when there are six men in a boat, and five of them put back all the underweight fish into the water, and one of them keeps every such fish in the boat, the whole lot of the men are liable to be fined. I confess the question is a puzzle. Section 23 of the Act says: 'If any person shall without lawful authority have in his possession, or on his premises, or in his boat, etc., any fish of a less weight or size than that set opposite the name of the fish in the second schedule he shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £2 for the first offence, etc.'" The question arises whether the owner of the boat is not liable. The boat does not belong to any of the six probably, and all disclaim ownership of the underweight chappies. I pass the question on to the inspector."

The Canterbury Acclimatisation Society has protested to the Government against the landing of some English wood pigeons, which have arrived at Dunedin from England (writes "Dalbiac"). The objection is made on the ground that the wood pigeon has proved a pest to English farmers. Once upon a time a man brought a rabbit to New Zealand, and men said he was a real sport. After the fashion of England it was made penal to shoot the posterity of the sport's importation, and by-and-bye the pakehas in council were forced to ask themselves whether the land was for the white man or the rabbit. That is why the Agricultural Department has every few months to empty a consignment of undesirable furred or feathered immigrants into the sea. For men who look at the matter in cold blood can see plainly enough that until the pakeha gets right back on the country it will be madness to give a start to any mild-eyed creature that does not show the pious pakeha dread of provocation. Accordingly colonists in general will be pleased to hear that the Minister of Lands has decided that the wood pigeons must stay at Home.



(By "The Reefer.")

The Auckland Swimming Club will bring off sports next Saturday in the Auckland Graving Dock. There should be a bumper attendance.

The attendance at the Northern Swimming Club's sports is estimated at three thousand persons for the two nights. A very handsome profit was made, which is to be entirely devoted to fostering swimming in Auckland. Bravo!

The same club will hold their championship meeting on Saturday, April 4, in the big Calliope Dock. A number of outside competitors will take part in this, including Hamilton, of Greymouth, the plunge champion, R. Roberts and T. Smith, of Wellington, and two representatives from Christchurch.

In the race last week in Wellington for Admiral Fanshawe's Cup some thirty service boats competed. As was generally expected, H.M.S. Archer's whaler, sailed by Captain Rolleston, was first home, but on this occasion was unable to save her time from H.M.S. Lizard's whaler, steered by Captain Glossop. The Royal Arthur's pinnace, sailed by Lieutenant Oliver, just beat the same ship's launch, which had Captain Lumsden at the tiller, for third place. The Archer's whaler has already won Lady Brassey's Cup and Admiral Beaumont's Cup.

During the rowing season, brought to a close by the Ngaruawahia Regatta, the Waitemata Boating Club's heavy-weight maiden crew have won every race in which they started, nine wins being placed to their credit, including the Champion Maiden Fours at the New Zealand Championship Regatta, held at Wanganui, and the Maiden Race at the Wellington Regatta last month.

A cable states that the owners have decided to christen the America Cup defender Reliance. It is certainly a much better plan giving a new boat a new name, instead of adopting the numerical style of nomenclature so common with the English challengers, which shows such an utter lack of originality, in addition to being very confusing. What a host of names flit through one's memory when writing of a new defender of the much-coveted Cup. Magic, Sappho, Madeleine, Mischief, Puritan, Mayflower, Volunteer, Vigilant, Defender, and Columbia, one and all managed to defeat the long array of challengers. Will the name of Reliance be added to the list?

A number of the best known professional oarsmen have been giving their opinion lately about the respective merits of long and short sculling boats. Peter Kemp had no doubt as to the superiority of the short boat, and in support of his contention mentioned that whilst he was working with George Towns they used to take turn about in the long and short boats and have contests, but in every trial the user of the short boat won; thus proving conclusively to his mind that the short boat was the faster. George Towns, the Champion of the World, gave much the same opinion. Bill Beach, whilst admitting that he must bow to the opinion of those who sung the praises of the short boat from the fact that he had never tried one, could not understand why, if it was so much better than the long boat, faster time was not made in it. In the race between Tressider and Pearce the first mile took 6min. 2sec. in the short boat, whilst in the old style he had done the distance in 5min. 46sec. He put the question: "If these short boats are faster, why is not better time made? Was it that the rowers of the old days were greater oarsmen than the new men with their supposed faster boats. Chris. Neilsen, who originated the idea of the stump outrigger, was very emphatic on the point that he had no shadow of doubt as to the speed of the two classes of boat. I remember very well seeing Neilsen make his appearance in the first boat of the new type seen on the Parramatta River. The wise-ones on the launch which I happened to be a passenger by were fairly unanimous in condemning the innovation, but Neilsen soon demonstrated that the short boat had come to stay.

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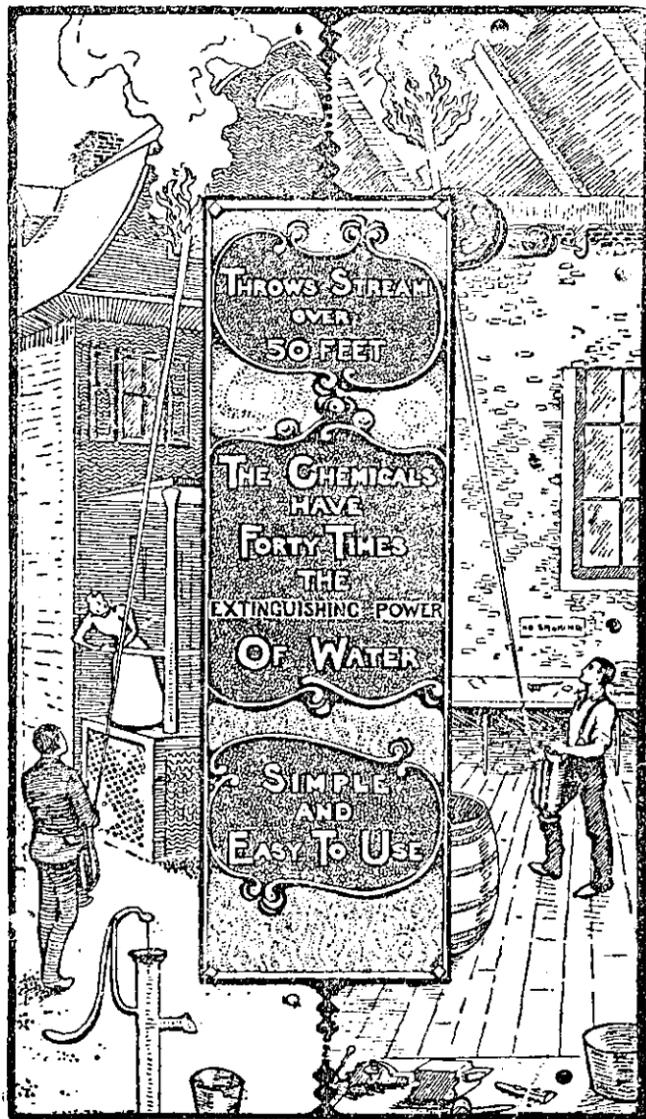
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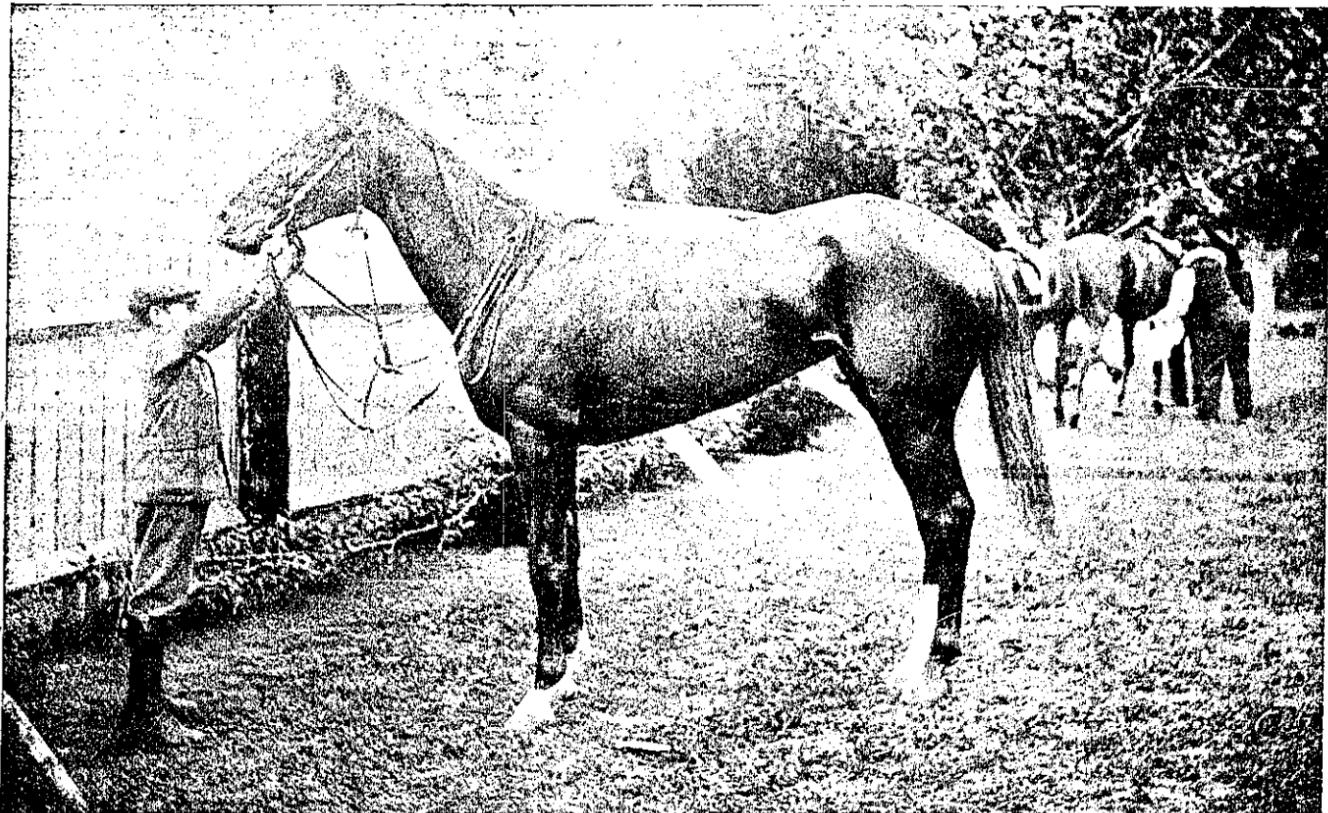


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Promptly to time Sir Thomas Lipton's big cutter, which is to again try and wrest the America Cup from the New York Yacht Club, has been launched at Belfast, appropriately enough on St. Patrick's Day. The cable announcing the fact states that extraordinary enthusiasm was shown when Shamrock III. first took to the water. The ninety-footer carries the burgee of the Royal Ulster Yacht Club, which has backed Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge, so that it is only fitting that she should have been built at Belfast. It is easy to realise that the occasion would be made a red letter day at Messrs Harland and Wolfe's huge ship-building works, on Queen's Island, and Irishmen to a man will wish for the success of the Shamrock in her coming trials of speed against the New York champion.

Bad luck was experienced by the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron with its ocean race for the Gascoigne Cup. The wind was of an exceedingly light nature, and interest speedily died out of the contest. This can scarcely be wondered at, when the event took over nine hours to decide, the start being effected at 2 p.m., and the first boat to finish not crossing till seven minutes past eleven o'clock. At the Heads, the Fleetwing was slightly ahead of the others, but now the wind died away. Managing to get a fluke, Scotia soon afterwards assumed the lead, but changes in the leading position were frequent, and darkness setting in, all interest was lost in the event. The officials, however, waited patiently for the yachts to come home, and, after much waiting, they saw Petrel cross at 11hr 7min, Culwulla at 11hr 25min, and Heather at 11hr 33min 24sec. Petrel easily won without her time allowance, and thus secures the cup for the second year in succession. Before the trophy can become the property of any one yacht it has to be won three times in succession. The three placed yachts were all built by the Logan Bros., of Auckland, from practically the same design.

The Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron intend holding a yacht handling competition, and also one for life-saving on Saturday. In the former the yachts will be at anchor, and will then have to weigh and make all plain sail and make for a mark, then close reef and change jibs, then shake out reefs and set all possible running canvas, and finally take in sail and bring up. Points are to be given for each task, and the yacht scoring the biggest aggregate will take the prize. The Commodore's yacht *Ida* is a strong fancy for this, and should about win. In the life-saving competition the yachts must be under-weigh, when a dummy will be dropped overboard. Yachts must then be hove to, dingies be unlashd and launched, the dummy picked up and brought back, and the dingy hoisted on board. The crew doing this in the quickest time will be awarded the prize. The competitions should prove highly interesting, but the judges are likely to have a very difficult task.



L. Daroux, photo.

The Chestnut Mare FLOAT, by Captain Webb—Bonne Idee.

The 440yds swimming championship resulted as follows:—Cavill (New South Wales) 1; Craig (New South Wales) 2; Hamilton (New Zealand) 3. Won easily by 20yds, there being a similar distance between the second and third in 5min 49 1/2 sec. The plunging championship suited as follows:—Hamilton (N. W. Zealand) 58ft. 11 1/2 in.; Colclough (Queensland) 5ft. 10 1/2 in.; Brett (Queensland), 5ft. 3in.

In addition to winning the Quarter-mile Championship, R. Cavill also won the One Mile and 100 Yards Championships at Brisbane. In the former the New Zealander, Hamilton, was the only other man to finish, being only two yards behind the Sydney crack.

Nineteen vessels were entered for the eighth general handicap of the Manukau Yacht Club, and another capital race was the result. *Maka Maile* sailing from scratch gradually went through the fleet, and eventually crossed the line over a minute ahead of *Elsie*, with *Pretoria*, *Mascotte*, and *Elsie* next in order. As a result of this race *Maka Maile* has displaced *Ladysmith* for leading position in points for the handicap cup, having forty-nine points to her credit, while *Ladysmith* has forty-seven points, and the *Malua* lies third with forty points. There are two more races to be sailed counting for the cup, and some very interesting racing should result.

The North Shore Yacht Club sailed off the final handicap on Saturday for Mr Jenny's silver cup. The entries and handicaps were as follows:—Volunteer scratch, *Ida* min, *Ladye Wilma* 12min, *Spray* 19min, *Matua* 20min, *Janet* 21min, *Wairere* 21min, *Corinna* 22min, *Peri* 23min, *Tangaroa* 29min, *Wareho* 31min, *Tuna* 33min, *Ofa* 34min, *Nyanza* 40min, *Rewi* 42min, *Colleen* 48min, *Asta* 55min, *Icarus* 55min, *Melba* 55min, *Waratah* 55min. *Spray*, *Corinna*, *Peri*, *Tangaroa*, and *Wareho* did not start. With a nice southerly breeze, Volunteer was soon at the head of affairs and, although badly handicapped by her draught, which compelled the big yawl to keep out in the strong tide while the others worked the shore, she steadily opened out her lead all the afternoon, and eventually crossed the line 8min ahead of *Ida*, which was followed home at short intervals by *Ladye Wilma*, *Wairere*, *Matua*, *Janet*, and *Tuna*. On time allowance prizes fall to *Wairere*, *Matua*, *Tuna* and *Janet*.

Mr S. Hordern, junr., owner of *White Wings*, who was over here some four seasons back with the half-rater *Bronzewing*, arrived on Monday morning by the *Waikare* from Sydney. He is accompanied by his wife and Mr J. See, junr., a son of the New South Wales State Minister. The party intend leaving for Rotorua on Friday, and journeying down the *Wanganui* River, and will return home via the *Bluff* and *Hobart*.



Says the *Hastings Standard*:—"So bounteous and unhampered was the hospitality of the Gisborne Bowlers that, it is said, the big drum of the local band was placed for the jack, and one player missed it by eighteen feet." Sandy McPherson, 'd'ye see this!

The various bowling greens were all fully occupied on Saturday, the weather being simply perfect. At Mount Eden the local club played a three-rink match with Mount Albert, an exceptionally close game resulting. On one rink it was a tie, on another Mt. Albert won by four points, but went down on the third by nine points. Mt. Eden won by 63 to 58. Naturally with such a close finish interest was maintained right up to the very last, and as a fact the very last bowl delivered might have altered the result. Everybody on the green crowded round to watch Ashton deliver it, but, although the attempt was a good one, he failed.

On the same ground a team of first year's players from the Auckland Club had a friendly bout with four of similar standing in the local club, but were beaten by eight points.

A large number of full-rink games were played on the Auckland Club's Green. In addition to these several matches have been played during the week. *Spreckley* and *Oliphant* have each won a game against each other in the Championship, in which *Dingle* has beaten *Gilmour* both games. *Buttle* easily beat *Lambert* for the *Stewart Dawson* trophy while *W. Elliot* had just as easy a win over *Dingle* for the *Equitable Life Assurance* prize. The latter player had a runaway win over *Buttle* in the contest for the *George Main* trophy.

At *Ponsonby* there was a big attendance. In the final for the Club *Fouis Brownlee*, *Hanna*, *Jones* and *Bartlett* won the final somewhat easily. In the Championship *Arneil* beat *Buchanan*, *Webb* defeated *Easton* and *Swales* defeated *Arneil*. *Oldham* beat *Bond* while *East* proved too good for *Dewar* in the First-year Players' match.

At *Devonport*, among a number of interesting matches was the final of the First Season's Players' tournament. This resulted in a win for *Crane*, who beat *Lewis* by twenty-four to seventeen.

The following Cambridge players have been chosen to compete in the Auckland tournament:—H. J. Davys, J. Yodng, M. Wells, F. O'Toole (skip); W. T. Crosher, R. J. Roberts, R. Carr, F. Richards (skip). *Emergencies*, L. *Isherwood* and J. *Ferguson*.



R. TRESSIDER, who defeated Pearce for the Championship of Australia.



There seems a great probability that the Auckland A.A. and C. Club will not put up the shutters after all, but bring off another meeting in the spring. This is as it should be, for it would be a thousand pities if the old club, which has battled along so successfully for twenty-six years should strike its colours at the first breath of adversity. The committee will do well during the winter to keep their weather-eyes lifting for novelties and fresh blood, for without this there is very little chance of attracting anything like a payable gate. In days gone by, when it was considered the thing to do to attend the Amateur Sports in the Domain, a purchaser could always be found to buy the gate at the club's meetings for a big figure, but those days are past. Although perhaps unfortunate from the club's point of view, I hardly think the present state of things is an unhealthy one. There is no doubt whatever that it is far better to take part in various games than to only act the part of a spectator, so that we find those who before were content to spend an afternoon watching the various athletes perform, now are themselves participating in yachting, cricket, golf, polo, tennis, bowls, croquet, and a hundred other pastimes. From a health point of view there is no disputing which is the more desirable state of affairs. Another thing which has done a great deal to stop a certain class of the public from attending sports is unfortunately the present absence of betting at such meetings. It seems a hard thing to say, but there is but little doubt when the club took strong measures to put down betting they in reality were at the same time killing the goose which laid the golden egg. The class of people which the betting attracted was not, however, the same who have been drawn away by the counter attractions of other games, but a far less desirable lot, and taken all round it certainly seems preferable to let the old club cease to exist than to have it continue to flourish with the aid of such an objectionable elixir.

Our Wellington correspondent writes that the bold front shewn by the Wellington reps. at the New Zealand Championship Meeting is likely to cause renewed interest to be taken in amateur circles. Mr H. Goodwin, the ex-champion walker, has promised to train for the next championship meeting, providing members of the Wellington A.A.C. are prepared to seriously entertain the idea of winning the championship shield for Wellington. Webster, Goodwin, Pollock, Ross, and Stubbs only require to be backed up by jumpers and hammer-throwers to form a combination which would worthily uphold the honour of any province.



A. L. Cleave, photo.

MR E. DENNIS O'RORKE,
Honorary Secretary of the Polo Gymkhana.

Ellerslie.

A large number of entries, both from here and from the Southern colleges, have been received for the championship events at the forthcoming inter-University college meeting, to be held in Auckland next Easter. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Auckland University Amateur Athletic Club, and as it is the first that has ever been held here a good deal of interest has been excited.

Discussing the recent New Zealand Championships, "Harrier" writes of the hero of the Dunedin meeting as follows:—"Webster's triple crown reads wonderfully good. One naturally doubts the even-time hundred, but to a man showing such speed at the furlong and quarter there is nothing impossible about it. Not since W. T. Macpherson's wins at the Australasian meeting in 1893 has there been anything to equal this performance of Webster. The New Plymouth athlete was regarded as a coming man by those who saw him at the Australasian championships at the end of 1901, and he certainly appears to have arrived.

POLO.

AUCKLAND PROVINCIAL POLO ASSOCIATION'S TOURNAMENT.

The annual polo tournament of the Auckland Provincial Polo Association to decide possession of the Cup took place last week, commencing on Wednesday, on the polo ground, at Remuera, which was in splendid order for such a contest.

In accordance with the draw the Auckland Club's No. 1 team, comprised of Messrs H. C. Tonks (captain), E. D. O'Rorke, A. S. Baker, and W. Lloyd, were first pitted against the Cambridge Polo Club's representative team, which consisted of Messrs T. Taylor, W. Douglas, W. Kay, and J. C. Potts (captain). Six spells of ten minutes each were played, Messrs Richardson (Waikato) and Bradley (Gisborne) acting as referees, and Mr Chas. Purchas as timekeeper. It had been expected that a very even game would result, but this by no means proved to be the case, the country players being out-classed. From the very start the Auckland men started to pile up goals, Tonks and Baker making many effective shots, and when time was called the total was fourteen goals to one in favour of Auckland.

land. Tonks got seven goals, Baker six, and O'Rorke and Lloyd one each. Kay made the solitary score for Cambridge.

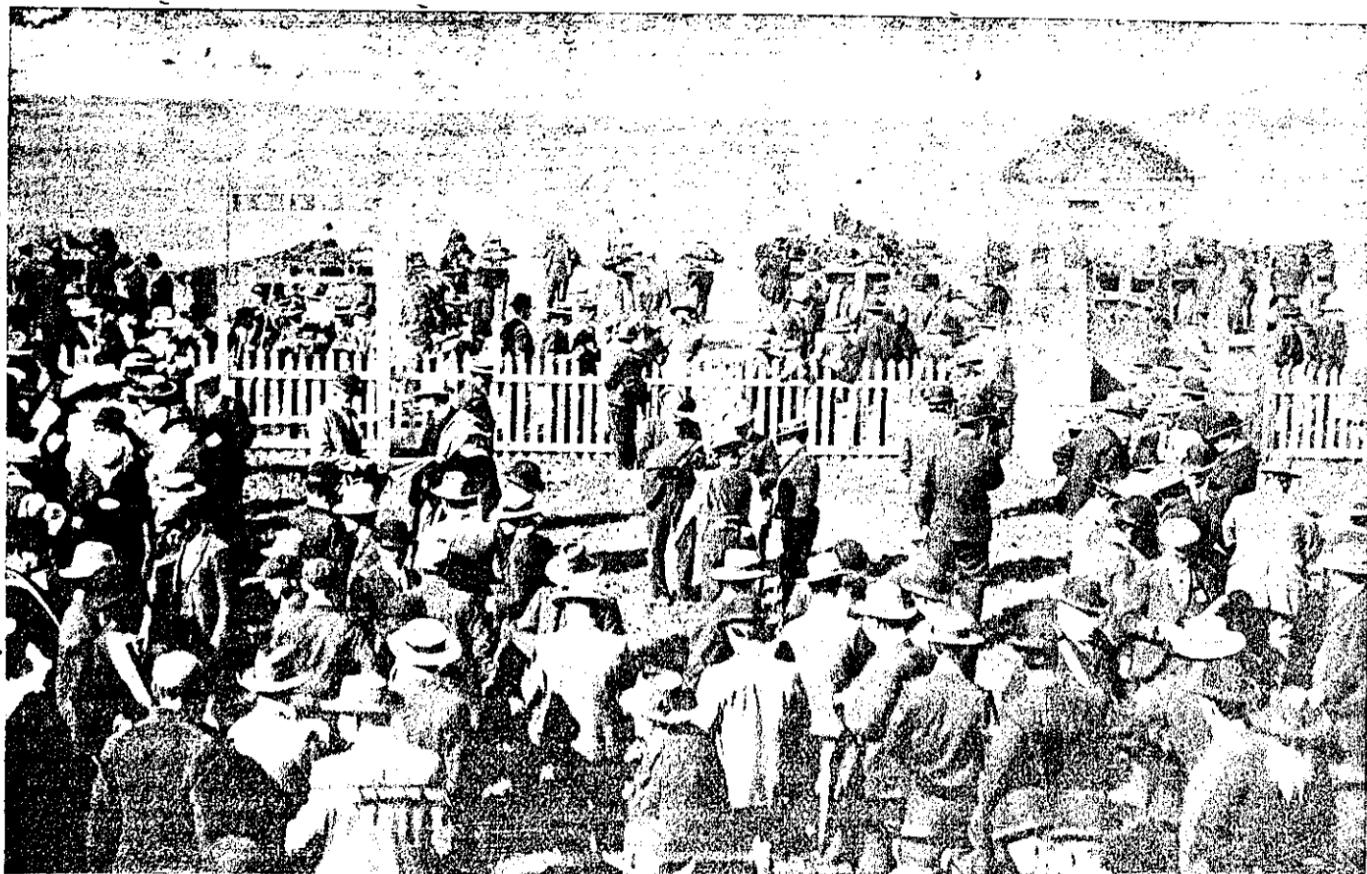
Waingaro next took the field against Remuera Club, who were represented by Dr. Maitland (captain), C. Meredith, H. Cotter, and M. Hall. The Waingaro team consisted of Messrs C. Dawson (captain), A. Upton, T. Wilson, and H. Wheeler. Somewhat contrary to general opinion, the country team had matters a good deal their own way. The game was rather slow, and the men showed too great a tendency to get out of position. Ultimately Waingaro won by thirteen goals to four. For the winners, Wilson and Wheeler each scored five goals, while Upton accounted for two, and Dawson one. Cotter was responsible for all four put up by Remuera.

On Thursday Auckland I. played Auckland II., the teams being:—Auckland I.: H. C. Tonks (captain), E. D. O'Rorke, A. S. Baker, and W. Lloyd. Auckland II.: C. E. Purchas, W. D. Pittar, R. Burns, and H. C. Clark. The game proved a very one-sided exhibition, the senior team simply running over their opponents. At the conclusion the scoring board credited E. D. O'Rorke with seven goals, H. Tonks with five, Lloyd with three, and Baker with one less, making a total of seventeen. The only goal scored by the opposition was hit by H. Clark during the fourth spell.

The Waingaro team then tried conclusions with Clevedon, whose members were Messrs A. Schmitt (captain), L. H. Burgoyne, H. Orum, and D. Stewart. Waingaro proved much too good, but Clevedon played a good game, and acquitted themselves most creditably considering that they are a junior club. For the victors, Dawson and Wheeler each registered three goals, and Upton and Wilson two a-piece.

There was quite a large gathering on Saturday afternoon to witness the final match between Auckland and Waingaro, which was expected to prove close. This, however, was a long way from being the case, for the Auckland quartette were altogether too strong, showing superiority at every point of the game. Wilson led off with a goal for Waingaro, Tonks immediately replying for Auckland, and from this out steadily increased the score, Tonks playing in especially good form. Towards the close the visitors appeared to become demoralised, being constantly out of position, and eventually the match ended in favour of Auckland by fourteen goals to two. Tonks was responsible for no less than seven goals, the Auckland player playing a magnificent game from start to finish. Baker got three, Lloyd two, and O'Rorke one, while Upton in trying to force also scored a goal to his opponents. Wilson and Upton obtained the goals for Waingaro.

The Auckland four make a very powerful team, and one which should make a very bold showing if sent to compete down South. It is hard to particularise, but it appeared to me that Tonks played the most brilliantly, but all were very sound. Waingaro hardly made as good a fight as was expected. Their hitting was



C. W. Fuller, photo.

In the Betting Ring at the Papakura Meeting.

defective, and their combination poor, while they were rather too often penalised for crossing; a very bad practice. On one occasion when one of the visitors, owing to trouble with his pony, had been obliged to dismount, the whistle might well have been sounded, instead of allowing the game to proceed. A goal was scored by Auckland when but three men were opposing them. As an act of courtesy to the visitors this should not have been allowed.

Before the Cup match the Cambridge team met the Remuera Club in a friendly game, and won by three goals to two. Kay, Taylor, Cotter, and Wynyard were responsible for the scores. Later in the day Auckland II. met and defeated Clevedon by seven goals to one.

POLO GYMKHANA.

The annual sports held under the auspices of the Auckland Polo Club took place at Alexandra Park on Saturday, and proved very enjoyable. The weather was simply delightful, and the attendance accordingly considerable. The various officials worked hard to carry the function through successfully, and this was certainly the case, although perhaps more attention might be paid in future to keeping the various events up to time. The officials were as follow:—Judge, Mr T. Morrin; starter, Mr H. T. Gorrie; clerks of scales, Messrs H. O. Nolan and F. Yonge; clerk of course, Mr T. Brown; timekeeper, Mr W. Potter; hon. secretary, Mr E. D. O'Rorke.

After the decision of the Polo Cup Race, Dr. A. C. Purchas presented the Auckland Provincial Polo Challenge Cup to the Auckland 'senior team, who were successful in the tournament final on Friday last. Mr H. C. Tonks (captain of the team) received the trophy on behalf of his club.

The following were the results:—

BENDING RACE.

- Mr E. D. O'Rorke's Retan 1
- Mr A. S. Baker's Dinah 2

POLO BALL RACE.

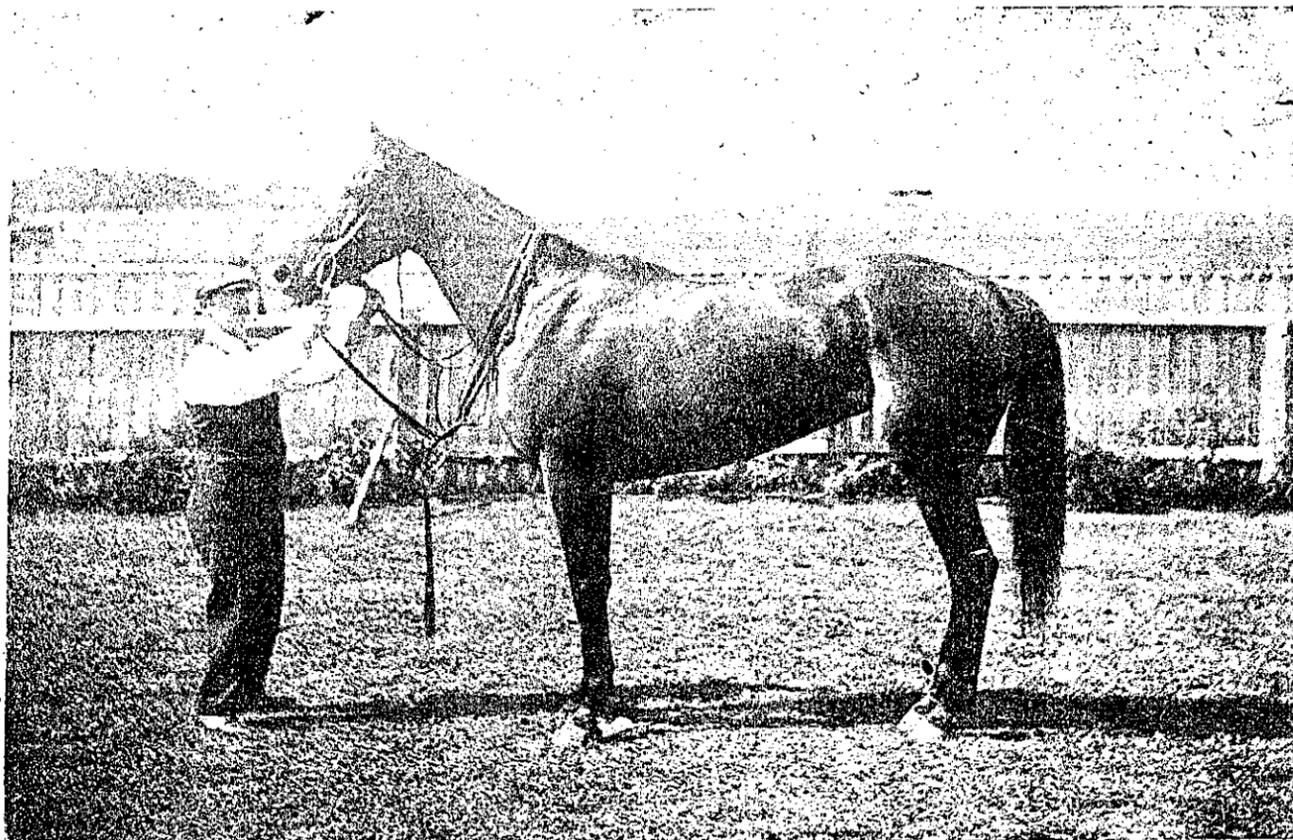
- Mr W. G. Kay's Kerry 1
- Mr H. C. Tonks' Ben 2

POLO CUP, maximum weight 12st 7lb, minimum 10st 7lb. An allowance of 7lb given for every half-inch under 14 hands 1 inch. Four furlongs.

- Mr H. C. Tonks' gr m Layland, 10st 7lb (owner) 1
- Mr J. C. Wilson's ch m Topsy, 11st (owner) 2
- Mr T. Taylor's ch g Gaiety, 12st (C. Selby) 3

Also started: Texas, Carman, Ruby, Colleen, Dolly Gray Pretty.

Won by two lengths after a good race. Time, 56sec.



L. Daroux, photo.

The brown mare LADY BELL, by Lebel—Cocksure.

POTATO RACE.

- Mr J. C. Wilson's Topsy 1
- Mr H. Wheeler's Patty 2

LADIES' DRIVING COMPETITION.

- Miss Lloyd 1
- Miss Cornwall 2
- Miss Walker 3

HURDLE RACE, maximum weight 12st 7lb, minimum 10st 7lb. Allowance of 7lb given for every half-inch under 14 hands 1 inch. One mile, over four flights of 3ft hurdles.

- Mr J. C. Wilson's ch m Topsy, 11st (owner) 1
- Mr J. C. Potts' Colleen, 12st (owner) 2
- Mr W. M. Douglas' ch m Goldfish, 12st 7lb (owner) 3

Also started: Tirau, Queenie. Colleen made the running to the distance, when Topsy came with a rush, and won by a head. Time, 2min 6½sec.

LADIES' BRACELET (Costume Race).

- Miss Wheeler's Patty 1
- Mrs Lloyd's Mauser 2

ELECTRIC RACE (for trophy). Catch weights. Minimum, 11st 7lb. Three furlongs.

- Mr T. Taylor's ch g Gaiety (owner).... 1
- Mr E. D. O'Rorke's ch g Retan (owner) 2
- Mr H. Cotter's br g Texas (owner).... 3

Also started: Goldfish, Carman, Ruby, Nun, Flora, Layland, and Pretty.

Texas led at the start, but then Gaiety going to the front won in a canter by two lengths.

A Waterloo Melee finished off the day's proceedings, this being won by Auckland.

sible official couldn't see that one was better than the other. Surely this is without a parallel in the history of the world's pugilism.

Betting favoured Turner, upon whom odds of 6 to 4 were laid, while a point longer offered now and again was eagerly snapped up.

From first to last the battle was a fast, forceful one, and that the pair sustained it almost at the same clip from end to end of one hour twenty minutes evidenced what marvellous condition they had gotten themselves into, and what remarkable vitality they possessed. Jessop made matters exceedingly willing, and Turner never flinched a moment, but came at his man as fast and as close as the young Englishman wanted it. Jessop sent some terrible rights into the ribs—he rarely missed getting these home whenever he tried—and a weighty left would be sent in on the other side as if to equalise things. At close quarters Jessop pounded away left and right very busily for seconds at a stretch, while Turner leaned over him, and after standing this for some time without attempting anything himself, it suddenly dawned upon Bob that he might get at the same game. They would fight this way on to the ropes and back into the ring again, while the crowd, beside itself with excitement, cheered and screamed.

Many of Jessop's rushes were met by Turner's more than useful left, and some of these blows were beautifully timed. Dozens of times Jessop landed right or left on Turner's head, ear, or jaw, and there were occasions when Turner repaid the attentions, at times with interest.

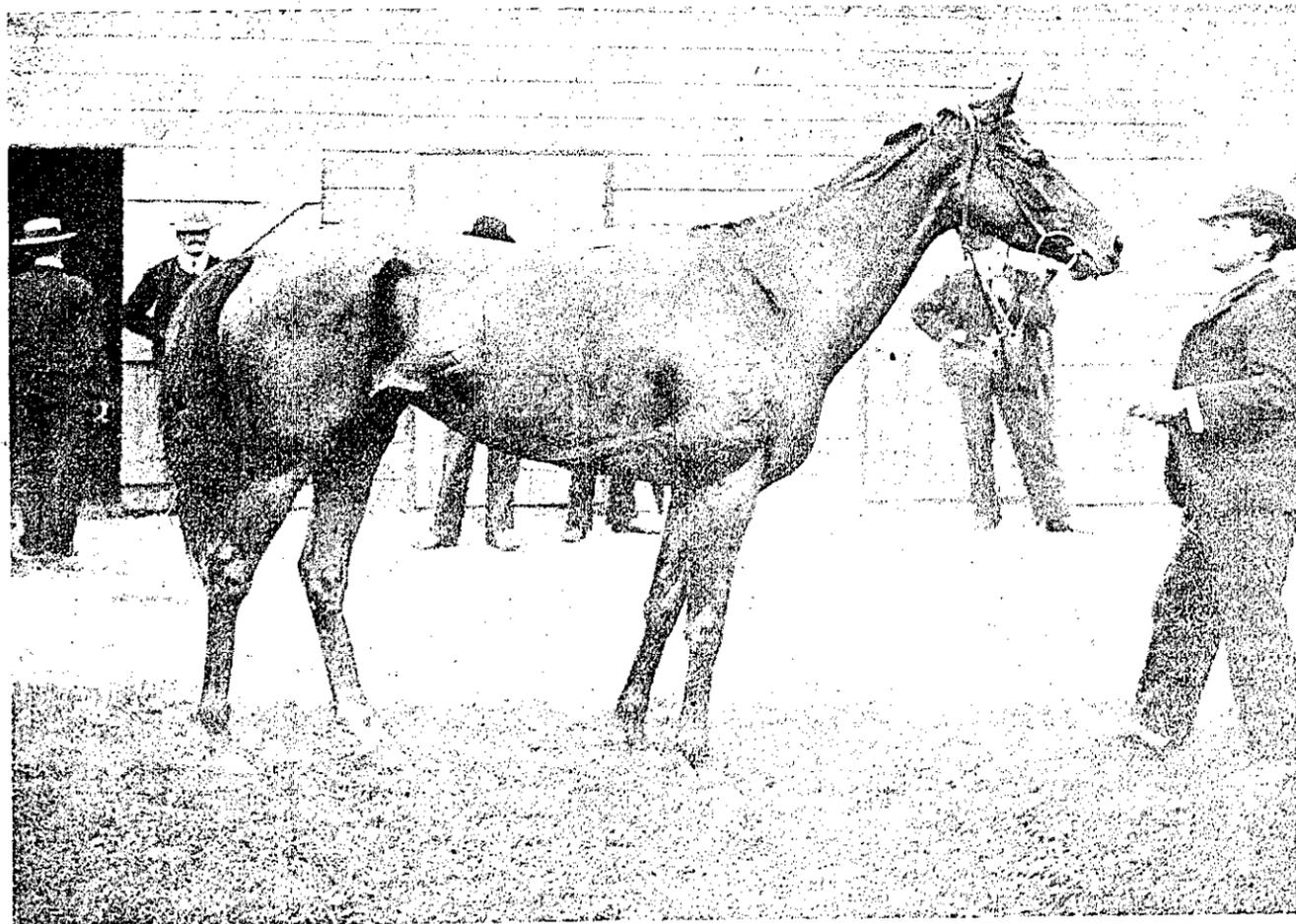
This was a scientific contest in every sense and meaning of the term, and as for blood, there was none of it beyond a slight graze on Turner's nose and a little from a scratch under Jessop's right eye and another on his hip.

The struggle was always more than interesting, and the exciting situations with which it literally bristled, lifted the crowd to such a pitch that they rose in a body and cheered again and again. There was no knock-down all through, and only once or twice did either find the floor, and he, Jessop, borne there as the result of a slip.

At the close of the last round a stirring scene was witnessed. Every man of perhaps two thousand in the hall rose spontaneously and cheered for fully a minute and a-half, while the place was filled with waving hats. Rarely has such a demonstration been witnessed after a boxing contest. What a tribute it was to the merits of the fighters, and the greatness of their battle.

Don McDonald waited some time to get a hearing, and when the opportunity offered, he said: "Gentlemen, this is one of those contests in connection with which it would be a pity to separate the men. I declare the match a draw."

While many cheered, others roared loudly, but it was ever thus, pleasing everybody is a difficult task, especially where fights are concerned, and a referee's lot is consequently not a happy one. For my part, I thought Jessop won.



L. Daroux, photo.

The bay mare GOVERNESS, by Natator—Mrs Rawdon.



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BOOKINGS.

OPERA HOUSE, AUCKLAND:

April 6, 7, and 8—Westminster Abbey, Glee and Concert Party.
 April 9—Ponsonby Naval Concert
 April 10—Steele-Payne Bellringers.
 April 11 to May 23—Anderson's Dramatic Company
 June 8 to 26—Geo. Musgrove's "Sweet Nell" Company
 June 27 to July 10—Harry Rickards Co.
 December 24 to January 24, 1904—McMahon's Dramatic Company

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE, AUCKLAND

March 16 to April 4—Hawtrey Comedy Company.
 April 13 to May 12—Anderson's Dramatic Company

OPERA HOUSE, WELLINGTON

March 19 to April 9—Miss Fitzmaurice Gill's Company
 April 11 to May 2—J. C. Williamson Co.
 May 4 to 30—Hawtrey Comedy Company
 June 1 to 13—Rickards' Company
 June 17 to July 3—Musgrove Company

THEATRE ROYAL, CHRISTCHURCH

April 11 to 25—Miss Fitzmaurice Gill's Company
 April 27 to May 9—Musgrove Company

PRINCESS THEATRE, DUNEDIN

April 11 to 25—Musgrove Company
 May 2 to 11—Rickards' Company
 May 30 to June 13—McMahon's Dramatic Company

HIS MAJESTY'S, DUNEDIN.

May 17 to 24—J. C. Williamson's Opera Company
 April 27 to May 7—Miss Fitzmaurice Gill's Company

OPERA HOUSE, WANGANUI.

April 11 to 18—Hawtrey Company
 June 6 to 10—Musgrove Company
 June 18 to 20—Rickards' Company

OPERA HOUSE, HAWERA.

March 25 and 26—J. C. Williamson
 June 22—Rickards' Company

THEATRE ROYAL, NEW PLYMOUTH.

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 April 8 and 9—Anderson's Dramatic Company
 June 24 and 25—Rickards' Company

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 and THEATRE ROYAL, Wellington.

Managers and secretaries of theatres in New Zealand would do well to keep the list of booking that is published at the head of this column up to date. Unless the dates booked at the various theatres are sent regularly the object of the column is entirely useless. If posted regularly it would prove of great value to managers looking for dates in New Zealand, and would save much annoyance and waste of time. A post-card or wire to "Amicus," "Review," Auckland, will receive prompt attention.

MR HAWTREY OFF THE STAGE.

If you ever catch Mr W. F. Hawtrey off the stage you will find him one of the pleasantest of mankind, friendly and genial, with just that touch of cynicism that is natural to every man who has made a more than cursory survey of his

fellows. I believe he had rather talk about cricket than of the stage, and yet no man has greater love for his profession than he.

I told him that there was a dark rumour to the effect that a second-rate actor might confidently ask for an engagement with the Hawtrey Company provided that he was a first-class cricketer. "Nothing of the sort, my friend," said Mr Hawtrey, in the best manner of the Baron de Longueville, adding with a mixture of seriousness in his tone, "I certainly would take the cricketer caeteris paribus." And he went on to say, with perfect justice, that the man who has a healthy love for out-door sport is likely to be more reliable on the stage, for several obvious reasons.

Mr Hawtrey was born with an affection for open-air life, and athletics run in his family. His father, the Rev. J. W. Hawtrey, was third master at Eton, and our visitor was born under the wing of Windsor Castle. The reverend gentleman subsequently controlled a big preparatory school, first at Slough, and afterwards at Westgate-on-Sea, and the work is now carried on by the actor's eldest brother Edward, who in 1873 ran a dead-heat for the Varsity three miles. The younger brother Charles is the famous London actor-manager.

Mr W. F. Hawtrey, who was born in 1856, has visited New Zealand four times. The first was in 1880, when travelling round the world with a pupil. On that occasion he ascended Mount Eden, and he has repeated the pious pilgrimage on each subsequent occasion. Between the first and second climb a period of eighteen years elapsed, and from the second to the third there was a span of five years, but Mr Hawtrey declares that the changes wrought appear to have been greater in the shorter space than in the longer. He is much impressed with the signs of progress, not only in Auckland, but all over the colony, and predicts a long continuance of prosperity.

New Zealand just now is one of the finest countries in the world for the theatrical profession, Mr Hawtrey tells me, and for its size there is no better show town than Wellington. And this is paying no bad compliment to Auckland.

Mr Hawtrey is lucky in the composition of his company, and not least so in his business representatives. Mr Leonard Davis, the manager, is the soul of courtesy, and Mr Bentley Young, who goes in advance, is admirably fitted as the herald of a company in which humour and bon-homme play such prominent parts.

MDLLE. DOLORES.

FAREWELL CONCERTS.

The two Song Recitals given by Mdle. Antonia Dolores, at the Choral Hall, last Thursday and Friday, will be long remembered in the annals of the Auckland Musical World. Two more enthusiastic concerts have never been given, both being crowded to excess, and hundreds were unable to gain admission. Throughout the concerts the utmost enthusiasm prevailed, and the famous singer was warmly applauded at the end of her numbers. The performances were a musical treat



MADAM HOOTON, contralto singer with the Westminster Abbey Concert Party.

from first to last, and was immensely enjoyed by the audiences. Mdle. was in perfect voice and sang delightfully all through the long programmes, each evening. Mr. Clarence Newell ably assisted, his accompaniments to Delores' vocal numbers, being perfect in every way. Also, his solos revealed his great talent, and the audience rewarded his efforts by warm applause. Mdle. Dolores will sail from Auckland by the Sonoma, on the 17th April, for Honolulu, where she will give three song recitals. After which the famous French soprano will enter on an extensive tour in California, British Columbia, and the United States of America. During August and September Mdle. Dolores will rest in England, after which she will take up contract with Herr Guttman, a Continental entrepreneur, for concerts in Vienna, Germany, Holland, and probably Russia.

DIX'S GAIETY COMPANY.

Good times are again beaming on Mr. Dix's up-to-date Gaiety Company at the City Hall, several new items are introduced into the programme now submitted, which is composed as follows:—Part I: "Our Rustic Bower" overture, "Medley La Cloche," Gaiety orchestra; the Gilardi Sisters (Beaty and Ivy) in their successful song and dance, "The Gay Vivandiere"; Coon song, "Every Day is a Wedding Day." Mr Geo.

Gardner; Motto song, "My Friend is My Pocket," Miss Annetta Bodin; Mr. Frank York, in his popular song, "Hush-a-By, My Baby"; the Smith Sisters (May and Ethel) in their song and dance, "In Town"; the first part concluding with Mr Frank York's laughable finale, "The Ladder Balancers," which causes much fun and laughter. The second part opens with another first-class selection by the Gaiety orchestra. Then the favourite and most popular Sisters Smith are again seen and heard in some of their vocal and terpsichorean specialities, for which they are accorded warm applause. Mr. Frank Graham delights his hearers with "Eily Mavourneen," and has to usually respond to an encore. The famous Australian Juggler, Arnoldi, does a turn which is much appreciated, he manages to thoroughly mystify the audience by his clever tricks and passes. Mr. Frank York, the Colonial Burnt Cork King, makes fun and laughter by his comic songs and sketches. A very clever and popular turn is given by Mr. Alf. Sherwin, the Mad Musician, as he is billed. The Gilardi Sisters give another of their duets and dances, which earn loud applause. The programme is brought to a close with a display of the Art of Self-defence between Snowy Sturgeon (Champion Welter-weight of Australia), and Fred Turner, of London. The exhibition is watched with keen interest by the large audience, who waited to the bitter end to see the whole performance.



THE STEELE-PAYNE BELLRINGERS, now touring the Waikato.

Our Christchurch Dramatic correspondent writes:—The Williamson Musical Comedy Co. produced "The Belle of New York" as a final attraction. The Oswald Dramatic Co. has been playing at the Opera House this week, under the Fullers' management. The opening attraction was "Hakri, the Unknown," which has since given place to H. J. Bryon's well-known "Lancashire Lass," with Mr. Oswald as "the party of the name of Johnson." Popular prices rule, and biz is alright. Geo. Dean and partner Petherick, are giving their waxwork and vaudeville show at the Oddfellows' Hall. The "Sherlock Holmes" Co. is billed to play a return season here very shortly. They will put on "Secret Service," and (we all hope), revive their admirable "Sherlock Holmes" drama. On Monday (24th), Frank M. Clark and Co. open for a six night season at the Royal, in "Muldoon's Ball" and "The Rehearsal," at "people's prices." Frank M. is great on "Muldoon" farces.

The two years absence of Messrs. Fitzgerald Brothers' shows have created quite a thirst for novelties of this class, judging by the patronage this combination has received in the South. New horses, new artists, new animals, are the rule, and are spoken of by the press as being in advance of anything yet put before the public of New Zealand. The cycle whizz is the leading novelty, and has created a furore wherever it has been presented. This act consists of a track, arranged at an angle of 60 degrees, and measuring 80 laps to the mile, on which the cyclists ride at terrific speed, racing, passing and re-passing, carrying, etc. The show will

open on Saturday next, March 28, and will continue for a period of seven nights, and two afternoon performances will be given. The location will be on the reclaimed ground, Freeman's Bay, which should prove an excellent spot now that the trams are making this point one of their stopping-places.

The Steele-Payne Bellringers have arranged the following date for the Waihati tour:—Rotorua, March 26 and 27; Cambridge, March 28 and 30; Te Aroha, March 31; Karangahake, April 1 and 2; Waihi, April 3 and 4; the Paeroa and Thames to follow.

Miss Fitzmaurice Gill's Company is at present playing at the Opera House, Wellington. After leaving Auckland the company played New Plymouth, Stratford, Hawera, Wanganui, and Feilding to big business. In these towns the company put on "Man to Man," "The Christian," and "The Sign of the Cross." Miss Gill has several new attractions, which will be produced shortly.

The Steele-Payne Bellringers, who have been playing in the smaller towns of the North Island with much success, are now touring the Waikato district. They will return to Auckland and give a sacred concert on Good Friday night.

An exchange says:—Mr Allan Hamilton describes the farce "Are you a Mason?" which has been staged by the Broughs at Calcutta with great success, as a "screamer," which eclipses "Charley's Aunt." Mr. J. C. Williamson holds the Australian rights of the piece, and intends producing it at the Palace Theatre, Sydney, at Easter.

The Westminster Abbey Glee and Concert Party, who are to visit Auckland, is representative of the original body, and was selected by the organiser, Mr Edward Branscombe, not only for their excellence as solo vocalists of assured position in England, but noted also for that perfection of blend, sympathy and expression in ensemble singing, which is so difficult to attain or to find, and which stamps the but men of eclectic taste, artistic polish, and refinement.

These delightful singers will appear at Abbott's Opera House, in a secular programme, on April 6, 7, 8. Assisting them will be Madame Marie Hooton, the eminent and charming London contralto, and Mr. Dudley Causton, one of London's most celebrated humorous entertainers, also Mr. Percy Coward, who sings alto. He was the favourite Alto Soloist of our late Queen, at St. George's Chapel Windsor Castle. This combination has just concluded a tour over 180 concerts in Canada and the United States, where enormous popular enthusiasm was aroused by the delightful programmes of old English glees, madrigals, and catches, together with the national ballads of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales.

Miss Lizzie Kirk and Mr Frank Leon, two artistes well known in New Zealand, were appearing at two London halls on February 9, namely, the London, Shore-ditch, and the Metropolitan, Edgeware road.

Worth Bros., circus and managerie are due at Melbourne on the 28th inst. They have greatly added to their menagerie. Among their new purchases are four lions, two bears, and six baboons; and Mons. Ragoul, the lion tamer, is preparing an act which will include three lions, a dog, a pony, and a goat; it is expected to be more sensational than the famous tiger act.

From an Exchange we learn that "The greatest organ in the world has just been installed in the cathedral at Seville. It was built by a Spaniard, Senor Aguilino Amezua, and is of truly gigantic dimensions. There are four metal flute stops, each 16ft long, such as no other organ in Europe possesses. It is also the only organ which has bass-bourbons which give thirty-two vibrations a second and produce a deeper tone than the organ in Muscia, which has hitherto been the deepest-toned organ in the world. There are altogether 200 independent stops and five bellows worked by electricity. The cost was £6400.

M. Robert Planquette, the celebrated composer of opera-bouffe, died suddenly at his residence, Boulevard Periere, Paris, at the age of 54. M. Planquette was a Parisian, and, after one year passed at the Conservatoire, his talent asserted itself in the composition of popular melodies. His real debut, however, was "Les Cloches de Corneville," which had a run of 400 nights at the Folies Dramatiques, and has been playing continuously in England for the last 27 years. M. Planquette, who was born in Paris in July, 1850, and educated at the Paris Conservatorium under Duprato, is known not only by the opera named, but also by "Rip van Winkle," "Paul Jones," and "The Old Guard." Among the operettas, besides the above, which have enjoyed much popularity are "Surcouf," "Mamzelle Quat Sous," and "La Cantiniere." The composer became also a regular provider of ballets for the London Alhambra.

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

"A MESSAGE FROM MARS."

The attendance at His Majesty's Theatre was good on Monday evening when the Hawtrey Comedy Company revived Ganthony's clever play "A Message from Mars." The revival met with warm approbation, and, as on the first production of the play here, a genuinely meritorious performance was presented. "A Message from Mars" is a play that should not be missed. The plot is novel and striking, and its untavelling is attended by some excellent scenic effects somewhat out of the ordinary. The dialogue is unusually smart and witty. Mr. Gregan McMahon takes the leading part as Horace Parker, and showed an admirable versatility in his



MR. W. F. HAWTREY.

portrait of the star student and would-be man of science, who is passionately in love with himself, and who even tells his fiancée that he loves her in a "scientific way," and not by any means the least success he achieved was in the quiet-toned awakening of Horace in the last act and the transformation in his character that results. Mr Hawtrey's impersonation of the inventor-tramp was all that could possibly be desired, and was characterised by some really fine acting, in which the tramp showed that if he had seen better days he had also not quite forgotten them. Mr Heggie, in his old part of the Messenger, was as impressive as ever, and nothing could be more natural than the irritating influence such a monotonously cold-blooded moralist has on the nervous sensibilities of a man of the Horace Parker type. Miss Winifred Austin makes a charming Minnie Templar, all her work being natural and graceful, while, as Aunt Martha, Miss Emma Branton's performance is also to be commended highly. Mr C. P. Hammond, as the intruding Mr Dicey, acts well his part. Mr Olly Deering has a light task as a medical practitioner, and all the other minor characters are ably sustained—in fact, the all-round merit of the company is very noticeable, and the mechanical effects and the carol-singing are well managed.

Our Wellington correspondent writes under date March 20.—That Fuller's Entertainers are doing phenomenal business at the Choral Hall for their first week. The place has been packed each night, and headed by that quaint Yorkshire Comedian, Denis Carney, has set the ball rolling in good style. One of his best songs, "Look at me looking at you," is more than a favorite, and his dancing is sure of a big round of applause. The whistling comedian, Jack Steele, is also a very big favorite. The Driscoll Bros. also supply some very neat song and dance work, which is well done. The Phillips Sisters also do double work of the serio order in good style. Dr. Rowe is a conjurer, and if not the best we have seen, he certainly is not the worst we have had forced on us at no very distant date. Cyril Iredale and Miss Annie Ellerslie contribute some excellent ballads. Dix's Gaiety Co. are substituting a musical farce for the first part, in place of the burnt cork circle, and the idea seems to have caught on. On Saturday, Frank May, Irish comedian, makes his first appearance. Frank will draw too, his business never being overdone, his patter clean, and his dancing perfect. Jack Kearns and Geo. Bentley keep the fun going at present, and Ida Rosslyn and little Vera are warm favorites. Jessie Thorne sings some serio-comic songs in her best style, and with Rosie De Vella gave some very clever leg-mania work. The remaining numbers are creditably given. Frank Thornton closed a fairly successful season on Wednesday last. To-night is the opening of the Fitzmaurice Gill Coy. at the Opera House, with "Man to Man." The booking has been very good so far, and a good season should ensue. The Wellington dates for Mark Hambourg concert season are 4th, 6th, 7th, and 8th of July.

STAGE DOOR NOTES.

Fitzgerald Bros'. Circus opens for a season of seven nights on Saturday next.

An attractive programme is drawing good houses at the City Hall.

Mr Bert Royle will reside permanently in New Zealand to look after Mr J. C. Williamson's interests.

The Majeroni Dramatic Company is doing good business on the West Coast of the South Island.

Auckland friends of Miss Violet Mount will learn with interest that the young soprano has been selected as soloist for St. Patrick's, Sydney.

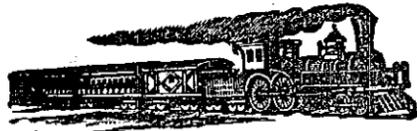
The New Plymouth Amateur Opera Club gave two performances of "Les Cloches de Corneville" during last week, which were a great success.

The Steele-Payne Bellringers, who are touring the Waikato at present, and whose photo we give in our present issue, are having a very successful time, after an absence of two and a-half years. The company have been strengthened since their last visit, by the inclusion of Miss Maude Payne (of the original Payne family), and Miss Agnes Rahilly, vocalist and elocutionist (champion gold medalist of Ballarat South Street Competitions). The Hawke's Bay "Herald" says of these two ladies:—"Miss Maude Payne met with an enthusiastic reception on her reappearance after several years, and her violin solo, "Fantasia on American Airs," proved that her hand had lost none of its skill, and her playing of the "Moving Bird" stamped her as a finished artiste. Miss Agnes Rahilly, an artist new to these parts, but whose fame has preceded her, as a singer of coon songs, made a big hit with "Honey stay in your own Back Yard" and this was deepened by her dramatic rendering of the recital "Woman of Mumbles Head," and generally proved herself a decided acquisition to the Company. Auckland music-lovers will have the pleasure of hearing this talented Company in one of their Grand Sacred Concerts, at Abbott's Opera House, on Good Friday Night.

From Paris comes the announcement of the death of M. Robert Planquette, the composer of "Les Cloches de Corneville." M. Planquette was in his fifty-third year.



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REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

The Autumn Meeting of the Avondale Jockey Club will take place on April 25th and 29th. Nominations for the Avondale, Autumn, Steeplechase, and Railway Handicaps are due on Friday, March 27th, at 9 p.m. General entry night will be on Friday, April 3rd.

General entries for the various events to be run for at the big Autumn Meeting of the Auckland Racing Club are due to close with Mr Wm. Percival, secretary, on Friday, March 27.

Nominations for the various events to be decided at the Winter Meeting of the Takapuna Jockey Club, which takes place on May 16 and 20, are due with Mr R. Wynyard, the secretary, on Friday, April 24, at 9 p.m. Handicaps for the first day's racing will appear on May 1.

Nominations for the various handicap events to be decided at the Autumn Meeting of the Wellington Racing Club, which takes place on April 23 and 25, will close with the secretary, Mr J. F. Clark, on Monday, March 30, at 10 p.m. Weights for the first day's events are due on April 15.

Entries for the Wanganui Guineas to be run at the Spring Meeting, 1904, and for the Jackson Stakes to be decided at the Autumn Meeting, 1905, close with Mr Moffatt, the secretary of the Wanganui Jockey Club, on Monday, April 20th, at 9 p.m.

The Winter Meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club takes place on May 21 and 22. Nominations for the various events are due with Mr F. Moffatt, the secretary, on Monday, April 20, at 9 p.m. Handicaps are due to make their appearance on or about Friday, May 8, and acceptances must be in by May 15.

RACING CALENDAR

NEW ZEALAND.

FIXTURES

March 27 and 28—Reefton J.C. Autumn
April 1 and 2—Southland R.C. Autumn
April 1 and 2—Nelson J.C. Annual
April 11, 13, and 14—Auckland R.C. Autumn
April 11 and 13—Wairarapa R.C. Autumn
April 13 and 14—C.J.C. Autumn
April 13—Beaumont J.C. Annual
April 13—Patea R.C. Annual
April 13 and 14—Kumara R.C. Autumn
April 13 and 14—Feilding J.C. Autumn
April 22 and 23—South Canterbury J.C. Autumn
April 23 and 25—Wellington R.C. Autumn
April 25 and 29—Avondale J.C. Autumn
May 2 and 6—Auckland Trotting Club.
May 14 and 15—Ashburton County R.C. Autumn
May 16 and 20—Takapuna J.C.
May 21 and 22—Wanganui J.C. Winter.

NOMINATIONS.

March 27—Auckland R.C. Autumn, general entries
March 27—C.J.C. Autumn, general entries
March 27—Avondale J.C. Autumn
March 30—Wellington R.C. Autumn
April 2—Avondale J.C. Autumn (general entries)
April 6—Feilding J.C. Autumn, Maiden Hack and Final Stewy
April 17—Auckland Trotting Club.
April 20—Wanganui J.C. Winter.
April 24—Takapuna J.C.

WEIGHTS DECLARED.

March 28—Beaumont J.C. Annual
March 30—Feilding J.C. Autumn
March 30—Avondale J.C. Autumn
March 31—Kumara R.C. Autumn
April 3—C.J.C. Autumn, first day
April 6—Avondale J.C. Autumn
April 2—Wairarapa R.C. Autumn
April 13—C.J.C. Autumn, second day
April 15—Wellington R.C. Autumn
April 20—Avondale J.C. Autumn
May 1—Takapuna J.C.
May 8—Wanganui J.C. Winter.

ACCEPTANCES.

March 27—C.J.C. Autumn, Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps
March 27—Auckland R.C. Autumn, Easter Handicap and First Hurdles
March 28—Southland R.C. Autumn
April 2—Patea R.C. Annual
April 3—Auckland R.C. Autumn
April 4—Beaumont J.C. Annual
April 6—Feilding J.C. Autumn
April 7—Wairarapa R.C. Autumn
April 8—Kumara R.C. Autumn
April 9—C.J.C. Autumn, first day
April 10—Avondale J.C. Autumn
April 13—C.J.C. Autumn, second day
April 18—Wellington R.C. Autumn
April 20—Avondale J.C. Autumn
May 8—Takapuna J.C.
May 15—Wanganui J.C. Winter.

SUBSCRIPTION.

March 27—C.J.C. Autumn Eleventh Challenge Stakes

FORFEITS.

March 27—C.J. J. Autumn Champagne Stakes

FINAL PAYMENTS.

April 9—C.J.C. Autumn, Champagne Stakes, Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps
April 11—Auckland R.C. Autumn, Champagne Stakes and Easter Handicap
April 13—Auckland R.C. Autumn, Century Stakes and St. George's Handicap
April 20—Wellington R.C. Autumn, New Zealand St. Leger Stakes and North Island Challenge Stakes

Sporting and Dramatic REVIEW

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THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1903.

Sporting Topics.

(By "The Judge.")

Sir Austral, a son of St. Leger and Ouida, and one of Mr Morrin's breeding at Wellington Park, met with fatal injuries at Port Adelaide on Saturday week.

The grave of Bend Or has been planted with crocus bulbs so arranged as to spell his name, and the spot where he dropped dead in Eaton Park is to be marked by an oak post.

Maid of Honour was by no means a bad name for Mr Teague's mare, so that it is not easily apparent why it should be changed to Melba. Having done so, however, it does seem rather absurd to make another change almost immediately to Dolores. Neither of these new names are particularly apt for a mare claiming Freedom and Scotch Mist as parents.

Owners must not forget that nominations for the Avondale, Autumn, Steeplechase, and Railway Handicaps, to be run at the approaching Autumn Meeting of the Avondale Jockey Club, are due to close with Mr H. H. Hayr, the secretary, at the club's offices to-morrow, Friday, the 27th inst., at 9 p.m.

Having some time ago suggested in these columns that Melodeon would be a very suitable name for the Medallion—Melodia colt, I am very pleased to see that the winner of the Juvenile Handicap at Hawke's Bay has been christened so by Mr Watts.

While having a chat with E. H. Ames some time ago, the American horseman told me that he intended to try his luck in India. That he has been successful may be gauged from the fact that he recently refused a retaining fee of 4000 rupees in that country.

Mr Mainwaring, handicapper for the Liverpool Jockey Club, gave Seahorse top weight (9st) in the Liverpool Spring Cup. On seeing the handicap Mr Gollan promptly scratched the ex-Auckland for the event.

A very unfortunate incident happened at the Papakura Races on Saturday, at least, unfortunate for one person. The club sold the rights for the entrance gates, and the buyer, owing to the well-filled excursion train, had every chance of recouping himself for his outlay. These hopes were rudely dispersed on the arrival of the train at Papakura, which by some oversight passed the proper entrance and pulled up alongside a blackberry ditch, surmounted with a barbed wire fence, which enclosed the racecourse. Naturally the passengers, seeing no other way of entrance, essayed to climb over, through, or under the barbed wire fence, much to the damage of coats, dresses, etc., never, of course, dreaming to look for the man at the gate waiting for his shilling. One can imagine the feelings of the enterprising gentleman who paid for the privilege of collecting the said shillings when he saw several hundred people scaling the boundaries of the race enclosure. The purchaser is now anxiously waiting to see the outcome of the little episode, as to which of the two, the railway officials or the club, do the right thing.

Mr S. H. Gollan's Seahorse was made favourite at 3 to 1 for the Maiden Hurdle Race at Kempton Park on January 30, but was interfered with when Mount Judkin fell, and finished a long way behind the placed horses. The race went to Lord Carnarvon's Preen, who was the second favourite. Major George's old favourite made amends at the Gatwick March meeting, where he won the Brook Maiden Hurdle Race, over two miles. Such a pronounced stayer as the son of Nelson and Moonga has proved himself to be should certainly pay his way at the illegitimate game.

Mr A. J. Gibbs writes from Gore as follows:—"Your Wellington correspondent, in writing re Otago handicapping, says: 'At the present time the whole of the inland clubs are merely dependent on amateur handicappers.' Your correspondent also advocates the 'employment of Mr J. H. Pollock.' For the information of your readers, I have been handicapping for the inland clubs for eight years, and I am not an amateur, and further, have given satisfaction to clubs and horseowners. Your correspondent's friend, Mr J. H. Pollock, may be a good man, but I claim to know more of Otago and Southland horses, and perhaps have had a longer experience on the turf in all its departments than he has."

Evidently from Mr Gibbs' letter it would appear that our Wellington correspondent has been misinformed in the matter of the Otago handicapping, although it is most unusual for him to make any such assertion without verifying his facts in some reliable quarter. The question of appointing a new handicapper for some of the clubs is, I understand, to be shortly gone into, but this should not affect Mr Gibbs in any way, and I am pleased to publish his letter.

A very interesting turn is to be seen every evening at Dix's City Hall, which is well worth seeing by lovers of boxing. This is an exhibition between Snowy Sturgeon, of Australia, and Turvey, of London, who box six very willing rounds. Both men are clever with their hands, and there is no sham about the go, which is a scientific display of the art of self-defence. I understand it is Sturgeon's intention to start classes where boxing and physical culture will be taught. If so, they should soon become popular.

Evening Wonder was shipped across to South Australia the other day to fulfil his engagements at the Onkaparinga Meeting. The Wonderland gelding was placed in the care of one of the ship's hands for the voyage across, and will not have much time to get into fighting trim.

Easter is close at hand, and with it the big Autumn Meeting of the Auckland Racing Club. There are few more attractive gatherings anywhere than this re-union at headquarters, for the extreme heat of the summer is gone, and the weather is generally very pleasant. The bill-of-fare to be discussed is, too, one of great merit, containing such powerful draw cards as the Northern Champagne Stakes, the Easter Handicap, the Century Stakes, the St. George's and the Autumn Handicaps. In addition to these richly-endowed races, there are nineteen other events, and owners will do well to bear in mind that all entries must be lodged with Mr Percival, the secretary, by 9 p.m. to-morrow, Friday, evening. Acceptances for the Easter Handicap and Handicap Hurdles are due at the same time. The full programme is advertised on the front page of this issue, together with particulars of nomination fees, etc.

Owing to Council elections taking place on April 29, it is extremely probable that the Avondale Jockey Club will alter the date of their second day of the Autumn Meeting, originally fixed for the 29th, to Saturday, May 2. On the Wednesday all the cabs and other vehicles will be engaged on electioneering business, and a very large number of people will be disinclined to leave the city who would otherwise be certain to attend the meeting. Under the circumstances, the committee of the club will certainly be serving their patrons' interests, as well as their own, if the concluding day is altered to Saturday, and this is almost certain to be done.

Mr. J. A. Buckland's team of trotters, which arrived from Sydney last week, included the following:—Veronica, Viva, Franz, and Quincey, all of which are by Vanleve; Harkaway and Velvet, by Burlington Junior; and the Champion Fritz, who is matched to trot against the New Zealand champion Ribbonwood. Fritz is in grand form, and his owner is very confident. It is Mr Buckland's intention to dispose of most of the team in New Zealand if buyers can be found. He will, however, retain Viva and Fritz. If the others are not sold they will probably be left in New Zealand under the care of the trainer S. Piper.

It certainly appears strange (says a writer in "Sport") that, in the case of Galopin and Bend Or, two sires which conferred such benefits on the stud, not alone in England, but, indeed, the world over, should both have had their pedigrees called in question as not being accurate. After Bend Or had won his sensational Derby, an objection was laid against him on the ground that he was not the horse he was represented to be, but one called Tadcaster, who, like Bend Or, was a son of Doncaster, but out of Clemence, by Newminster, whereas the dam of Bend Or was Rouge Rose, by Thormanby. The objection engaged the attention of the Jockey Club, who overruled it. Galopin, too, was alleged to have been a different horse from what he was represented. The allegation in the case of the renowned son of Vedette and Flying Duchess was that he was not by Vedette, but by another sire, which was located at the Diss Stud, to which Flying Duchess had been sent to be mated with Vedette. However, John Dawson, who trained Galopin for Prince Batthyany, never entertained the slightest doubt as to the correctness of his pedigree. It may be added that at the time Vedette got Galopin he was seventeen years of age, and Flying Duchess two years older.

The bay horse Good Spec, by Goodbye from Spec, was sold for a very low figure at the Dunedin J.C. Summer Meeting. He has been picking up quite a number of races on the West Coast lately, so that his new owner must have recouped the purchase money several times over—and yet they say "there's nothing in a name."

The Winter Meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club will take place on May 21 and 22, and on looking through the programme advertised in this issue it will be found to contain several very attractive items. On the opening day the most liberally endowed event is the Century Hurdle Race, of 300 sovs, to be run over two miles and a distance. On the second day is the Wanganui Steeplechase, one of the richest stakes in the colony for jumpers. It carries with it 400 sovs, and is run over the Wanganui Steeplechase course, about three miles. These two events should attract the very cream of the "lepping" brigade. There are seven events to be discussed on each day. Nominations must be forwarded to Mr. F. Moffatt on or before Monday, April 20, and it is to be expected that Northern owners will enter freely.

Particulars of the Wanganui Guineas, to be run at the Spring Meeting, 1904, and of the Jackson Stakes, which will be competed for at the Autumn Meeting, 1905, are fully advertised in this issue. Entries for these two rich stakes must be sent in to Mr. F. Moffatt, the secretary of the Wanganui Jockey Club, by Monday, April 20.

Nothing would go down locally for the Napier Cup but Ringman, who was popularly supposed to be a really good thing for the race in question. When, therefore, a telegram came through to say that Mr. Paterson's gelding had only managed to get second place, no one was greatly surprised to find that the dividend was only fourteen shillings. The winner, Tradewind, is a four-year-old chestnut gelding by Sou'-wester from Liniment, and belongs to Mr. E. J. Watt, who also owns that smart colt Melodeon. This son of Medallion picked up the Saplings Stake on the same afternoon.

The Papakura Meeting proved, as I anticipated, a very pleasant function, and the afternoon's outing in the country was much enjoyed by all. The weather proved brilliantly fine, and as a natural consequence the special train to the course was crowded with racegoers. Winners proved fairly easy to find, pronounced favourites getting home in most instances. Mr. E. S. Cole and the committee are deserving of much praise for their efforts to make everything go off successfully.

The Castor-Vivandiere family are a good deal in evidence from time to time in various parts of the colony. On Saturday Bacchus won the big event of the day at Papakura, coming home three lengths ahead of the field. On Tuesday another of the clan in Taukei won the Hurdle Race at Napier Park. It would be interesting to know how much the numerous descendants of the old grey mare have won in stakes. It must run into a pretty big figure.

Sunnos, who scored in both the Hack Hurdle Handicaps at Napier Park, is a five-year-old bay gelding belonging to Mr. N. H. Jeffreys. His name is derived from the somewhat silly method of spelling the sire's name backwards, he being by Somnus from Waitotara.

Tradewind reeled off the mile and a-half at a rare bat at Napier Park in the big race on Tuesday, running the distance in 2min 35 2-5sec. This is a record for the course. The son of Sou'-wester carried the minimum weight, however, which may have had something to do with it.

C. Jenkins, whose portrait appeared in our last issue, had a good time on the opening day at Napier Park, as he scored in no less than five occasions. This was on Taura, Cruesot, Melodeon, Optimist, and Madrigal.

Backers of Ringman in the Napier Park Cup had not long to wait before recovering their losses, as the Castor gelding came home at the head of the field in the Bennett Memorial Stakes, the big event of the second day.

Mr. R. Beckett's The Member trotted a match against Mummell Boy, at Kensington, Sydney, last week, the stake being £50 a side. The New Zealander was allowing four seconds handicap. The betting on the first heat, Mummell Boy was favourite, and he won cleverly in 2min. 36sec. So satisfied were his backers that they laid 5 to 4 on in the second heat, in which he lost ground by breaking, and was beaten quiet three lengths in 2min 31 1/2sec. This result brought about an alteration in the wagering on the final, in which 6 to 4 was laid on The Member, who easily disposed of his opponent in 2min 34 1/2 sec.

The American jockey evidently rules the roost in France, if the following excerpt from the Paris correspondent of London "Truth" be not a trifle exaggerated:—"Owners of racing studs bow low before him and put up with all his whims and (as it seems to them) eccentricities and exactions. The poor English jockey who understands so well his proper station is out in the cold. A Chantilly trainer tells me the American jockey lives fast and dies early. American drinks to suit his taste are now finding their way into all the bars near racecourses. Whisky is the foundation of most of them. If the owner of a stud calls at the cafe of an American jockey to talk to him about a coming race, he may be told that the jockey is playing a game of billiards or otherwise engaged. The visitor has to wait on his convenience. Should the waiter reflect the visitor's impatience, he may be told, 'I want none of that blague. Just let me be, and when I've played my game I'll go to see what he wants.' The game played, the jockey goes to the cafe, says 'How do you do?' sits down at the marble table with him, strikes it with a coin, and calls out, 'I say, waiter, bring a whisky and soda.' He then asks the owner of the racing stable how he can oblige him. If the latter beats about the bush before coming to the point, the American jockey pulls him up with something to this effect. 'Just to save time, I had better tell you that I never bargain, and that my retaining fee is 75,000 francs. Whether you withdraw your horses before the race or not, you pay that fee, and, if you withdraw, I remain free to ride for anyone else. If you are not satisfied, good-day.' The racing man sees that the American jockey has made up his mind, and that it would be useless to attempt to secure his services on lower terms."

It is doubtful if we had a more widely known jockey in the Australian States than Frank Kuhn, who lost his life on March 12 through the accidental discharge of a rifle, says The Town and Country Journal. On the morning of that date Kuhn had been doing business in Sydney, and while in the city was made a present of one of the small rifles which have become so popular, and can be seen in the hands of the youth pretty well all over our State. Kuhn, it appears, was desirous of shooting rats, which were troublesome in his private stable. On the afternoon of the accident the ill-fated jockey had been out for a drive with Mrs. Kuhn, and had to d the boy who looked after the pony to give it a bran mash. With the rifle in hand, loaded, he was out in the yard, and when in the act of giving the boy some instructions on the mixing of the mash, the weapon slipped, and, striking the ground, exploded the cartridge. The ball struck Kuhn just about the navel, and travelling upward inflicted such injury that he died in about two hours afterwards, never having regained consciousness. A native of the State, he was only about 22 years of age, and graduated as a jockey from the ranks of the pony riders. Adopting the crouching, or Tod Sloan, seat, Kuhn became an adept at that style of riding and speedily got to the head of the jockey's list, his services, when not required by his own stable, being in request by all leading owners. Thus he was up in every race of importance, and for the late Mr William Forrester won the Newmarket Handicap on Watchdog, and scored no end of minor handicap wins. In the classic events, he was also very successful, as he won the V.R.O. St. Legger on Grasspan; V.R.O. Oaks, Beanba; Ascot Vale Stakes, Brakpan; A.J.C. Champagne Stakes, Brakpan; V.A.T.C. Debutant Stakes, Hautain; Duff Memorial Stakes, Great Scott; Maribyrnong Plate, Duke of Grafton; and Metropolitan Stakes on San Fran.

An Australian Exchange gives the following amusing account of a hard-up punter's method of betting "on the nod"—A leading bookmaker was approached a few days ago by an acquaintance, many of whose wagers remained in his book unpaid. Accordingly, he told the ambitious backer that even the modest wager of £2 to 10s would have to be on a cash basis. Pleas and promises were alike unavailing. The bookmaker was obdurate, and at last the backer left with the intimation that "anyhow, he'd get the money." Some minutes later the backer returned, wearing the bell-topper that invariably set off his natty costume, but in his shirt sleeves. "Where's your coat?" demanded the bookmaker, as the backer triumphantly proffered a half-sovereign. "Where do you think?" retorted the backer. "You wouldn't give me time to pay, and this is such a dead bird"—he grew earcest—"that I had to pawn it." Hardened though he was to scenes of suffering this was more than the bookmaker could bear, and returning the man his half-sovereign, he booked the wager, and told the man to get his coat. A few days later he was much annoyed when a mutual friend spoke about the backer, and said: "He did a very funny thing the other day. Came into my office and borrowed half-a-sovereign. Then asked me if he could leave his coat there for ten minutes."

LATE RACING.

NAPIER PARK R.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

SECOND HACK HURDLES. One mile and a-half.

Sunnos	1
Benedictine	2
Morpeth	3
Dividends, £2 9s and £3 2s.	

SCURRY HACK HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

Optimist	1
Opal	2
Wairenga	3
Dividend, £2 5s.	

HIGH-WEIGHT HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Shackle	1
Croupier	2
Kowhete	3
Dividends, £2 5s and £1 12s.	

BENNETT MEMORIAL STAKES. One mile and a-quarter.

Ringman	1
Menuera	3
Ballyneety	2
Dividends, £2 4s and 18s.	

TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP. Four and a-half furlongs.

Enna	1
Dividend, £6 3s.	

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES. One mile and three-quarters.

Roseplot	1
Dividend, £1 17s.	

STEWARDS' STAKES HACK HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

Taura	1
Dividend, £1 15s.	

WAVERLEY STAKES. Six furlongs.

Madrigal	1
Mussell	2
Dividends, £1 14s and £1 8s.	

After the Races.

PAPAKURA R.C. ANNUAL MEETING.

The Papakura Racing Club's Annual Meeting was held at Papakura on Saturday last. The weather was beautifully fine, and in consequence attracted a large number of visitors from town. The secretary, Mr. E. S. Cole, and the stewards had all the arrangements in perfect order. Mr. Cutts officiated as starter, and Mr. F. Marks acted as timekeeper and clerk of the scales. Mr. J. S. Rutherford, as judge, was called upon to decide some close finishes, especially for second places. The committee can congratulate themselves on the success and popularity of the meeting, which forms one of the Auckland race-going public's most enjoyable country outings.

The racing throughout was good. The first race, the Maiden Handicap, brought out a field of five. Mr. Harrison's b c Muskerdale was made a very strong favourite, and justified the choice by winning very easily by two lengths from Leo Delaval, Laneros being the same distance away third. Time, 1min 34sec, the betting being 5 to 4 on the winner.

For the Flying Stakes, of five furlongs, four competitors faced the starter. From an uneven start Orange and Blue at once took command, and had no trouble in catching the judge's eye, cantering past in easy style some three lengths ahead of Little Wonder, the time recorded being 1min 8sec. The followers of Mr. Barr's mare had to lay the price of 2 to 1 about their chance, so not much money was made or lost.

A splendid field of ponies met in a six furlong race. Mr. E. D. O'Rourke's ch g The Dodger was selected as favourite at even money. On the fall of the flag Solitary was the first to move, and led to the home bend, where The Dodger put in a strong claim, eventually winning by three lengths, Solitary second, Rapia third. Time, 1min 21sec.

The Papakura Handicap next claimed the attention of all. A field of seven lined up for the mile race. After a lot of delay at the post Mr. Cutts despatched them to an even start. Defender, who was one of the slowest to move at first, got into leading position at the back of the course, and showed prominently at the home bend, where, however, the field got punched. M. Ryan, on Bacchus, who had evidently been waiting, now shot up, and coming down the straight won comfortably by two lengths from Solo and The Needle in the fast time of 1min 47sec. The betting on the winner was 3 to 1.

The Hack Handicap, six furlongs, was won by Muskerdale from a field of five. Mark Ryan was again the winning jockey, this making his third win for the afternoon. A very poor start, of which Muskerdale had the best, allowed him to win in 1min 22sec. The betting was 2 to 1 on the winner.

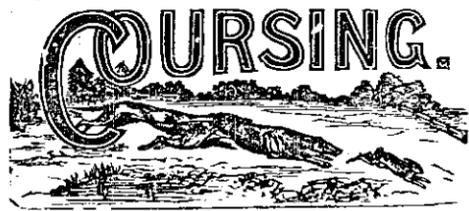
The last race on the programme was the Railway Plate Handicap, of six furlongs, and was a long way the best race of the day. Coma was made favourite. The eight starters were sent on their journey in a splendid line, Mr. Cutts being applauded for his work. Coma and Nereid were leading at the head of the straight, with Solo, Defender, and Bacchus all in close attendance. Within a few lengths of the judge's box Solo came through with a well-timed run, and won a good race by a length from Coma, who was a head in front of Defender, the time being 1min 19 1/2sec. Solo's price in the betting was 3 to 1.

This finished a very enjoyable afternoon's racing, the Auckland visitors reaching town shortly before 7 p.m. well pleased with their outing.

THE AUCKLAND CITY LICENSING ELECTION.

The following is the total result of the Election for the City Licensing Committee—

J. J. Craig	5039
P. E. Cheal	4801
M. Casey	4794
G. Aiken	4674
A. Rosser	4382
W. Richardson	1828



(By "The Judge.")

It is said that hares are becoming very plentiful in the Forty-Mile Bush, and are rapidly increasing in number.

Mr S. Hordern, junr., of Sydney, called on me during the week, and told me that the reason the second shipment of hares did not come to hand by the Union liner Waikare on Monday was the extreme difficulty experienced by Mr Goggin in trapping a sufficient number for a fixed train and steamer. On one day two or three hundred may be secured, but they cannot be kept in captivity, and then the very time they are urgently wanted perhaps not more than a dozen can be captured. The hares are almost certain to arrive on Sunday next.

Mr Hordern is the eldest son of Mr Sam Hordern, the proprietor of the largest mercantile institution in Australasia, and is a comparatively recent addition to the list of coursing men on the other side. He is a coursing partner of Mr H. M. Evans, proprietor of the Sydney "Referee," and is making a tour through New Zealand, together with his brother-in-law, Mr J. See, junr., a son of the New South Wales Prime Minister.

Nominations for the Maiden and All-aged Stakes, to be run at the opening meeting of the North New Zealand Coursing Association are due to close on Monday evening next with Mr Taylor, at the City Club Hotel. The third payment for the Challenge Stakes is due at the same time and place.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

Among the pictures appearing in this issue is one of Tressider, who on Saturday week won the Sculling Championship of Australia. Immense interest was taken in Sydney in the result of the race on the Parramatta River between him and Pearce, the river being simply alive with craft of all sorts and sizes. Tressider has now challenged Towns to row for the Championship of the World.

The Polo sports attracted a goodly crowd to Alexandra Park on Saturday. A photograph shows Mr E. D. O'Rourke, the hon. secretary of the Gymkhana, on his crack polo pony Cinder.

A snapshot taken at Papakura Races on Saturday shows a number of well-known faces in the ring at the old course. One or two fairly well-known horses are also shown, these all having won races at the recent meetings in the Taranaki districts.

Madame Hooton, the eminent contralto, who visits New Zealand with the Westminster Abbey Glee and Concert Party.

The clever little child artist, Vera Kearns, is a very popular singer in New Zealand, and is at present appearing at the Royal Theatre, Wellington, under Mr P. R. Dix's management.

Mr W. F. Hawtrey, the principal of Hawtrey's Comedy Company, at present appearing at His Majesty's Theatre with the fascinating "Message From Mars" as the Tramp. In this particular piece Mr Hawtrey shows one of his best impersonations.

The talented and musical Steele-Payne Family of Bellringers, who are at present touring the towns in the Waikato district, are due to appear in Auckland at Easter. Their coming will be eagerly looked for by the musical public of Auckland.

Inter-Provincial.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, March 24.

Weights for the Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps appeared sharp to the advertised time, and of course have formed the topic of much discussion in sporting circles. Starting off with the Great Easter, it was generally anticipated Mr. Henrys would give Advance close on 11st. A pound under that

weight is very little, but after analysing the performances of the black son of Vanguard, the question arises what is going to beat him. Well, I have carefully looked down the list, and I cannot sort out anything that I would prefer to name at present, as likely to defeat the Champion. Advance carried over 11st in the Wanganui Cup, so with just 13lb in a seven furlong race, even in select company, I feel sure he will beat the opposition. If Pampero were perfectly sound, I would favour his chance. Accounts come from Dunedin that the once brilliant Sprinter is alright again, and if this is so, he will take a lot of beating. Cruciform has last year's win to recommend her, but I do not think she can beat Advance, neither do I think Orloff can. Pallas will have to improve on his latest form to have any chance. I hear he is likely to be reserved for the Great Autumn. St. Denis is nicely weighted, so is Westguard, who generally runs well at Riccarton. Without going fully down the list, I have selected the following lot to supply the winner:—Advance, Pampero, St. Denis, Westguard, Evelyn Wood, and Neil Gwyn, with preference for the first-named. The half dozen I select to furnish the winner of the Great Autumn, are—Cannie Chiel, Lady Lillian, Pallas, Valdimir, The Qvbnnon, and General Symons, with a preference for Lady Lillian.

Acceptances for the two Easter Handicaps are due on Friday. Hon. J. D. Ormond is without a representative in the big Handicaps at Riccarton at Easter. All sportsmen would welcome another good one to represent the all Cerise.

Step Dancer and King Stork ran a mile and a-quarter on Saturday, in 2min 17sec. Pallas joined in at the nine furlongs post. In a good brush home, Step-dancer held an advantage from King Stork. Cannie Chiel accomplished two sound gallops last week, one over a mile and a-quarter, and the other over a mile and a-half.

Tercelet left for Blenheim on Thursday, to race in the Marlborough Cup. I do not think the Claranald colt can beat Volley, who must have regained her best form.

Buckland's team of trotting horses, seven in number, reached Riccarton on Friday, and are located at Pierces. It is thought by those who have seen Fritz many times, that the Australian Champion is not looking as well as could be wished, but this is probably due to the effects of the voyage over from Sydney. Ribbonwood is at present favourite or the big match, and is likely to remain so up to the day. A full brother to Fritz is a handsome colt. The two-year-old colt, Quincy, is also a fine youngster, and will compete in the Juvenile Stakes.

Cannie Chiel is one of the fancied candidates for the Great Autumn Handicap. He is standing well up to his work, and if he only manages to thrive on the hard going, should be among the leaders at the finish of that event.

Lady Lillian, who had been doing splendidly in her work, met with a slight mishap one day last week. By some means the mare picked up a nail, but it is not thought that any serious injury will result.

Welbeck is putting in some fast work, and is going along all right. On Saturday he ran six furlongs by himself in 1min 20sec, easing up towards the finish.

Delarey is showing plenty of pace in his gallops. He is evidently a smart colt, and should add more stake-money to the credit of Seaton Delaval before the season closes.

Dundas has been thrown out of work, and is at present running in a paddock. The Stepniak mare, Scylla, is moving along, and appears to have recovered from the effects of the accident she met with in the Spring.

The Nelson-Moonga mare, Zealous, won the Oxford Cup, on March 17, beating Narcissus 9st 13lb, and Clytie 9st 8lb. Zealous carried 9st 5lb, and after a punishing finish just defeated Narcissus by a head. Nell Gwyn followed up her recent successes by scoring another win at Oxford. The highly-bred Captain Webb filly, made no race of the Stewards' Handicap, winning by five lengths, pulling up in 1min 18sec. Narcissus and Metallic were second and third. Nell Gwynne is in the Great Easter, having 6st 6lb, and she is a smart mare. Secret Society scored a double victory at Waimate, winning the St. Patrick's Handicap and Harvest

Handicap, in big races. Secret Society carried 8st 5lb, and beat Bulawayo, 7st 10lb, Stelma 8st., finishing third, and in his second race Secret Society carried 9st 9lb, and beat St. Monica, 8st 7lb, Stelma, 8st 10lb, again occupying third place. Secret Society won both events in easy fashion, not being asked to extend himself in the Harvest Handicap.

Covenant Maid would probably have won a double at Waimate had she got away with the field in the Welter Handicap. After getting left several lengths at the start, the mare just failed to catch Miss O'Connell. In the Studholme Stakes, Covenant Maid had an easy win, the opposition being only moderate.

Skobeloff started in the Oxford Cup but, although he ran well for a mile, he quite failed to pace it with the leaders in the last two furlongs. Cannonshot won a couple of races at the Allford Forest meeting last week.

Canteen was scratched at 1.10 p.m. on Friday, for the Great Easter and Autumn Handicaps.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington, March 23.

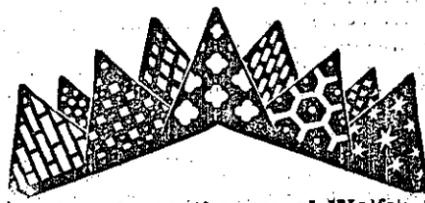
At the kind invitation of the officials of the Horowhenua Racing Club, I assisted at their annual fixture, held on St. Patrick's Day. The executive, with commendable energy, some six months ago purchased seventy acres of land within half-a-mile of the Levin railway station, and by the date of their meeting had a first-rate course laid out, together with a grandstand, weighing, jockeys', and secretary's room that would not discredit many older clubs. The course is oval-shaped and nearly one mile in circumference. Those who attended the meeting enjoyed a real good day's sport. The officials of the club apparently thoroughly understood their duties; there was not even a protest to disturb the harmony of the meeting. Events were started on time by the well-known starter, Mr "Charley" O'Connor, so that visitors were enabled to easily catch the train. The racing was an improvement on what is usually seen at hack meetings, some well-bred animals being engaged. H. Fletcher, who trains on the Porirua beach, had a well-deserved win for the patrons of his stable, winning six out of eight events, with Catspaw, Trial; Betsy, Flying, and St. Patrick's Handicap; Dauber, Hurdles; Bluespur, Shorts; and Lisonia, the Park Stakes. The somewhat erratic Benefactor, who won the Cup, was ridden a nice race by Carmont, and just pipped that unlucky mare Lifebelt, on the post. Betsy and Levonnia are evidently regaining form, and should score again very shortly.

Prosser's stable was represented by Position, Hamus, Exmoor, and Ora, but a couple of seconds was their share of the prize-money. As the weights apportioned them were not prohibitive, it is evident that the Porirua stable contains some moderate animals, as well as champions.

Mr Tilly, of Wanganui, brought a team to the meeting consisting of Midia II, Mai Mia, and Handsome Rose, but like Prosser he also went home empty handed.

The Masterton meeting took place on the 19th and 20th in beautiful weather. The Opaki racecourse is situated too far from Masterton to suit the bulk of the general public, and the attendance in consequence suffers. The fixture is, however, a favourite one with racing men, and good sport is the rule. A number of the officials are men who have owned and raced horses. Messrs A. W. Cave, J. Macara, C. Vallance, A. G. Pilmer, and others on the executive have little to learn in racing matters, and well managed and honest racing can always be enjoyed on the Opaki course.

The class of horses engaged were only moderate, Plaidie, Tikarawa, Governess, Shrapnel Shell, and Narcotic being a cut above the average, whilst Hately, La Torpedo, and Waikakatio are capable of being greatly improved. The ancient Volley, who is now trained by "Bob" Kingan, was in nice trim, and favoured by a light impost easily annexed the principal event. Benefactor, fresh from his Horowhenua victory, was obviously sore, and could not act on the hard going. Plaidie, I think, also found the going unsuitable,



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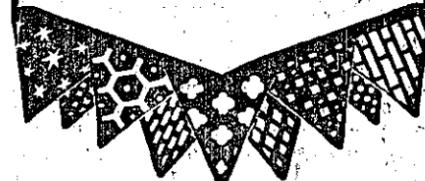
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and ran better on the second day, when the track was in good order, owing to there having been a heavy rainfall during the night.

Tikarawa, although suffering from a bruised heel, ran two good races, and with care should prove a very useful slave to his owner. Narcotic (a nice stamp of a gelding) looks somewhat light, and was unlucky in getting interfered with on both days. The Taranaki mare Governess was also unlucky, inasmuch as her rider, when apparently winning the March Handicap nicely, eased up, allowing Pure Silver to snatch the race in the last few strides. Platypus and Monganus, who were favourably treated in the matter of weight, had the settlement of the principal event on the second day to themselves. The former showed great improvement on her first day's form, winning comfortably.

A pair of ancients, Sentry and Rebel, were raced at the meeting, but their mentors will require to find even worse company to enable them to pay training expenses.

Ostiak is indeed a most expensive animal for his owners. For the third time he has just missed securing a good stake. In the C.J.C. Winter Cup Mr Paterson's mare Waiwhera just beat him, at Wanganui Heroism, the property of D. O'Brien, caused him to strike his colours, and at Hastings Paterson's representative Ringman was the cause of his downfall.

Mr T. R. McDonald, the recently-elected Wellington Racing Club's steward, evidently intends to rouse his fellow stewards up to a proper sense of their duties to the racing public. Already at his instigation a committee has been formed to wait upon the Government re a railway from the Lower Hutt to the Hutt Park racecourse by way of White's line, the club to pay interest on the cost, and also guarantee a certain revenue in the way of fares. The committee are to report early next month.

OTAGO.

March 21st.

The Gore Racing Club held their Autumn Meeting on the 17th and 18th, but were unfortunate in having bad weather on both days, which considerably interfered with the attendance. In fact, the club have a just grievance against Jupiter Pluvius and his watering pot, as on turning over the records for the past ten years I find that out of twenty meetings held during the period only six have been held in fine weather. All the other fixtures have been got off during wet or threatening weather, and threatening weather has probably as had an effect on fair weather sports as any other brand. During the two days of the

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recent meeting the sum of £3,202 was put through the machines, which amount was a shrinkage of £1,400 on last year's take. The racing on the first day was only fairly interesting, but on the second day some good racing was witnessed, and some close finishes were fought out. The North Island-bred gelding Southerly Buster got away with the hurdle race in good style, and apparently is much better at Gore, where he is trained, than at any other meeting to which he has to travel.

The Fitz Hercules gelding Ardnarff won the Gore Cup from Sirius, Pellet, and Victor, with a bit to spare, but meeting Sirius on 8 lbs. worse terms over a shorter course, on the second day, he succumbed to the Dreadnought gelding by a long neck after a good race. Sirius' win was due firstly to the excellent riding of J. M. Comb, who kept his mount on Ardnarff's quarter coming down the running, and after "kidding" to be hard at his horse until a few strides from the post, he then got to work in "real earnest," and got up and won. Sirius was short of a gallop on the first day, as since the Wingatui Meeting, when he jarred one of his hind pasterns, he has not been able to do a great deal of work on the track.

Red Ronald, who was got by the Dunedin Cup winner Occident out of Red Ensign, scored a double on the first day, and has greatly improved since competing at Tapanui and Lawrence. He is a half brother of the speedy Red Lancer who now appears to be a light of other days.

Avenue, the North Island bred gelding by Drury Lane, won the President's Handicap, a four-furlong flutter got off on the second day. He just managed to squeeze home from Rawmore by a short head.

Amongst the starters at Gore was the black gelding Victor who was bred in Victoria and got by Wellington (son of Panic) out of Little Louie, a mare got by the Yattendon horse Hercules. Victor was bred, by Mr. J. C. Manifold in Victoria, and has some very good performances to his credit in Victoria. His last two wins were in jumper's flat race at Caulfield, and a hurdle race at the same place. In the first event, which was run over a mile and three furlongs, he won with 9.9 on his back in 2 min. 28. 3-4th sec., from King Pin, 9.13, Aesop 9.9, and nine others. In the hurdle race he had 11., and beat Scutum 10.12, Aesop 9.5, and 11 others over 2 miles 1 furlong and 64 yards in 4 mins. 11 secs. Both of these performances read well, and Victor should make a welcome addition to our list of hurdlers. He is a whole black in colour, with the exception of a white hind pastern, and stands about 15.3. He shows a lot of quality, and galloped with plenty of determination, but was very backward, and after his race in the Cup he was considerably distressed. He is trained by C. A. Ward, who has also Phaetonitis, Ficket, Shotgun, Trentbridge, Southerly Buster and Wedlock in his stable. Ward tells me he will in all probability shift his team to Dunedin in the near future, and will probably fix on Wellington as his headquarters. Ward was well known as a gentleman rider, and won many races over country prior to adopting the training of horses. He also served with one of the New Zealand contingents during the South African campaign.

Tugela, who is fairly well known up north as First Light, scored over a moderate lot in the Croydon Handicap, 7 furlongs, and was followed home by Sarchedon, the three-year-old son of Castor and Lady Peer. Sarchedon gave me the idea that he has turned cunning by the way he raced at the meeting, and it would probably improve him if he were gelded.

At the conclusion of the first day's racing at the Gore Meeting the final heat of the Gore Trotting Cup, which was ordered to be re-run under the original handicap by the New Zealand Trotting Association, was got off, and was won easily by Fichu who paced 2 min. 30. 2-5th sec. for the mile. This must be considered a very good go, as the track was heavy and cut up by the racing which had taken place during the day. Only Fichu, Baxter, and Bob E.T. started. George L., who won the heat the first time it was run but was objected to on the ground that the Club had no right to re-handicap the horses after com-

peting in the first heats, was withdrawn, and Lexey and Boldwood were also struck out. It will be remembered that the Club re-handicapped the placed horses in the first two heats, although there was nothing mentioned on the official programme which gave them power to do so, and when George L. won he was protested against, and the Trotting Association upheld the appeal. It is an important decision to clubs, and they should make a note of the fact when drawing up their programmes in future.

Whilst at Gore I made the acquaintance of the 'chaser Polly, who is one of the horses attached to Hyland's circus. Mr. Hyland kindly had the mare stripped, and also showed me another 'chaser of lesser note. Polly looks a good sort of a mare, and stands about 15.3, and she and the other horse (who is a raking big bay gelding badly affected with string halt) will probably be nominated for the forthcoming Riverton Steeplechases. Polly has won several cross country events in the back blocks of Australia, and is likely to pick up a small stake or two in New Zealand, as Mr. Hyland informs me he intends making a lengthy stay in this colony.

Evening Wonder left for South Australia a few days back to fulfil his engagements at the Onkaparinga Meeting. Nobody accompanied the horse, and he was sent away in charge of one of the ship's hands. As the meeting takes place on April 13th the Wonder-land gelding will not have too much time to get in order for his racing.

Dunedin, March 24

The Dunedin-owned horses who claim engagements in the C.J.C. Easter and Autumn Handicaps have nothing to complain of on the score of treatment by the weight adjuster, with the exception of Canteen, who got more than he deserved in both races, and had the pen put through his name. Pampero has been favourably treated in both races, and fit and well he would take a lot of beating in whatever race was selected for the son of St. Clair. At present he is doing useful work on the track, and moving soundly enough. On the firm displayed by Vladimir at the New Zealand Cup Meeting he is also given a chance to distinguish himself, and should run a good horse in the short race. Petrovna remains healthy and well, and must have a great say with her burden on her form at the last Wellington meeting. Red Gauntlet is a favourite of mine. He is gradually thickening out, and improving in his staying powers, and I would not put winning the Easter beyond his compass. Blazer has dropped in the estimation of the handicapper, and if he could regain some of his old time brilliancy he would keep the opposition extremely busy. A few days before the last Dunedin Meeting he jarred one of his joints and had to be eased in his work, but still managed to run decently. Tsaritzza is nicely treated, but has a penchant for breaking blood vessels in the head, which makes one stand off her chance. Sirius, the Dreadnought horse, who makes up the Otago lot figuring in the race, lacks the necessary brilliancy which is wanted by a horse likely to score in such a race. He is slightly amiss at present owing to having jarred one of his hind pasterns, but would give a good account of himself in the Autumn if his preparation had not been interfered with. Pampero reads well in the Autumn, and on paper I would stand him to win outright, but it is advisable to wait and see how he stands up to his work before putting any bullion on to his chance. Two others in the race for whom I have a fancy are General Symons and Lady Lillian.

Canteen will probably be treated to a spell. There is nothing wrong with the horse, but it is deemed advisable to spell him before next season.

Amongst the yearlings sold in Melbourne recently was a colt by Eminence (son of Bill of Portland and Emmie, the dam of Beanba, H. loise, and Emr) out of Cuirassina the daughter of Cuirassier and the Traducer mare Rosarina. Cuirassina was at one time owned by Mr. Bridger when that gentleman resided in Southland, and the filly raced several times in this colony without losing her maiden stakes. The colt mentioned realised 115 guineas, which must be considered a good figure, considering the prices brought by other well-bred youngsters who changed ownership at the same sale.

Echoes of the Week.

During their visit to Auckland, the members of the Grand Lodge of Oddfellows put up at the Royal Hotel, and on leaving they presented the proprietor with the following very gratifying testimonial:—"Auckland, March 20, 1903. To Mr Percy Isaac, proprietor Royal Hotel: We, the undersigned officers and members of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows of New Zealand, in session at Auckland, have very much pleasure in testifying to the excellent accommodation at the Royal Hotel, and to the very superior appointments thereof. The courtesy and attention of Host Isaac and his well-trained staff of servants has been beyond praise. We would recommend the Royal to any travellers or tourists coming to Auckland.—Alexander Small, J.P., Otaki; D. M. Miller, Dunedin; Thomas Crawley, Invercargill; John M. Aitken, Invercargill; Geo. Crichton, Greymouth; Wm. Reid, Dunedin; J. H. Hinton, Dunedin; A. France, Palmerston North; J. Ormiston, Oamaru; Robert Down, Timaru; John Swap, Otautau; J. S. Rutter, Wellington; James Pattison, Dunedin."

In an article descriptive of a recent visit to Auckland, contributed to a Chicago medical journal, Dr. Lydston, of the University of Illinois, pays some high compliments to the medical staff, but from what follows it is within the range of possibility that he may be indulging in the gentle art of "leg-pulling." He remarks that the general Hospital is surrounded by a number of "handsome pavilions," one of which is devoted to infectious diseases. A "handsome pavilion," indeed.

The senior member for Dunedin, Mr Bedford, who is described by an admiring lady poet in the Otago "Daily Times" as "boyish and fair, with a boyish candour of speech," has been taking a hand at the Hen Convention, where he delivered himself as follows:—"To-day they had a majority of the people of the colony behind them—(applause)—and it was always an easy matter to fight a winning battle. People were always ready to join in a winning fight, and probably we should find Mr Seddon and his followers Prohibitionists before long."

The Premier makes the following notification in last week's "Gazette":—"Notice is hereby given to importers of wines and to New Zealand vinticulturists and wine manufacturers, that it is the intention of the New Zealand Government to introduce during next session of Parliament a Bill prohibiting the sale of adulterated wines, whether imported or manufactured in New Zealand. The proposed measure will be to some extent similar to the law on the subject of wine adulteration now in existence in Australia." This is a measure that ought to be welcomed by Mr Robert French, who has more than once expressed himself strongly on the subject of adulteration.

Reviewing the Premier's speech at Napier, in which the Right Honorable gentleman threatened to bring in a Bill to give preference to Unionists, the Dunedin "Times" says:—"The non-unionist, as well as the unionist, has his rights, and among them is that of determining for himself, in the exercise of his individual liberty, whether he shall join a trade union or not. It would be an absolute act of tyranny on the part of the State to declare that unless he joined a union he would be debarred from following his trade. To make matters worse, the proposal to give unionists a statutory preference is an attempt to coerce a majority. For, although the stir which the unionists make might justify the impression that they form the bulk of the factory workers, they are in reality outnumbered by the non-unionists in the proportion of two to one, if not even of three to one. In some trades the proportion of unionists to the actual number employed is so small that request for preference in cases that have come at their instance before the Arbitration Court has been an act of presumption so marked that the Court has declined to include in its award the usual clause providing, where other things are equal, that unionists shall have priority of employment."

The mail brings particulars concerning the launch of the Mission steam schooner Southern Cross, which is the fourth of her name designed to carry the tidings of Christianity to the islands of the Pacific. The new ship is to be a vast improvement upon her immediate predecessor, which was a cut above No. 2 just as No. 2 took the shine out of No. 1. If there can be such a thing as a bad omen in connection with a Mission boat, it certainly has out in an appearance, for the name of the sea captain entrusted with the task of fitting out the vessel is Sinker.

The Japanese Government officials, who are at present on a visit to New Zealand in search of "points," are not a little

shocked at the wholesale destruction of our forests. Instead of cutting down trees, our visitors think we ought to be engaged in planting. It is quite evident that they do not appreciate the nature of the labour necessary to tree-planting in this country. Even convicts consider it much too difficult.

The commission appointed to hear the waggon-load of charges against the Auckland Registrar, Mr John King, has not yet concluded its labours, and the subject is consequently not open for free discussion. But we shall be committing no contempt in drawing attention to the fact that the prosecution is conducted wholly and solely by the Prohibition party, and that, as is generally the case, the Party finds it much easier to make charges than to prove them. Many of these, not to speak definitely, have been found to be frivolous and unfounded, and absurd, and much else that may be taken as read. Prohibitionists must sometimes suspect that they are exceedingly stupid, or they could scarcely imagine that other people consider them fair game to cheat and swindle.

The report of the proceedings of the Conciliation Board in the matter of the brickworkers' alleged dispute demonstrates once again that there is an evil influence at work setting employers and employed by the ears, and souring a relationship that left alone might be sweet and cordial. The extraordinary part of the business is that the men should consent to be led by blind guides. The manual workers of the present day are not ignorant. Many, if not the majority, have received the benefit of State education, read their newspapers, are habituated to the discussion of public topics, and have some knowledge of general literature; yet they will give serious attention to the exhortations of Socialists and other impossible persons, who teach that the only means by which money may be obtained is confiscation.

The re-opening of the Auckland Technical School under thoroughly capable management is a happy event. The colonies are awaking to the fact that knowledge lies at the root of success in the industrial competition, and that it does not come unasked and unsought. The number of pupils already entered exceeds three hundred, and the effect of their practical education is bound to be felt in the near future.

The Old Scratch must smile whenever anybody puts forward a scheme for the combination of farmers. Not long ago Mr Glass fluttered through the colony and built up—in paper—a huge affair named The Farmers' Union, and now there is against the alleged tyranny of Hamilton, and intends to go "on its own," as the colonial idiom has it. The protagonist of the movement is the Mayor of Cambridge, Mr W. F. Buckland, erstwhile member of the House of Representatives for Manukau, who is evidently not without a fine sense of humour, even when his feelings are worked up to the highest pitch. In the course of a speech at a meeting held at Cambridge to form a new Association, he said, "The Hamilton members of the Waikato A. and P. Society and their friends seemed to have Claudelands (the Hamilton Show ground) on the brain of late, and now they wanted to saddle the members with a dead horse, which he believed would of itself wreck the Society." That is how one local paper reports him. The other credits him with saying that the Hamilton people "were not amenable to reason and had Claudelands on the brain, and were frightened with a 'dead horse,' which they were afraid to tackle." Whichever is right, the result is what Mrs Partington would call a "delightful arrangement of epitaphs."

Dr. E. W. Sharman is coming out as a candidate for the Grafton Ward at the City Council elections. There are few, if any, better known men in Auckland than the genial doctor, for in his capacity as health officer he is the first man to greet you on landing, and is apparently ubiquitous, for he seems to be here, there, and everywhere. Dr. Sharman has received many requests to stand, and if elected to the Council may be certainly depended upon to see that the interests of the Grafton Ward are not neglected.

Herbert Dacre, well known in football, swimming, and athletic circles generally for many years past, notifies in our advertising columns this week that he has severed his connection with Dr. Maitland, and has started practice on his own account as dentist, in rooms over Cochrane and Sons' Auction Mart, Queen-street, two doors below the Union Bank. It will be noticed he is prepared to attend patients wishing their teeth extracted by ether or chloroform at their own homes, an innovation which doubtless will be appreciated.



(By "Yorker.")

The Auckland Cricket Association Championship series was continued on Saturday, the weather being brilliantly fine, and the wicket unaffected by the early morning showers. In the match United v. Auckland the former had put on two hundred and nine runs, while Auckland had one wicket down for seventeen. On resuming, the two blues showed much more determined cricket than they have done this season. Nicholson was bowled by Stenson after making fourteen, but Sale helped MacCormick to carry the score to seventy-three before losing his wicket for twenty. Neill joined MacCormick, but with the score at eighty-one Clayton bowled the latter. At this point the game looked a fairly good thing for United, but there was a big wag in the tail. Hemus assisted his captain to add seventy-seven runs for the fifth wicket, when he was stumped for twenty-four. Graham, after totting up ten, was run out, and then with the score at one hundred and eighty-six Neill's fine innings came to a close, the Auckland skipper falling a victim to Stenson, after compiling sixty-nine in his most attractive style. Walker's wicket was captured by the same bowler for eleven, and ten runs were still wanted when Schmitt went in, but he and Cossey hit off the runs, the innings closing for two hundred and twenty-two, the side thus winning by thirteen runs.

The feature of the Parnell-Gordon match was the extremely feeble display made by the latter against Oliff's bowling. In the first innings Parnell had put on one hundred and seventy-two, and it was thought that this total was well within the Gordon men's reach. They utterly failed to show any batting form worthy of their reputation, Oliff coming out with the fine average of eight wickets for fifty runs. Fish was top scorer with nineteen, Barclay sixteen, Lusk and Williams ten each being the only other two figure contributors.

THE ENGLISH ELEVEN V. NEW SOUTH WALES.

The team of English cricketers which have been touring the colonies, commenced a match against a Sydney eleven on Friday last. It had been raining heavily prior to the match, so that when Warner won the toss he immediately decided to put his opponents in on the drying wicket, the result abundantly proving the soundness of his judgment. R. Duff and Trumper, the champion pair, opened to the bowling of Hargreaves and Trott, but neither did much, the first five wickets going very cheaply, only thirty-five being on the board. Howell and Pye knocked up some runs very rapidly, the former hitting one from Trott clean out of the ground. The innings eventually closed for one hundred and forty-four. Trott, with six wickets for eighty-eight runs, did best of the bowlers.

The wicket had improved greatly on Saturday, and the Englishmen were not slow to take advantage of the change. Dowson and Fane both showed fine attractive cricket, the pair taking the score to one hundred and nineteen for the third wicket. Bosanquet as usual went in for some powerful hitting, a hundred runs being put on in ninety minutes. Directly the second century had been passed, Bosanquet made a mis-hit and was caught. Stanning and Thompson put on a lot of runs for the last wicket, the innings ultimately realising two hundred and eighty-two. Five bowlers were tried, Noble with five wickets for seventy-eight coming out with the best average.

Being in a minority of one hundred and thirty eight, Trumper and Duff resumed for Sydney, runs coming at a great pace from the outset. Bosanquet effected a separation at seventy-two bowling Trumper. With seven wickets down for one hundred and seventy-five the match looked a good thing for the Englishmen, but when Hopkins became associated with Duff a very different complexion was put on the game. Both batsmen piled up the runs at a great rate, and the field became demoralised, helped in this respect no doubt by the hot wind which was blowing, and which the visitors were quite unaccustom-

ed to. The score had reached four hundred and eleven before a separation came, and eventually the innings closed for four hundred and sixty three. Duff hit twenty fourers, and Hopkins one more than that, the latter batsman taking two hours and a-quarter to make his runs.

On Tuesday, the day on which the match should have been finished, steady rain set in, and eventually the game had to be abandoned. The Englishmen had thirty-two runs on for no wickets (Warner not out thirteen, and Burnup not out nineteen). They were thus left two hundred and ninety-three runs to get with all their wickets intact, so that the game was left in a most interesting stage.

The following are the scores:—

NEW SOUTH WALES—First Innings.

R. Duff, c Bosanquet, b Trott	9
Trumper, c Dowson, b Trott	16
Noble, c Trott, b Hargreaves	4
W. Duff, c Johnston, b Trott	1
S. Gregory, lbw, b Trott	21
Hickson, b Trott	0
Hopkins, c Johnston, b Trott	23
Pye, not out	29
Kelly, b Thompson	12
Howell, c Bosanquet, b Dowson	20
McBeth, c Johnston, b Thompson	4
Extras	5
Total	144

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Hargreaves took one wicket for 32 runs.
Trott, six for 88.
Thompson, two for 16.
Dowson, one for 3.

ENGLISHMEN—First Innings.

Warner, lbw, b Noble	23
Burnup, b McBeath	8
Taylor, st Kelly, b McBeath	0
Fane, c Pye, b Noble	41
Dowson, c R. Duff, b Noble	86
Bosanquet, c Hickson, b Noble	52
Johnston, c Noble, b McBeath	12
Thompson, not out	30
Trott, c Pye, b Noble	5
Stanning, c Trumper, b Hopkins	20
Hargreaves, c Kelly, b Hopkins	3
Extras	2
Total	282

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Howell, no wickets for 54 runs.
McBeath, three for 73.
Noble, five for 78.
Hopkins, two for 37.
Pye, nil for 38.

NEW SOUTH WALES—Second Innings.

Trumper, b Bosanquet	37
W. Duff, b Bosanquet	9
Kelly, c Hargreaves, b Bosanquet	10
R. Duff, b Bosanquet	194
McBeath, c Hargreaves, b Bosanquet	1
Gregory, c Taylor, b Thompson	1
Noble, c Taylor, b Thompson	9
Hickson, b Thompson	14
Hopkins, lbw, b Burnup	133
Pye, not out	18
Howell, b Bosanquet	24
Extras	18
Total	463

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

Bosanquet, six wickets for 154 runs.
Thompson, three for 104.
Hargreaves, nil for 23.
Trott, nil for 76.
Dowson, nil for 49.
Burnup, one for 39.

R. J. Coates registered a fairly good performance on Saturday when playing for Gordon II. against the North Shore. Both teams were level on the first innings with seventy-five runs all. In the second innings North Shore were doing better when Coates was put on to bowl, and he captured five wickets for one run. Wanting ninety-four to win, Coates and Fairburn started out to hit off the runs, a proceeding which it took them less than forty-five minutes to accomplish, Coates being forty-nine not out, and his club mate forty-three, neither having given a chance.

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The following are particulars of the three figure innings played for Lord Hawke's team while touring this Colony. P. F. Warner 211 v. Otago, and 121 v. New Zealand; F. L. Fane 124 v. New Zealand; T. L. Taylor 105 v. South Island; E. M. Dowson 218 not out v. Wairarapa XXVI.; B. J. T. Bosanquet 186 v. Hawke's Bay XV. The batting average in the eleven aside matches are furnished below. Warner heads the list with 67.28, and also made runs with 611. As rungetters Fane, Burnup, and Taylor follow in that order. Warner played the following innings: 84, 16 43*, 57, 52, 211, 37, 7, 33, and 121, so that he was highly consistent.

	Ings.	N.O.	H.S.	R.	Avg.
Warner	10	1	211	611	67.88
Fane	8	0	124	418	52.25
Burnup	10	1	69	374	41.55
Stanning	7	3	38	159	39.75
Taylor	8	0	105	302	37.75
Johnson	7	2	43	186	37.20
Thompson	8	2	80*	204	34.00
Bosanquet	8	0	82	144	18.00
Dowson	7	0	36	111	15.86
Leatham	5	0	12	45	9.00
Whatman	6	1	13	29	5.80
Hargreave	6	0	14	27	4.50

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ACCEPTANCES.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

SECOND DAY—EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 13TH.

THE FOURTH CENTURY STAKES of 500 sovs. (Special weights, with penalties and allowances. One mile and a-quarter.

Sir G. Clifford's ch c Toroclet, 5yrs, by Clanrath—Teredina... Mr H. Friedlander's b c Kelburn, 5yrs, by Hotchkiss—Lady Augusta...

THE GREAT NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 500 sovs Six furlongs.

Mr H. Friedlander's br f Rose Shield... Mr H. Friedlander's b f Kamo... Mr Wm. Lovett's ch f Desdemona...

AUSTRALIAN J.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

THE DONCASTER HANDICAP of 20 sovs each, with 1,000 sovs added; second, 200 sovs; third, 100 sovs. One mile.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Sir Leonard, Wairiri, Purser, Air Motor, Patronage, Pendant, The Idler, Vanity Fair, Silver Ray, Loyal, Postillion, Reviver, Killua, Debenture, Contest, Eluderer, Warrior II, Simile, Acrasia, Drawbridge, Irwell, Rose Petal, Skein Dhu.

THE SYDNEY CUP, a handicap of 20 sovs each, with 2,000 sovs added; second, 500 sovs; third, 150 sovs. Two miles.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Wakeful, The Victory, Cyanide, Sir Leonard, Abundance, Great Scot, Haymaker, Australian, Patronage, Balfour, Postillion, Vanity Fair, Patronus, Air Motor, Reviver, Simile, Acrasia, Inkstand, Vocalist.

HANDICAPS.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

APRIL 13TH AND 14TH.

GREAT EASTER HANDICAP of 750 sovs. Seven furlongs.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Advance, Achilles, Cruciform, Orloff, Pampéro, Pallas, Ostiak, St. Denis, Pampéro, Welbeck, Canteen, Vladimir, Westguard, Petrovna, Tsaritza, Red Gauntlet, Blazer, Porirua, Oingo, Ghooorka, Windwhistle, Evelyn Wood, Lady Lillian, Cora Linn.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Cruciform, Achilles, Orloff, Pampéro, Pallas, Welbeck, Canteen, Porirua, Cannie Chiel, Terrapin, Lady Lillian, Vladimir, Oingo, The Shannon, Golden Vein.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

APRIL 11TH.

EASTER HANDICAP of 650 sovs. One mile.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Achilles, Hohoro, Wairiki, Orloff, Ostiak, Rosella, Strathavon, Okoari, Westguard, Oingo, Val Rosa, Motor, Hinetaura, Red Gauntlet, Convo, The Needle, Queen's Guard, Landlock.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 125 sovs. Two miles.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Cavaliere, Cannongate, Royal Conqueror, Battaxe, Trestham, Miss Drury, Haydn, Awahuri, Bellman.

NOMINATIONS.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

APRIL 11TH, 13TH, AND 14TH.

St. GEORGE'S HANDICAP. One mile and a-quarter.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Hinetaura, Oingo, Okoari, Motor, Val Rosa, Rosella, Ostiak, Mars, Scotty, Golden Rose.

AUTUMN HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Hinetaura, Queen's Guard, Orloff, Motor, Lavadel, Northumberland, Ghooorka, Wairiki, Formula, Golden Rose.

Turf Results.

MASTERTON R.C. SUMMER MEETING.

FIRST DAY, MARCH 19.

The weather for the opening day of the above Club's Summer Meeting was fine. The totalisator investments were freely made, the total sum passed through the machine during the day being £4,562. The results were:—

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Boko, Hinekura, Raema.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Maminga, Hydrant, Silverline.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like The Guesser, La Torpedo, Capulet.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Volley, Tikarawa, Rebel.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Waitoti, Warwick, Maminga.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Wairangi, Woodleigh, Avenger.

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Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Pure Silver, Governess, The Rioter.

Time, 1min 15 3-5th sec. Dividends, £2 19s and 17s.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Silver Star, Waipai, Sentry.

Time, 50 3 5th sec. Dividends, £3 12s and £1 4s.

SECOND DAY, MARCH 20.

The weather was fine, and the attendance large, the totalisator investments being £4,105, as compared with £3,608 for the corresponding day last year. The results were:—

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Boko, Raema, Hinekura.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like La Torpedo, The Guesser, Capulet.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Platypus, Mongonui, Plaidie.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Hatley, Apprentice, Waitoti.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Rosette, Avenger, Belenite.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Tikarawa, Platypus, Narcotic.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Katerina, Hydrant, Toredor.

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OHINEMURI J.C. ANNUAL MEETING.

SECOND DAY—MARCH 18TH.

The Ohinemuri Jockey Club's annual meeting was brought to a close on Wednesday. The meeting was undoubtedly the best and most enjoyable yet held under the auspices of the club. Altogether the sum of £4,751 passed through the totalisator. The following were the results:—

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Mr A. O. Selby's Guardsvan II, Perseverance.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Mr J. Ellidson's Coma, Mount Zeehan, Soulfish.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Mr J. Frank's Inchcape, Mokomoko, Hippowai.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Langdon, Kotiro, Success.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Mr C. Quarterman's Frank Dodd, Langdon, Kotiro, Success.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Mr Telfer's Matamataharakeke, Putty, Dolores.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Mr G. W. Vercoe's Repetition, Cuisine, Wildflower.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Mr A. O. Selby's Guardsvan, Dingo, Tuni.

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Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Mr T. F. Cotton's Soulfish, Grey Seaton, Solo.

PAPAKURA R.C. MEETING.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21.

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Papakura Racing Club. The stewards and secretary worked hard to make the gathering a success. The following are the results:—

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Mr J. Harrison's b c Muskerdale, Leo Delaval, Laneros.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Mr H. Barr's b m Orange and Blue, Little Wonder.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Mr R. D. O'Rourke's ch g The Dodger, Solitary, Rapid.

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Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Mr D. Stewart's gr g Bacchus, Solo, The Needle.

Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Mr J. Harrison's b c Muskerdale, Rapid, Retaliator.

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Table with columns for horse name, age, sex, and weight. Includes entries like Mr J. Lovett's ch g Solo, Coma, Bacchus.

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SAPLING STAKES of 100 sovs. Five furlongs.
 Mr E. J. Watt's br o Melodion, by Medallion ... 1
 —Melodia, 8.4, Jenkins ... 1
 Mr R. W. Paterson's b o Regiment, 7.10, ... 2
 Denaby ... 2
 Hon. J. D. Ormond's br g Bandmaster, 8.13, ... 3
 Davis ... 3
 Other starters—Auratus, 8.0; Oasis, 7.7;
 Bruce Lowe, 7.7; Rose Madder, 7.4.
 Won by a length. Time, 1min 2 2-5th sec.
 Dividends, £2 12s and £3 5s.

HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 80 sovs. [Two miles].
 Mr J. A. Harding's gr m Tauhei, aged, by ... 1
 Oastor—Vivandiere, 10.2, Williams ... 1
 Mr F. Rhodes' b g Boseplot, 5yrs, 9.10, Watt ... 2
 Mr G. Pilcher's br g Scallywag, aged, 10.2, ... 3
 Mitchell ... 3
 Other starters—Relair, 11.9; Cobra, 9.11.
 Won by two lengths. Time, 3min 50 4-5th ... 5th
 sec. Dividend, £4 15s.

BOLDYFER HACK HANDICAP of 50 sovs. [Five furlongs].
 Mr W. Rathbone's Optimist, 8.0, Jenkins ... 1
 Mr G. E. G. Richardson's Opal, 7.0, Kirk ... 2
 Mr J. Cameron's Wairanga, 7.2, Lindsay ... 3
 Other starters—Gold Dust, 9.13; Croupier, ... 3
 7.18; Wildcat, 7.9; Ropulse, 7.9.
 Won by a length. Time, 1min 2 3-5th sec.
 Dividends, £2 16s and £2 4s.

FLYING HANDICAP of 80 sovs. Six furlongs.
 Mr T. H. Lowry's br f Madrigal, 3yrs, by ... 1
 Steppniak—Madder, 7.12, Jenkins ... 1
 Mr W. Rathbone's br g Assayer, 5yrs, 8.5, ... 2
 O'Brien ... 2
 Mr G. Hunter's b f Eland, 3yrs, 7.9, King ... 3
 Other starters—Gold Seal, 8.7; Chasseur, 8.1.
 Madrigal won by two lengths, Assayer beat- ... 5th
 ing Eland by half-a-length. Time, 1min 16 4-5th ... 5th
 sec. Dividend, £2 2s.



WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.
WINTER MEETING.
MAY 21ST AND 22ND, 1903.

President, Dr. Earle. Vice-President, H. N. Harrison.
 Timekeeper, A. E. T. Nixon. Judge, W. H. Hart- ... 5th
 gill. Starter, C. H. Chavannes. Headcapper for ... 5th
 Open Events, George Morsa. Clerk of the Scales, ... 5th
 E. A. Campbell. Clerk of the Course, Donald Mac- ... 5th
 donald. Stewards, President, Vice-President, and ... 5th
 Treasurer (ex officio), and Dr. Connolly, H. W. Hole, ... 5th
 G. Marshall, James Higgin, James Watt, Alan ... 5th
 Cameron, A. Higgin. Hon. Treasurer, J. H. Nixon.

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY, THURSDAY, MAY 21st, 1903.

1. Flying Stakes Handicap (on the flat) of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. Nomination 1 sov. Acceptance 2 sovs. Six furlongs.
2. Grand Stand Steeplechase Handicap, of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stake. Nomination 1 sov. Acceptance 2 sovs. About two miles and a half, over such course as the stewards shall direct.
3. Maiden Hack Race, of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Weight-for-age. Entrance 1 sov. (Vide definition of hacks). Six furlongs.
4. Century Hurdle Handicap, of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs from the stake. Nomination 1 sov. Acceptance 3 sovs. About two miles and a distance, over eight flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height.
5. First Hack Hurdle Handicap, of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination 1 sov. (Vide definition of hacks). About one mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height.
6. Hunter's Steeplechase Handicap, of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Open to all qualified hunters (vide definition of hunters). Gentleman riders. Lowest weight not under 11st. Nomination 1 sov. Acceptance 1 sov. About three miles, over such course as the stewards may direct.
7. Purua Hack Flat Handicap, of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs, and the third horse 5 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7st. (Vide definition for hacks). Nomination 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and a distance.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, MAY 22nd, 1903.

1. Winter Oats Handicap (on the flat), of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 20 sovs from the stake. Nomination 1 sov. Acceptance 2 sovs. One mile and a distance.
2. Wanganui Steeplechase Handicap, of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and the third horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Winner of any Handicap Steeplechase of £ value of 400 sovs after declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 10lb. Nomination 1 sov. Acceptance 4 sovs. About three miles, over the Wanganui Steeplechase course.
3. May Hurdle Handicap, of 125 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. Nomination 1 sov. About two miles, over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height.
4. Hunter's Hurdle Race Handicap, of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Open to all qualified hunters (vide definition of hunters). Lowest weight not under 10st 7lb. Gentleman riders. Professional jockeys to carry 10lb extra. Nomination 1 sov. Acceptance 1 sov. About two miles, over seven flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height.
5. Second Hack Hurdle Handicap, of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. (Vide definition of hacks). Nomination 1 sov. Acceptance 1 sov. About one mile and a half over six flights of hurdles 3ft 6in in height.
6. Final Steeplechase Handicap, of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination 1 sov. Acceptance 1 sov, to be made half an hour before the race starts. About two miles.
7. Farewell Hack Flat Handicap of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight 7st. (Vide definition of hacks). Nomination 1 sov. Acceptance 1 sov. One mile.

Qualification for Hunters.—Open to all qualified hunters which have never won an advertised steeplechase or hurdle race (Hack and Hunter races excepted). Master's certificate for season 1902 or 1903 to be produced to Clerk of the Scales.
 Definition of a Hack—A hack is a horse that has never won an advertised race (hack and hunter races excepted), and that is not at the time of nomination nominated for any race (hack and hunter races excepted), nor has won a race of the value of 50 sovs, or races of the collective value of 200 sovs at time of nomination.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, AND ACCEPTANCES,
 And amounts to be forwarded to Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club.

WINTER MEETING.
MAY 21st and 22nd 1903.

MONDAY, APRIL 20th, 1903, at 9 p.m.]

NOMINATIONS.
 Flying Handicap, Grand Stand Steeplechase, Century Hurdles Handicap, First Hack Hurdles, Hunters' Steeplechase, Purua Hack Flat Handicap, Winter Oats, Wanganui Steeplechase, May Hurdles Handicap, Hunters' Hurdle Race, Second Hack Hurdles, Final Steeplechase Handicap, Farewell Hack Flat Handicap, each 1 sov.

ENTRANCE.
 Maiden Hack Race 1 sov.
[FRIDAY, MAY 8th, 1903 (on or about).

WEIGHTS.
 For First Day's Races and Wanganui Steeplechase.
FRIDAY, MAY 15th, 1903, at 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.
 Flying Handicap 2 sovs, Wanganui Steeplechase 4 sovs, Century Hurdle Handicap 3 sovs, Grand Stand Steeplechase 2 sovs, Hunters' Steeplechase 1 sov, First Hack Hurdles 1 sov, Purua Hack Flat Handicap 1 sov.

THURSDAY, MAY 21st (at or about) 8 p.m.]

WEIGHTS.
 For Winter Oats, May Hurdles, Hunters' Hurdles, Second Hack Hurdles, and Farewell Hack Flat.
THURSDAY, MAY 21st, 1903, at 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.
 Winter Oats 2 sovs, May Hurdle Handicap 1 sov, Hunters' Hurdles 1 sov, Second Hack Hurdles 1 sov, Farewell Hack Flat 1 sov.

FRIDAY, MAY 22nd, 1903 (on the course).

WEIGHTS.
 For Final Steeplechase will be declared after the Wanganui Steeplechase, and Acceptances must be made half an hour before the race starts.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

To which the attention of Persons entering Horses is particularly directed.
 All entries to be addressed to the Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club, Wanganui. Entrance money enclosed, with the name, age at the time of entry, name of owner, pedigree, colours of the rider, and, in case of handicaps where horses have not previously started on the Wanganui course, performances of the horse. Entrance moneys go to the funds of the Club.
 All entries, nominations, etc., will close at the Secretary's office, Wanganui, at 9 p.m., except when otherwise specified.
 Entries by telegram must give full particulars of the horse, and must be confirmed in writing at the earliest possible opportunity.
 Owners, Trainers and others entering and accepting horses for the W.J.C. Meetings are notified that no entries or acceptances will be received unless accompanied by the necessary amount in cash.
 This notification does not apply to owners and trainers who have standing arrangements with the Executive.
 Owners are responsible for all penalties and allowances.
 All persons intending to withdraw horses are required to give notice to that effect to the Secretary on half-hour before the official time for starting the race. Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with this rule shall pay a fine, to be imposed by the Stewards, not exceeding 20 sovs, to the Race Fund.
 Any person running a horse in colours other than those named at time of entry will be fined 1 sov.
 Stakes are paid in full.
 All races to be run under the N.Z. Rules of Racing.
 Prior to any race, the Stewards may order a parade in front of the stand. Any horse absent from such parade, without the permission of the Stewards, will be fined 2 sovs.
 No entry will be received under any pretence whatever after the hour named.
F. MOFFATT,
 Secretary.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.
SPRING MEETING, 1904.

WANGANUI GUINEAS, a sweepstake of 10 sovs each for starters, with 200 added; second horse to receive 50 sovs from the stake. For three-year-olds (present yearlings). Colts 8st 10lb, fillies and geldings 8st 5lb. The winner of any race of the value of 200 sovs, after 1st September, 1904, to carry 7lb extra. Acceptance 4 sovs, and 5 sovs at the post. One mile.
ENTRIES close MONDAY, 20th APRIL 1903,
 at 9 p.m.
F. MOFFATT,
 Secretary.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.
AUTUMN MEETING, 1905.

THE JACKSON STAKES, of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and the third horse 25 sovs from the stake. For two-year-olds (now foals) and upwards; weight for-age, with penalties and allowances. Winners after 1st August, 1904, of any race or races collectively of 250 sovs to carry 5lb; 500 sovs, 7lb; 750 sovs, 10lb; of 1000 sovs, 12lb extra; maiden two-year-olds allowed 3lb. three-year-olds and upwards, 7lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, unless forfeit is declared and paid as follows—1 sov, if struck out on or before first acceptance night, Spring Meeting, 1904, or 2 sovs if struck out on or before first Friday in November, 1904. All horses remaining in after later date to pay the subscription of 5 sovs on first acceptance night, Autumn Meeting, 1905. Six furlongs.
ENTRIES close MONDAY, APRIL 20th, 1903,
 at 9 p.m.
 No Money Required at Time of Entry.
F. MOFFATT,
 Secretary.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB.
AUTUMN MEETING, 1905.

Commenting on the Bruce local option case, the "Dunedin Star" says:—
 "The Magistrates' decision will be criticised but not (we hope) with any accompaniment of personal reflection. By the way, we may take this opportunity of deprecating the Temperance party's new practice of offering prayers on behalf of the magistrate for 'divine guidance' while he is considering his judgment. They are really praying that he may be led to take their view of the matter in dispute—a sort of counter-petition which is quite indefensible, to say nothing of its tendency to alienate a considerable amount of public sympathy."

DRIVING AS AN EXERCISE.

While driving is usually regarded merely as an enjoyable recreation, says "The Road" (London), it is an exercise of peculiar value—an exercise possessing advantages found in no other. The term recreation is much misused. Many so-called "recreations" are injurious to both mind and body. Driving is, however, as all true exercise must be, both exercise and recreation. No other exercise known combines the same degree of physical activity, of functional invigoration and of pleasure, with such slight tax upon the vital powers.

The physical activity is the result of two causes: First, the jolting, jarring and swaying of the vehicle; and secondly, the vital stimulation incident to the pleasure of the drive. It is difficult to say which of these influences is the more important as a vital stimulant, the mechanical agitation or the exhilaration. The movement of the vehicle necessitates a certain amount of muscular action, mainly in the muscles of the abdominal region and the waist. Every swaying of the trunk backward, forward, or to the side calls for a gentle contraction of these important muscles, and every such contraction accelerates by just so much, the action of the heart, lungs, stomach, liver and bowels. The mechanical agitation imparted to the body by the vehicle acts in quite a different way to emphasize the same effect—to encourage deeper respiration, heart action and peristalsis. Then the rapid movement through the air, bringing the skin constantly in contact with fresh supplies of air (thus creating a kind of artificial breeze) is of immense value in increasing the activity of the skin, both in carrying off body poisons and in increasing the amount of oxygen absorbed by it.

Not the less important, perhaps, as a vital accelerant is the influence of the mild and pleasurable excitement of carriage riding. The rapid motion, the constant change of scene, the many interesting events of the drive—all these have the result of sending into the higher governing nervous centres, brain and spinal cord, and indirectly to the sympathetic centre, the "solar plexus," a vast number of stimulating impressions, which have a powerful influence in increasing the function of the heart, lungs, and other vital organs.

Of course, when the individual has, in addition to this mental and physical stimulus, the care of the horse or horses, the result is a still greater degree of mental and physical activity, with their consequent benefits. Carriage riding is an exercise, which, while beneficial to all, is especially adapted to those debarred from more vigorous exertion. But driving, the management of a team, a tandem, a four-in-hand, or even of one spirited horse—here is work for a strong man. Here is work, mental and physical, which may at any moment tax the powers of the strongest muscles and the clearest judgment. To be driven in an easy-sprunged vehicle over average roads, involves very little output of vitality. But to drive a spirited pair is, even under most favourable circumstances, an exercise not to be despised by the strongest.

VOLUNTEER NOTICES.



DISTRICT ORDERS.
 BY COLONEL R. H. DAVIES O.B.,
 COMMANDING AUOKLAND MILITIA
 AND VOLUNTEER DISTRICT.

Brigade Office, Auckland.
March 23rd, 1903.

I. The undermentioned Volunteer Corps of the District will go into Camp of Instruction on THURSDAY EVENING, the 9th April, 1903, the Mounted Rifles for Six Days, the remainder for Four Days.

"A" CAMP, AT OASIPOROU BAY, NEAR LAKE TAKAPUNA:
 NO. 1 BATTALION AUOKLAND MOUNTED RIFLES
 "A" BATTERY N.Z. FIELD ARTILLERY
 AUOKLAND ENGINEERS
 NO. 1 BATTALION (C.O.) AUOKLAND INFANTRY (City Corps of the Battalion only)

AUOKLAND BEARER CORPS
 "B" CAMP, AT TE AROHA.
 NO. 2 BATTALION, AUOKLAND (HAUAKI) INFANTRY.

II. Troops, Baggage, and Camp Equipment will be conveyed to "A" Camp by boat to Takapuna Wharf on THURSDAY, the 9th prox; Troops at 8 p.m. The Men's Kits to be at the Drill Hall on WEDNESDAY, the 8th prox, not later than 8 p.m.
 To "B" camp by Railway on THURSDAY, the 9th prox.

III. The Principal Medical Officer of the District will make the necessary arrangements for the attendance of Medical Officers for duty at the respective Camps.

BY ORDER.

THE BETTING MARKET.

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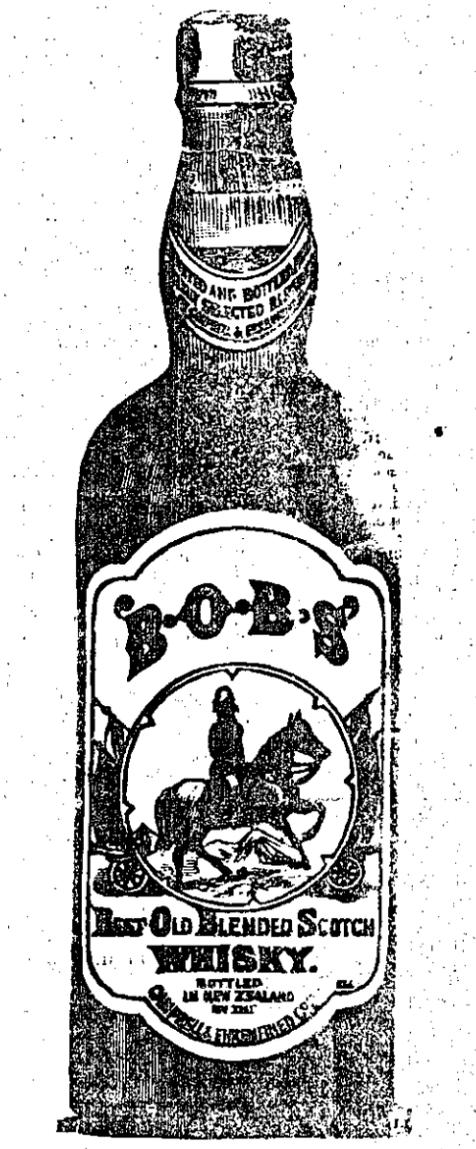
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THE TE MAHANGA AND MANGATARATA STUD SALES.

The annual sale of the Mangatarata and Te Mahanga blood stock was held at Hastings, and attracted a large number of outside bidders. The following are the prices realised:—

TE MAHANGA YEARLINGS.
 Black gelding by Mahaki—Basilisk, 62gs; brown filly by Mahaki—Whaitiori, D. Buick, Palmerston North, 41gs; bay filly by Torpedo—Nymph, J. R. MacDonald, Levin, 50gs; bay filly by Torpedo—Parlourmaid, Paramena, Oneone, 35gs; bay gelding by Quilt—Maude, J. Buxton, Greyouth, 76gs; black filly by Mahaki—young Uira, D. Buick, 30gs; black filly by Torpedo—Lady's Maid, F. Davis 21gs; bay filly by Torpedo—Secret, H. Hassell, 17gs; brown gelding by Torpedo—Us, Miss Douglas, 60gs; brown filly by Torpedo—Bonny Blink, J. R. MacDonald, 30gs; brown filly by Gold Reef—Vista, E. J. Watts, 25gs; bay filly by Gold Reef—Aio, J. R. MacDonald, 26gs; black gelding by Gold Reef—Waiau, J. H. Prosser, 90gs; brown gelding by Mahaki—Jenzai, J. R. MacDonald, 95gs; brown gelding by Gold Reef—Ladysmith, Miss M. Douglas, 100gs; black filly by Torpedo—Honeyuckle, E. J. Watts, 100gs; two-year-old filly by Torpedo—Parlourmaid, S. Pell, 60gs; chestnut mare H.M.S. Pinafore, by Dreadnought—Fardingdale, S. Pell, 21gs; brown mare, Lady's Maid, by Mute—Maid of All Work, T. H. Lindsays 22gs.

MANGATARATA YEARLINGS.
 Bay gelding by The Possible—Kie, Kie, W. E. Bidwell, Wairarapa, 61gs; chestnut gelding by The Possible—Miss Dargon, A. L. D. Fraser 25gs; brown filly by The Possible—Violet W. J. Douglas, 50gs; bay filly by The Possible—Hine Niu Te Po, W. J. Douglas, 50gs; brown gelding by Cyrenian—Primula, T. Crose, 85gs; chestnut gelding by Cyrenian—Fair Nell, T. H. Lowry, 105gs.



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An act, which in all its contemptible aspects it would be hard to equal, was committed a few days ago by a self-constituted coterie calling itself the Prohibition League. This body—which is literally such, for it has no soul—had heard from some of its members a cock-and-bull story about a keg of beer and the distribution of anti-teetotal cards at the Costley Home, and immediately jumped to the joyous conclusion that the manager of that institution was in league with the brewers, and the devil, and all the other powers of darkness, for the purpose of destroying the welfare of the inmates here and hereafter. An indignant letter was sent to the Auckland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, in which the charges were formulated in detail. The manager was accused of having, previous to the last local option poll, permitted a person to distribute alcoholic liquor to the inmates, caused the brewers' ticket as to how to vote to be laid alongside of each inmate, and allowed a big poster upon the same lines to be displayed in the Home. The letter on receipt had been handed to Mr Skynner, the manager of the Home, whose simple and circumstantial reply not only proved that the complaint was utterly baseless, but demonstrated that if the League had had the courtesy to make the simplest inquiry the impotent storm need not have been raised at all. Mr Skynner's report stated that no alcoholic liquor had been presented to inmates with the exception of a ten gallon cask of ale, given by Mr Moss Davis on the 9th of November, in order that the inmates might drink the King's health. That was distributed among the inmates in the presence of Dr. King, and he had the pleasure of stating that no single case of drunkenness resulted. Mr Skynner denied having distributed the brewers' card of instructions how to vote, and stated if it was done it would be entirely without his wish or knowledge. He admitted that copies of the prohibition ticket were forwarded by post to inmates, and were handed to them. He had also given the prohibitionists permission to address the inmates, which they did, while the liquor party never had such permission. Mr Skynner also gave his most emphatic denial to the statement that a large poster of the brewers' was placed in the Home.

The members of the Board, without exception, were extremely disgusted that their time should be taken up with such frivolous twaddle, and some of the members did not hesitate to express their feelings in forcible language. There was, however, no real occasion for surprise. The action of the Prohibition League in this instance is a part of the programme deliberately adopted by the party, which is to use any and every means to throw dirt at those who do not subscribe to their heresies, in the hope that some of it will stick. We have seen that no form of slander or abuse has been neglected by this delectable organisation, and that the reputation of no man is safe in its hands. How long we are, as a community, going to put up with the fanatical advocates of a system that has been utterly discredited wherever it has been given a fair trial, we do not know, but the strain upon the good nature of the public is becoming rather too heavy to bear. With the action of the Prohibition party in respect of our electoral machinery it is too early to deal, but the inquiry proceeding promises to provide some rich material for consideration and reflection.

THE MEDDLING WOMAN NEGLECTS HER DUTY.

The records of the "convention" of the W.C. Temperance Union just concluded at Dunedin have been received with mixed feelings by the ordinary man with old-fashioned ideas about humanity and sociology, and the relationship of the sexes in general. Alternately the sentiment uppermost has been surprise, pity, contempt, disgust, strong disapproval, dismay, and anger. The milder varieties are the more comforting, but it is not easy to abstain from indulgence in the others, and a mixture may be recommended. Let us then be stern, but do not let us lose our sense of the ludicrous. In this frame of mind writes a correspondent of the Dunedin "Star," in a recent issue of that journal, as follows:—

"Sir,—I read two reports in Saturday's "Star." The first was an account of the loss of a valuable life from want of knowledge. "A baby's death" was the result of improper feeding, etc. Oh, the pity of it! Will no one—can no one—come to the rescue, and teach us as a community how to rear our offspring, or must parents be left to blunder on in the future as in the past, resulting in the loss of many valuable lives? Is it not possible to make some practical effort to reduce the rate of infant mortality? It may seem novel at first sight, but could not a move be made somewhat on the following lines:—The authorities take the matter in hand, and have a model set of rules or directions drawn up by some properly authorised competent person or persons, setting forth in plain language how to feed, clothe and nourish children, so that they may have a chance to grow up healthy men and women. Have these rules issued to every parent in the colony; have them published from time to time in the daily papers, and printed on the backs of marriage certificates; and use every other means that may be necessary to spread the desired information, so that every father and mother may know their duty and how to do it.

The second was an account of the deliberations of the W.C.T.U., representing forty-seven Unions. They seemed to be ready and willing to discuss and debate almost every subject under the sun, ranging from, say, pitch-and-toss to manslaughter, in their frantic efforts to carry out their pet notions. I sincerely hope and trust that every woman of them read your account of "A Baby's Death," and that it may be the means of bringing them back to a proper sense of their duties and obligations, rights, and privileges in the community as our mothers, sisters, wives, and daughters.—I am, etc.,

FATHER.

Trade Topics

Mr W. J. Baker, licensee of the Alexandra Hotel, Chapel Street, Auckland, has commenced proceedings for criminal libel against William Richardson and W. T. Bell, in connection with a letter written by the latter and published in a print issued by Richardson.

At the Supreme Court, New Plymouth, Rev. Ben Hutson, Presbyterian Minister, sued Robert McKinnon Morison, claiming £3000 damages for alleged slander and libel. Leading counsel was retained on each side. During the course of plaintiff's ministering, he preached a sermon in favour of prohibition, and while referring to a case of robbery at Stratford, in which it was shown that the culprits were drunk, plaintiff went on to mention that defendant, who was deputy Mayor, and other leading business men were setting a bad example by being in hotels after hours. After considerable evidence had been taken, a settlement was arrived at between the parties, by which the defendant withdrew his allegations and insinuations against plaintiff's character, and expressed regret that any misunderstanding or unpleasantness had occurred between them; each party to pay their own costs.

The whisky controversy continues unabated in the London Press. After all, this question may be said to resolve itself into one of palate. Whisky drinkers like their particular blend or brand, and what is more, they take very good care they get it. Whether it is composed of grain, or malt, or "pure malt," they care little so long as the whisky is to their liking. With the object of "protecting the consumer," Dr. Schedrowitz, the analytical chemist who wrote the article on whisky for the "Encyclopaedia Britannica," suggests that two things should at once be done. First of all, he says, the difficulty of sampling under the Food and Drugs Act should be removed; secondly, an experimental inquiry should be instituted to make the necessary standards. The inquiry, he maintains, would be justified with a view to ascertaining to what extent adulterant ingredients are present in grain or so-called "malt" spirits on the tent adulterant ingredients are present in wish to be poisoned, but it is not too much to say that for purity it would be hard to beat many of the branded whiskies on the market to-day. Still, as with butter, so with whisky. There are many people who infinitely prefer margarine to the best creamery butter, there are also those who prefer their particular "Scotch" or "Irish" to the finest blend on the market.

Messrs Whytock and Co., Lambton Quay, Wellington, and Christchurch, report the sale of the following hotel properties:—The lease and furniture of the Sandridge Hotel, Sydenham, Christchurch, from Mr Baker to a Wellington client; a lease of the new Clarendon Hotel, Christchurch, from the Hon. C. Louison to Mrs Read, late of Chavanne's Hotel, Wanganui; the lease and furniture of the Junction Hotel, Halswell, Canterbury, from Mr G. H. Buchanan to Mr P. C. Triggs, of the Terminus Hotel, Napier; the lease and furniture of Weakley's Hotel, Akaroa, Canterbury, from Mr R. Bailey to Mr G. S. Spooner, of Roxborough, Otago; the freehold of the Greytown Hotel, Greytown North, from Mr C. Rogers to Mr Charles Thompson, late of the City Hotel, Wellington; the lease and furniture of the Pahautanui Hotel from F. Mayers to Mr G. Smith, late of Dannevirke.

A London cablegram last week announced that Mr Balfour, in receiving a deputation from the beer and wine trades, deprecated the unjust confiscation policy of certain magistrates in refusing renewal of licenses. He hoped the quarter sessions would reverse most of the extravagant decisions and to give the Licensing Act of 1903 a fair chance.

The death is announced of Mr Paul Frederick De Castella, seventy-five, a pioneer winegrower in Victoria. Mr De Castella was born in Neuchatel, Switzerland, in May, 1827. He came to Melbourne in 1849, and in 1850 he purchased the Yering Station from Mr W. Ryrie, where he resided for over forty-three years. Mr De Castella and his brother (the late Mr Hubert De Castella) were pioneers of the wine industry in Victoria.

Lord Balfour, of Burleigh, the Secretary for Scotland, is indisposed to give any information as to the nature of the new Licensing Bill for Scotland to be introduced in the forthcoming session of Parliament. While he is willing to receive any suggestions from any and every side, he told a deputation that waited upon him last week, that the first information of the contents of the Bill should be made to Parliament itself; but he stated that, so far as he could see at present, it was likely to take precedence of any other Scotch measure. The main object of this deputation was to induce the Secretary for Scotland to incorporate the principle of early closing and make the ten o'clock regulation applicable to all Scotland. It is significant that many members of the Trade have given their adhesion to this movement. Lord Balfour, however, gave the deputation but little encouragement. His view is that every interference with personal freedom is in itself bad unless an overwhelming justification for it can be produced, and he is inclined to the belief that the balance of evil would be against the proposal which the deputation put forward.

At the quarterly meeting of the Geraldine Licensing Committee, on Tuesday 3rd, the license of the Winchester Hotel was cancelled on six specific grounds—(1) That the premises are not maintained at the required standard. (2) that the foundations of the premises giving way cause the floor to be dangerous to walk upon. (3) the outhouse conveniences are unsuitable to hotel requirements. (4) the premises are out of repair, and have been allowed to become ruinous and dilapidated, (5) not sufficient facilities are provided to allow the inmates to escape in case of a fire, and (6) great danger to life existed in the past, and continues to exist if the premises are allowed to continue in the present state.

That old-established house, the Royal Hotel, Victoria-street, Auckland, which has been greatly enlarged and completely reconstructed throughout, has been taken over by Mr Percy Isaac, who has been pursuer in the Union Company's service for fifteen years, and is well and favourably known to all the travelling public. Under Mr Isaac's enterprising control the Royal will speedily resume its place as one of the leading hotels in the city. It is now fitted with every modern improvement, and in all its appointments, including the cuisine, is designed to meet the demands of the most exacting patrons.

A very interesting and timely book, "The Heresy of Teetotalism," has been published by Messrs Simpkin, Marshall and Co., London. The author, Mr E. Thorne, was once a temperance advocate himself, and comes of a family which has suffered much on account of its principles. He is not sparing of his remarks regarding the misuse of Scripture by teetotal advocates, and especially of the misquoting his neighbour drink, that puttest giveth his neighbour drink, that puttest the bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also," the continuation (which completely alters the advocates' application) being omitted, "that thou mayest look on his nakedness." That the use of alcohol in wine and other forms is recommended in the Bible is shown by a goodly array of texts, though drunkenness and over-indulgence (in food as well as wine) is always condemned in Holy Writ. Nor is the author at all lenient with those who would attempt to explain away the incident at the marriage feast at Cana of Galilee, and the use of wine at the Lord's Supper. Professor W. O. Atwater adds a very interesting paper on the nutritive value of alcohol, and the author concludes with interesting accounts of the various Prohibition laws of the Prohibition States of America, by no means in their favour.

From a speech made by Mr Reginald Mortimer in reply to the toast of the "National Trade Defence Association," given at the luncheon of the annual meeting of the South Wales Brewers' Association and National Trade Defence Association, held at the Park Hotel, Cardiff, at which Alderman Brown entertained about seventy delegates, representing over one thousand licensed houses, I gather that there is invested in the Trade in South Wales alone between £4,000,000 and £5,000,000. This is an amount which it is the bounden duty of all concerned to conserve, and I am glad to note that these two organisations are fully alive to the importance of immediate action. It is all very well for the justices to say that there are a number of houses that are structurally unfit to be licensed premises. This point should have been determined before licenses were granted, and now at any rate the owners should be allowed the opportunity of bringing them up to the required standard ere the renewals are refused.—("L.V. Gazette.")

A recent visitor to New Zealand, speaking to an Australian interviewer of his experiences in this colony, said:—"I never saw so little drinking, nor met with so many teetotalers before. You will see forty or fifty people dining at a hotel, and not more than two or three of them taking liquor with their dinners. Proprietors of the larger hotels, fearing the advent of Prohibition, will not spend sixpence on extensions and improvements. State Socialism is developing there very rapidly. The Seddon Government does not wait for private enterprise in the matter of increasing facilities and attractions for tourists, but spends money in that direction by the thousands." The visitor thinks New Zealand a paradise for the working man.

An application has been made to the Board of Inland Revenue, England, with a view to meeting the question which has arisen in regard to affairs in the blending trade. Messrs H. S. Perse, Limited, of Galway, suggest to the Board that all whisky should be labelled and accurately described. The Board of Inland Revenue know by their books the age of the whiskies in bond, and the firm suggest that the Board might issue a certificate similar to that which the Canadian Government attaches to all spirits bottled under its supervision. In the case of bulk whisky, the Inland Revenue, it is pointed out, give a certificate of age in the form of a permit, and Messrs Perse, therefore, cannot see any objection to continuing this with cased whiskies.

At the Dunedin Police Court, last week, John Lafey, licensee of the Gtogo Hotel, was convicted on a charge of supplying liquor to one George Magorian, while the latter was in a state of intoxication, and fined £10. Notice of appeal was given. The evidence was very conflicting.

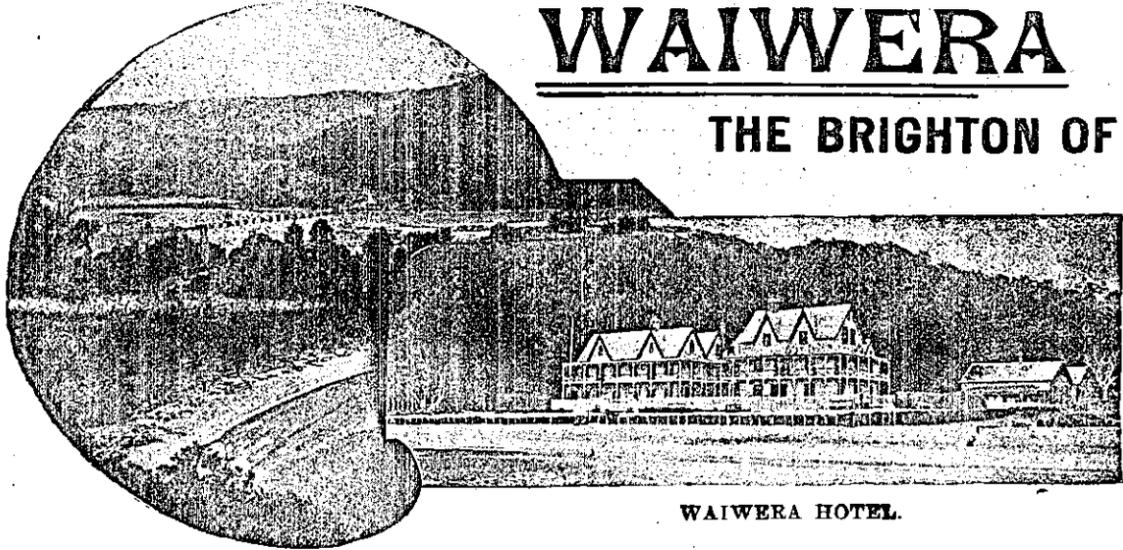
THE DRUNKEN MAN PROBLEM.

The leading English organ of the Trade writes:—"We share with every member of the Trade an aversion to the drunkard, and we welcome any measure which gives the licensed victualler more facility for dealing with this pest when occasion requires. The habitual is a walking or reeling curse to society; the drunk and incapable must be taken care of in his own interests, and the drunk and disorderly must be taken to task for his disorderliness. But the case of the simple, occasional, inoffensive drunk is different, and it is to be hoped that the police and the magistrates will exercise the keenest powers of discrimination in dealing with this innocuous variety. The police officers have been cautioned all over London to moderate their zeal, as far as is reasonable, in the matter of branding individuals as drunk within the meaning of the Act; but the Home Office clearly neglected an opportunity of being of service to the community by disregarding an attempt that was made to have the word 'is' substituted for the phrase 'appears to be' intoxicated. We have had so many instances of men becoming incapacitated or excited from what Bessy Broke called 'hospital' causes, and of their erratic behaviour being wrongly attributed to alcohol, that we cannot understand why the authorities should have refused to make this reasonable concession. For it must be borne in mind that under the old Act the drunkard was fined or imprisoned, not for being drunk, but for being helpless or fractious, as the case might be. The police had some excuse for charging a man with inebriety when he exhibited symptoms which are usually associated with a state of inebriation, but they will have to exert an extraordinary precaution now that such accepted indications need not be proved against the person who is charged with the simple offence. A man's gait, his habit of gesticulating as he walks the street, or of talking to himself, have before now been mistaken for signs of inebriation. There are those who never show signs of excessive libations. There are others that never appear to be strictly sober, and there are those again who suffer from an affection of the optic or some other nerve. Constitutional perversities of manner are always hard to endure. They were in 1902, but they are likely to be even more insufferable in the future unless the police exercise a masterful discrimination. An irresponsible eyelid or a weak ankle is sufficient reason under the new Act to bring the afflicted person before the superintendent of the nearest police-station, and, as superintendents are not infallible, to load him with even greater indignities. The man who blows his nose with unction or falls asleep in an omnibus is liable to be misjudged by a zealous young constable, and nobody whose nose does not remain absolutely impervious to the colouring influence of our vacillating temperature can hope to be considered above suspicion.

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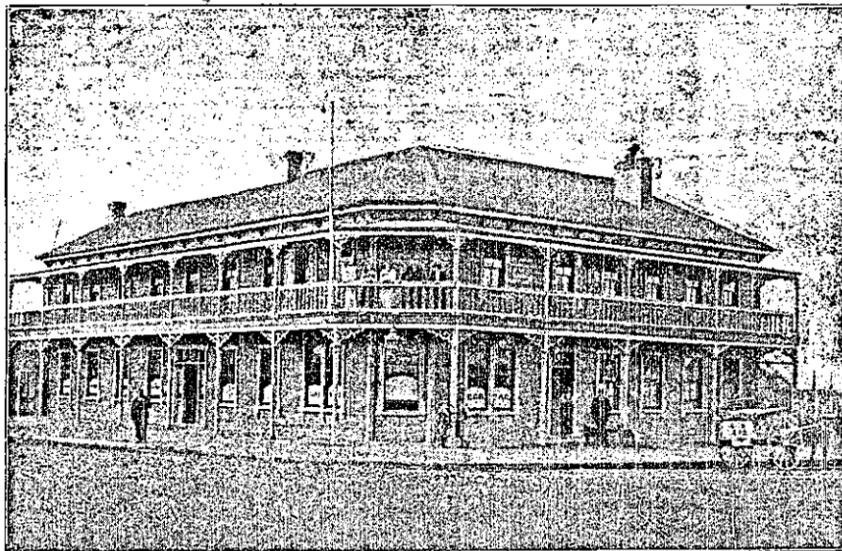
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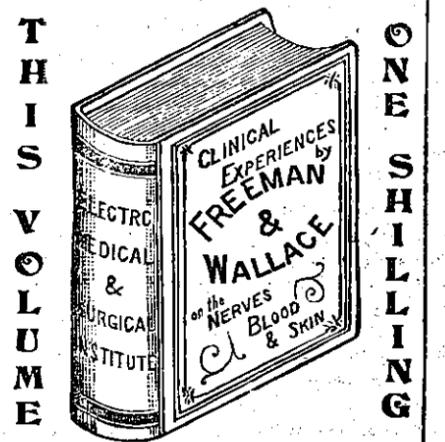
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PERMITS FOR RACECOURSES.

At the Thames Police Court last week, before Mr R. Bush, S.M., Adolphus Montgomery, of Karangahake, was charged that on March 2 he did sell liquor, viz., at the Nos. 1 and 2 booths, situate within the limits of the Parawai racecourse. Defendant was further charged with selling liquor to John Paton, miller, at the grandstand booth, on the same date, and also with two other charges of exposing liquor for sale on the same date at each of the booths mentioned. Sergeant Walker conducted the prosecution, and Mr Moresby appeared for defendant and pleaded not guilty. Sergeant Walker stated that defendant had sold liquor at the Parawai racecourse on the day of the Thames Jockey Club's races without having procured a license permitting him to do so from the proper authorities, and that he also declined to stop the sale of liquor after he had been cautioned by Sergeant Hendry. For the defence Mr Moresby stated that defendant had obtained a certificate from the chairman of the licensing district, authorising him to secure the license itself. It was purely a technical breach of the Act, as there had been no intention to defraud, which was shown by the fact that the fee was afterwards paid to the proper authorities. Counsel, therefore, submitted that defendant was entitled to lenient treatment, and asked that the case be dealt with so that no conviction would be recorded, but that defendant be ordered to pay costs. His Worship said that he could not look upon the omission of defendant as merely a technical breach of the Act only. He would have to fine him 20s on each of the two charges of selling liquor, together with a total of £2 12s costs. The police withdrew the other two charges.

RUSSIAN HOSPITALITY.

What brand of hospitality is the most exacting? An Englishman who has just returned from some years in St. Petersburg declares (so a writer in the "Daily Chronicle" says) that Russian hospitality demands more from its recipients, in some ways at least, than any other. The demand would seem to be mainly of a liquid nature. Here is his description of the way you "spend the evening" in a Russian house:—"You no sooner make your appearance than your host drags you to his den, and makes you take a drink. You find all the other men there, taking their pick of the bottles ranged along the host's private sideboard, and helping themselves to a stiff one every few minutes. If you are wise and diplomatic, you will dodge as many of the antepandial drinks as possible, with a view to your comfort later on. But you have to be very skilful about this. Most Russian hosts have a way of regarding it as a sort of reflection upon their stock of liquors, if not, indeed, on their own drinking habits, if their non-Russian guests begin to fight shy. It doesn't spoil their hunger as it does ours. The more a Russian drinks, the more he wants to eat. That and the climate are, I take it, the salvation of that nation of heavy drinkers.

"You sit down to dinner at six o'clock and it lasts till nine. The array of courses is staggering, and there's a wine, it would seem, for every dish, let alone every course. Men and women drink champagne like water, and the air is such that it does them as little harm. Between every two or three courses the cigarettes are passed round, to the women as well as the men, and everybody smokes and chatters. After dinner you go to the theatre, where boxes have been engaged. That's part of 'spending the evening.' You may smoke all you want to in the boxes, and by ten o'clock the drinking business begins again. Your host's cabinet of liqueurs—a portable affair designed for theatre use—has preceded him to the box, with ice tank and syphons complete. The women as a rule take champagne, but the men choose the liqueurs. Thus, smoking and drinking pretty incessantly, you watch the performance, walking about the boxes and chattering between the acts, until after midnight, when the show comes to an end.

"Does that end the evening? Not at all. You return with your host and hostess to their home, where you find an elaborate supper served and waiting. You do your best to do justice to it, and towards 2 a.m. an adjournment is made to the drawing-room for an hour or so of music. The Russian women play and sing magnificently, but you are expected to keep on drinking while listening to them. By this time you are about ready to go home. But that would be discourteous. 'Spending the evening' is by no means over yet. Card tables are brought out, and everybody plays French games for the most part, perhaps a couple of Russian ones, and once it is a while poker—and

everybody gambles. You drink incessantly while playing and munch caviare sandwiches. At last—it is now about 5 a.m.—the evening is spent. You may go home if you wish. If you signify your desire to sleep at your host's house, you will find your room all prepared. He is honoured by your preference, but when you come to some hours later you feel that all you ever did in your college days was child's play by the side of a quiet evening with a Russian household."

MR GAUGER IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

Some excitement was occasioned in a South Coast district during last week (says the Sydney "Mail") when Customs Detective J. Donohoe and some police officers arrested a supposed proprietor of an illicit still. When information was received in Sydney of the existence of the still, Officer Donohoe immediately left for Nowra, and, together with Senior Sergeant Crawley, Constable Reid, and Constable Westrop, an officer from Berry, proceeded to the mountains between Berry and Kangaroo Valley. They reached a certain farm, and then proceeded to find a track into the depths of a mountain gorge. It was a difficult undertaking. Fortune favoured the officers, however, and a narrow track was discovered. They followed this—down, down, until reaching the bottom. The path was really dangerous to strangers, the "stillers" having chosen one of the most precipitous spots in the South Coast.

A heavy storm occurred during the time the representatives of the law were making their investigations. Still, they were on a good trail, and followed it up. Success attended their efforts, for, in an almost inaccessible spot, they found portions of a still. The worm was missing, but there were beautifully clean tubs in readiness, and other gear necessary for the distillation of spirits. No liquor was about, but everything seemed to be in order for business.

An ingenious water service was discovered in connection with the plant, and it is worth mentioning. Pipes had been made from the trunks of cabbage trees, and the water was carried by means of these innocent-looking "mains" along to the still. How the liquor was conveyed from the still to the "surface" was another question for investigation, but this was soon settled, for it seemed an easy matter for one or two men to take the stuff up the steep mountain track in small quantities.

After further investigation, the officers left the spot and proceeded to arrest a Broger's Creek resident, who has since been brought before the Nowra Police Court, and remanded.

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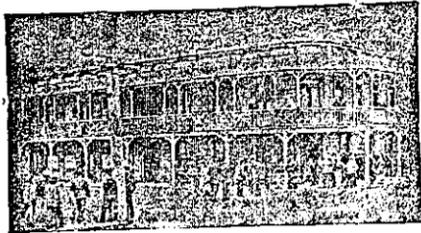
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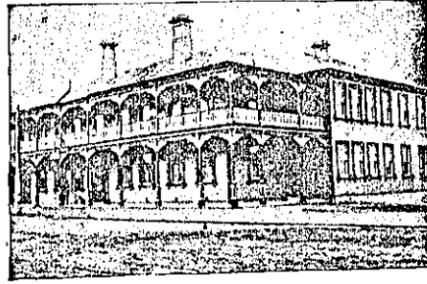
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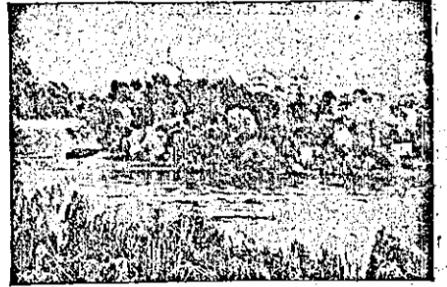
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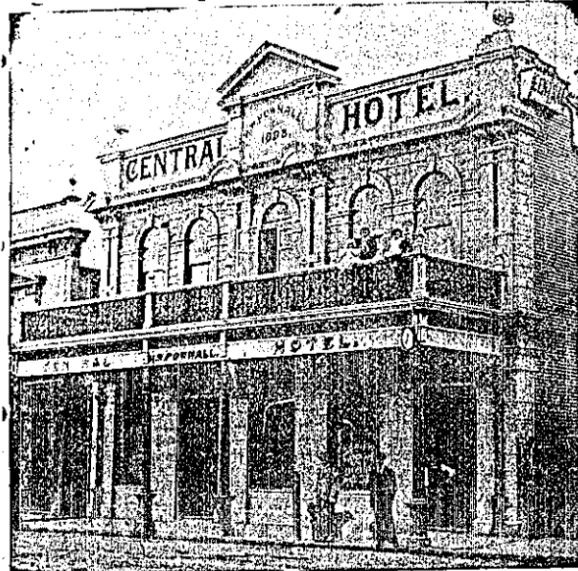
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THE DRINKING HABITS OF THE RACE.

At the anniversary dinner of the Metropolitan Beer and Wine Trade Protection Society, London, Mr H. T. Dunn, the President, made a capital little speech in proposing the toast of the evening, in which at times he was humorous and serious over the new Licensing Act.

"Let us hark back a little," he said. "We come of ancestry among whom hard drinking was not only common, but a virtue. One of my ancestors was known as a four bottle man, and he was looked up to and respected for it. Hard drinking was quite common and respectable in all classes of society; you have only to read one of our greatest novelists—I refer to Charles Dickens—to know that it was so. What was the result? A reaction set in. As long ago as 1871, Herbert Spencer, the greatest living exponent of evolution as applied to ethics, writes: 'After a reaction had already diminished the evil among the upper and middle ranks, there came an open recognition of the evil, resulting in temperance societies, which did their share towards further diminishing it.' Then came teetotal societies, more thorough-going in their views, and more energetic in their acts, which have been making the evil still less. Such has been the effect of these causes that for a long time past among the upper classes the drinking, which was once creditable, has been thought a disgrace, while among the lower classes it has greatly decreased, and come to be generally reprobated."

"Splendid," was the term used by the President regarding the clause which saves habitual drunkards from themselves. A drunken man, as he very rightly observed, is only a nuisance; but he could not see why "caterers of liquid" should be turned into criminals for serving a man whom someone had decided had had enough. Soon they would have people getting up an agitation against gluttony, which he ventured to say was a more widespread evil than intoxication, and "it would be criminal to sell a railway station sandwich—as it ought to be—or a three days old bun."

Briefly, Mr Dunn thinks that the Trade is being sacrificed to the fancies of a certain section of teetotal faddists, and he is not alone in holding that view. The burden of his speech was, continued support to the Trade Protection Societies, and he spoke up well for the Metropolitan, which has done much good and useful work.

We must unite to protect ourselves from having our livings made impossible. So I call upon you to-night to put your names down as you have so often and so bravely done before to guard the right of Englishmen, which has been impeached by this new Act. Ever since the days of Magna Charta, the vital principle of the laws of England has been that a man is innocent until he is proved guilty; by this Act, gentleman, it is left to the unfortunate license holder to prove himself innocent.

In conclusion the president referred to the result of the closing of all the saloons in Chicago, the work of the Anti-Saloon League, and said that this was a severe warning as to what might happen in this country if the present policy of "laissez faire" were continued by the Trade.

THE PROHIBITION CRAZE.

The following appears in "Passing Notes," in the Otago "Witness":—"Dear 'Civis,'—You have not heard from me for a week or two. I hope you accepted the deprivation with equanimity. I wanted to say a few words about the attempts that have been made to upset the no-license victory at Maitua, Bruce, Chalmers, and elsewhere, and waited till I could say it without risk of being run in for contempt of court. Now that the magistrates, save in one instance, that of Newtown, Wellington, have decided exactly as I would have recommended them to decide, there seems no need of saying anything at all. What I want to see wherever the prohibitionists score a victory at the polls is that they should be left to profit by it to the utmost. Give 'em the rope! A small no-license area such as Balclutha proves nothing. Nobody but the drunken loafer about public-house bars is greatly inconvenienced. Make the no-license area larger, let it stretch from Dunedin to Foveaux Strait, and then the inconvenience, the injustice, the absurdity would be patent enough. I don't want the prohibitionists to win anywhere; but, where they do win, my judgment is, Give 'em rope! "I write as a temperance reformer, and there is not a publican in my district with whom I have so much as a howing acquaintance. I oppose prohibition because I believe it a device of the devil to make temperance reform impossible.—Yours, THE SNIPER."

On the other hand, I have a letter, pathetic in its earnestness, from a prohibition evangelist, feminine gender, who exhorts me affectionately to turn from my anti-prohibition ways, repent, and be converted. "I quite expect," she says, "you will twist this round, make fun of grammar and spelling." Not for worlds! How

is it that my character and habits should be so little understood? She continues: "You might read your Bible to better advantage," which is true; and, "How much are you doing to help the fallen ones back to a better life?"—Ah, yes!—precious little, I am afraid. I might object that rescuing the fallen is not exactly the business of this column; also, as respects the Bible, that we usually find in the Bible what we bring to it, which fact explains why the prohibitionist finds prohibition there. But it fills becomes me to answer back when I am tackled on the religious side, and reasoned with for the good of my soul. I will content myself with a remark limited to the region of pure science. "Why do I say that drink is not a poison?" she asks. Well, because it isn't. The same rule holds of common salt; swallow a salt-cellar full, and you die in toxic agonies. Would you for that reason class common salt as a poison, and learn to eat porridge without salt?

ORIGIN OF CHEVALIER BARLEY.

A writer in the "Eastern Daily Press" gives a curious account from the MS. "History of Debenham," of the actual origin of Chevalier barley. It appears that on a certain occasion in the year 1820 a labourer, taking off his boots to ease his sore feet, found a very fine ear of barley in one of them. He planted some grains of it in his garden, and Mr Charles Chevalier, of Aspall Hall, Suffolk, happening to notice the resulting garden crop, sowed a small ridge with the collected seed, until at length he grew sufficient to plant an acre. This was again planted, and from the increase thence arising he began to dispose of the far-famed variety of grain. The prefix Chevalier, however, is now applied generally to the superior seed corn of many barley-growing districts, but the origin of the expression is probably as stated.

At the quarterly meeting of the Wai-hemo Licensing Committee, before Major Keddell, at Palmerston on the 4th, the following transfers were granted:—Empire Hotel, Palmerston, Charles Burrell to J. A. Duncan; Royal Hotel, Naseby, A. B. King to Patrick Ryan.

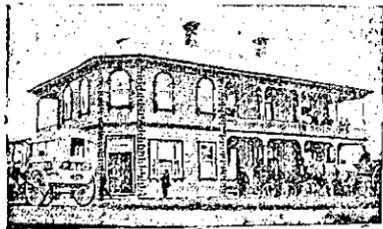
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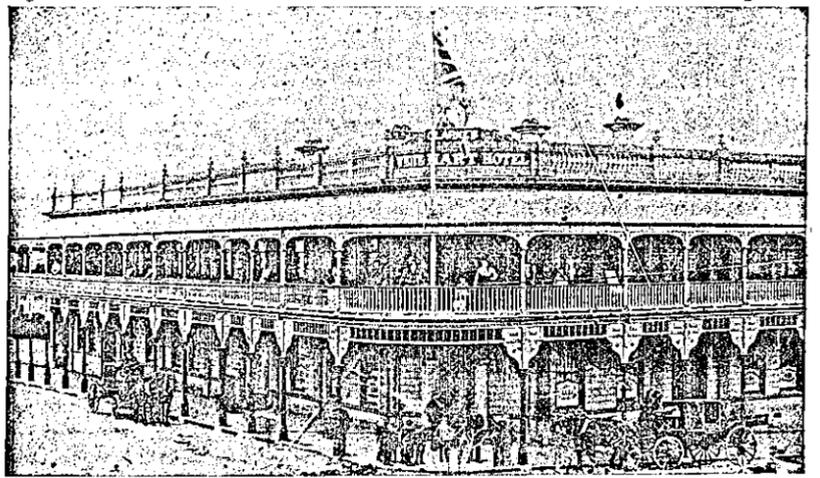


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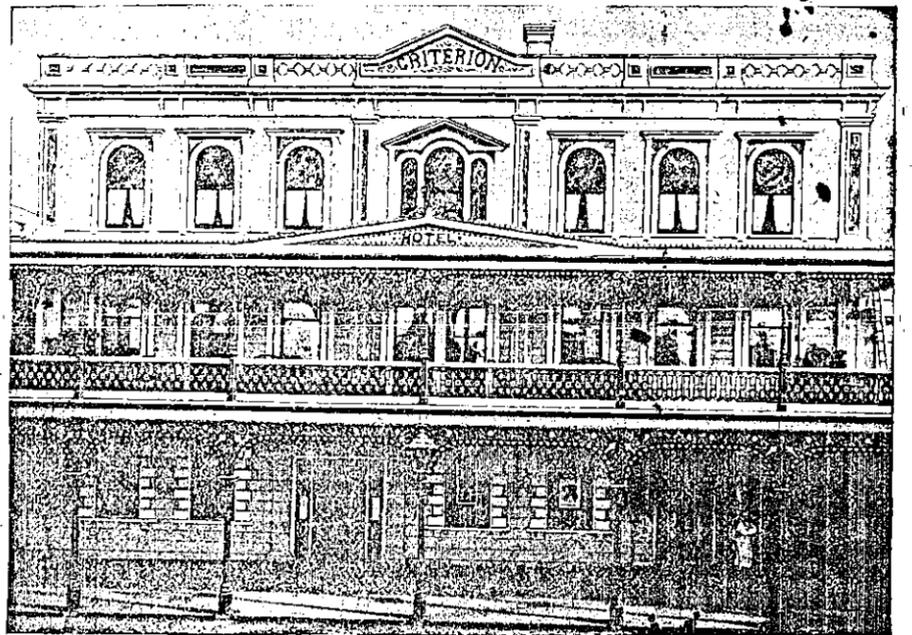
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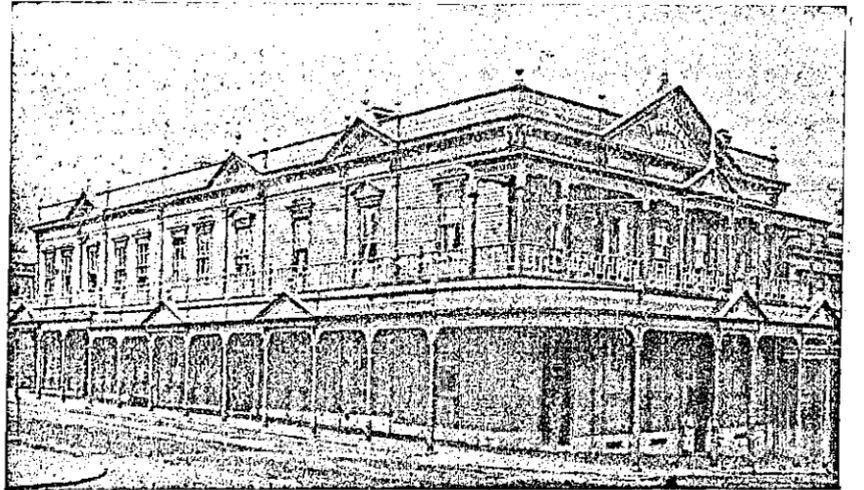
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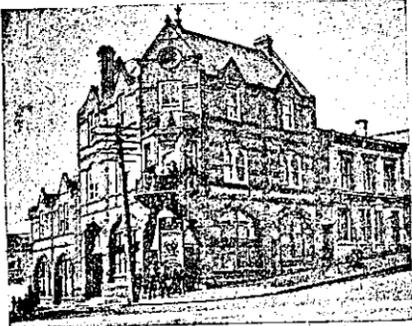
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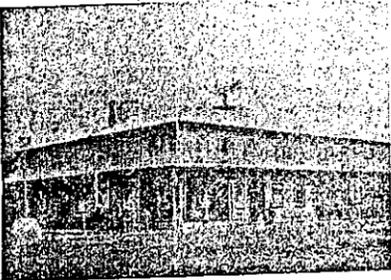
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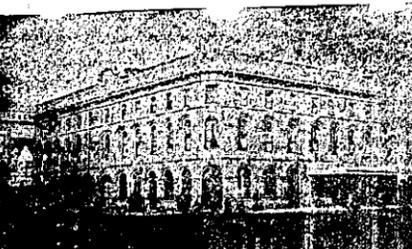
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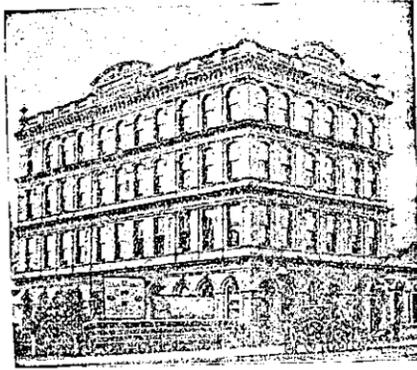
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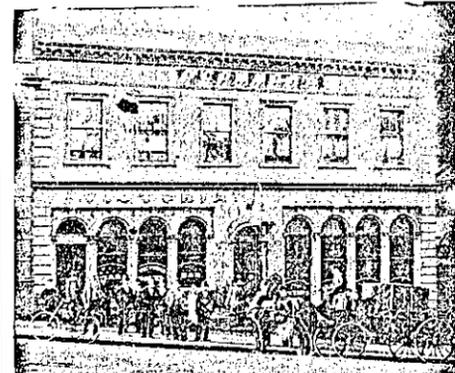
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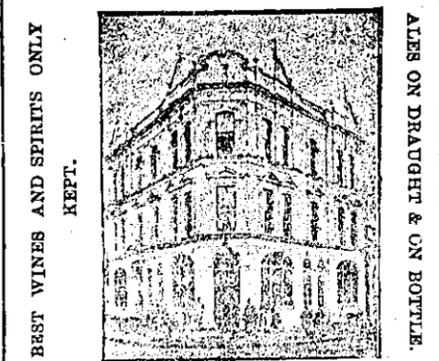
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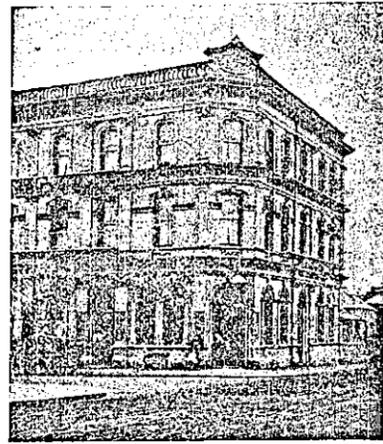
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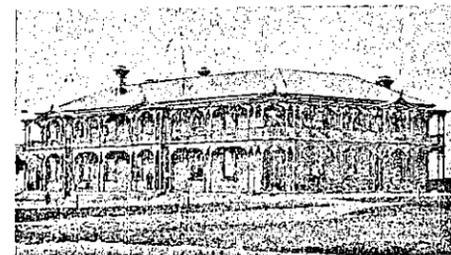
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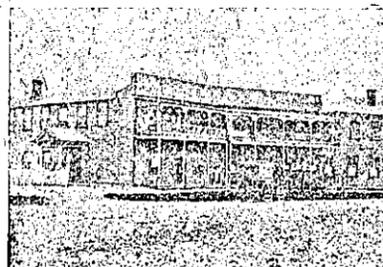


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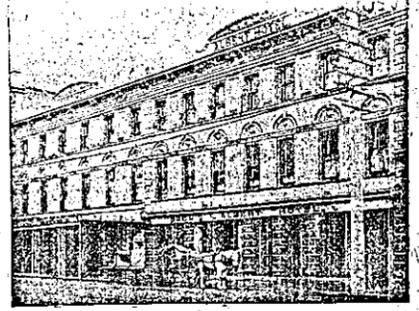
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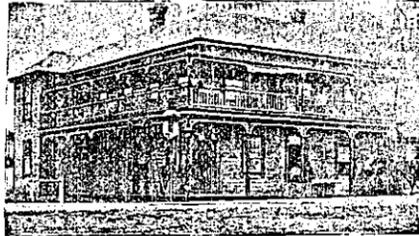
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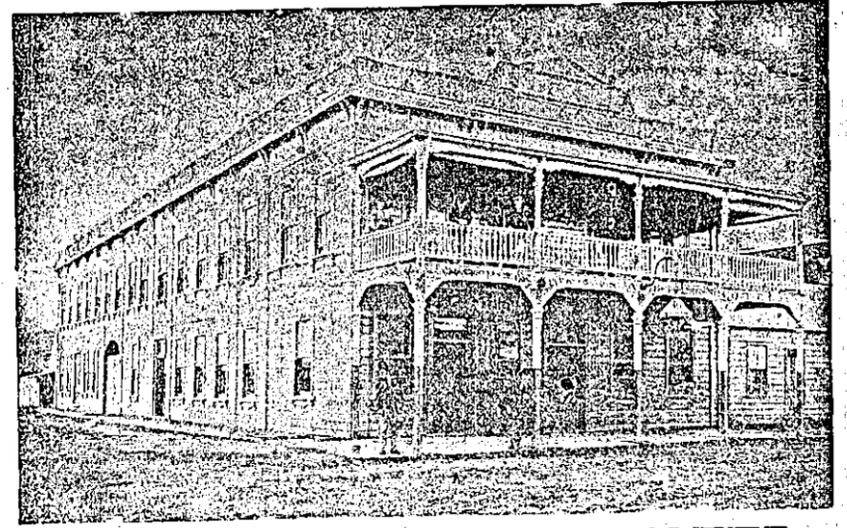
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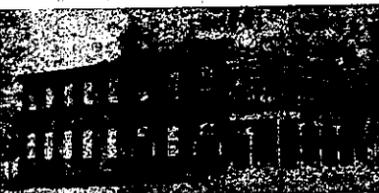
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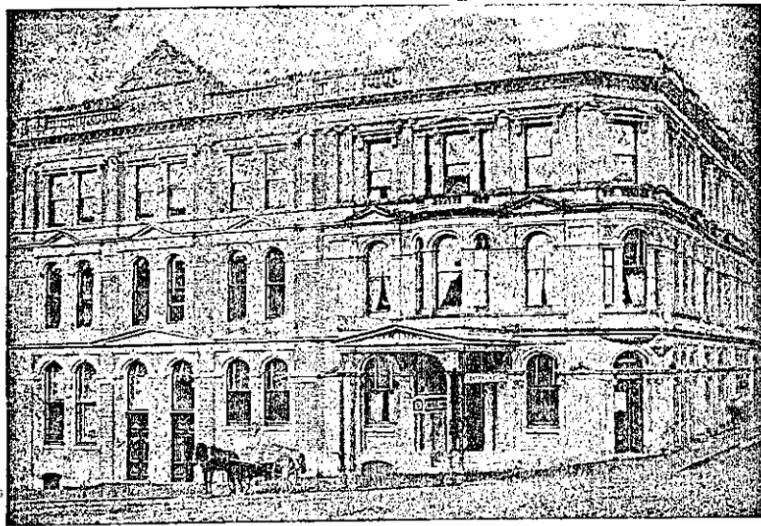
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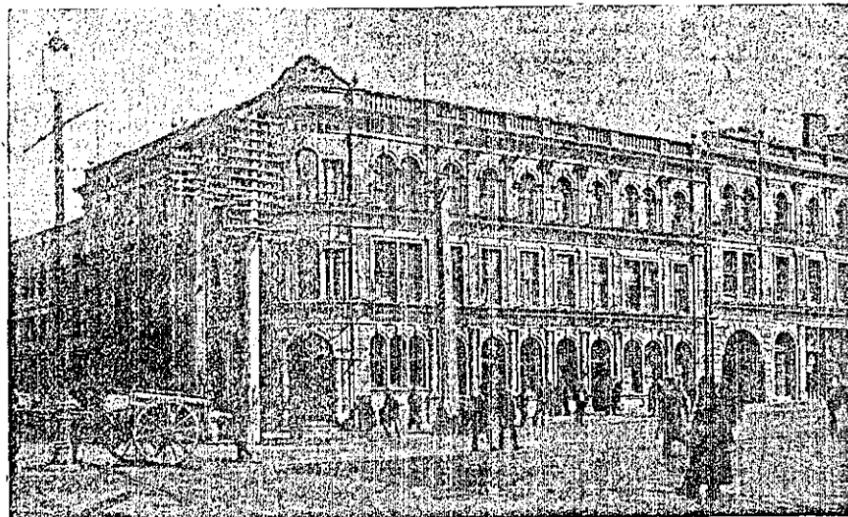
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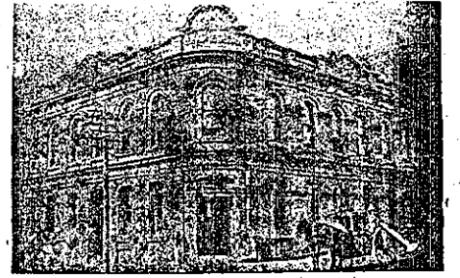
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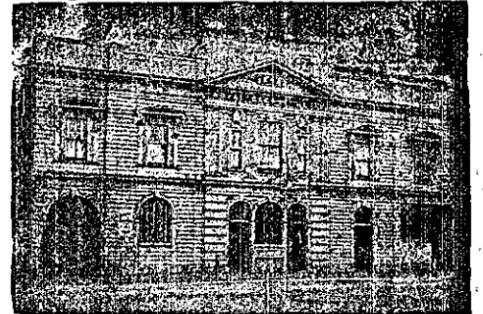
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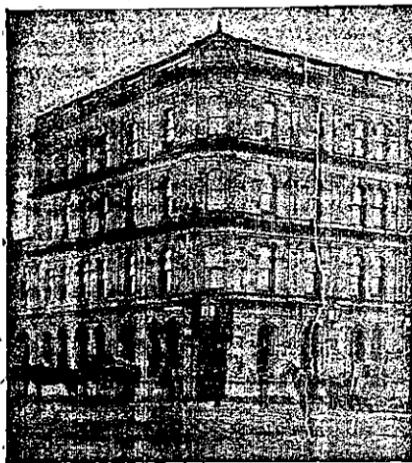
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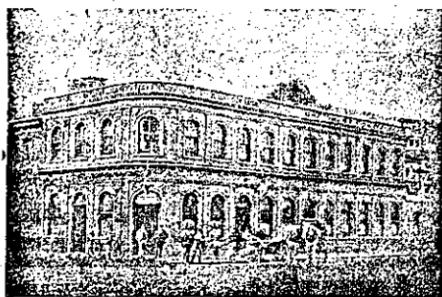
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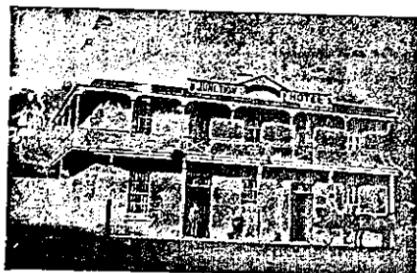
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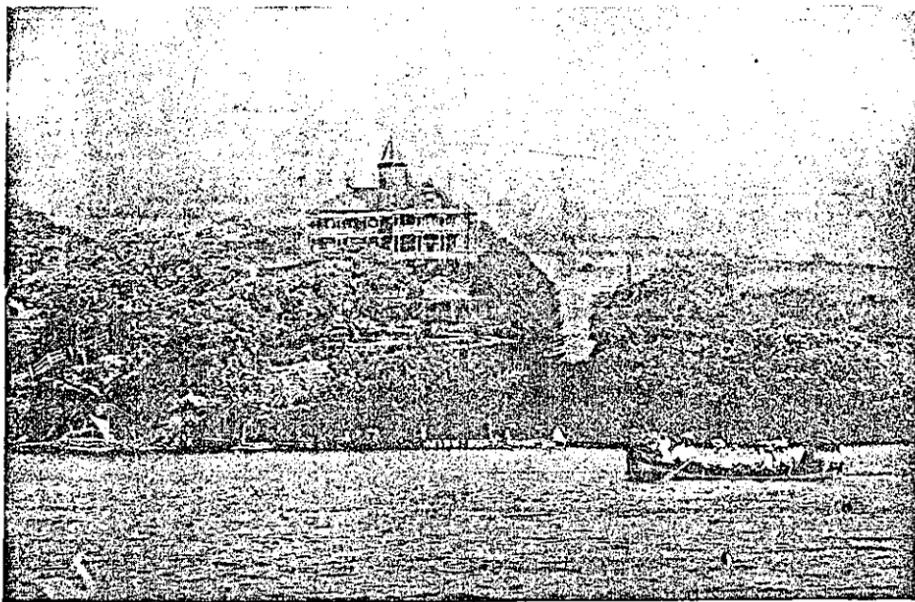
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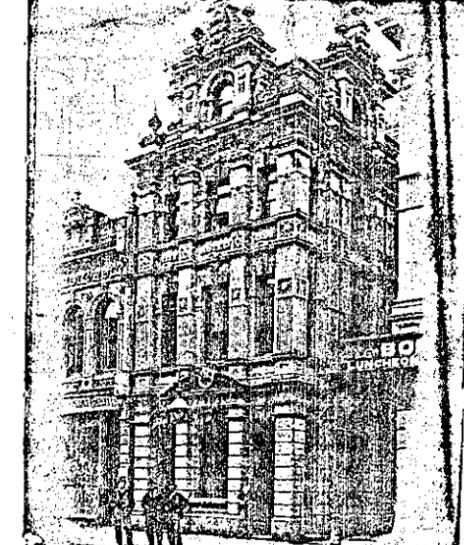
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ONLY BEST BRANDS OF LIQUOR KEPT MODERATE CHARGES.

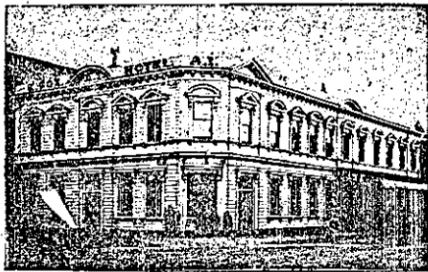
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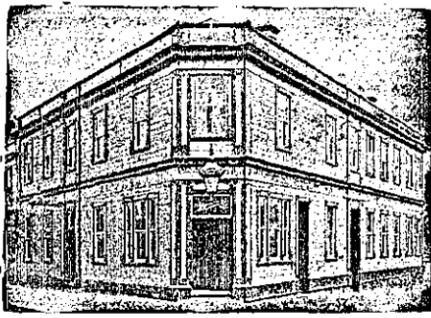
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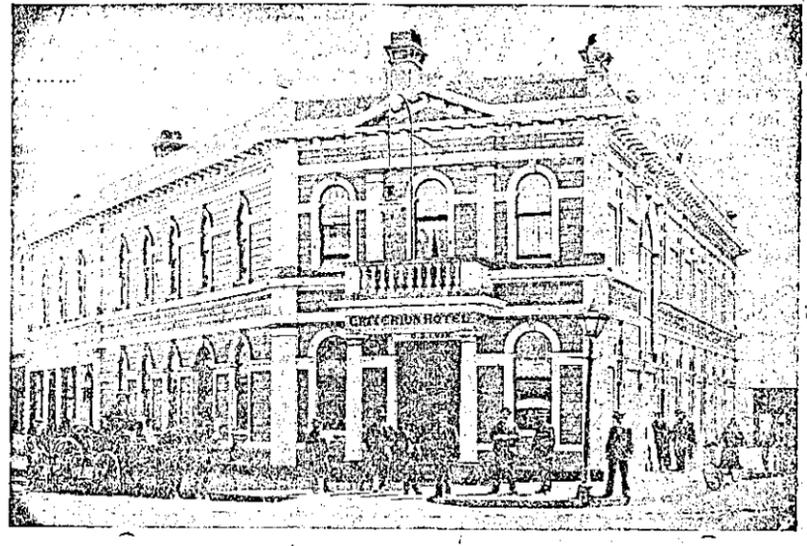
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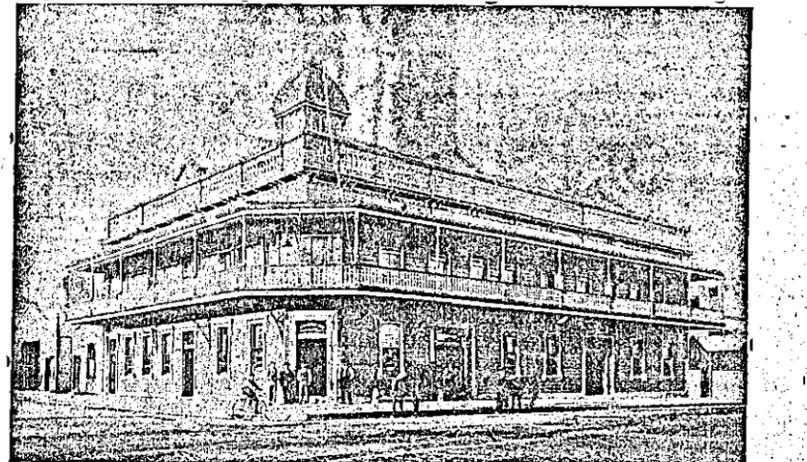
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