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AUTUMN MEETING.

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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, 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 3 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 the 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.

Maiden 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 C.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 14lbs extra, 14lbs extreme penalty. Males at 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; Stewards' Handicap, 1 sov; Railway Handicap, 1 sov; Autumn Hurdles, 1 sov; Flying Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Shorts Handicap, 1 sov; Maiden Hurdle 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,
Secretary.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

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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 the 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 the 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 the 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 the 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 the 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 the 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 the 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 the 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 the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Distance, four furlongs.

Second Pony Handicap of 45 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs out of the 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 the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. Distance, one mile.

Nursery Handicap of 80 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the 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 the 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 the 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 the 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. HAY,
Secretary.

WAKAPUNA 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 stake. 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 stake. 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 stake. 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 stake. 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 stake. 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 stake. 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 stake. Winner of the Empire Handicap to carry a penalty of 7lbs extra. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Five furlongs.

SECOND DAY:
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH, 1903.

Hack Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. 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 stake. 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 stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 2 sovs. One mile.

Second Pony Handicap of 60 sovs; second pony to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. 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 stake. 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 stake. 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 stake. Winner of any flat race, excepting the Hack Handicap, after the weights are declared to carry a penalty of 5lbs extra. Lowest weight, 7st 7lb. 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, 1 sov; First Handicap Hurdles, 2 sovs; Handicap Maiden Steeplechase, 1 sov; Royal Handicap, 2 sovs; Handicap Steeplechase (second day), 3 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.

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. Hartill; Starter, C. H. Chavannes; Handicapper for Open Events, George Morse; Clerk of the Scales, E. A. Campbell; Clerk of the Course, Donald Macdonald; Stewards, President, Vice-President, and Treasurer (ex officio), and Dr. Connolly, H. W. Hole, G. Marshall, James Higgie, James Watt, Alan Cameron, A. Higgie; 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 25 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 the 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 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 80 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, Hunter's 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 money goes to the funds of the Club.
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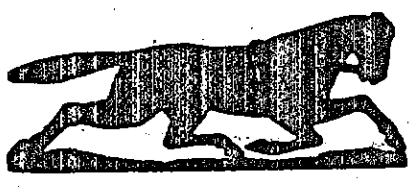
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PROGRAMME.

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SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 1903.

- Maiden Trot Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. Limit, 3min. For all horses that have never won an advertised trotting race exceeding 20 sovs in value at time of entry. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile and a-half.
- Pony Trot Handicap of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 2 inches and under. Nomination, 10s; acceptance, 10s. Distance, one mile and a-half.
- Autumn Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, six and a-half furlongs.
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- Electric Trot Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2.50 or better to the mile. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, one mile.

SECOND DAY:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH, 1903.

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- Handicap Trot of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2.47 or better to the mile. Nomination, 20s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, one mile and a-half.
- May Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, six and a-half furlongs.
- Autumn Trot Handicap of 40 sovs; second horse to receive 5 sovs from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2.50 or better to the mile. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 15s. Distance, two miles.
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- Class Trot Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. All horses will be handicapped to trot 2.40 or better to the mile. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 20s. Distance, one mile.

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HANDICAPS for the Trotting Races on First Day to appear on **April 21st**; for the Pony Races on the **20th April**; for the Second Day to appear on **May 4th**.
ACCEPTANCES for the Trotting Races on First Day close on **FRIDAY, 24th April**; for the Second Day close on **MONDAY, May 4th**, at 9 p.m.
ACCEPTANCES for the Pony Races on the First Day close **8th April** at 9 p.m.

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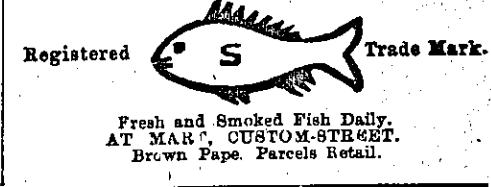
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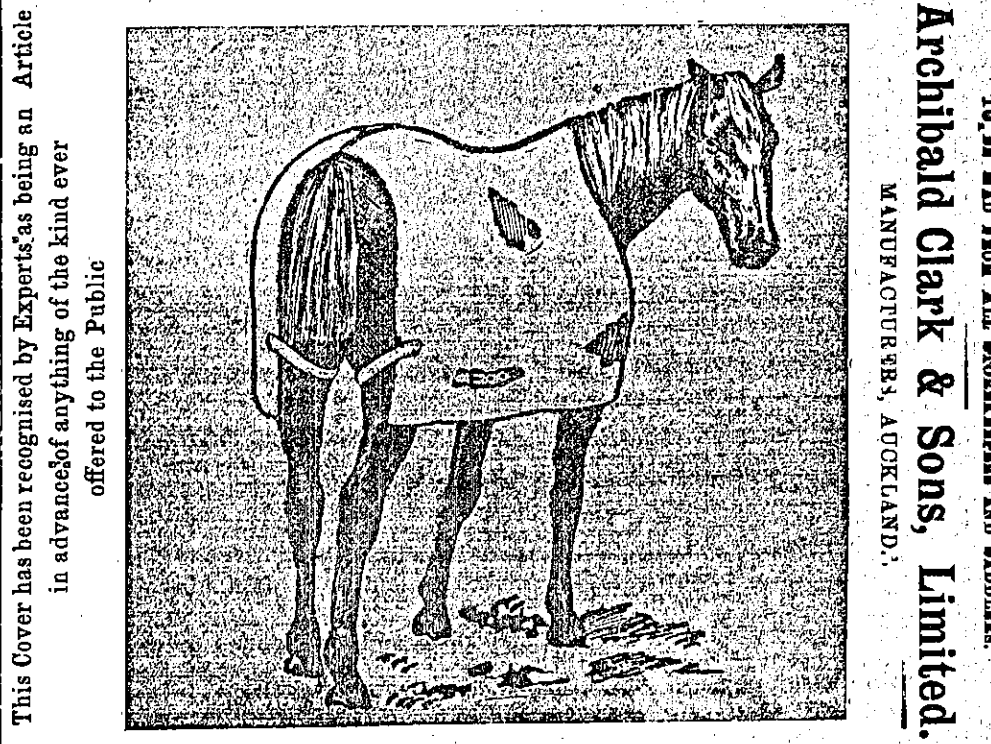
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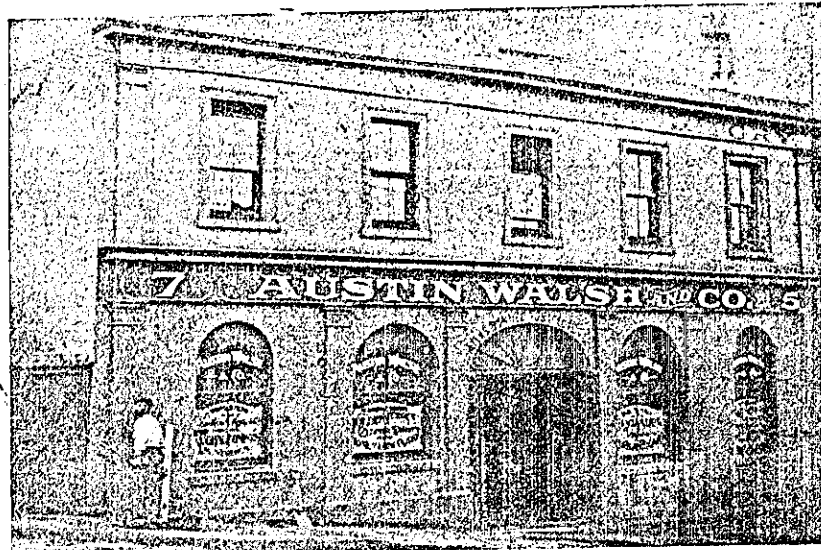
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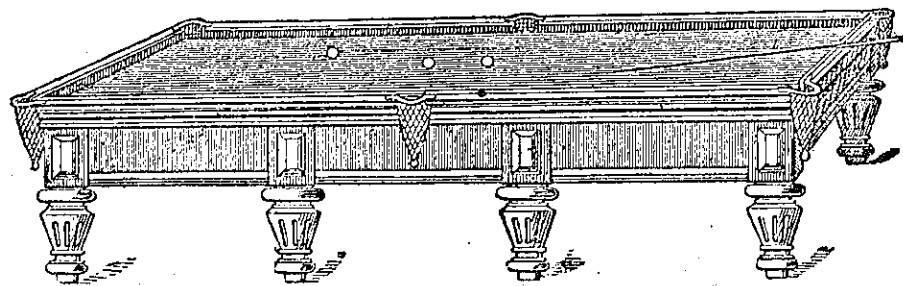
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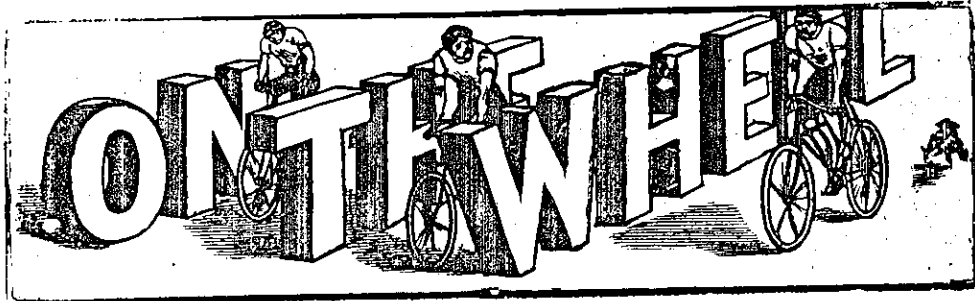
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vern, and T. W. Weeding, of Kingston,
who have 14,800 and 14,091 to their
credit respectively. Both gentlemen are
well over fifty years of age.

As a result of his win in the Sydney
Thousand Handicap, N. C. Hopper heads
the list of prize-winners for the season
in Australia with £766. Don Walker is
next with £620, then follow F. Auger
with £540, Major Taylor £450, G. R.
Morgan £330, A. C. Forbes £212, E. A.
Pye £150, C. E. Burton £130, F. H.
Scheps £126, F. Beauchamp £123, and J.
Curley £113.

To explain the exact meaning of the
word "tricycle" seems at first sight an
easy sight (says an exchange). Dr.
Johnson is said to have described it as
"a velocipede with three wheels," and
one might suppose that this settled the
matter, but, unfortunately for the accu-
racy of this statement the word does not
occur in his dictionary, nor was any ma-
chine of the kind known in his time. The
latest contribution to the discussion has
been furnished by an invalid gentleman,
who was accustomed by the courtesy of
the police to propel a hand-driven three-
wheeler upon the pavement of Sussex
watering places. He came, however, into
conflict with the police at Patcham,
where he refused to take his machine off
the footpath on to the roadway. His de-
fence before the Bench was elaborately
simple. He appealed to Johnson's Dic-
tionary, and argued that a velocipede was
obviously, in virtue of its derivation, a
machine propelled by the feet. His manu-
motive was, therefore, not a velocipede,
and therefore was not a tricycle. This
precision of argument seems to have
puzzled the Bench, who compromised by
fining the defendant five shillings, and
giving him leave to appeal. It is only
fair to add that the defence was some-
what further than this, and included the
contention that a manumotive was not
ejusdem genesis with a tricycle. The law
excluded bicycles and tricycles from the
footpath because their pace would have
rendered them dangerous to foot passen-
gers. His machine could not go faster
than a walking pace, and was, therefore,
to be classed with perambulators and
bath chairs. There is sound logic in this.

The "Town and Country Journal" has
the following interesting account of the
final heat in the great cycle handicap in
Sydney:—"Walker was off his mark like
lightning, and was soon up with Morgan,
Forbes, Mutton and Filsell. The front
division, too, had lost no time, and all
the riders were going strongly, but Si-
mon, the limit man, found the pace too
warm, and was beaten off after a lap. It
was now quite evident that it was the
front division against the back division,
the pacing being magnificent. In fact,
better has never been seen here before.
The riders, excepting Walker and Hopper,
who did no pacing, dropped back and
took their turn in a wonderful manner;
but of the two, the front division appear-
ed to do the better work. Meanwhile the
crowd had been worked up to a high
pitch of excitement, and as the men
went along at a terrific pace much cheer-
ing was heard. On the last lap being en-
tered upon Thorn was leading, with
Payne next, and Hopper fourth; while
the back-markers were soon thirty yards
behind. At a marvellous rate of speed
Payne now went for half a lap, with
Hopper on his wheel. On reaching the
northern pavilion Hopper shot out like a
flash, and travelling at a great rate, fin-
ished first by fully twenty yards. Walker
also came with a magnificent run, and
beat Thorn easily for second place. The
time was 11min 53 2-5sec, a world's com-
petition record for a mile. Hopper, who
had for some time past been regarded as
"a good thing" for the big event, was
accorded a grand ovation as he rode
round the track. The winner has not
been racing long as a professional; in
fact, it is only since he came here to-
wards the end of last year that he joined
the ranks. In America he raced as an
amateur, and did some excellent work.

The price obtained for some of the more
speedy big cars is something enormous.
"Le Velo" states that a Yankee mil-
lionaire has just given £5000 for Henri
Fournier's racing car; while another Am-
erican is paying nearly as much to the
Caustatt Daimler Company for a 100
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The anglers in Florida have plenty of variety in their fishing as the following list of fish actually caught will show: Ten Pounder, Hound Fish, Flounder, Leather Fish, Vermillion Fish, Angel Fish, Moon Fish, Star Fish, Shad, Tang, Snapper, Pork Fish, Turbot, Hog Fish, Eel, Sailor's Choice, Butter Fish, Walking Fish, Mutton Fish, Shovel-nose Shad, Sea Urchins, Toad Fish, Cow Fish, Hawk's Bill Turtle, Porcupine, or Ajog, Shell Fish.

Mr C. Walker caught nine trout at the mouth of the Ashburton river recently, the heaviest turning the scale at twelve pounds. One of them took fully half-an-hour to land. These fish were caught on the fly, and are said to be the largest ever caught on the fly in the Ashburton river.

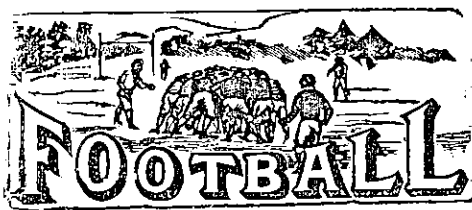
The quality of gimp available for fishing nowadays is by no means what it used to be. One has to buy the G. string of a fiddle to make sure of getting a first-class article. Gimp or phosphor-bronze wire is largely required for modern angling, but few know how to handle or tie it. To be put on a hook well, gimp should be lashed on with silk. There is not much trouble in putting it on a ringed hook, but few people care for ringed hooks, which are bulky and heavy. There are a few simple twists and turns which anyone can learn from a cheap book of knots, ties, and splices obtainable for about one shilling at any bookseller's.

The "Sportsmen's Review," publishes an excellent photograph and biography of Mr F. Freeman Lloyd, who passed through here some time since en route for Philadelphia, where he had been appointed judge at the big Dog Show. Mr Lloyd now conducts the kennel department of the "Morning Telegraph," New York, and is also special correspondent of the Sydney "Morning Herald," and "The Stock-keeper," of London.

The League of American Sportsmen has a membership of over nine thousand, with division in forty-five states and territories. A League formed on the same lines for New Zealand would be of much benefit of sportsmen in the colony.

The big shoot organised by the Ellerslie Gun Club for Easter is attracting a lot of attention. There are twenty-seven gentlemen in the handicap, and the list includes the names of all the best shots in the Auckland district. Messrs C. H. Chevannes, Mat. Roseingrave, and C. H. Garnett make a very formidable trio on the back marks. There should be an excellent muster on April 15 to see who pulls off the £50 prize.

The large silver jewfish of the Hawkesbury has many seekers (writes "Glaucus"), chief amongst them being the professional hand-liners of the district. Many splendid jewfish are taken during the autumn in the river, the men showing a great deal of persinacity in following the big fellows. They have a hard task locating them, and as each man fishes practically on his own, if one boat drops on to the fish, there are a dozen rumours as to the exact spot. The man who gets a haul one day has to dodge his lynx-eyed brethren next day. Some rather amusing tricks are played by the professionals upon one another. If a man gets half-a-dozen boomers one day, he may make £2 for his day's work, and can afford to lay low for a day or so if he likes. Usually he does like, for your professional exhausts himself when he has had a decent day, and wants to relieve the drought for a week. It is when a successful man goes out that the fun begins. He may have caught his fish on the Long Shore, but he sets sail for Milson's Island, and somebody is bound to follow him. Then the dance begins. The first man takes the others all over the place, and often succeeds in bluffing them off before he ventures to the spot where he caught the fish the previous day. This sort of trick is frequently played.



The annual meeting of the members of the Grafton Football Club was held during the week in the training hall, at Eden-street, Mount Eden. There was a large attendance of members, Mr G. P. Murray presiding. The eleventh annual report, which was presented by the secretary (Mr George Sanders), stated that the finances of the club were in a better position than in any previous year. New additions, costing £47, had been made to the hall, and £25 had been paid off the mortgage debt, which left an indebtedness of £75. Although the senior team did not again succeed in winning the past season's championship, they performed very creditably, occupying third honours. The first junior fifteen, for the first time since the inauguration of the district scheme, succeeded in winning the premier position in their grade. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £5 4s 6d. The receipts, totalling £49 14s 7d, included members' subscriptions £12, president's donation £2 2s, vice-presidents' donations £29 8s, and donation from the Auckland Rugby Union £25. The assets, including the freehold property and hall, were stated at £308 3s, the only liability being a mortgage on the hall of £75. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr A. M. Myers; secretary, Mr W. Marshall; assistant-secretary, Mr E. Craig; treasurer, Mr Geo. Tutt; delegates to the association, Messrs G. P. Murray, D. Hay, and A. Wooler; auditor, Mr George Sanders; management committee, Messrs H. Kierman, G. Nevill, and G. Huddleston. Messrs D. Hay, M. McGuinness, and J. Gunson were appointed life members of the club, and accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their past services in the interests of the club. A notice of motion was given to the effect that the annual subscription be reduced from 10s to 5s.

The annual meeting of the Otago Rugby Union was held last week. Mr J. Hutchison was re-elected president, and Mr G. Smith secretary. The proposal to appoint a sole selector of representative teams in future was carried by a narrow majority, and it was resolved that the union be registered under the Unclassified Societies Act.

The third annual meeting of the Tabernacle Football Club was held in the Tabernacle Social Hall a few days ago, Pastor Clark (president) presiding. There was a good attendance of players. The annual report congratulated the club on the success of Tabernacle "A" team in winning the Junior Association Championship of Auckland, and the Falcon Challenge Cup. The balance-sheet showed a small credit balance. It was resolved to enter a senior and two junior teams for this season's championships. The following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—President, Pastor Clark; vice-presidents, Dr. A. O. Knight, Messrs W. P. Baker, F. N. Andrews, E. Turley, H. M. Smeeton, S. G. Rountree, S. H. Matthews, H. Lamb, H. Townshend, G. C. Garlick, A. J. Hall, J. C. Spedding, and R. Ellingham; secretary and treasurer, Mr R. S. Baker; auditors, Messrs W. Kendon and G. H. Guy; sole selector, Mr S. Clark.

The annual meeting of the New Zealand Rugby Union will be held on May 1, at Wellington.

The executive of the English Rugby Union has issued the following official rulings:—1. A player thrown or knocked over is not necessarily tackled (see definition of a tackle). 2. A player running at the ball may only charge shoulder to shoulder an opponent running at the ball. 3. A player from whose grasp the ball is snatched cannot claim that it has been held.

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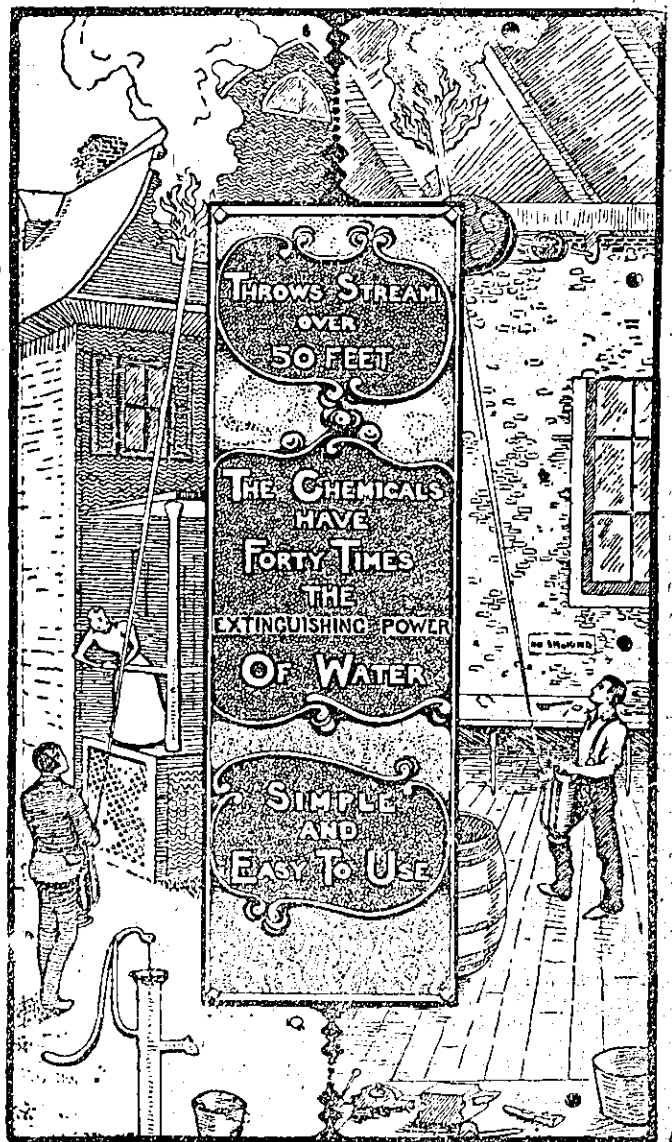
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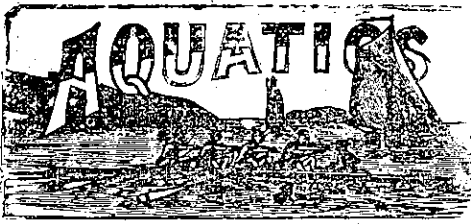
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(By "The Reefer.")

As was very generally anticipated, Cambridge had very little difficulty in defeating Oxford this year in the great annual Varsity eight-oar race. The water was smooth, there being very little wind, but rain fell throughout. Despite this drawback, there was the customary huge crowd lined along the banks at the various vantage spots to witness the encounter. Oxford won the toss, and chose the Surrey side, but the advantage in position was of very little use to them, for the Light Blues catching the water quickest, immediately showed in front, and at Hammersmith Bridge had a lead of two lengths. This they steadily increased, being four lengths to the good at Chiswick. From this out it was practically no race, Cambridge paddling in the easiest of winners by six lengths, having taken 19min 35sec to accomplish the trip. The annual contests between the two big Universities were inaugurated as long ago as 1829, and the present was the sixtieth occasion on which rival crews have met. Chiefly owing to a long sequence of victories in the sixties, and again in the nineties, Oxford are well ahead in the matter of wins, having thirty-three to their credit, as against twenty-six on the part of Cambridge. The writer witnessed several of these classic struggles years ago, the two most exciting occasions probably being in 1877, when the judge declared a dead-heat, and again in 1882, when the race was rowed in a blinding snowstorm.

A cable received during the week states that the new America Cup challenger, Shamrock III., has had a very successful trial, proving exceedingly smart in stays and outsailing Shamrock I. As far as it goes this is very satisfactory, but it can hardly be supposed that the old boat is as good as she was some seasons ago. The second bearer of the name also beat Shamrock I., but did not prove good enough to wrest the Cup from the New York Yacht Club. We shall get a better line as to the respective capabilities of the rivals in the coming great international struggle after Shamrock III. has been tested against Shamrock II., and a like trial has eventuated between Reliance and Columbia. In the meantime it is satisfactory to learn that the sailing of the new Fife cutter has greatly pleased her plucky owner, Sir Thomas Lipton.

Since writing last week on the matter of the suspension of the Canterbury Centre by the head body, I learn (writes "Clinker") that before the N.Z. Asso-

ciation in Wellington decide to suspend the local Centre, they had several times communicated with the Canterbury Association on the matter, and their letters had practically been taken no notice of. Knowing this, I think the action of the head body quite right. The breach which has caused the suspension (allowing maiden races to rowed in stumps instead of the regulation boats as adopted by the N.Z. Association) has been committed for years, and the matter is one that really should be settled once and for all. No matter what the opinion of the Canterbury Centre is, respect should be shown the head body, and their communications properly acknowledged, and attended to. Such appears not to have been the case—hence the suspension. If, as it is alleged, the Association's boats cannot be used with satisfaction on a course where buoys must be turned, then they should not force Canterbury to adopt them, but allow the stumps to be used as before. When this matter is explained to the governing body I feel sure they will recognise that they cannot be doing right in insisting upon a racing rule being adhered to if it cannot be carried out with satisfaction.

I am very sorry to hear that the sneak thief has again been at his contemptible work on some of the yachts lying at moorings. The vessels which have suffered are the Viking, Moana, and Rangitira, while no doubt others have been equally unfortunate. It is high time a system of water police was established, for the present methods are utterly inadequate to bring the offenders to book.

The Northern Swimming Club gave the visitors to the Carnival a very pleasant outing on Sunday. It took the form of a fishing trip, but viewed from this point of view it was a comparative failure, as only about one hundred and fifty schnapper came to hand. The excursion was, however, a very enjoyable one, for the day was bright and clear, the catering above reproach, while the Devonport band helped to pass the time with numerous and well-rendered selections of music. At the conclusion Mr Hamilton, on behalf of the visiting swimmers, took occasion to thank the local club for the lavish hospitality so freely extended to them.

The absence of Malcolm Champion from the Championship swimming events on Saturday caused a lot of disappointment to the spectators, and was very regrettable. The reason of his being debarred was, I understand, that owing to him having to leave Wellington somewhat hurriedly on the occasion of his last visit he had neglected to pay certain fees to the Wellington Association. These, however, I am told have since been paid to the local club to be forwarded on, and if such is the case it was somewhat hard lines for the local crack to be debarred from competing. I hardly think he would have been equal to beating Hamilton in the distance events, however.



Vaile, photo. MR. CHARLES P. MURDOCH,
First Commodore of the Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron.

The Coromandel Regatta will take place next Saturday, and bids fair to be a very successful function. Entries for Auckland yachts may be made either to Mr Brentnall, hon. secretary to the Regatta, or Mr F. W. Coombes, hon. secretary to the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, up to Friday evening.

Mr Charles P. Murdoch, whose portrait appears in this issue, is probably the best known yachtsman in New Zealand to-day. He was born on the shores of the Clyde, and as quite a nipper displayed a fondness for aquatic pursuits, being constantly on or in the water. When seventeen years of age he made his first trip to China on one of the celebrated ten clippers, and some of his experiences at Shanghai and up the Chinese rivers are well worth listening to. In 1871 Mr Murdoch arrived in Dunedin, where he lived for some years. At that time he and Captain Gibbs had the famous little

cutter Spray, which may even now be seen at her moorings, off the North Shore, and in her made three trips to Lyttelton, winning on two occasions against the Annie Ogle and others. Mr Murdoch also sailed in the Zephyr and the Gipsy. He came up to Auckland in 1880, and lived for some years on the Manukau side, where he had a steam launch, and did most of his sailing in a whaleboat. After moving across to Devonport Mr Murdoch purchased the Zinita, and later on that very smart 36-footer, the Ida. Starting as a private member of the Auckland Yacht Club, he subsequently joined the committee, then was made Rear-Commodore, afterwards Vice, and finally Commodore, holding each office for two years. He is now the first Commodore of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, and is most essentially the right man in the right place. A seaman to his fingers' tips, what "Charley" doesn't know about yachting isn't worth learning, while being of a jovial, cheery nature, there is no more popular member among the ranks of the Squadron.

THE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP.

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There was a large gathering of spectators at the Auckland Graving Dock on Saturday afternoon, when the swimming championships took place. A nor-westerly wind made the water rather lumpy, despite which fact some excellent times were recorded in some of the events. The other centres represented were Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington, and Greymouth. The interest in the chief race was to a large extent spoilt by the absence of Malcolm Champion, the Northern Club crack, who was debarred from entering. H. Creaghe, the seventeen-year-old Dunedin representative, won the 100 Yards Championship in 65 2/5th sec, which beats the previous New Zealand record by three-fifths of a second. J. M. Hamilton made mince-ment of the half-mile record by accomplishing the distance in 18min 34 2/5th sec, which is 42 3/5th secs ahead of the previous best. L. Penrose, of Christchurch, who did 14min 6sec in the race, also beat the standard by nine seconds. In the evening at the fresh-water baths Hamilton lowered the quarter-mile record by 6 3/5th sec. Appended are the results:—

100YDS CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUCKLAND.

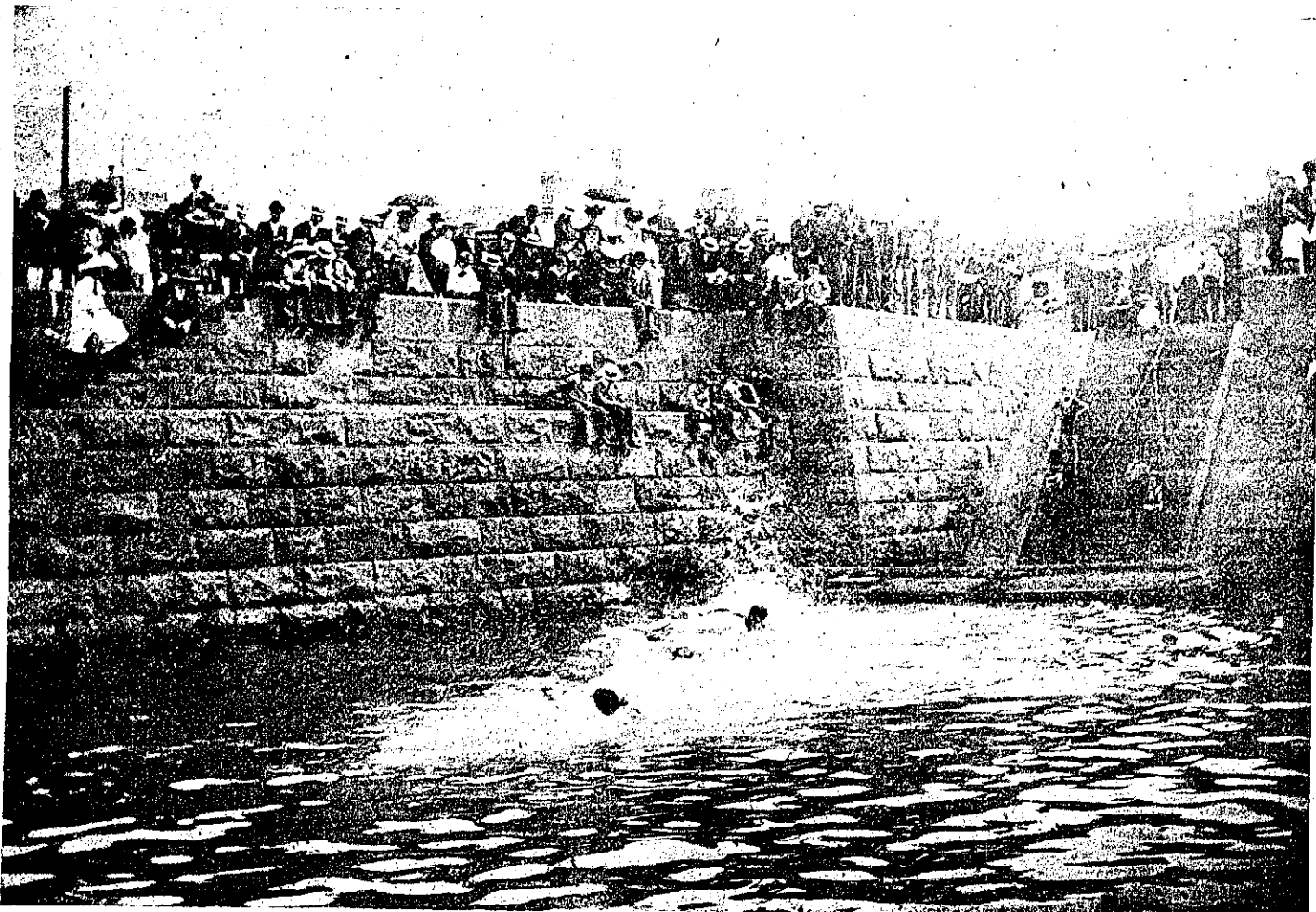
H. Creaghe	...	...	1
J. M. Hamilton	...	...	2

Won by rather more than a yard. Time, 1mi 5 2/5th sec.

50YDS, OPEN.

B. O'Hara...	...	...	1
W. Johns ...	...	...	2

Time, 33 4/5th sec.



C. W. Fuller, photo.

At the Swimming Championship Carnival.

75Yds HANDICAP (Youths under 17).

Henderson...	...	1
B O'Hare...	...	2

Time, 55 1-5th sec.

PLUNGE CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUCKLAND.

J. M. Hamilton, 50ft 11in	...	1
B. Roberts...	...	2

CLOTHES RACE.

R. Bell	...	1
S. T. McMillan	...	2

HALF-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP OF NEW ZEALAND

J. M. Hamilton	...	1
L. Penrose...	...	2

The other starters were W. Dunn and T. V. Frost.

Hamilton's time was 13min 34 2-5th sec, and Penrose's was 14min 6sec

RELAY RACE, OPEN.

City Football Club	...	1
Auckland Rowing Club	...	2
Silver Star F.C.	...	3

This completed the afternoon's sport. In the evening the carnival was continued at the Albert-street Baths.

50Yds HANDICAP (for boys under 15).

J. Purdie	...	1
L. E. Kerr-Taylor	...	2

Time, 38 1-5th sec.

440Yds CHAMPIONSHIP OF NEW ZEALAND.

J. M. Hamilton	...	1
L. Penrose...	...	2

Hamilton's time was 6min 23 2-5th sec, while Penrose's was 6min 57 4-5th sec.

GIRLS' 36Yds SCRATCH RACE (for novices).

Miss McQuillan	...	1
Miss Jenny Webster	...	2

72Yds OPEN HANDICAP.

S. Wilson	...	1
S. W. Kean	...	2
B. Blakely	...	3

Time, 52 3-5th sec.

GIRLS' HANDICAP, 36Yds.

Miss Garratt	...	1
Miss Hilda Creaghe	...	2

Time, 42 3-5th sec.

NEAT HEADER CHAMPIONSHIP OF AUCKLAND.

W. Sinton	...	1
B. Easthope	...	2

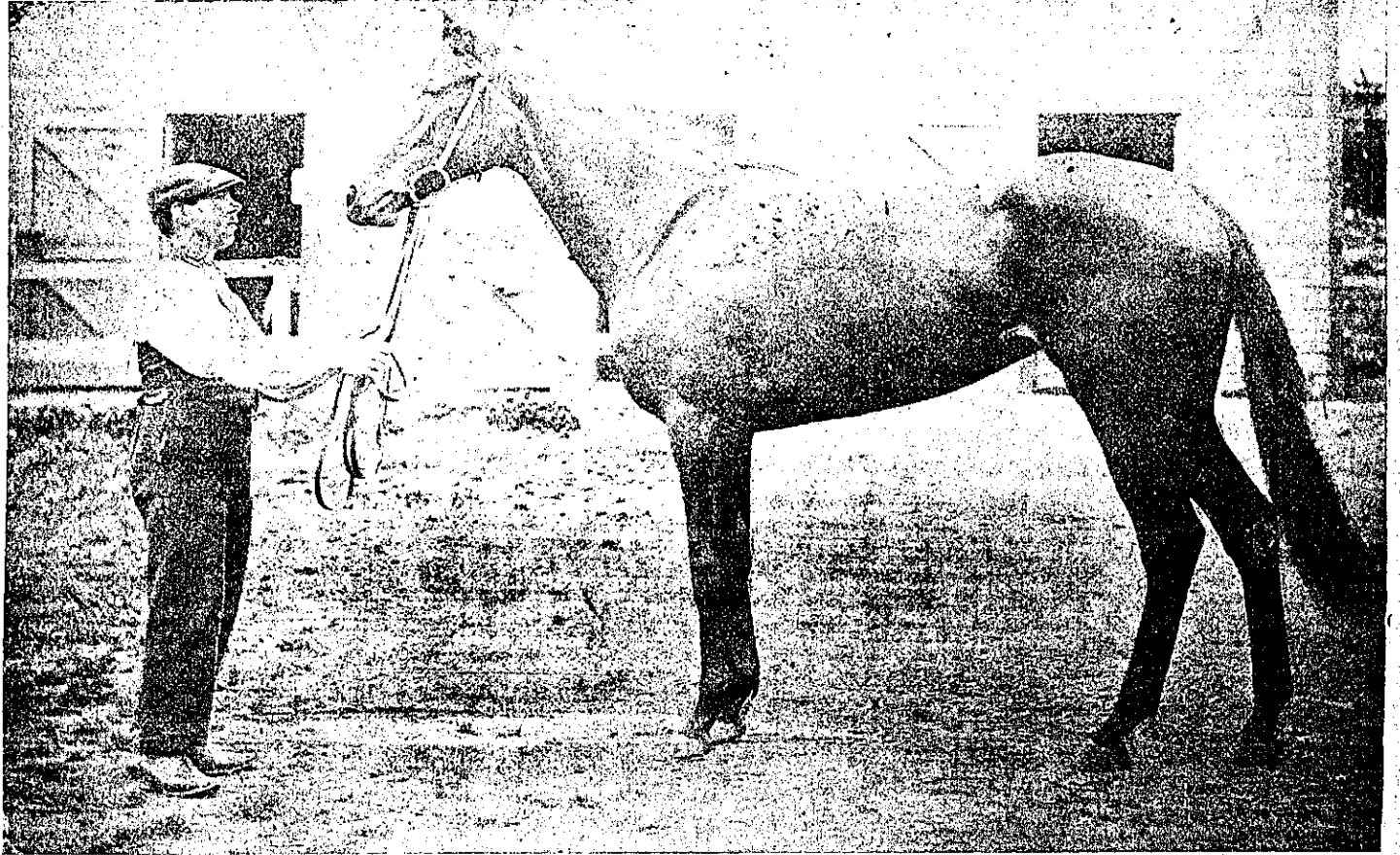
VARIETY RACE.

B. Bell	...	1
H. Creaghe	...	2

CONSOLATION RELAY RACE.

North Shore Sailing Club's team	...	1
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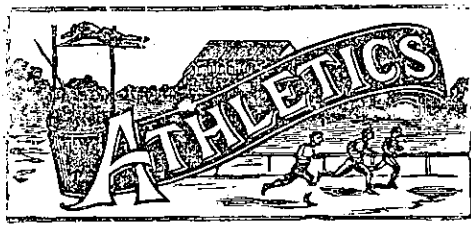
Ping Pong, it is all the go, Learn to play it, and don't be slow, Lots of fun you'll find indoors, While outside the tempest roars, You'll gladly think you're snug and warm And not out in the raging storm To catch a cold for which to be sure To take some— Woods' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.



A. L. Cleave, photo.

Mr Friedlander's bay filly KAMO, a Favourite for the Champagne Stakes.

Ellerslie.



Given fine weather, the Inter-University sports, to be held in the Domain on Easter Monday, promise to be of a most interesting nature. It is almost a pity that the holiday was chosen as the day for holding them, as the fixture will clash with the big meeting of the Auckland Racing Club, as well as innumerable other counter-attractions, and consequently hundreds who would have liked to be present will be unavoidably absent. If the meeting had taken place on the following Saturday I feel certain that the number of spectators would have been very large indeed. Even as it is there should be a good gathering, and the racing is likely to prove very exciting. The various centres are sending up to Auckland their very hottest teams, and the local men will have to be at their best to stave off defeat.

The Canterbury athletes will be as follows:—100 Yards, Moyes, Benjamin, Bishop; 220 Yards, Moyes, Benjamin, Bishop; 440 Yards, Moyes, Cox, Kissel; 880 Yards, Foster, Cox, Robertson; One Mile, Robertson, Foster, Kissel; 120 Yards Hurdles, Rice, Bishop, Burns; 440 Yards Hurdles, Rice, Bishop, Benjamin; Throwing the Hammer, Benjamin, Stowe, Rice; Putting the weight, Stowe, Rice, Burns; High Jump, Burns, Cook, Foster; Long Jump, Bishop, Rice, Burns; One Mile Walk, Stubberfield and Cook; relay team, Moyes, Cox, Kissel, Foster. Some of these are very formidable opponents. For instance, Moyes won the quarter from scratch recently in 51 4-5sec, while Burns and Rice are above the average.

The following have been chosen to represent the Victoria College, Wellington:—100 Yards, T. E. Seddon, F. P. Kelly, H. W. King; 220 Yards, T. E. Seddon, F. P. Kelly, A. S. Henderson; 440 Yards, A. S. Henderson, F. A. De La Mare, R. S. Mitchell; 880 Yards, F. A. De La Mare, G. P. Dixon, G. M. Henderson; 120 Yards Hurdles, A. S. Henderson, T. E. Seddon, G. V. Bogle; 440 Yards Hurdles, A. S. Henderson, F. A. De La Mare, G. V. Bogle; Mile Flat, G. M. Henderson, G. Prouse, F. A. De La Mare; Mile Walk, A. G. Quartley, G. M. Henderson, A. J.

Thompson; High Jump, F. A. De La Mare, R. St. J. Beere, G. V. Bogle; Long Jump, G. V. Bogle, H. W. King, R. S. Mitchell; Weight-putting, A. S. Henderson, H. H. Ostler, F. A. De La Mare; Hammer Throwing, A. S. Henderson, H. H. Ostler, F. A. De La Mare. The Otago and Auckland teams have already been published.

The English pedestrian, C. W. Hart, who has been endeavouring to walk two thousand miles in thirty-one days, proved successful in his task, having an hour or two to spare at the finish. On one or two occasions, owing to illness, he got behind his schedule time, but sticking to the task with indomitable energy, managed to successfully carry it through.

There is every probability that a local branch of the New Zealand Boxing Association will shortly be formed in Auckland. The matter is being warmly taken up by a number of enthusiasts, and a meeting is to be called after Easter to consider what shall be done in the matter.

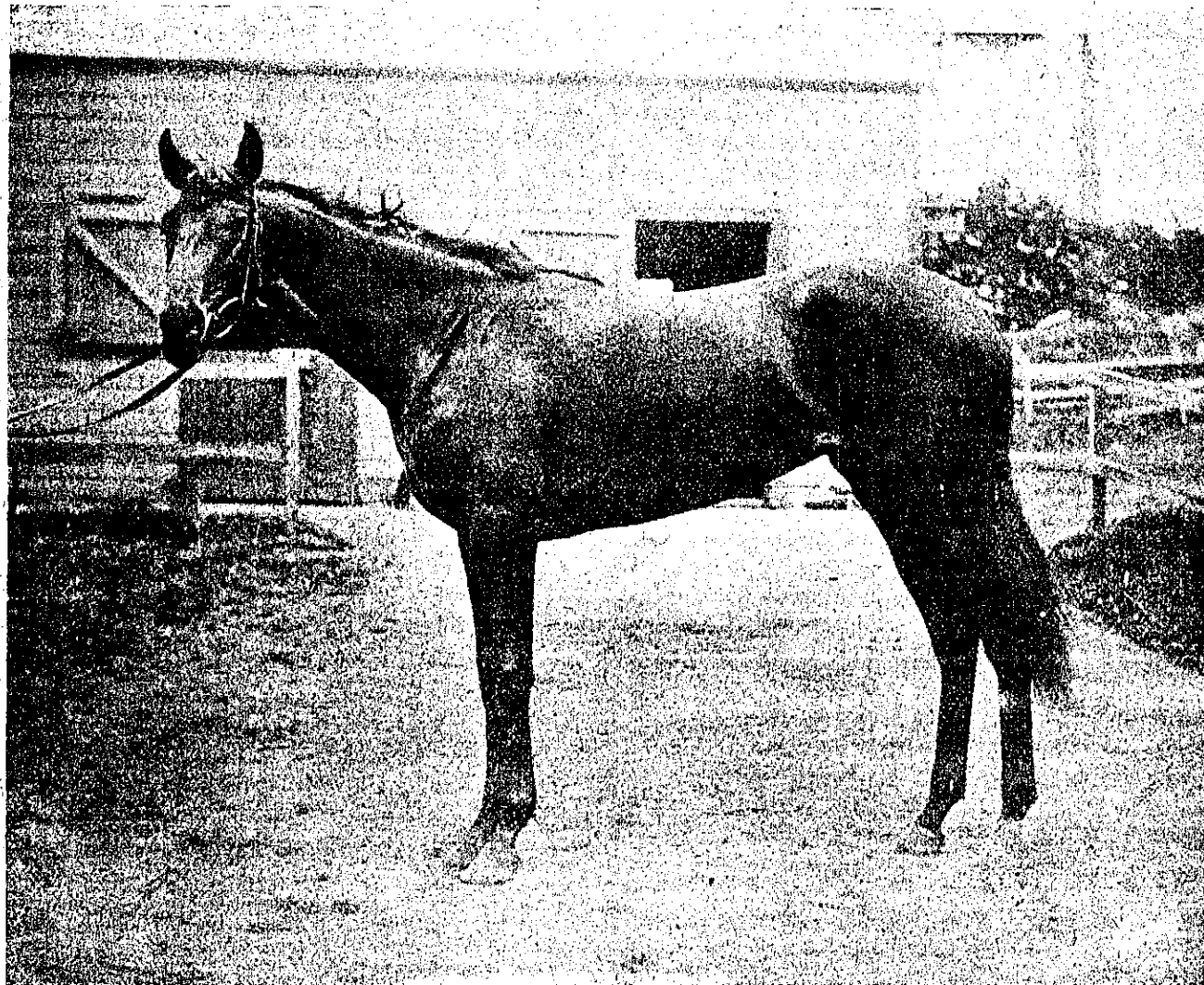
GOLF.

The list of fixtures drawn up by the Auckland Golf Club for season 1903 is as under: April 4 bogey handicap; April 11, nursery handicap; April 18 and 25, the Hargreaves' medal, 18 holes; May 2, medal handicap; May 9, the Fry challenge trophy; May 16 and 23, the George Cup, 18 holes; June 3 (Prince of Wales' Birthday), mixed foursomes; June 6, Grimshaw memorial; June 13, foursomes handicap (medal play, entrance 1s each); June 27, nursery handicap and seniors' handicap; July 11, the Fry challenge trophy; June 18 and 25, the George Cup, 18 holes; August 1, championship (first round); August 8, championship (second round); August 15, championship (third round); August 22, championship (final round); August 29, mixed foursomes; September 5, the Fry challenge trophy. Other matches may be arranged.

A number of Auckland players are making the trip to New Plymouth to assist in the opening of the new links there.

The links at Cornwall Park presented quite a lively scene on Saturday, the first of the regular matches being played by the members of the Auckland Golf Club. J. R. Hooper, playing from scratch, showed the best result, but Colonel Bogey remained unbeaten. Hooper finished with two down, Dr. Lewis, E. Turner, and H. T. Gillies being next with three down. Some twenty players took part in the tournament.

Golf appears to be in a very flourishing state in Australia. In New South Wales there is a Suburban and Country Association in which there are six clubs, these going through a regular programme of inter-club events. Matches for combined suburban teams of sixteen players are also arranged against the two big metropolitan clubs, the Royal Sydney and the Australian.



A. L. Cleave, photo.

Mr Friedlander's brown filly ROSE SHIELD, who shares with Kamo favoritism for the Great Northern Champagne Stakes.

Ellerslie.



(By "Yorker.")

The team of English cricketers are now on their way back to the Old Country, having sailed by the Orient liner Oroya last Thursday. The Adelaide people gave them a great send-off.

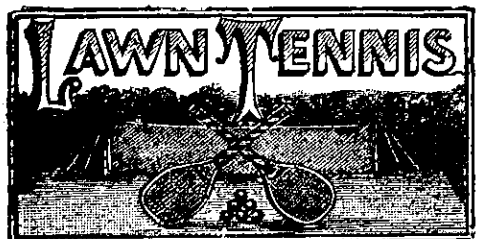
It is very curious to notice how the English cricketers collapsed in their Australian matches, after compiling big scores in their first innings. Omitting the match against New South Wales, which was incomplete, the Old Country eleven made a total of nine hundred and three in the two first innings against the other two States, but could only make two hundred and thirty-two in the second ventures. It is hard to account for this falling off, for in neither instance did the state of the wicket give any indication of such a collapse.

Auckland II. beat Wanderers on Saturday by thirty runs on the first innings, with scores of one hundred and twenty-five and ninety-five to ninety-five.

North Shore defeated Y.M.C.A. by an innings and four runs.

Parnell won the match against Ponsonby by twenty-nine runs.

The match on Saturday between Parnell and United created a good deal of attention, because on it depended the Championship. But for the weather it would have been almost a certainty for United, but as it was the rain and Oliff won the match and the Championship for Parnell. On the previous Saturday Parnell had been dismissed for the paltry total of one hundred and three, made on a splendid batsman's wicket, and the United men looked forward to easily passing this total. Unfortunately for their hopes, between Thursday and Saturday morning nearly two inches of rain fell, and the wicket was completely ruined, cutting up badly. Aided by this, C. Oliff was in rare form with the ball, capturing seven wickets for twenty-four. Not a single member of the United Club could reach two figures, and the innings closed for the exceptionally poor total of forty-three. Parnell thus won the game and the Championship.



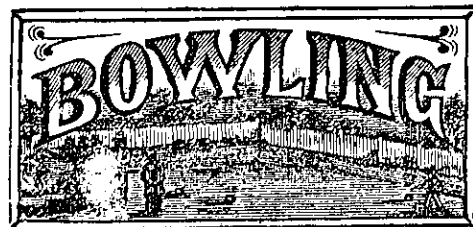
The following representatives for the Auckland University have been picked in connection with the Inter-Varsity tournament, to be held at Easter:—Messrs Coates, Smith, McCoy, Pickmere, Oliphant and Short; Misses Hull, Metcalfe, P. Gorrie, Blades, Patterson, and McIntosh.

The Victoria College (Wellington) representatives for the Varsity tournament matches will be as under:—Men's championship singles, G. Prouse, R. St. J. Beere, G. V. Bogle; men's championship doubles, Prouse and Beere, Bogle and F. A. De La Mare, R. S. Mitchell and G. Prouse; combined championship doubles, Miss Batham and G. Prouse, Miss F. G. Roberts and R. St. J. Beere; ladies' championship singles, Miss Batham, Miss F. G. Roberts, and Miss E. F. Wedde; ladies' championship doubles, Miss Batham and Miss F. G. Roberts, Miss E. F. Wedde and Miss H. M. Batham, Miss A. W. Griffiths and Miss Whyte.

On the Eden and Epsom courts there have been a number of capital games in the closing rounds of the various competitions. Miss Gorrie (receives three-sixths) defeated Miss Daisy Udy (owes fifteen) in the final of the Ladies' Handicap Singles, after a very keen fight. Miss Gorrie won the first set by six to four, but the second went to Miss Udy by seven to five. Miss Gorrie was not to be denied, however, and took the concluding set by six to four, and won the match. Both ladies played very consistently throughout.

The Handicap Doubles fell to Messrs Grossman and Cooke, jun., who defeated Messrs Egerton and Pickmere in the final, winning two sets straight.

On the Auckland lawns some good games have been played during the week for the trophy presented by Mr Ledingham, a vice-president of the club. In the third round Mrs Goss (owes sixty) beat Miss Picken (owes fifty) after a spirited battle, both ladies showing excellent form. Mrs Jackson (owes twenty) beat Miss Ring (owes fifty). The two winners are now left in the final, which should be very close, as Mrs Goss' handicap is a severe one.



The Pennant teams to represent the Auckland Club comprise the following well-known players:—Mennie, Brooks, James, Ledingham (skip); Thornes, Buttle, Garland, Dingle (skip).

The tournament, which will commence on Saturday, is arousing a lot of interest among bowlers. Each club is putting its strongest teams into the Pennant competition, and the games should be very close. I should not be surprised to find Newmarket and Mount Eden at the top of the list at the finish.

The final for the Auckland Club Championship was played last Thursday between Messrs Dingle and Oliphant. In the first game Dingle ran right away from his opponent, and won in the hollowest fashion possible. In the second game Oliphant pulled himself together, and starting off on the first head with four to his credit maintained the lead throughout, winning by three points. The final was completed in the dusk, and should have been postponed. Dingle, who played throughout in good form, won comfortably, and thus took the Championship.

The following will represent Ponsonby at the tournament:—John Becroft, T. Brown, R. Ballantyne, J. Veale, T. Watson, J. Buchanan, J. Newell, A. Littler.

The Remuera Club will put the following teams into the field for the Easter tournament:—Caldwell, Maxfield, R. Hull, and D. E. Clerk (skip); Lennox, Perrin, G. Court, and Laxon (skip).

Mr Southwell, a London bowler, was present at the Auckland green on Saturday, and took part in one of the games.

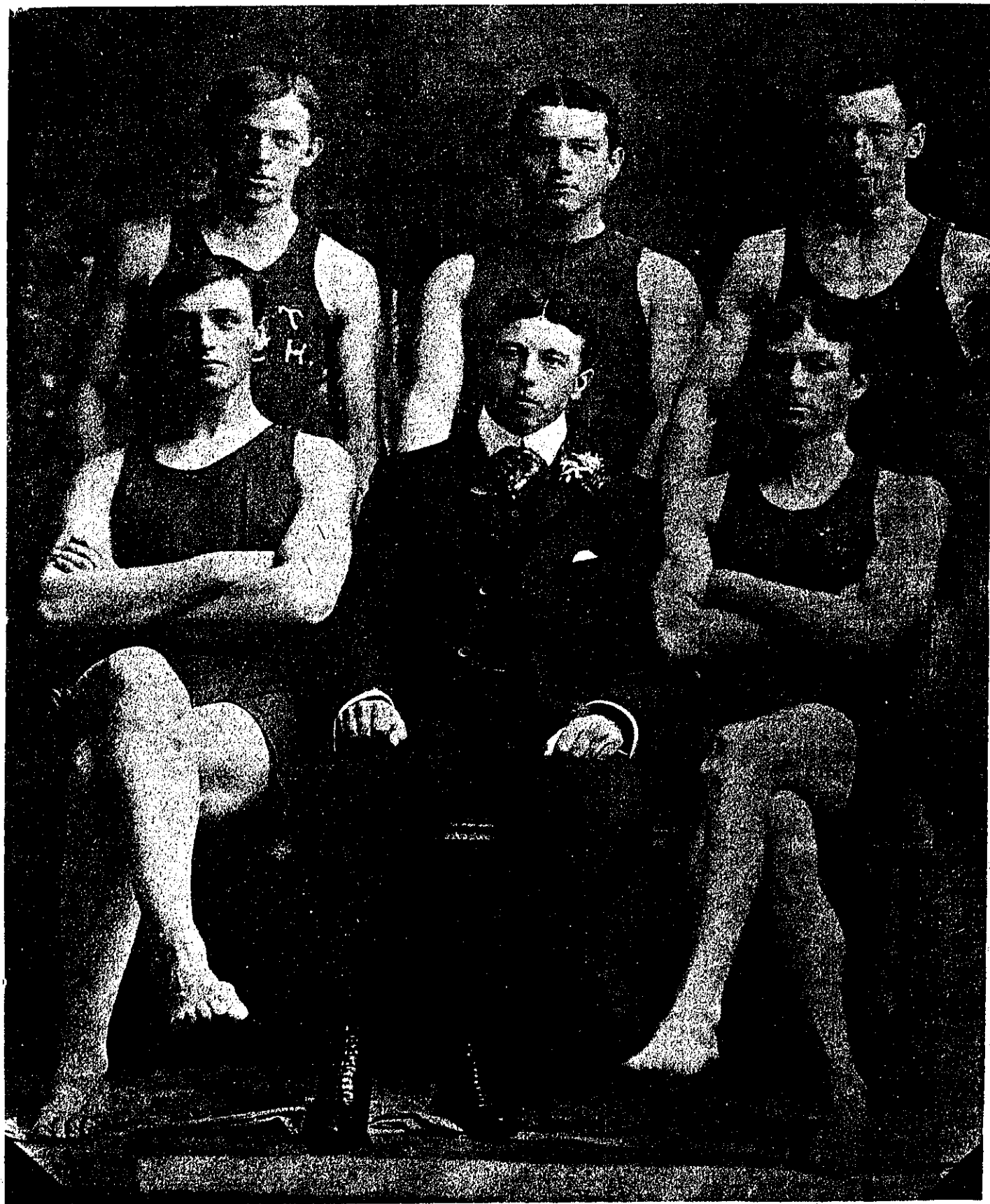
A team of first year's players from Mt. Eden played a team of similar standing of the Auckland Club, on the latter's ground on Saturday. The green was rather heavy, which seemed to handicap the visitors more than the local men, the latter winning by nine points. A large number of other games were also played.

Cooper and Haselden have won the Championship Pairs of the Rocky Nook Club.

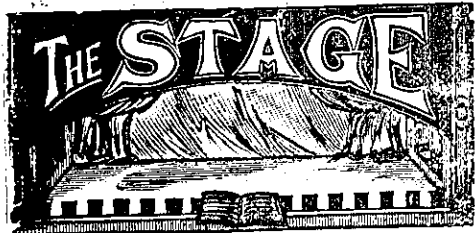
Newmarket and Onehunga played an inter-club match on Saturday, the former, however, not putting their very strongest teams into the field. At Onehunga the Newmarket three rinks won by the small margin of three points, but curiously enough on the home green Newmarket were defeated by six points, Onehunga thus winning the match by ninety-five points to ninety-two.

At the Auckland bowling green on Saturday, a presentation was made to Mr A. M. Myers, the President of the Club, prior to his departure for England. Mr W. Lambert, who made the presentation, in the course of a very neat speech wished the traveller a very pleasant trip to the Old Country and a speedy return, when he was convinced that nowhere would he receive a more hearty welcome than at the hands of his fellow members of the Auckland Bowling Club. Mr Myers made a feeling reply, in which he referred to the long list of previous presidents who had preceded him during the forty years the club had been in existence, and also cordially thanked those present for the good wishes extended to his mother and himself.

King Solomon's Mines, that fabulous place,
Heaped up with precious stone,
Poor Avarice even cannot trace,
Or claim it for her own;
There's something wanting more than wealth
To happiness secure,
Cure your cough, enjoy good health,
Take—
Woods' GREAT PEPPERMINT CURE.



The Southern Representatives at the Swimming Championship—Front row: J. Penrose, W. Smith, J. Hamilton. Back Row: F. Drake, H. Creagh, F. Roberts. (Photo by H. Hayr.)



[By Amicus.]

BOOKINGS.

OPERA HOUSE, AUCKLAND:
 April 9—Ponsonby Naval Concert
 April 10—Steele-Payne Bell-ringers.
 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 14, 1904—McMahon's Dramatic Company

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE, AUCKLAND
 April 18 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
 July 11 to 25—J. C. Williamson
 September 9 to 29—American Musical Comedy Company
 October 30 to November 13—J. C. Williamson
 November 16 to 21—Willoughby-Geach Company
 November 23 to December 12—J. C. Williamson
 December 23 to January 23, 1904—Anderson's Dramatic 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 21—Musgrove Company
 May 1, 2, and 4—Westminster Abbey Glee Company
 May 6 to 18—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
 August 6 to 15—J. C. Williamson
 November 4 to 14—J. C. Williamson

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 23—Rickards' Company

THEATRE ROYAL, (NEW PLYMOUTH).
 April 8 and 9—Anderson's Dramatic Company
 June 24 and 25—Rickards' Company
 June 29 and 30—J. C. Williamson
 November 27 and 28—Willoughby-Geach Company

Dix's Gaiety Co. nightly at the CITY HALL, Auckland, 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.

Molly Bentley, who made "John Bull, Jun.," famous through Maoriland, has joined Rickards' Tivoli Co. in Adelaide, where also are coloured comedians, Pope and Sayles; child wonder, Eileen Boyd; Wallace Brownlow, May Lewis, Malvena Moore, and others.

The following tour through New Zealand has been mapped out by Mr Robson for the Westminster Abbey Concert Party:—Napier, April 17; Wanganui, April 21; Wellington, April 23, 24, and 25; Christchurch, April 28 and 29; Oamaru, April 30; and Dunedin, May 1 and 2.

The performance of "Stabat Mater" at His Majesty's on Friday next (Good Friday) should draw a good house. In the miscellaneous part of the programme will be included the following items:—Gounod's "Ave Maria," Miss Lillian Tree (with violin obligato by Miss Doris Boulton); "If With All Your Hearts," Mr Frank Graham; "There Is a Green Hill," (Gounod), Miss Maud Tobias (a pupil of Miss Tree's, who makes her debut); "It Is Enough" (Mendelssohn), Mr Rupert Mantell; "Thou Art Passing Hence" (Sullivan), Mr Wilfrid Manning.

Particulars are now to hand concerning the death of Mr Chas. Lauri, which was cabled a week or two ago (says the Otago "Witness"). Mr Charles Lauri the famous animal mimic, died at Manchester after a short illness. He played the part of Man Friday at the Prince Theatre on the previous night, but after dressing at the theatre he returned to his lodgings, where he passed away. The dead actor's father was the famous clown, and he performed before Queen Victoria in 1861 on the last occasion she ever visited a theatre.

Mr Harcourt Beatty's performance of King Charles II. in "Sweet Nell of Old Drury" has won for this clever actor a big reputation with Australian theatre-goers. He is said to display unbounded versatility in every role that falls to his lot.

"Sweet Nell of Old Drury" will serve to re-introduce to New Zealand playgoers Miss Nellie Stewart, Australia's national artist, who, during her short but happy career has played many parts, none of them, however, being crowned with such great success as has attended Nell Gwynne. Miss Stewart's versatility is simply marvellous, ranging from comic opera to dramatic tragedy, and everything she plays is marked by careful study and attention to detail.



MR. R. T. TREGASKI, Touring Manager Steele-Payne Bell-ringers.

By no means an unimportant character in "Sweet Nell of Old Drury" is the part played by Little Marquis, the King Charles spaniel. It is a rare specimen of its breed, and is the winner of nine Champion prizes. It was purchased at considerable expense by Mr Musgrove and presented to Mr Harcourt Beatty, who has contracted a great fondness for the dog.

Our Wellington correspondent writes, under date April 3: "Fuller's Entertainers continue to pack the Choral Hall nightly. The roster remains the same as when I last wrote you. . . . The Grattan Dramatic Company will inaugurate a season of 'Popular Drama at Popular Prices' on Monday, April 6. The grand opening production is to be one of the finest of modern comedy dramas, entitled 'Mr Potter of Texas,' interpreted by Mr J. H. Grattan and his famous dramatic organisation. . . . The Fitzmaurice Gill Company have so far played twelve nights at the Opera House. 'Man to Man' ran five nights, 'Harbour Lights' four nights, and 'Worv and Wages' three nights. 'Dr. Bill' was produced to-night, 'East Lynne' goes up to-morrow night, and on Saturday 'The French Spy' is to receive its first production in this city. . . . Mdlle. Dolores sang to packed houses at the Theatre Royal on Wednesday and Thursday nights. . . . Professor Smidson (right name Smith, he comes from Honolulu), who opened at the City Hall this week, can congratulate himself on having a live act. This 'one-man orchestra' plays no less than five different instruments at one time—bass drum, kettle drum, cymbals, cornet and piano—giving a cornet solo with practically a full band accompaniment. Smidson, who can play on any instrument, from a Jew's harp to a church organ, in his act calls to memory Dick Kohler, of thirty years back, who was a whole hand in himself."

The Williamson Musical Comedy Company that had such a successful tour through New Zealand, is now in Victoria, playing at Bendigo and Ballarat. On Easter Saturday the company will open a three weeks' season at Adelaide with "A Circus Girl," afterwards proceeding to Western Australia.

"The French Spy" was staged by the Fitzmaurice-Gill Dramatic Company, at Wellington, on Saturday evening last. The play is a new one to New Zealand theatres, Miss Gill having bought the rights from Mr Charles Holloway, and has added it to her already large repertoire. The first scene of the drama takes place in the Cafe d'Europ, in St. Petersburg, and serves to introduce Andre de Loric, an

adventress employed by the French Government to procure political secrets from the English Embassy. The papers are stolen at the instigation of her accomplice, Count Romanoff, from Captain Vivian Somers, of the British Embassy, and in the struggle for their recovery Somers strangles young Petros Romanoff, in whose possession they are. Andre swears a vendetta against the (to her) unknown murderer of her accomplice. She decoys Somers to her room, and working on his infatuation for her, worms from him the acknowledgement that he strangled young Romanoff. In the court-martial scene, when commanded by Romanoff to identify the murderer, he says: "Remember your oath to point him out when you see him," the unhappy woman reaches the climax of self-abnegation by throwing vitrol in her eyes, and closes the act with a passionate declamation, "I cannot see; I am blind." The third act finds Andre in a condemned cell of a Russian prison, from which she is rescued by Captain Somers and Terry, his servant, and escape on a British gunboat after various hairbreadth escapes. The following is the full cast of characters in the play:—Captain Somers, Mr Chas. Blake; Lord Aynesley, Mr J. Martin; Lieutenant Maxwell, Mr Chas. Lawrence; General Treppoff, Mr Gus. Neville; Count Romanoff, Mr Wilton Power; Petros Romanoff, Miss Dina Cooper; Alexis Treloff, Mr R. Julian; Terry O'Fritz, Mr Leo de Chateau; Nicholas Knibbs, Miss Gertrude Esdaile; Mark Revelski, Mr Robert Redet; Alexandroff Sobifski, Mr Raoul Rossmore; Carl Schwartz, Mr George Sharland; Conrad Negale, Mr C. Reid; Gustave Tolski, Mr Reg. Anderson; Servant to Count Romanoff, Mr F. Rossmore; Olga Romanoff, Miss Nellie Mylrea; Julie Simmonds, Miss May Roberts; Andre de Loric, Miss Fitzmaurice Gill.

An exchange says:—"Upon the eve of Mr Edward Lloyd's departure for Australia, a few of his personal friends, members of the 'You Be Quiet Club,' entertained him at a dinner to celebrate the event. The toasts, although brief, were full of good wishes for the success of Mr Lloyd's tour and safe return, and the company had the pleasure of presenting Mr Lloyd with a silver flask engraved with the autographs of all present, amongst whom were Mr Michael Maybrick (the well-known song writer), Mr Kennerley Rumford, Mr R. E. Villiers, Mr N. Vert, Mr Phil May, Mr Fred Walker, and Mr Archibald Ramsden. Towards the close of the evening Mr Edward Lloyd sang a new song (written by Mr Maybrick), accompanied by the composer, and, with his usual good nature, sang two or three old favourites."



MISS OLGA BEATTY KINGSTON.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY GLEE AND CONCERT PARTY.

The opening Concert of the Westminster Abbey Glee and Concert Party, of their New Zealand and Australian tour, was given at Abbott's Opera House, on Monday evening, before a crowded house, every part of the large building was filled to its full extent by a most appreciative and critical audience. The programme opened with the chorus, "Take Thy Banner" (James Coward), by the gentlemen of the glee part Messrs Edward Branscombe and George Pownall (tenors), Mr Herbert Hilton (bass), and Mr Percy Coward (alto). This received a fine artistic rendering and was warmly applauded. The following item was a delightful glee, "Oh, by Rivers" (Sir Henry Bishop), sung by the gentlemen of the party and the four boy choristers, Masters Leonard Hubbard, Alfred Broughton, Reginald Hyde, and Horace Marchant. This glee was faithfully and carefully rendered, and brought forth storms of applause. An encore was granted with Morley's glee, "It was a Lover and his Lass," which also pleased the large audience. A song by the Master Leonard Hubbard, entitled "The Swallows" (F. H. Cowen). This little lad fairly carried away his hearers with his sweet voice, and responding to vociferous applause, again came forward and sang as an encore Hutton's "The Lark Now Leaves," the rendering of which added further laurels to the young singer. Madame Marie Hooton was warmly encored for her artistic rendering of a quaint old Cumberland ballad, "The Oak and the Ash" (arranged by E. Branscombe). The singer's voice was heard to advantage in this solo, which was treated both with expression and character. Her encore number, "Good Morrow, Gossip Joan," was also most artistically rendered, resulting in cordial applause. Mr Herbert Hilton gave a good reading of Reeve's well-known song, "I am a Friar of Orders Grey." The quartette, "Of a' the Airts the Wind can Blow" (William Shore), was next submitted by the gentlemen of the party. Their rendering of it was excellent, the voices blending beautifully. Mr Percy Coward, the alto of the party, followed in Tosti's "Venetian Song." An encore followed, and Mr Coward, in response, gave the solo, "All Love Can Say." Of all the concerted numbers sung during the evening, that which followed—"The Bells of St. Michael's Tower" (a glee arranged by Sir Robert Stewart from the original by William Knyvett)—was undoubtedly the gem. It was sung with sparkling vigour and "go," the boys' voices taking up most of the burden of the air. The item was most successful and aroused the audience to a pitch which resulted in an enthusiastic encore. In response the party gave a delightful rendering of Pearsall's "When Alan-a-Dale Went a Hunting." Before the interval, an anthem, "Beth-

lehem," was sung by the glee party. An old English madrigal, "This Pleasaut Monthe of Maie" (William Beale), by the gentlemen of the party, opened the second part of the programme, and was much appreciated. Mr Edward Branscombe was next heard in an old sea song (arranged by himself), "The Lowland Sea." He proved to have a fine tenor voice of fine quality and very musical in tone, and sang the quaint old song-story with exquisitely varied expression, his sympathetic pianissimo singing at the close making an impressive finale. Mr Branscombe was loudly encored, and in reply gave a most enjoyable rendering of Lord Henry Somerset's "Across the Blue Sea." Madame Marie Hooton was warmly encored for her delivery of Robert Crawford's old Scotch song, "Down the Burn" (arranged by Branscombe). She supplemented it with a remarkably good rendering of "Loch Lomond." Messrs Coward, Pownall, and Hilton, for their humorous singing and gesture in the catch, "Twas you, Sir" (Earl of Mornington), were vociferously recalled and repeated a verse. The boy choristers followed in Lane Wilson's bright part-song, "Gentle Spring," which they sang so well as to earn a richly-deserved encore, in response to which they repeated a verse. A humorous interlude was provided by Mr Dudley Causton who, amidst peals of irrepressible laughter, gave a musical sketch of his own entitled "The Musical Village." The glee party then gave Samuel Reay's part-song, "The Dawn of Day," with artistic taste. The programme concluded with the national anthem, sung by the party. A second and third concert on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, brought the Auckland season to a close, both concerts being equally as successful as the opening one. On each occasion the programme was entirely different. My Southern readers may expect a treat when the talented company of singers appear in their various districts. The tour, as mapped out by Mr Robson, appears in another part of this issue.

STEELE-PAYNE BELLRINGERS.

A Grand Sacred Concert is announced for Good Friday Night, at Abbott's Opera House, by the Steele-Payne Bellringers, the programme is a good one, and the full company will be heard in their items. Miss Maude Payne, violin solo, "Home, Sweet Home." Miss Agnes Rahilly, song, "Mother Lullaby," and a recital, "The Women of Mumble's Head"; Miss Kate Maher, song, "Sing O ye Angels" (with violin obligato by Miss Maude Payne); Miss Lizzie Payne on her celebrated "Sleigh Bells," "He Wipes the Tear"; Mr James Williams, song, "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep"; Miss Maude Payne, song, "Joe and Me"; Mr Ralph Steele, "Glassophone" selection; Miss Maher and Mr Williams duet, "Excelsior." Several part songs by the company, and Hand-



Misses MAUDE and LIZZIE PAYNE.

bell selections by the Bellringers, make up a very interesting and inviting programme. The company are only able to give this one Concert at present, but are due to appear later, and will open for a short season, which will be eagerly looked forward to by their Auckland friends, who are many.

DIX'S GAIETY COMPANY.

Mr P. R. Dix is providing his City Hall patrons with a good and varied programme. New and old faces are seen and heard this week, including Miss Ida Roslyn, little Vera Kearns, the clever child artiste, Mr Frank Graham, the celebrated English tenor, Mr Charles Howard, the popular baritone, Mr Frank York, the famous endman and burnt cork king, Miss Emmie Smith, who is one of the best coon singers that have visited our city, Professor Schmidson, with his house full of musical instruments, the Australian juggler Arnoldi, the little Smith Sisters, and the Gilardi Sisters, the whole forming an exceptionally strong company.

COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT TO MR. P. R. DIX.

The complimentary concert to Mr P. R. Dix, tendered by the citizens of Auckland, took place at His Majesty's Theatre, on Monday evening. The excellent programme submitted was thoroughly appreciated. The first part opened with an overture by Mr E. D. Burke and orchestra, with a capital song and dance by Miss Ida Roslyn and little Vera Kearns; songs by Mr and Mrs M. Hamilton Hodges (with accompaniments by Mrs Ernest H. Queree), Miss Millie Bertoto, Miss Miriam Wrigley and Messrs Fred. W. Lloyd and Abel Rowe. All the items were well received and fully appreciated. Encores were numerous, practically every artist giving at least one extra turn. The second part was of a varied description, including a selection, "Belle of New York," by the orchestra; a capital performance by Arnoldi, the well-known juggler; a solo, "Let Me Like a Soldier Fall," by the English tenor, Mr Frank Graham; an original banjo medley by Mr A. A. Partidge; a coon specialty by Miss Emmie Smith; a brilliantly-rendered duet by Mr Frank Graham and Mr Wilfred Manning; a song and dance by the clever Sisters Smith; and an effective performance by Sherwin, the Mad Musician. Encores again almost doubled the programme. We have to congratulate Mr Dix on the result of this well-merited compliment, which shows the appreciation of his efforts, by the Auckland public.

ANDERSON'S DRAMATIC COMPANY.

Wm. Anderson's Dramatic Company open their lengthy Auckland season at His Majesty's Theatre, on Saturday night. Mr F. W. Duval, the touring manager, has been in town some days making final arrangements for the opening night. The first piece to be produced will be Walter Melville's celebrated sensational and spectacular Drama, "The Worst Woman in London." The piece is new to Auckland theatre-goers, and comes with the real hall-mark of "Good Quality" from Australia and Southern cities. The company is a particularly strong one.

Hobart, March 26, 1903.

Dear Amicus,—Just a few lines to say that the Pollard Opera Comuany had a very rough trip across from New Zealand, and in consequence we could not open till Monday, March 23rd, when "Tapu" was staged, and it proved a big success. Mr J. C. Williamson and his stage manager, Mr H. Bracey, were present to witness the performance. They expressed themselves delighted, and complimented the Members of the Company on their work. We leave for Cape Town on the 31st inst., where we, as you know, start on an extended tour, playing "Djin-Djin," "The Old Guard," "Olivette," "Tambour Major," "Gondolier," and other popular pieces. With best wishes to our Auckland friends.

Yours truly,
FRANK O'SULLIVAN.

STAGE DOOR NOTES.

Mr J. D. Stoye, of New Plymouth, is to be tendered a complimentary benefit by the New Plymouth Opera Club on the 16th as a well-earned recognition of his services and aid to the club in operative matters.

Great preparations are being made at Melbourne Princess for the production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" on Easter Saturday.

Mdlle. Dolores' farewell concert next Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Choral Hall, should draw another bumper house.

John F. Sheridan and his company will revisit Auckland towards the end of the year. They open in Wellington on August 8 in "The Lady Slavey."

The Anderson Dramatic Company open at His Majesty's Theatre at Easter in a season of melodrama. The opening production will be "The Worst Woman in London."



MISS MOLLY PEARSON.

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 Nominations for all events to be decided at the Auckland Trotting Club's meeting must be made to Mr C. T. Mark, the secretary, on or before 9 p.m. Friday, April 17th.
 The handicaps for the first day of the Avondale Jockey Club's Spring Meeting will be declared immediately after the A.R.C. meeting. The races take place on April 25th and 29th.
 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.
 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
 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—Kumera 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 14 and 20—Takapuna J.C.
 May 21 and 22—Wanganui J.C. Winter.
 NOMINATIONS.
 April 17—Auckland Trotting Club.
 April 20—Wanganui J.C. Winter.
 April 24—Takapuna J.C.

WEIGHTS DECLARED.
 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.
 April 9—C.J.C. Autumn, first day
 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.
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
 AND
LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE
 WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE WEEKLY STANDARD
 THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1903

Sporting Topics
 (By "The Judge.")
 There are three Auckland nominations for the Thompson Handicap, to be run at the Wellington Autumn Meeting. These are Val Rosa, Strathavon, and Green and Gold. The list of entries for the £400 race includes some of the very best horses to be found in New Zealand to-day.

Hinekoa followed up her win in the Marlborough Cup by also carrying off the Nelson Cup. As the daughter of Merrie England carried 9st 11lb, the performance was full of merit. That Mr Rore's mare is one of the game sort she amply demonstrated, for both Cups were won, one by a nose, and the other by a neck, after most desperate finishes up the straight.

Our Wellington correspondent replies to Mr Gibbs' letter, published in this paper as follows:—"Mr Gibbs, of Gore, I notice, takes exception to the term amateur handicapper. Mr Gibbs, I learn carries on the business of a chemist, and has not adopted handicapping as a profession. The term amateur does not necessarily mean that a person is a novice, nor does the fact that Mr Gibbs is a chemist prove that he cannot frame handicaps. The late Mr Dowse was a saddler, Mr Evett, a journalist, and Mr Henrys a billiard marker. The latest additions to the ranks of professional handicappers, Messrs Chadwick and Pollock, started life as journalist and butcher respectively. Both, however, have from the time they scaled 7st been connected with racing, and have ridden, raced, and owned horses for years, as reference to Turf records will show. Experience is admittedly of greater value than a mere theoretical knowledge, and in the interests of owners all handicappers should be practical experts, otherwise how can they be expected to assess correctly the weight-carrying capabilities of horses coming under their review?"

At a meeting of the Trotting Association an appeal was received from the owner of Typewriter against the decision of the Otahuhu Trotting Club stewards in a protest against Durbar for crossing. A letter was also read from one of the patrol stewards. It was decided to forward a copy of the letter to the club. Correspondence was read regarding the conduct of the Otahuhu Trotting Club's meeting. It was decided to forward a copy of the letter to the club for explanation.

It looks as if Advance was going to tackle Machine Gun in the C.J.C. Challenge Stakes, and if such is the case, the meeting should prove a good draw card for the southern club. On the occasion of the crack youngster's victory over Advance the distance was six furlongs, and it is thought by most that the extra furlong in the Challenge Stakes will be all in favour of the "black demon."
 Writing from South Africa, an ex-Sydney racing man, says that he believes it possible to win between £70,000 and £100,000 on the big handicap at Johannesburg at Easter. He says that two or three firms have £20,000 books on the race, and that, unlike Sydney, a bookmaker who lays a couple of thousand against a horse does not immediately chase round to get it back. This is certainly not complimentary to our ringmen.

In Canada they hold trotting meetings on the ice. The Ottawa track is a mile oval, built right out on the river, and there are also grandstands, judges' stands, cooling out sheds, and betting rings, and all are heated and lighted in a very comfortable manner. The grounds are enclosed with a regulation fence, and were it not for the snow you would think it was a country fair ground in summer. Says a correspondent to an American paper: "It was quite amusing to me to-day to see the carpenters building the fence. One man would knock a hole in the ice with a crow-bar and another would come along and stick a post in the hole, pour some water around it and let it freeze. It was about the easiest fence building I ever saw." The track must be pretty fast, too, for I notice the champion, Cresceus, trotted a mile in 2min 15sec.

The "Horseman and Breeder," commenting on a picture of the trotter Taihoa, which appeared in this paper after the bay gelding had won the New Zealand Great Northern Handicap, has the following:—"The picture is an odd one to an American. Taihoa is ridden by a jockey that looks to weigh one hundred and fifty pounds and wears a set of hoppers. Several Californian trainers, who looked at the picture have expressed the opinion that they would rather ride a wild broncho than a hopped trotter, even though the prize offered the winner was a big one." When watching our local trotters perform I had come to the same conclusion some time ago, but the methods adopted by trotting men here are beyond the comprehension of the finite mind.

The practice of giving cattle—horses included—molasses in their food is not by any means new. It was commenced in Great Britain after the abolition of the sugar duties thirty-three years ago. Horses thrive remarkably well on molasses. It has a great influence in laying on fat, and is a powerful addition to both cattle and horse feed. It has been used with good results for getting horses into good condition for sale, and also for wintering colts in the yard. In rearing colts there is a risk of their suffering from stoppage of the bowels if fed entirely on dry food, and to avoid this many farmers and breeders give molasses. The way is to dilute the molasses and pour it over the food, taking care that it is well mixed. To induce horses that are a little off their feed, or to cause them to eat food they otherwise reject, sugar or molasses may be very useful. A horse has a great fondness for sweets. This natural taste has often been the means of conquering intractable and vicious animals.

There is sound foundation for the report that Tod Sloan will soon blossom out as a trainer in England (says "The Breeder and Sportsman"). The Earl of Carnarvon has offered the little American sole charge of his powerful string now in the hands of Grensil at the Earl's private establishment, Whatcombe, Berks. Though Tod is loath to settle down permanently, if it is possible for him to again obtain a license from the English Jockey Club, he will probably accept this offer, unless some action is taken in his case at the annual meeting of the club next April. There will be no difficulty as to a trainer's license, for anyone can train on outside grounds in England, unless actually ruled off the turf. It is only when a trainer is desirous of using their private grounds—Newmarket Heath—for a training ground that the club has any say in the matter. It is quite possible that Tod might be refused a license to train on the Heath, but it will not be necessary for him to apply for one, as he can train at any outside point, and still run the horses in his charge in any race on the Newmarket courses he sees fit to.

In the year 1833, which was the first in which official returns were published, there were thirty-seven racehorses running in France. By 1890 the total had gone up to 1,012, but from this out the advance was much more rapid, as last year there were no less than 3139 runners. There are 266 racecourses in use to-day in France.

It is a singular fact that the English Grand National Steeplechase has been annexed by many indifferent geoges, and whose previous exhibitions afforded not the slightest cue that they could stay the tiring course. Casse Tete, who was the property of Teddy Brayley, was disposed of at the Bromley gathering, after scoring in a hurdle, for something under £50; whilst Old Joe fetched but fifteen of "the brightest;" and Voluptuary, almost a complete failure on the flat, fetched but a very small figure. Many others had no claim to recognition, so that it is very difficult to gauge a horse's ability from his performances under the Rules of the Jockey Club as to whether he can get such a difficult country as that at Liverpool.

The famous mare Crucifix in 1837—with the dam thrown in—was bought by Lord George Bentinck at Lord Chesterfield's sale for fifty-four guineas, and the elder John Osborne experienced a similar slice of good fortune when he purchased "Old Agnes" and her foal for a paltry twenty guineas. Her descendants include some of the most famous fillies of the century.

The following details of an action brought to recover damages for assault against a racecourse committee may prove interesting and instructive. It was an action brought to recover damages for assault and false imprisonment owing to the alleged misconduct of servants of the Harpenden races committee, and was tried at the Herts Assizes, before Mr Justice Lawrence and a special jury. The plaintiff was Mr C. R. Robinson, a gentleman of independent means, at Harpenden, and his case was that, on the afternoon of May 31, 1902, Mr Robinson and his son went to Harpenden races, and the former bought two tickets for the 5s enclosure. Mr Robinson, son, entered the ring without giving his ticket up. His son, who was following him, carried his ticket, with his stick, in his right hand, and he declared that he was not asked for his ticket, but was suddenly seized by the right wrist by a gatekeeper, and, before he could do anything, a Jockey Club licensed official, who also was at the entrance to the ring, took him by the shoulders, pushed him back, and handed him to the police, who were outside. However, he produced his ticket to Superintendent Reynolds, of the Herts police, and was allowed to enter the ring. The committee declined to apologise and pay a small sum to a charity, hence the action. For the defence, it was sought to show that plaintiff when asked for his ticket, did not speak, but went on, and, on the gatekeeper putting up his arm to stop him, he (plaintiff) used great violence. Then the gatekeeper spoke to the Jockey Club official, who got in the gangway in front of plaintiff, who endeavoured to push by, but could not. The officials referred to and another gatekeeper positively declared that was all that was done, and that a sergeant of police, hearing the altercation, appeared on the scene, and ordered plaintiff out of the enclosure, and that he walked out. The jury found for the plaintiff, damages £50.

A cable received during the week brought the news concerning the sale by Mr R. Sievier of his famous mare Sceptre. The new owner is Captain Hamer Bass, who had to pay the huge price of twenty thousand guineas before becoming the possessor of the brilliant daughter of Persimmon and Ornament. This is the largest amount ever paid for a mare. Mr Sievier originally gave ten thousand guineas for Sceptre as a yearling, but as she won him nearly twenty-six thousand pounds in stakes, and then realised double the purchase money the bargain was a very profitable one.

They race in a big way in America. The partnership of Mr James R. and his son Foxhall Keene has 66 horses in training, in addition to many others who will soon be put into work. Thirty-six of the former will carry the colors of the senior member of the firm, and the balance those of the junior.

The "New York Herald" is responsible for the statement that Mrs Langtry (Mrs De Bathe) will race on the American turf this year. She will take Smilax and three other of her English horses over. Rowe, who trains for Mr James R. Keene and Mr Foxhall Keene, and Madden, who trains for Mr W. S. Whitney, will, it is stated, assist Mrs Langtry in opening her racing career in America.

Owing to the contretemps which occurred over a heat in the contest for the "Sydney Thousand" recently, City Tattersall's Club have taken the matter in hand (says "The Town and Country Journal.") The matter referred to was the hoisting of Morgan's number as the winner of a heat, and, after a few minutes had elapsed, during which time the backers of Morgan had collected their money, the race was awarded to M'Donald. Naturally, when this became known, M'Donald's supporters also presented their tickets for payment, the bookmakers thus having to pay twice. To avoid repetition of like occurrences, City Tattersall's have passed a rule to the effect, that in future, all bets will be paid about the man whose number is first hoisted as the winner of the race, whether he is afterwards disqualified or not. This rule is similar to one passed some months back by the same club in regard to horseracing, which directs that all bets are paid directly on the hoisting of the weight flag. It seems a little strange that City Tattersall's Club should pass the rule re wagering at the bicycle races, as the cycling authorities pretend not to allow betting, but that this was only pretence was proved every day and night during the recent carnival, the bookmakers being strongly in evidence.

Some time ago Mr Fred Leslie, one of our paddock fiddlers, paid a visit to New Zealand (says the Melbourne "Sporting Judge"). He conducted his business in true leviathan style, but somehow or other he gave offence to certain persons who did not operate extensively. The newspapers, at least a section of them, fell foul of Mr Leslie, and accused him of corrupt practices in connection with a couple of races and racehorses. To put the matter briefly, it was alleged that he dealt with dead 'uns, and that in his double event betting several of the second legs were scratched. This is not by any means a novel experience to backers of doubles in any part of the world. Generally, our fiddlers are a reputable body of men who transact their business in a straightforward and honourable way. That is our experience of Leslie, who not long ago owned racehorses, which ran at our registered meetings, and although he did not have much luck with them they were invariably doing their best to win. If the ordinary owner of our racehorses was to give the public as fair a deal as the field owner does, there would be little or no cause for complaint. Writing of Fred Leslie reminds one of those remarkable series of races between the big pencil's two-year-old Last Glen and Mr Septimus Miller's three-year-old Hera. They ran at Epsom, and the judge was unable to separate the pair. Again they tried conclusions, but once again the pair came home together. A third time the pair met, and as they flashed past the post it again looked any odds on a dead heat being given for the third time, but on this occasion the judge considered that Hera just won by half a head. This must surely be without an equal in the sporting records.

The well-known mare, The Shannon, will not be seen out under racing colours again. The daughter of Torpedo and Rivulet went amiss after a gallop the other day, and her owner, Mr E. J. Watt, thereupon decided to persevere with her no longer, but send her to the stud. The Shannon's best performance probably was when she carried off the Wellington Racing Club Handicap, beating among others St. Michael, Annie Chiel, Ostiak, and Canteen.

L. H. Hewitt, the crack horseman, met with a very nasty accident at Addington last week. A mass of steel when being struck by the steam hammer at the workshops splintered, and a piece flying off hit Hewitt in the thigh, severing an artery and causing much loss of blood. The young horseman was taken to the hospital, where the metal was removed, but it will be some time before the New Zealand Tod Sloan will be seen in the saddle again.

Mr J. Sinclair, of Papakura, is disposing of two geldings and a colt at the Harp of Erio on Wednesday next. The latter is a brown colt by Hotchkiss from Mantle, by Tasman, breeding which speaks for itself. I am told by those who have seen the colt that he is a real beauty to look at, while his breeding leaves nothing to be desired. There are several gentlemen after the son of Hotchkiss, and he ought to go for a good figure, as it is a moral certainty that his name will shortly be found figuring in the list of winners. The chestnut gelding Blaircarrig, by Blairgowrie—Cobweb, is well-known, while the third to be submitted is a very promising brown gelding by Cuirassier from Retaliation. The latter mare was more than useful over the sticks, and I hear that her two-year-old son has already displayed a partiality in the same direction. There should be no difficulty in finding new owners for the trio.

Our Canterbury correspondent selects Orloff, Pampero, and Lady Lillian to fill the places in the C.J.C. Easter Handicap, and Pallas, General Symons, and Annie Chiel to catch the judge's eye in the Autumn Handicap.

Some thoroughbred stock are to be disposed of on Wednesday next, at the Harp of Erio stable at Ellerslie, which should be well worth the attention of buyers. It is bad news to learn that Mrs. Leonard is disposing of all her racing stock, for the maroon and gold colours were always up to win if possible, but it is an ill wind that blows no good and owners will have a chance of getting a few good ones. At the head of the list comes that fine horse Val Rosa, who has placed many a race to his credit. Nothing would surprise me less than to find the bay son of Seaton Delaval and Vieux Rose pulling off the Easter Handicap on Saturday. Quite apart from his racing ability such a finely bred horse should prove a great success at the stud. Then there is that smart young filly, Idas, who as a two-year-old won £1015 in stakes alone. There should be no lack of bidders when she is led into the ring. Among the others are Maroon and Gold who has several races to his credit, Lavadel, Idasa—the speedy two-year-old filly who showed some of her sprinting ability at the Christmas meeting,—and Alba Rose who should earn a winning bracket at Easter. Altogether the auctioneer should have very little difficulty in selling such good stock.

Achilles, Melodcon, Waiwai, Battleaxe, Heroism, and Tupara arrived from the South by the Ngapuhi on Tuesday morning, after a smooth trip up. They will all carry silk at the A.R.C. Meeting.

Judgment in the Full Bench of the Supreme Court has been delivered in the case of Harrison and another v. Spackman. This was a case in which appellants had been convicted and fined for acting as agents of Tattersall's sweeps. The Court was unanimously of opinion that the Gaming and Lotteries Act only makes it an offence to conduct a lottery in New Zealand, and that canvassing in New Zealand for subscriptions to a foreign lottery or opening an office in New Zealand for receipt of subscriptions and applications for tickets in a foreign lottery is not assisting in managing or conducting a lottery in New Zealand within the meaning of the Act. The Court was also of opinion that what the appellants did in the office occupied by them in Wellington fell short of keeping a gaming house within the meaning of the Act. The convictions were, therefore, quashed. As this is a unanimous ruling of the Full Bench, there is no doubt that it is perfectly legal to obtain tickets in this colony for Tattersall, which, indeed, is what common sense would have suggested long ago. Such being the case, the very numerous investors in Auckland in these popular consultations cannot do better when requiring tickets than apply to Messrs Arthur Cleave and Co., who will be in constant communication with "Tattersall" at Hobart. Such application will be duly forwarded, and tickets will be posted by the Tasmanian agency direct to clients.

THE GREAT EASTER RACING CARNIVAL.

THE AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

THE FIRST DAY'S EVENTS.

ANTICIPATIONS BY "THE JUDGE."

Once again the relentless march of Time has brought us to the great Easter Carnival of the Auckland Racing Club, which will be commenced at Ellerslie on Saturday, April 11, and continued on Monday and Tuesday. The Easter Meeting at headquarters always seems to carry with it pleasant recollections, for the time of year still makes it possible for a day in the open air to be an enjoyable one, while the racing is invariably of a high-class and interesting nature. One generally associates autumn with a somewhat sun-burnt appearance of the land, but visitors to Ellerslie will find it hard to realise that this is really the fall of the year, for the grass is still wearing that vivid shade of green so strongly suggestive of early spring. Indeed it is hard to imagine that the lawns could possibly look better than they do at present, and there is no doubt that Mr J. Hill, the painstaking custodian, deserves more credit for his efforts than is usually accorded him by the public generally. The tracks are at the time of writing in faultless order, the heavy rainfall at the end of last week having been of very considerable benefit. Visitors will notice several improvements which have been carried out since the Christmas gathering, and no doubt these will be favourably commented upon.

Having had over a quarter of a century's experience as secretary to the big club, it may be safely depended upon that Mr W. Percival's arrangements for the comfort of patrons will leave very little to be desired. Indeed, in this respect the Auckland Racing Club have a very good name, and having had experience of race meetings in many parts of the world, I can speak with a good deal of authority in the matter. There are very few racecourses indeed where the sport of kings can be witnessed in such comfort as obtains at the picturesque Ellerslie convincing ground.

The first race is timed to start at noon, and there will be a very complete service of trains to the Ellerslie platform, particulars of which can be seen in our advertising columns. There seems little doubt but that if the meeting is favoured by fine weather it will prove one of the most successful ever held, which is indeed saying a great deal.

A review of the handicapper's adjustments and an attempt to fathom the mysteries of the future and forecast events again falls to my lot, and truly it is not an easy task. As there has been no racing except country meetings since Christmas, there is no recent form to go upon.

Proceedings will commence with the Tradesmen's Plate, in which there are thirteen horses engaged. Rosella is the top of the list with 9.5, but M. Nathan's good mare will no doubt

ved for the Easter Handicap. The Southern. Queen's Guard, has 8.1, and is left with a good chance. On their latest form there is very little to choose between Putty and Matamataharakeike, while Green and Gold has been in rare winning form of late. Annoyed is a very smart pony and might run well if she is started, while, if Idas would show a glimpse of her two-year-old form she would get the judge's verdict; but in hazarding a selection the three I would place as dangerous are—

- GREEN AND GOLD 1
- PUTTY 2
- MATAMATAHARAKEIKE 3

The Great Northern Champagne Stakes, of 500 sovs, is the next item, and it goes without saying that the youngsters will come in for close scrutiny as they file out to do battle for the rich "classic" sprint. Indications point to the field being more numerous than is usually the case with this big event for two-year-olds. There is a marked absence of anything which might be expected to frighten the others out. Those which appear to be the likeliest of the youngsters to do the trick are Mr Friedlander's pair Kamo and Roseshield, Mr Watt's Melodeon, and Messrs Darlot and Dunfee's Ropa. The son of Medallion has been showing to great advantage lately at Napier, but I fancy he will meet one or two up here able to pace it with him. The placings of the judge may be—

- MR FRIEDLANDER'S BEST ... 1
- MELODEON 2
- ROPA 3

The big event of the day, the Easter Handicap, of 650 sovs, next comes in for consideration, and for this a good baker's dozen should be found sporting silk. Wairiki holds pride of place, both in the weight and in the betting market. With 9.7, the long-legged son of Soult will require to be at his best to win. He has come in for very substantial support, and if all goes well with him is certain to remain favourite up to the start of the race. Rosella is nicely treated with 8.12, but it remains to be seen if she is the Rosella of old. Her track work does not suggest it. Strathavon, with 8.11, may be confidently counted on to run a good race. He won the Takapuna Cup with 7.9, and the Takapuna J.C. Handicap with 8.7, and has since annexed the Taranaki Cup, carrying 8.0. With 8.10 Mr Evelt has given him an excellent chance of another win. Oingo is considered by many to be one of the prime picks of the bunch, more especially as Westguard, who hails from the same spot, has dropped out. A horse I must confess to having a very great regard for in the race is Val Rosa. True, he is somewhat of an in and out customer, but it must not be forgotten that at times he has finished with the greatest resolution. On the last day at the A.R.C Christmas meeting he beat a good field in the Grandstand Handicap when carrying 8.0, and now he has but 8.4. On that form he ought to beat several in the Easter Handicap. The Needle finished second on that occasion, and now meets Val Rosa on four pounds better terms, and also meets Rosella on better terms than when he last beat the mare, so must have a chance. Landlock is one of the honest sort, but might do better over six furlongs. I am told Golden Rose has a splendid chance, as she is very well, and am not prepared to entirely gainsay this, although I hardly think her quite good enough to win. Of the light weights Jewellery may possibly be most prominent. To endeavour to find the place-getters is a hard matter indeed. It may seem rash to desert the favourite, especially such an old friend as Wairiki, but I am going to risk it. In November Val Rosa beat Wairiki in receipt of 5lbs, and I do not see why he should not repeat it when in receipt of seventeen. Trusting he may be in a galloping humour, I will therefore place them—

- VAL ROSA 1
- WAIRIKI 2
- STRATHAVON 3

After the excitement has died down, the Hurdle Race will be called on. Cavaliero is reported amiss, and Tresham is under suspicion. I should not be surprised to find the places go to

- INCHCAPE 1
- LINGARD 2
- ROYAL CONQUEROR 3

Eleven remain in the Eden Handicap, and it is somewhat difficult to name those who will start. If Green and Gold is reserved for this race the mare is bound to be hard to beat, but in her absence I incline more to the chances of

- MARSHALL SOULT 1
- FORMULA 2
- SOULTFISH 3

There is nothing of very much class in the Onslow Stakes, as indeed the conditions of the race would imply. The two-year-olds have shown very in and out form this season, and anything might win.

The trio I expect to find engaging the attention of Judge Lusk are

- BONHEUR 1
- DELANIA 2
- ALBA ROSE 3

There is a fascination about a pony race which always seems to appeals to punters, and it not infrequently happens that the event for the lilliputians is the best betting event of the day. There is plenty of material in the First Pony Handicap, for fourteen have been accepted for, including all our best ponies. To attempt to forecast the result of a pony race in Auckland is a sufficiently hopeless task, but those whose winning prospects appear brightest if all is well on the day are

- ANNOYED 1
- ORANGE AND BLUE 2
- GIRTON GIRL 3

The Railway Handicap will bring the first day's proceedings to a close, and I am inclined to think the three top-weights will fight out the finish, and should not be greatly surprised to find them finishing in the same order as on the programme, namely—

- WESTGUARD 1
- ST. OLGA 2
- NUMA 3

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

The sporting event of the week has been the Swimming Championships, held under the auspices of the Northern Swimming Club. This attracted some of the best swimmers from the other centres, and these performed most brilliantly. An excellent photo of these young aquatic experts is given in this issue, also a view of the Graving Dock with a race in progress.

Mr C. P. Murdoch, whose portrait is shown, is one of our best known yachtsmen, being Commodore of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron. Particulars of his career will be found in our aquatic columns. The approaching meeting of the Auckland Racing Club is as usual arousing a great deal of interest. One of the most popular races is the Great Northern Champagne Stakes, which will be run on Saturday next. Mr H. Friedlander's pair, Kamo and Roseshield, are considered to hold a big mortgage on the classic race, so their portraits will be of interest.

Miss Olga Beatty Kingston and Miss Molly Pearson are two well-known English actresses, who have just arrived in Australia to join Mr J. C. Williamson's Company, which is to produce "Are You a Mason?"

Miss Lizzie Payne and Miss Maude Payne, two of the original members of the Steele-Payne Bellringers, who are at present on a visit to Auckland, and have arranged to give a sacred concert at Abbott's Opera House on Good Friday (tomorrow) Night. The popularity of these talented ladies will ensure them a hearty welcome.

Mr R. T. Tregaski has been the touring representative for the Steele-Payne Bellringers for a number of years. His pleasant and courteous manner has won for him many friends, both in the profession and in private life.

Inter-Provincial

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, April 8.

The Canterbury Jockey Club will hold its Autumn Meeting on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Present indications point to the fact that the club will submit its usual taking bill of fare, the fields in the principal races being well up to the quality seen at our Autumn Meeting. The chief interest is centred in the Great Easter and Great Autumn Handicaps. This is probably due to the amount of betting that takes place over the big autumn double. The final acceptances are not due until Thursday, but it is fully anticipated that there will be a dozen starters in the seven furlongs race, and nine in the mile and a-half.

The Great Easter is run on Monday. Orloff heads the handicap, and at the same time is a strong favourite. He was on the course last week several times, the general opinion being that he has never looked better. In looking over Orloff's performances this season, one cannot help being struck with their excellence. To my mind Orloff is brilliant over any distance, and if he has been fully prepared for the Easter I think he will win outright. I may be making a bold assertion, but I cannot see how the Derby winner is going to lose the race. I certainly prefer him to St. Denis, Pallas, and Vladimir at the weights, but if I were certain Pampero would be brought to the post in his best form, I would alter my opinion. Not knowing anything about the St. Clair horse, I select Orloff to beat him.

I can quite understand that Pampero would not be started in the race unless he had recovered from past mishaps, but all the same I shall stick to Orloff. St. Denis is in the best of form, but may not be quite class enough for Orloff and Pampero. Pallas will be a starter, but he has been specially trained for the mile and a-half race, and I do not fancy his chance in the Easter.

Lady Lillian has been doing capital work over seven furlongs, so has Sturev Society, but I do not fancy the latter in first-class company.

To sum up, I select Orloff to win, with Pampero and Lady Lillian filling places, and with Golden Vein as the best outsider.

Pallas is a strong tip for the Great Autumn. He has been doing splendid work lately, and will about win. General Symons and Annie Chiel may fill the places. For the other events on the first day my selections are: Autumn Maiden Plate, Optimist, Stepdancer; Kildare Hurdles, Nance O'Neill, Scottish Minstrel; Epsom Welter, Windwhistle, Ostiak, Zealous; Russley Plate, Quarryman, Sea Lion; Sockburn Handicap, Scylla, Fleka; Gimerack Race, Hypnotist, Battler; Champagne Stakes, Machine Gun.

L. H. Hewitt met with an accident last week, which will prevent him from being seen in the saddle for some weeks to come. He was looking over the Addington Workshops when a piece of hot iron struck one of his legs, embedding itself in his thigh. Hewitt had to be operated on at the hospital. He was in great pain for some time. Much sympathy is felt for the popular jockey.

W. Brown, another of our jockeys, is laid low with rheumatic gout.

Hypnotist, who has been winning races on the West Coast, was brought to Riccarton last week. He looks in rare racing trim.

WELLINGTON.

April 6.

H. Fletcher, a Porirua trainer, who nearly scooped the pool at the recent Horowhenua Meeting, took a large team to the Nelson J.C. Meeting, which took place on Wednesday and Thursday last. Dauber easily repeated his recent performance, winning the hurdle race by twenty lengths from Plainstone. Betsy also cantered home in the County Hack Handicap. Spun Gold scored very comfortably in the Grandstand Handicap, and Betsy, with a penalty, again cantered past the Judges box for the Hope Handicap. Dodina, trained by Fletcher, failed in the Nelson Cup, which was won comfortably by A. Rore's Hinekoa, a Marlborough double winner. Recent form was thus most strikingly exemplified. The reason is not far to seek, for Mr Henrys, through being engaged at Hawke's Bay, was unable to attend and witness the Horowhenua racing, and further, had to frame the Nelson Handicap prior to the Marlborough Meeting. The result was that the events were mere processions, and the dividends ranged from 28s to 50s, the average for the first day being £1 16s, a record.

The adjustments for the second day (except for the trotting race) were an improvement, and the racing more interesting. Osborne, a sure starter on the first day, just got home in the hurdles from the first day's winner, Dauber. Volley who was galloped on, and seriously interfered with in the Cup, got a clear run, and won the Richmond Park Stakes nicely. Romanoff, a C.J.C. Welcome Stakes winner, and a cast-off of the Yaldhurst Stables, carried 10lb over weight the first day in the Grandstand Handicap, and as the circumstances pro-



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bably escaped the handicapper's notice, he got nicely treated in the Waimea and Farewell Handicaps, both of which were soft things for the son of Stejniak and Rancee-Nuna. The surprise of the meeting was the dividend in the Farewell Handicap—£5 2s in a four-horse race, for a Welcome Stakes winner in a hack company is somewhat extraordinary. The followers of Fletcher's stable, however, owing to their recent successes, would not hear of defeat, hence the good prices obtained by the backers of Volley and Romanoff. Levonia ran much below her form, whilst Blue Spur and Spun Gold were unable to act under their weights. The meeting was an enjoyable one for visitors, the weather being capital. Several Wellington sportsmen were present, and were most hospitably treated by the Officials of the Club.

Mr Roa McRae, a popular and long-standing Steward of the Nelson J.C., was the unlucky owner of the meeting, his horse Cumulus by Sou'wester out of a Stonyhurst mare, running second each time of starting, viz., in the Cup, Richmond Stakes, and Waimea Handicap. The Porirua team for Riccarton will consist of Advance and Ostiak. The former is now only engaged in the Challenge Stakes. Ostiak claims engagements in three minor handicaps, and a Selling race, the Addington Plate, for which he is entered to be sold for nil. This event is run at the conclusion of the Meeting, and the probabilities are that the son of Stejniak fails in earlier events, he will be given a chance amongst the Selling Platers.

C. Jenkins, having no riding to do for the Porirua stable in the principal handicaps, has consented to ride for the Hon. Geo. McLean; during the Meeting his Wellington admirers will most probably follow him with their investments.

"Jim McGuinis," the mentor of Pampero, Vladimir, and Red Gauntlet, holds a strong hand in the Easter Handicap, and the one selected for Jenkins to ride will carry a lot of Wellington money.

The local metallicians are busy booking doubles, Petrovna, Red Gauntlet, and Pampero are favourite selections for the Easter, and Pallas and Lady Lillian for the Great Autumn. Orloff, however, is selected for the Autumn by some shrewd judges of form.

HAWKES BAY

April 7.

D. Wright took the Rioter to Auckland to-night by the Tarawera. P. McLaughlin will pilot the chestnut gelding in his essays during his Northern campaign. Since the Park Meeting, The Rioter has been doing good work over the hurdles.

A. Ellingham has taken up the Phantom with the intention of getting him ready for chasing events during the approaching winter.

The Shannon will not be seen out on the racing arena again, for the other day Torpedo's genuine daughter went amiss while out at exercise, and as her owner, Mr E. J. Watt, owns such a large number of horses, he has decided to relegate

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the Shannon to the breeding paddocks. This owner has christened the Phoebus Appollo—Aida colt Olympus. T. Quinliven, junr., who controls the destinies of the bearers of the blue and white uniform, has given the name of Mottle to the yearling full sister to Tortulla, that he purchased last Monday, at the annual yearling sales of the Temahanga youngsters, and Merrywing is the cognomen that he has bestowed upon the Merriwee Fleet-wing filly foal. She is a half-sister to Bird of Passage and Straybird.

Judging from the general tenor of remarks that have been going the rounds since the prohibition party have got elected for the licensing bench, it seems as if the several racing clubs here will have a tough time of it, as regards the publican booths, for it is understood that one of the boards of the prohibition ticket party's platform is that no extra licenses must be granted. If this is true, race goers locally will have a dry time of it for the next three years, while attending the Hawke's Bay fixtures, for not alone at Napier, but in Waipawa, the water faddists have got the big end of the log in their grip.

OTAGO.

Dunedin, April, 8.

Although the Southland Racing Club's Autumn Meeting did not look too promising on paper, owing to the numerical weakness of the fields engaged, the club emerged from the fixture with a deficit of £301 only on last year's totalisator receipts. The heroine of the meeting was the Manawanui, mare Tugela, who got away with three races during the two days, and has been a consistent stake winner ever since her present owner purchased her. The Hon. Geo. McLean sent down Lady Rosslyn and Noblesse, the full sister to the defunct Nobility, but neither earned a running bracket. The former could not even gain second money in a field of two on the first day, as in her endeavours to shirk her task she whipped inside a post. Phaetonitis and Red Ronald, who have both shown improvement in their recent efforts under silk, both continued in winning vein, and scored on the first day of the meeting.

Fright gave H. Carr a winning ride on the first day's Steeplechase, and a fall in the second, but the popular horseman escaped from the latter mishap with a bad shaking up, and will be in the saddle at the Riverton Meeting, where his services are likely to be in request.

Silver Rupee, one of the few horses left by Silvermark, was in fairly good form, and won the Shorts Handicap on the second day with something to spare, but ran off in the Winter Oats Handicap, when the race was at her mercy. The meeting passed off without any unpleasantness cropping up, except that McComb and Townsend, who were riding in the Hack Race, were complained against by the owner of Phaetonitis for alleged interference with the Phaeton gelding during the race, but those who were in a position and qualified to judge, held the opinion that there was nothing to substantiate "Mr J. Tristram's" charge. Furthermore, considering the feeling which may be said to exist between McComb and the Southern club, it is not likely McComb would place his license in jeopardy, particularly on the eve of such an important meeting as the C.J.C. Easter gathering.

The Australian light-weight, W. Webb, who recently arrived here from the other side, has been engaged to ride for Mr McGuinness at the Taieri Meeting. Amongst his races Webb won in Australia were the Sandhurst Cup, on Tikomai, and the Wagga Wagga Cup, on Roseleaf.

Pampero and Vladimir were missed out of the acceptances for the Great Autumn, owing to their owner imagining that the acceptances for the race closed on the night of the first day of the meeting. The inclusion of the pair in the race would have considerably enhanced the interest taken in the twelve furlong event by local sports.

L. G. King and C. Jenkins will ride the Hon. G. McLean's horses in the Great Easter Handicap, and W. Holmes will have the riding on Red Gauntlet. T. O'Brien will have the ride on Blazer in the Great Easter Handicap.

McGuinness' team left for Riccarton yesterday. Ardnarf, Blazer, and Battler leave for Riccarton on Saturday next. H. Carr was offered the ride on Slow Tom at Riccarton next week, but as he would have had to sacrifice several rides at the Riverton Meeting, which falls on the same dates, he decided in favour of the Southern meeting.

The chaser Pipi will accompany Petrovna to Riccarton, and the pair will probably cross over to Wellington at the conclusion of the Riccarton Meeting. The first-named horse will make his appearance under silk at the Wanganui Steeplechase Meeting if all goes well with him.

Mr Goodman has found it impossible to get Sirius ready for the Christchurch Meeting, and consequently the horse will not journey to the Northern city. Sirius is not likely to be raced again until the back end of the season.



ELLERSLIE.

Tuesday morning is generally utilised for some fast work, and this week was, of course, no exception to the rule, the near approach of the A.R.C. Meeting causing trainers to send along their charges in earnest. The morning fortunately was fine although rather cold, and the course was in good condition.

Scotty and Bacchus were given a round, Formula bringing Scotty home. It was a fair gallop, taking 2min 11sec to accomplish. Lingard ran a solid mile and a-half, while Cavaliero merely cantered.

Jewellery was sent the Easter Handicap distance at top, and finished very well, but the time was nothing wonderful.

Golden Rose, who is looking the picture of health, slipped along over six furlongs, while Cyrus was associated with Thunderer, whom he beat over a furlong less.

Northumberland began very slowly with Rosella, the mare getting a big break, but the colt was up with her at the end of a mile, run in 1min 54sec.

Lavadel, Idas, and Dolores brushed over six furlongs together, and the latter appeared to have the best of the bout, but the time was slow.

The jumpers Royal Conqueror, Haydn, and Marine were associated over a long trip, run at little better than half-speed.

The Southerner Westguard carried too many guns for a mate over five furlongs, finishing strongly in 1min 9sec.

Annoyed beat Avalanche over seven furlongs.

Strathavon hardly showed to advantage when coupled with The Needle, the latter finishing in front at the end of seven furlongs in 1min 37sec.

Val Rosa and Landlock streaked over seven furlongs at top speed, running the distance in a second less, and the Seaton Delaval horse appeared to have the best of the bout. Mars galloped a round by himself at a good steady pace.

Stibington and The Middy had a half-mile brush, the latter showing too much pace for his companion.

Cygnat was seen to advantage with Bobs and Spalpeen over five furlongs, which was reeled off in 1min 9½sec.

Matamataharakeiki and Putty were sent a strong mile, the latter finishing in front.

Wairiki had an easy exercise canter once round, and then clapped on speed for a mile, his younger sister being him home. The mile was run in 1min 53½sec, and it appeared to me that the big fellow was rolling a bit at the finish.

Solo ran a mile in 1min 56sec, Mechanic and Camille being associated with him.

Alba Rose finished ahead of Idasa over five furlongs, run in 1min 10sec, while Agrapus had the heels of Desdemona over half-a-mile, run in 56sec.

Inchcape and also Cannongate did long striding work.

Others out on the tracks were: Orange and Blue, Stepaway, St. Loanda, Te Aroha, Delania, Bonheur, St. Gordon, Giron Girl, Gladys Rose, Bloodstone, Merry Soult, Lady Annie, Ropa, Sentinel, and others.

RICCARTON.

The tracks were very heavy on Saturday morning, owing to the heavy rains which fell since the previous Tuesday. Despite the unfavourable conditions some interesting work was done, but the times registered were slow. Deerstalker and Aberlow were the first pair out, and were sent a strong gallop over six furlongs. The filly moved very freely, and should run well in her Northern engagements at Easter. To-morrow ran a similar distance in 1min 23min, while Cannie Shiel traversed a mile and a-quarter, Wind-whistle assisting him over the last mile, the last seven furlongs being left behind in 1min 38½sec. Treadmill accomplished a working gallop over six furlongs, which he ran in 1min 23½sec. Ragabrush put in sound pacing over five furlongs, while Tercelet negotiated two circuits on the cinders at half-speed.

Golden Vein alone ran seven furlongs in 1min 36sec, going pleasingly, while Quarryman took 1min 25½sec to run six furlongs.

Stepdancer had King Stork as companion in a gallop over the Autumn Handicap course. The pair broke away together, but before going half-a-mile King Stork began to drop back, evidently finding the pace too solid. Firebrand joined the mare at the seven furlongs mark, and the pair raced home together. Stepdancer finished very well, and pleased onlookers. The times for the various stages of the gallop were as follows:—First half mile, 55½sec; mile, 1min 53½sec; and the final

distance in 2min 52sec. This was from a walking up start, and is considered a very fair gallop on heavy going. Ropa brushed over six furlongs in 1min 24½sec.

After breakfast the weather cleared, and Holmes despatched Scylla for a couple of circuits, finishing over the last half-mile of each round at three-quarter speed. Kelburn ran the last half-mile of a steady circuit in 54sec, while Gladisla performed a similar task. Secret Society and Covenant Maid executed a working gallop over six furlongs, finishing together in 1min 25sec. The Easter Handicap horse, however, was going very well, and appeared as though he would have registered a good gallop had he been extended. Ordnance defeated Narcissus in a spin over seven furlongs, which was run in 1min 46sec. Lavalette galloped half-a-mile in 54sec, while Dirk dashed over six furlongs in 1min 23sec. Lady Lillian registered the best six furlongs gallop of the morning, running the distance in 1min 21½sec, finishing up the task in a pleasing manner. Goldenmere brushed over five furlongs, the half-mile occupying 56sec.

Pallas, Welbeck and Zealous had a spin over seven furlongs, but through Welbeck breaking away before the mark was reached, it was a very straggling start, of which Zealous and Pallas fared worse. However, the two soon got on equal terms, and half-way down the straight Welbeck was beaten, while the other pair were together when the post was reached, although they were not ridden, but they appeared to be fully extended. Pallas, who was slowest to move, ran the distance in 1min 35sec, a fair performance. Welbeck pulled up lame, and was led back to the sheds. He left the course very lame, so that he may be counted an unlikely starter at the Meeting. Cerise and Blue and Leonore ran five furlongs in 1min 10sec, but could have improved upon that time. Calibre, who went sorely, traversed a mile in 1min 55sec. Lolah galloped a mile, the last seven furlongs occupying 1min 38sec, while Nell Gwyne, Rosemere, Antigone, Bombardo, Kharki, Brave Heart and Cora Lynn were allotted steady pacing.

All the money forthcoming about Orloff Pallas combination has been snapped up in Christchurch and elsewhere. Secret Society was backed from the right quarter for the Easter Handicap to-day, in doubles with General Symons and Pallas. Orloff will start a strong favorite for the Easter Handicap, while Pallas is almost certain to carry the bulk of the money in the Great Autumn. General Symons has come into favour for the Great Autumn Handicap during the last week.

April 8.

The inside of the trial grass was opened this morning. This, coupled with the improved going, was responsible for the good times registered.

Cannie Chiel and Windwhistle galloped a mile, in which the latter showed to advantage, the time registered being 1min 48sec. Cannie Chiel disappointed the onlookers.

Treadmill and Golden Vein dashed over the seven furlongs in 1min 32½sec, finishing together. The former, who moved well, could have improved upon that time.

Secret Society, looking in capital fettle, ran a mile, Narcissus accompanying him the last seven furlongs, which was run in 1min 32 1-5sec. Secret Society tired towards the finish.

Ragabrush defeated Deerstalker over seven furlongs, the last six furlongs of which was run in 1min 19sec.

Cora Linn, looking well, galloped half-a-mile up the back in 52½sec.

Quarryman's mission was five furlongs at three-quarter speed. Stepdancer and Firebrand were associated in the gallop over seven furlongs, which occupied 1min 33sec. The former, who was going well at the finish, showing to advantage.

Scylla, Nell Gwyn, and Kelburne, after cantering once round, spurted half-a-mile in 50sec, finishing in the order named.

Leonore defeated Cerise and Blue over six furlongs in 1min 21sec.

Royal Standard compassed the circuit at half-speed. Bombardo, Clanburn, and King Stork were companions in a gallop over the one mile and a-quarter. The first-named appeared to advantage at the finish. The time registered was 2min 26½sec, a fair performance. King Stork got away badly, but made up some of his leeway, and finished within a few lengths of the leader.

Lolah and Ropu galloped seven furlongs in 1min 33sec, the former finishing in front.

Lee Enfield defeated Roscommon and First Shot over half-a-mile, run in 50½sec, while De La Rey alone covered a similar distance in 51½sec.

Pallas traversed a mile and a-quarter, being assisted by Lavalette over the last seven furlongs. Lavalette appeared to hold his companion safe at the finish. The times for the various stages of the gallop were as follows:—First two furlongs, 27sec; six furlongs, 1min 19½sec; full distance, 2min 13½sec. From a flying start, Pallas moved freely, and is apparently in fine fettle.

Lady Lillian and Zealous were companions over seven furlongs. On reach-

ing the post, the latter broke away, and negotiated a circuit steadily before she was pulled up. At the second attempt the pair got away on even terms. Lady Lillian, who had the better of the gallop throughout, and finished half a length to the good. The time registered, 1min 31sec, was the fastest of the morning over this distance, but the horses had a flying start. Lady Lillian also had the advantage of the inside running.

After breakfast, Antigone defeated Ordnance over seven furlongs in 1min 33sec from a standing start.

Covenant Maid galloped six furlongs in 1min 18sec, moving pleasingly.

Calibre traversed a mile and a-half at three-quarter speed.

Kharki, who is looking well, compassed two circuits, brushing over the last half-mile of each round.

Golden Mere finished in front of Dirk over five furlongs, which occupied 1min 7½sec.

Hypnotist ran half-a-mile in 52sec, while Gladisla, Merrymaker and a few others were allotted useful tasks.

Motor arrived from Wellington yesterday.

WINGATUI.

Dunedin, April 7.

During the past few days the local horses who promise to play an important part at Riccarton next week have been doing solid work. The track at Wingatui on Saturday was on the heavy side, as a result of the rains which had fallen during the early portion of the week all the work was got through on the inside of the course proper. Shortly after seven McGuinness commenced operations by sending Red Gauntlet over seven furlongs. The Lochiel colt broke away from the mark by himself, and was picked up at the five furlongs post by Lady Rosslyn, who, favoured by having a feather-weight on her back, for once in a way, galloped generously, and was just showing clear off Red Gauntlet as the pair passed the judge's box. Red Gauntlet occupied a tick over 32sec in negotiating the seven furlongs. The last five furlongs were left behind in 7½sec, and the last half in 53 4-5sec. Red Gauntlet finished fairly well, and pulled up perfectly sound, although his near hind heel does not bear a very attractive appearance. Pampero and Vladimir (the latter in receipt of a good deal of weight) were coupled over seven furlongs, which occupied 1min 31 4-5sec, the last six being left behind in 1min 20sec. The pair finished together, and the Stepniak colt was moving a trifle freer than Pampero, but it is to be borne in mind that the latter has become sluggish on the track, and is a different horse under silk. Pampero pulled up perfectly sound, and walked about afterwards with his characteristic buoyancy.

Crown Imperial and Lady Babie were put together over five furlongs, and finished together in 1min 9 1-5sec. Ardnarf was escorted over the last five furlongs of a mile by Battler, who strode home in front of the Fitzhercules gelding. Ardnarf left six furlongs behind in 1min 24½sec. Blazer and Petrovna trotted the reverse way to the six furlongs post, and in the break away the first-named obtained about a length and a-half advantage. Turning into the straight Blazer ran wide, but finished half-a-length in front of the mare in 1min 20sec. Petrovna had the stick shaken at her at the finish, and Blazer was moving more attractively at the end of the task.

St. Denis solus raced over six furlongs in a tick outside of 1min 20sec, and like all our great Easter candidates, is in good heart and very fit.

At present Blazer, who shaped well on Saturday morning in a gallop with Petrovna, and on Monday last in a gallop with Red Gauntlet, has come into favour. Judging by the way he has comported himself on the track recently, the son of St. Clair and Mountain Lily has regained form, and all going well will give a good account of himself, but I would prefer him over a shorter course. Blazer goes North on Saturday next, and the reason for the delay is to minimise as far as possible any ill-effects which may arise in the event of the horse going off his feed after leaving home.

Vladimir, St. Denis, and Pampero are a trio whose track work has appealed most to me. Pampero was associated with Vladimir in the last couple of gallops he had at Wingatui, and although the Stepniak colt was moving more attractively than the other, still he was receiving a liberal concession in weight to all outward appearances, and with the colours up, and at the difference that they are to meet at in the Easter, I imagine that Pampero will hold the other safe. Pampero again has been able to do track work which compares favourably with that done by any of the other Wingatui-trained lot, and he is likely to go on improving. The going at Riccarton, owing to recent rains, will be in his favour, and at the present stage Pampero's chance in the Great Easter reads, in my opinion, second to none. Next to him I like St. Denis and Orloff.

Echoes of the Week.

(By "Ithuriel.")

Apropos of some recent collisions on the electric tramway, and without any intention of commenting upon particular instances, I would point out that the motormen's temper is sorely tried by certain persons, drivers of carts and spring carts particularly (especially on holiday occasions), who delight in incommoding the trams. The practice is to keep on the line ahead of a car until the last possible moment consistent with safety, and then, having drawn off, to make jeering and leering remarks to the motorman. I have witnessed this clumsy and stupid joke many times, and cannot sufficiently express my admiration of the patient good humour of the tram drivers. Were I in their place I should be sorely tempted to make the obstructionists feel how "she bumps" occasionally.

A friend of mine, who, by the way, owns no combustible property outside his own personality, has been reading about fires and the cautious ways of insurance companies, and offers a suggestion. It is to the effect that the companies ought to issue at enhanced rates policies covering losses by fire from whatever cause arising, so that if a man chose to set his domicile alight he could do so, the sole bar to arson being the fear of the criminal law. To the objection that the prospect of gaol is at present the only really effective deterrent to arson, my friend says that is not the point. What he wants to discover is the sort of man who would apply for the unfettered policies. I am afraid he is all unlettered in the learning of the wicked.

When the members of the Waingaro Polo Club were in Auckland, during the progress of the recent tournament, they invited their metropolitan compatriots to attend and compete at a tournament and sports meeting in their bush home, the date of which was fixed for last Saturday. The Aucklanders of both clubs gladly accepted the invitation, and a joyful company entrained their ponies at Remuera, on Friday, and journeyed to Ngauruawhia. The weather was not propitious, but, knowing that the country settler never permits meteorological conditions to interfere with sport—whatever effect they may have on work—the visitors started with the dawn along the road to Waingaro, which like the road from Gundagai to Tumut town, "goes up and down," and is pretty muddy to boot. That it was not at its best may be gathered from the fact that it took the Aucklanders four and a-half hours to do the sixteen miles. Polo ponies are not racehorses, but a man with a bluey on his back would have made a close run for it against them on this occasion.

As they neared their destination, the visitors were struck with the absence of that bustle and excitement which form the usual prelude to a "day out" in the bush; there was, in fact, nobody about to speak to, and the two or three solitary travellers they met with appeared to know less about the sports than they did themselves. Even at the Hot Springs Hotel there reigned a melancholy ignorance, but after much scratching of heads, it was remembered that there had been "some talk" about a sports gathering, and a diligent search, under the direction of a native-born guide, revealed a notice on a post announcing the postponement of the gala, "on account of the weather!" I can picture to myself, very faintly, the expression on the faces of the visitors when they made this entertaining discovery. They were not to be beaten, however, and immediately despatched messengers to announce their arrival to the polo champions, whose invitation had brought them there.

But the champions were not to be found, at least not all of them. Two at least, when the awful tidings reached them, saddled their horses and rode into the deepest recesses of the forest. Those who faced the music, put on the best face they could, and consoled the visitors with the assurance that, after all, they could have done much worse with the week-end than spending it at the finest Sanatorium South of the Line, where the quality of the whisky is only surpassed by that of the hot water. Then they cheerfully agreed to play an impromptu match, which they gracefully lost, and otherwise entertained their guests in true Waingaro style.

Though Dr. Collins' report on the proposal to erect infectious diseases wards on the General Hospital grounds, is somewhat hard reading, his logic appears to be unanswerable. The Board and the community are fortunate in having a man as chief Medical Officer who is not afraid to speak his mind, and the next generation will have reason to bless him, or his memory, if he succeeds in keeping Gradgrind's hands off the Hospital Hill.

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Whatever the solution of the difficulty may be, the welfare of the people ought to be placed above the pleasure of squabbling with the Health Department, or the saving of the rates.

The licensing contest in the Wairau district (Marlborough), was conducted most amicably as between the prohibitionists and the trade, and a joint ticket was adopted. There were eleven candidates, including four members of the old Committee—Messrs T. Horton, H. M. Reader, R. McCartney and H. Seymour. Mr J. Coleman did not seek re-election. The result of the election was the return of Messrs H. Seymour, H. D. Vavasour, W. Ching, P. Simmonds, and J. Griffin. This return represents the combined "ticket" of the Licensed Victuallers and Temperance Party, which included only one member of the old Committee; and it is regarded as a full victory for that agreement. The issues in the Wairau contest were rendered by the aforementioned combination of a somewhat exceptional nature as compared with those in other parts of the Colony. They were generally understood to take their color from the case in which the old Committee granted a license for a new hotel in Blenheim and their action was over-ruled in the Supreme Court.

It takes about fifty years for a good story, born or acclimatised on the Australian Continent or in New Zealand to reach Tasmania. The Hobart "Mail" tells the following anecdote about Purves, K.C., as having occurred "last week":—"A Hobart barrister was talking to Mr Purves about hard work and wealth. The great cross-examiner, notwithstanding the good practice he has had for years, is not a wealthy man. He has enjoyed life all the time, and not over-worked himself. He takes his periodical holiday, and enjoys it. The Hobart man said that this was the first time he had been away from work for years. 'I want,' said he, 'to make some money before I get to be an old man.' 'But what's the good of it?' demanded Purves. 'You have no one to leave it to, and if you could take it with you to the other world, it would melt.' The original story, which must be bald headed with age now, was not about Purves at all.

Unfortunate persons who, for any one of the large variety of peccadilloes, have to stand with demure expression of the lips and downcast eyes in the Police Court, have usually good ground for objecting to the garrulity of the Bench in passing judgment. But they will hardly be able to enter into the feelings of a prisoner brought before the Wellington Court. According to a Southern paper, "the magistrate reprimanded him for a week, pending enquiries on his behalf."

SALE OF THOROUGHBRED STOCK.

AT THE HARP OF ERIN STABLES, ELLERSLIE.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, at 10.30.

Mrs. Leonard having decided to dispose of the whole of her racing stock of thoroughbreds the following high-class horses are to be submitted by auction sale:—

Val Rosa, 5-year-old horse, by Seaton Delaval—Vieux Rose

Idas, 3-year-old filly, by Seaton Delaval—Ida

Maroon and Gold, 4-year-old gelding, by St. Hippo—Ida

Lavadel, 3-year-old colt, by Seaton Delaval—Dorothy

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ELECTORAL.
GRAFTON WARD.

Dr. E. W. SHARMAN begs to announce that in response to numerous requests received he has decided to allow himself to be nominated as a Candidate to represent the Grafton Ward in the City Council.

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION.
EAST WARD.

DR. WALKER begs to announce to the Electors of the above Ward that he is a Candidate at the forthcoming Election.
Iklev House, 1 per Grey-street.
March 27th, 1903.

THE MAYORALTY OF AUCKLAND.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—

In response to a numerously-signed requisition I have consented to allow myself to be nominated as a Candidate for the Mayoralty.

E. MITCHELSON.

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An Interim Dividend of 2s 6d per Share for the Half-year ended 28th February, 1903, is now payable. Shareholders can obtain Warrants on application at the Company's Office.

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JAMES KIRKER,
General Manager.

Auckland, 7th April, 1903.

AMUSEMENTS.

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

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FOOTBALL.

AUCKLAND

RUGBY UNION.

The Annual General
Meeting of the Union
will be held in the
Amateur Sports Club,
His Majesty's Arcade, on
FRIDAY, 17th April, at
8 p.m.

BUSINESS: Consideration of Report and Balance-sheet, Election of Officers, and such other Business as may be brought before the Meeting in accordance with the Rules.

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ACCEPTANCES.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

FIRST DAY—SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

TRADESMEN'S PLATE of 100 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

Table listing race results for Tradesmen's Plate, including names like Rosella, Queen's Guard, Putty, Green and Gold, Matamataharakeke, Tupara, and Idas.

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, Mr F. Stenning's b o Agrapus, Mrs Lennard's br f Idas, Mrs Lennard's br f Alba Rose, Mr J. Chaffee's br o Stibbington, Mr C. Salisbury's br f Te Aroha, Mr S. Bradley's br f Lady Rose, Mr J. C. Booth's blk f Lady Bobs, Mr J. T. Moore's br f St. Evangeline, Mr John Lynch's gr f Vivandel, Messrs Darlot and Dunfee's ch e Ropa, Mr E. J. Watt's b c by Medallion—Melodia, Mr James Hill's b f by Cour-de-Lion—Falconet, Mr J. T. Ryan's br f Bonheur, Messrs L. D. and N. A. Nathan's br e Onewa, Mr Lance Wood's b f by Seaton Delaval—Sunbeam, Messrs E. and B. Duder's br f by Cuirassier—Anita, Hon. J. D. Ormond's br g Bandmaster, Hon. J. D. Ormond's b g Trent, Mr E. Cecil's br e The Middy, Mr W. Handley's b f Merry Soult, Mr T. G. Bray's b g Hardy.

EASTER HANDICAP of 850 sovs. One mile.

Table listing race results for Easter Handicap, including names like Wairiki, Rosella, Strathavon, Westguard, Oingo, Val Rosa, The Needle, and Landlock.

FIRST HANDICAP HURDLES of 125 sovs. Two miles.

Table listing race results for First Handicap Hurdles, including names like Cavaliero, Royal Conqueror, Battleaxe, and Tresham.

EDEN HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Seven furlongs.

Table listing race results for Eden Handicap, including names like Battleaxe, Formula, Marshal Soult, Green and Gold, Maroon and Gold, and Anchorite.

ONSLow STAKES of 100 sovs. Five furlongs.

Table listing race results for ONSLOW STAKES, including names like Thunderer, Matamu, Delania, The Squincher, and Alba Rose.

PONY HANDICAP of 75 sovs. Seven furlongs.

Table listing race results for Pony Handicap, including names like Orange and Blue, Annoyed, Stepaway, Girton Girl, Avalanche, Vulpine, and Sentinel.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 100 sovs. Five furlongs.

Table listing race results for Railway Handicap, including names like Westguard, St. Olga, Numa, Glasgow, Cygnet, and Anchorite.

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 o Tercelet, 3yrs, by Clanranald—Teredia, Mr H. Friedlander's b c Kelburn, 3yrs, by Hotchkiss—Lady Augusta, Mr D. Gordon's blk h Advance, 6yrs, by Vanguard—Laurel, Mr D. Gordon's ch o Porina, 3yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Waitemata, Mr D. Gordon's b o Rawiri, 3yrs, by St. Leger—Musket Maid, Mr H. Hyland's ch m Despatch, 4yrs, by Saracen—Dunoon, Mr T. H. Lowry's br f Madrigal, 3yrs, by Stepniak—Madder, Mr L. Marshall's ch e Spalpeen, 3yrs, by Gooson—Windmill, Mr J. Monk's ch e Achilles, 3yrs, by Medallion—Nereid, Messrs L. D. and N. A. Nathan's ch e Northumberland, 3yrs, by Seaton Delaval—Campania, Mr F. Watson's ch e 4yrs, by Hotchkiss—St. Laura, Mr D. Stewart's b g Scotty, 4yrs, by St. Leger—Janet

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

APRIL 13TH AND 14TH.

GREAT EASTER HANDICAP of 750 sovs. Seven furlongs.

Table listing race results for Great Easter Handicap, including names like Orloff, Pallas, St. Denis, Pampero, Valdimir, Petrovna, and Red Gauntlet.

GREAT AUTUMN HANDICAP of 750 sovs. One mile and a-half.

Table listing race results for Great Autumn Handicap, including names like Orloff, Pallas, Welbeck, Cannie Chiel, Terrapin, Lady Lillian, and Motor.

CHAMPAGNE STAKES of 500 sovs. Six furlongs.

Table listing race results for Champagne Stakes, including names like Rose Shield, Madge, Treadmill, Gold Crown, and Filly by Eton—Pit-a-Pat.

CHALLENGE STAKES of 500 sovs. Seven furlongs.

Table listing race results for Challenge Stakes, including names like Deerstalker, Brave Heart, Treadmill, Gladstone, and Machine Gun.

FEILDING J.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

APRIL 13TH AND 14TH.

FLYING HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Table listing race results for Flying Handicap, including names like Shrapnel, Dexterly, Full Cry, Perfection, and Platypus.

KAWAKAWA HURDLES. Two miles.

Table listing race results for Kawakawa Hurdles, including names like Waiwera, Otairi, Kaiwaka, and Light.

HACK HURDLES. One mile and three-quarters.

Table listing race results for Hack Hurdles, including names like Sunmos, Midia, Romany Lad, Hinekura, and Rags.

FEILDING CUP. One mile and a-half.

Table listing race results for Feilding Cup, including names like Ringman, Fakir, and Float.

ONEPURI HACK WELTER. One mile.

Table listing race results for Onehuri Hack Welter, including names like Otairi, Dick Turpin, Merry Boy, Wairea, In-the-Van, and Nat Gould.

WINTER OATS. One mile.

Table listing race results for Winter Oats, including names like Shrapnel, Full Cry, Hardwork, Perfection, and Platypus.

OINGO HACK FLYING. Five furlongs.

Table listing race results for Oingo Hack Flying, including names like Matuku, Gold Purse, Kidbrook, Silver Star, Glory, Endeavourer, and Catapaw.

MAIDEN HACK PLATE. One mile and a distance.

Table listing race results for Maiden Hack Plate, including names like Wakawaka, Stampedo, Contingent, Trumpery, and Otamoa.

FINAL HACK (HURRY). Five furlongs.

Table listing race results for Final Hack (Hurry), including names like Intrigue, Trumpery, Pareora, Wizard Oil, Wakawaka, Cossack, and Contingent.

HANDICAPS.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

APRIL 13TH AND 14TH.

KILDARE HURDLE HANDICAP of 120 sovs. Two miles.

Table listing race results for Kildare Hurdle Handicap, including names like Victor II, Long Tom, Scottish Minstrel, Roller, and Nance O'Neill.

EPSON WELTER HANDICAP of 150 sovs. One mile.

Table listing race results for Epson Welter Handicap, including names like Ostiak, Windwhistle, Muscovite, Ardnaif, Lady Roslyn, Hypnotist, Ragabash, and Lavalette.

SOCKBURN HANDICAP of 110 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

Table listing race results for Sockburn Handicap, including names like Motor, Scylla, Fleka, Ardnaif, Golden Vein, Lady Roslyn, Romany Queen, Sirius, and Lavalette.

RUSSELLY PLATE of 150 sovs. Five furlongs.

Table listing race results for Russell Plate, including names like Quarryman, Scallion, Royal Crown, and Brave Heart.

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 listing race results for Doncaster Handicap, including names like Sir Leonard, Purser, Air Motor, Patronage, Pendant, The Idler, Vanity Fair, Silver Ray, Loyal, Postillion, Reviver, Debutante, Contest, Warrior II, Simile, Acrasia, and Rose Petal.

THE SYDNEY CUP, a handicap of 20 sovs each, with 2,000 sovs added; second, 300 sovs; third, 150 sovs. Two miles.

Table listing race results for Sydney Cup, including names like The Victory, Cyanide, Sir Leonard, Abundance, Great Scot, Australian, Patronage, Palfour, Postillion, Vanity Fair, Patronus, Air Motor, Reviver, Simile, and Acrasia.

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following are the current prices on the Great Easter and Great Autumn:—

Large table showing odds for Great Easter and Great Autumn races, listing names like Orloff, Pallas, St. Denis, Pampero, Valdimir, Petrovna, Blazer, Windwhistle, Lady Lillian, Cora Linn, Golden Vein, Motor, Secret Society, etc.

Prices subject to market alterations. April 6, 1903

NOMINATIONS.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

APRIL 11TH, 13TH, AND 14TH.

SECOND DAY.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP. One mile.—Putty, The Needle, Grey Seaton, Zuleika, Rosella, Lupara, Paul Seaton, Oingo, Queen's Guard, Green and Gold, Landlock, Solo, Dolores, Idas, Lavadel, Moutfish, Seatonia, Bacchus, Formula, KILRESLIE HANDICAP. Six furlongs.—Rose Shield, Cyrus, Ropa, Merry Soult, The Middy, Stibbington, Lady Rose, Melodeon, Agrapus, The Squincher, Desdemona, Vivandel, Delania, Idas, Lady Annie, Bonheur.

AUTUMN HURDLES. One mile and three-quarters.—Cavaliero, Lady Bell, Waiwera, Inchcape, Lingard, Battleaxe, The Riotor, Awahuri, Bellman, Kanaka, Cannongate, Tresham, Royal Conqueror, Haydn.

FLYING HANDICAP. Six furlongs.—Marshal Soult, Austerlitz, Grey Seaton, Green and Gold, Strathavon, Anchorite, Landlock, Maroon and Gold, Camille, Idas, Soultfish, Westguard, Miss Lottie, Hinestapariki.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP. Six furlongs.—Sentinel, Stepaway, St. Loanda, Orange and Blue, Annoyed, Avalanche, First Whisper, The Dodger, Gladys Rose, Queen Eva, Whawhai, Forth, Sonica, Miami, Inspiration, Girton Girl, Vulpine, Cuisine, Resurgum, Rapid.

SHORTS HANDICAP. Five furlongs.—Marshal Soult, Austerlitz, Leo Delaval, Frank Dodd, St. Olga, Orange and Blue, Coma, Westguard, Numa, Anchorite, Camille, Maroon and Gold, Vulpine, Cygnet, Spalpeen, Scotty, Muskerdale, Hinestapariki, Governess, Bloodstone.

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

Table listing race results for St. George's Handicap, including names like Hinestaura, Oingo, Okoari, Motor, Val Rosa, Rosella, Ostiak, Mars, Scotty, and Golden Rose.

THIRD DAY

MAIDEN HURDLES. One mile and three-quarters.—Lady Bell Hinemoa, Lingard The Riotor, Moccasin, Sirdar, Guardvan II, Hyas, Kowhai, Lady Dash, Tun, Marine.

CRITERION HANDICAP. Six furlongs.—Frank Dodd, Glasgow, St. Rowan, Coma, Queen Anne, Bastion, Hillflower, Lavadel, Soultfish, Seatonia, Muskerdale, Hinestapariki, Mount Zeehan, Bobs.

THIRD HURDLE RACE. Two miles.—Haydn, Cavaliero, Inchcape, Waiwera, Lingard, Battleaxe, Awahuri, Bellman, Cannongate, Tresham, Tun, Royal Conqueror.

WELTER HANDICAP. One mile.—Zuleika, Leo Delaval, The Needle, Tupara, Paul Seaton, Coma, Oingo, Queen Anne, Anchorite, Dolores, Kanaka, Maroon and Gold, Lavadel, Soultfish, Seatonia, Tresham, Bacchus, Defender, Miss Lottie.

THIRD PONY HANDICAP. Five furlongs.—St. Loanda, Sentinel, Annoyed, Avalanche, Orange and Blue, First Whispe, Gladys Rose, Queen Eva, Whawhai, Forth, Sonica, Miami, Solitary, The Dodger, Inspiration, Vulpine, Girton Girl, Cuisine, Resurgum, Bloodstone, Rapid.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.—Austerlitz, Putty, Marshal Soult, Grey Seaton, Rosella, Tupara, St. Olga, Westguard, Queen's Guard, Green and Gold, Anchorite Landlock, Solo Golden Rose, Dolores, Idas, Spalpeen, Miss Lottie, Jewellery, Strathavon, Scotty, Formula, Muskerda e.

VICTORIA HANDICAP. Five furlongs.—Ropa, Kamo, Thunderer, Merry Soult, The Middy, Stibbington, Lady Rose, Melodeon, Agrapus, The Squincher, Desdemona, Vivandel, Simple Simon, Idas, Alba Rose, Lady Bobs, Te Aroha, Lady Annie, Delania, Bonheur.

AUTUMN HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.

Table listing race results for Autumn Handicap, including names like Hinestaura, Queen's Guard, Motor, Lavadel, Northumberland, Ghoorka, Wairiki, Formula, Golden Rose, Convoy, Battleaxe, St. Gordon, Val Rosa, St. Olga, Strathavon, Mars, Scotty, Jewellery, Matamataharakeke, Oingo, Heroism, Paul Seaton, Idas, Rosella, Rawiri, The Needle, Bacchus, Dolores.

WELLINGTON R.C. AUTUMN MEETING.

APRIL 23RD AND 25TH.

THOMPSON HANDICAP of 400 sovs. One mile.

Table listing race results for Thompson Handicap, including names like Petrovna, Cannie Chiel, Shrapnel, Valdimir, Pallas, Shackle, Lady Lillian, Evelyn Wood, Gold Seal, Porirus, Tupara, Platypus, Field Battery, Val Rosa, Strathavon, Ballyneety, Golden Vein, Pampero, Good Intent, St. Denis, Terrapin, Rubin, Advance, Madrigal, Gold Dust, Motor, Scylla, Deerstalker, Lolah, Red Gauntlet, Windwhistle, Ringman, Black Reynard, Full Cry, Welbeck, Hinekoo, Ostiak, Blazer, Battleaxe, Green and Gold, General Symons, Shrapnel Shell, Bombardo, Float.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S AUTUMN MEETING.

APRIL 25TH AND 29TH.

FIRST DAY.

MAIDEN PLATE.—Nereid, Leo Delaval, Hillflower, Lavadel, Seatonia, Queen Anne Bastion, Muskerdale, Swagsman, Boles, Irish, Green and Gold, Millie, Hinestapariki, Croupier, Glasgow, Aurega, Frank Dodd, Bloodstone, Ian.

HURDLE RACE.—Hippowai, Inchcape, Evermore, Lingard, Royal Conqueror, Haydn, The Riotor, Mokomoko, Taubei, Sudden.

JUVENILE HANDICAP.—Lady Rose, Merry Soult, Stibbington, Alba Rose, Idas, Matamu, Desdemona, Agrapus, Ropa, Wai, Insa, Bonheur, Te Aroha, Delania, Lady Annie, Simple Simon, Dafodil, The Squincher, The Middy, Lady Bobs.

AVONDALE HANDICAP.—Paul Seaton, Golden Rose, Marshal Soult, St. Olga, Landlock, Annoyed, Dolores, Soultfish, Val Rosa, Idas, Putty, Gilnockie, Matamataharakeke, Rosella, Northumberland, Green and Gold, Durable, Zuleika, Jewellery, Needle, Strathavon, Mars, Formula.

FIRST PONY HANDICAP.—Sweet Marie, First Whispe, Annoyed, Inspiration, Sentinel, Sonica, Vulpine, Cuisine, The Dodger, Sandow, Girton Girl, Gladys Rose, Forth, Miami, Rapid, Irish Boy, Repor.

FIRST HACK HANDICAP.—Kilkenny, Putaki, Lavadel, C.romnier, Queen Anne, Bastion, Le Beau, Apparition, Bobs, Irish, Rapid, Ian.

AUCTION STAKES.—Nereid, nil; Little Jim, £30; Telephone, £50; Lavadel, £40; Seatonia, £30; Bacchus, £30; Mary Seaton, £30; Maro; Paris, nil; Kohia, £40.

RAILWAY HANDICAP.—Paul Seaton, Marshal Soult, St. Olga, Landlock, Camille, Avalanche, Dolores, Soultfish, Maroon and Gold, Rosella, Green and Gold, Grey Seaton, Zuleika, Needle, Anchorite, Formula, Muskerdale, Spalpeen, Scotty, Governess.

SECOND DAY.

MAIDEN HURDLES.—Jirdar, Kotiro, Revealer (late Confessor), Lady Dash, Waimana, Linden, St. Gordon, Gunfire, The Rioter, Meteor, St. Rowan, Gilnockie.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Coma, Austerlitz, Little Jim, Orange and Blue, Leo Delaval, Telephone, Sonica, Hillflower, Vulpine, Camille, Cygnet, Maro, Numa, Millie, Hinatapuriki, Croupier, Paris, Kohia, Glasgow, Governess, Anchorite, Bloodstone.

SECOND PONY HANDICAP.—Avalanche, Sweet Marie, Annoyed, Inspiration, First Whisper, Sentinel, Sonica, Vulpine, Cuisine, The Dodger, Solitary, Sandow, Girton Girl, Forth, Gladys Rose, Whawhai, Miami, Irish Boy, Bloodstone, Rapid, Report.

AUTUMN HANDICAP.—Paul Seaton, Golden Rose, Marshal Sault, St. Olga, Landlock, Solo, Annoyed, Dolores, Soultfish, Val Rosa, Idas, Putty, Matamatarakeke, Rosella, Northumberland, Green and Gold, Grey Seaton, Durable, Zuleika, Jewellery, Needle, Strathavon, Scotty, Formula, Governess.

NURSERY HANDICAP.—Lady Rose, Matamu, Merry Soul, Idasa, Desdemona, Agrapus, Ropa, Bonheur, Te Aroha, Delania, Lady Annie, Lady Bobs, Simple Simon, The Squincher, The Middy.

STEEPLECHASE.—Kowhai, Dingo, Inchcape, Hylas, Evermore, Nor-west, Tuni, Lady Dash, Sudden, Gunfire.

SECOND HACK HANDICAP.—Kilkenny, Queen Anne, Pukaki, Lavadel, Lingard, Carmonier, Bastion, Apparition, Sandow, Bobs, Irish, Ian, The Beau, Rapid.

WAIKAREKI HANDICAP.—Coma, Austerlitz, Marshal Sault, Dolores, Orange and Blue, Idas, Leo Delaval, Sonica, St. Olga, Maroon and Gold, Camille, Landlock, Soultfish, Seatonia, Scotty, Takapuna, Formula, Muskerdale, Swagsman, Mary Seaton, Cygnet, Numa, Hinatapuriki, Miss Lottie, Paris, Croupier, Golden Rose, Governess, Anchorite, Grey Seaton, Frank Dodd.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Spun Gold, 7.7... 1
Hinekos, 9.2... 2
Greensleaves, 7.0... 3

Other starter—Romanoff.
Time, 1min 18sec. Dividend, £2.

HOPE HACK HANDICAP. One mile.

Betsy, 8.11... 1
Ixia, 7.4... 2
Seaweed, 7.7... 3

These were the only starters.
Time, 1min 18sec. Dividend, 28s.

SECOND DAY.

SECOND HURDLE HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.

Osborne, 11.3... 1
Dauber, 11.5... 2
Aide-de-Camp, 10.4... 3

Other starters—Plainstone and Umslopogass.
Time, 2min 54sec. Dividends, £2 4s and 11s.

WELTRE HACK HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Ixia, 9.13... 1
Seaweed, 10.2... 2
Tynan 10.3... 3

Other starters—Reikura, Rebellious, Rongo.
Time, 1min 19sec. Dividends, £2 16s and £3 1s.

RICHMOND PARK STAKES. One mile.

Volley, 7.13... 1
Cumulus, 7.12... 2
Dodona, 7.0... 3

Other starter—Livonia.
Time, 1min 45sec. Dividend, £5 7s.

SADDLE TROT. One mile and a-half.

Dan D., 30sec... 1
De Wet, 29... 2
King Teddy, 40sec... 3

Other starters—Euchre, Juanita, Tornado, Maybud, Lady Ruination, Guard.
Time, 4min 23sec. Dividends, £2 14s and £1 7s.

WAIMEA HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

Romanoff, 7.4... 1
Cumulus, 7.13... 2
Livonia, 8.6... 3

Time, 1min 30sec. Dividends, £3 7s.

STOKE HACK HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

Reikura, 8.8... 1
Ixia, 8.11... 2
Tynan, 9.1... 3

Other starters—Heritas, Bluespur, Stepson, Rebellious, and Gold Guard.
Time, 1min 4sec. Dividends, £4 16s and £1 18s.

FAREWELL HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Romanoff, 8.0... 1
Spun Gold, 8.13... 2
Seaweed, 6.13... 3

Spun Gold and Seaweed ran a dead heat for second place.
Other starter—Greensleaves.
Time, 1min 18sec. Dividend, £5 2s.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following as the principal lines during the week:—

GREAT EASTER AND AUTUMN HANDICAPS.

1200 to 12 Blazer and Cannie Chiel
1000 to 15 Lady Lillian and Pallas
900 to 20 Orloff and Cannie Chiel
800 to 24 Orloff and General Symons
800 to 4 Cora Linn and Fleks
700 to 10 Secret Society and Lady Lillian
700 to 7 Orloff and Orloff
600 to 9 Orloff and Lady Lillian
600 to 6 Golden Vein and Lady Lillian
600 to 3 Pampero and Stepdancer
600 to 4 Vladimir and Secret Society
500 to 10 Vladimir and General Symons
500 to 7 1/2 Lady Lillian and Orloff
500 to 10 Petrovna and Cannie Chiel
500 to 18 Orloff and Pallas
400 to 8 Pampero and Pallas
400 to 12 Red Gauntlet and Orloff
400 to 10 Vladimir and Cannie Chiel
400 to 2 Vladimir and Stepdancer
400 to 4 Pallas and Terrapin
400 to 10 St Denis and Cannie Chiel

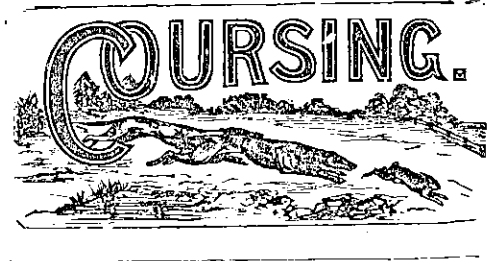
Mr Robert Cleland reports the following business on the

EASTER HANDICAP AND HURDLES.

300 to 10 Wairiki and Cavaliero
200 to 8 Wairiki and Awahuri
100 to 8 Wairiki and Inchcape
500 to 16 Val Rosa and Lingard
350 to 8 Oingo and Royal Conqueror
400 to 14 Oingo and Awahuri
200 to 6 Oingo and Bellman
100 to 4 Strathavon and Lingard
100 to 2 Rosella and Inchcape
500 to 15 Heroism and Awahuri
300 to 3 Heroism and Battlesaxe

EASTER HANDICAP.

100 to 33 Wairiki
50 to 5 Rosella
100 to 5 St. Olga
100 to 4 Jewellery
60 to 10 Heroism



(By "The Judge.")

Mr Frank Baker writes me that he is leaving for Oamaru, taking with him his new importation Yes-No and Flying Buck. I wish the Auckland sportsman the best of good luck with his dogs in the big Southern Challenge Stakes.

It is very evident that coursing upon the new plumpton, at Kensington (Sydney) will be carried out in a manner never before witnessed in this country (says the "Town and Country Journal"). The ground will be the best that the dogs have ever been asked to race over. After a meeting at Kensington, it is pretty safe to say that there will be as few dogs suffering from injury as there are jockeys at the end of a racing season there. Last season, we think it was, that only one fall occurred throughout the year. The officials are all known and tried men. Then, again, under Mr O'Mara's management there will be no favouritism. One man, because he is a noted trainer, with a big kennel, will not be allowed privileges that a man of less standing and one or two dogs would be afraid to ask for.

I understand from a private letter received from Sydney that Mr Goggin, of Bredbo, failed to catch sufficient hares to send across. He had men out for twenty miles after them, but they were not to be obtained. Failing this source of supply, Mr Dignan has telegraphed to Canterbury for a consignment. If when these come to hand they are anything like the lot which used to run at Avondale they should be perfect warriors. Which reminds me of old "Carbine" on the Avondale enclosure. I wonder what became of him. He was coursed often enough, but never caught, and very rarely even turned. A few hares of his sort are badly wanted.

There were eleven nominations for the Eight Dog Stakes at £5 each, which is to be run at Chevalier Park on Saturday, April 18. A ballot had accordingly to be taken, and those left in are as follows:—W. F. Jamieson, one; G. Stevens, one; Nixon and Donaldson, one; J. W. Edgar, one; Tapper Bros., one; T. W. Macready, one; C. Chilcott, one; Percy Brierly, one. The acceptance of £3 is due on Thursday, the 16th inst. This stake though small should give rise to some excellent coursing, for those holding nominations are some of our best known leashmen.

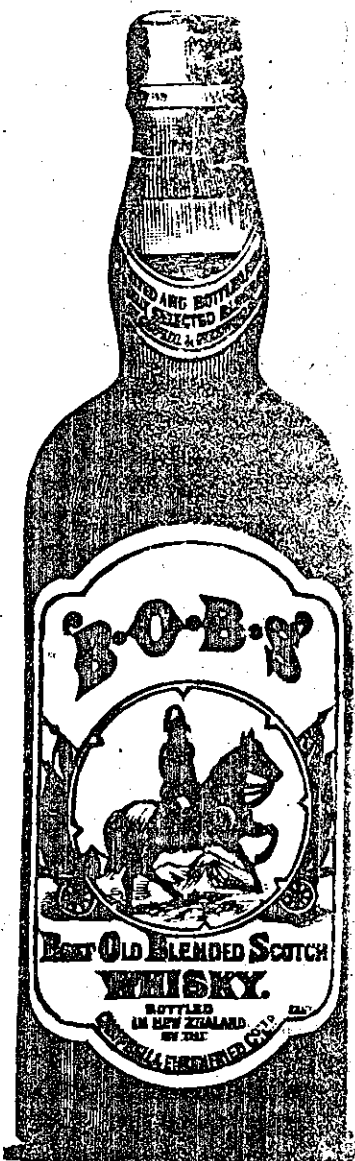
Prior to the running of the Waterloo Cup, Father Flint had won ten courses in succession. After such brilliant work it is somewhat curious to find that the Messrs Fawcett allowed him to run in the nomination of Mr J. Hartley Bibby, relying on Farndon Ferry to fill their own nomination. The result was that they met in the fourth round, when Father Flint led, and beat Farndon Ferry and won the Cup. It is the third occasion on which Mr Bibby has won the coveted honour, and on each occasion with the Messrs Fawcett's second string.

The Sydney authorities are at last beginning to recognise the idiosyncrasy of their quarantine regulations as regards the importation of dogs. "I understand," writes "Amesbury," "that a concession has been made in the Quarantine Act by which dogs have to undergo a period of six months in duration vile before being permitted to land. This period used to commence from the day of arrival in Sydney, but now it will date from the day of departure from England."

Mr T. S. Chibborn, secretary of the Australian Jockey Club, has written to Mr A. D. Webb, hon. secretary to the New South Wales National Coursing Association, that the committee of the Australian Jockey Club have decided to rescind the regulation prohibiting registered bookmakers from carrying on their calling at coursing meetings held on courses where unregistered meetings were held. A proviso, however, was made that the registered bookmakers would still be prohibited if any pony and galloway races were held at the place on the same day that a coursing meeting was being run through. The wishes of the Coursing Association have been thus complied with.

It is said that all sorts of duffers are passing themselves off in South Africa as Australian jockeys, and, as a consequence, are getting Australian horsemen a bad name in that part of the world.

Some writer, in referring to the danger attending the process of getting into racing condition a horse that has been given a winter's let-up from training, has said that owners, by their eagerness, ruin more horses than trainers do, and there is a lot of truth in the saying. I have known many instances in which a trainer has been forced to show a fast mile with a horse because the owner demanded it, and when he did so, after making a vigorous protest, was later on blamed for the reversal of form shown by the horse, says the Horse World. It is not uncommon for a trainer to hear an owner remark, when he protests against driving a horse a fast mile when he knows his condition does not warrant it, "He is my horse and I am paying the bills." Yet that same owner will kick vigorously when his bill is presented, if on account of his unreasonable demand to see a fast mile if his horse's chances for racing were spoiled for the season. There are some owners who know more about training than some trainers do, but as a rule, such men also know enough to place their horses in the hands of some trainer who, they feel confident knows how to train and drive them without any assistance from them. It is the owner who really knows nothing of the practical work entailed in training and fitting a horse for racing who causes trouble for his trainer. If such men would put their horses in the hands of competent trainers, and let them have their own way, there would be fewer dissatisfied owners.



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NELSON J.C. ANNUAL MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The Nelson Jockey Club meeting was held on Wednesday and Thursday last. The weather was fine, and the attendance good. The sum of £5,944 was put through the totalisator, an increase of £1,568 on last year's total. The following were the results:—

FIRST HURDLES HANDICAP. One mile and three-quarters.

Dauber, 10.0... 1
Plainstone, 11.13... 2
Aide-de-Camp, 10.7... 3

Other starters—Umslopogass and Rhoderick Dhu.

Won easily. Time, 3min 30sec. Dividends, £1 14s and 19s

COUNTY HACK HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

Betsy, 8.11... 1
Ixia, 8.3... 2
Reikura, 8.4... 3

Other starters—Heritas, Stepson, Rebellious, and Gold Guard.

Won by a length and a-half, the same distance separating the second and third. Time, 1min 34sec. Dividends, £1 10s and £1 3s.

NELSON CUP. One mile and a-quarter.

Hinekos, 9.11... 1
Cumulus, 7.7... 2
Volley, 8.2... 3

Other starters—Merriment and Dodona.

Won by a long neck, a length separating the second and third. Time, 2min 16 2-5th sec. Dividends, £2 10s and £1 1s.

DISCREET HACK HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Tynan, 8.13... 1
Rongo, 8.3... 2
Gold Guard, 7.3... 3

Other starter—Seafom.
Dividend, £1 17s.

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The LICENSED VICTUALLERS

HONESTY BOBBING UP.

The question of compensation, and the struggle that has been maintained in the Old Country to secure for the members of the licensed victualling trade the rights that are by universal consent accorded to all others, are matters that are more or less familiar to readers of these columns. We have given the greatest prominence practicable to them, because the day is coming, has indeed arrived, when the fight for justice will have to be fought in this country. At the present moment the arguments for honesty are apparently beginning to tell in England. A good deal of information concerning the most recent phases of the movement will be found in another part of this issue, taken from the columns of the British trade journals, and by way of comment upon the whole there comes a cablegram dated London, the 2nd inst., to the effect that Sir William Hart-Dyke, a prominent member of the Conservative Party, and an ex-Cabinet Minister, has introduced a Bill in the House of Commons to restrict the discretion of justices in cancelling publicans' licenses pending the arrangement of a scheme of compensation. Taken in conjunction with the already expressed views of Mr Balfour and Mr Chamberlain, this announcement should mean that, so far as the English hotel-keepers are concerned, the reign of robbery shall cease, but we hope the final result will be that the principle of compensation will be recognised throughout the length and breadth of the Empire. Meantime, we are afraid the dishonest game will be run for all it is worth in this colony. The prohibitionist committees have openly admitted that they intend to avail themselves of all the power the law confers upon them, and we may therefore expect to see hotels closed whenever there is a colourable excuse for doing so. Is it too much to expect that some steps will be taken during the forthcoming session of Parliament analogous to those that have been put forth at Home?

POLICE METHODS.

Some people will doubtless attribute the decrease in the number of petty charges preferred against publicans to an improvement in the methods of conducting the trade, but this is not the conclusion we have come to. The cause is rather to be traced to the fact that the police authorities have given up or largely relaxed the system of "readying up" cases that was at one time permitted to flourish. It may be said with perfect truth that nowhere in the colonies have the hotels been conducted with greater propriety than in Auckland and its neighbourhood, and it may be added that nowhere have they been subjected to a more irritating system of espionage. The police have not been solely to blame for this; they have been hounded on by the most reckless and most irresponsible members of the teetotal party; but they have displayed a weakness in permitting themselves to be made use of, for which they alone are responsible. It may be laid down as a general principle that it is no part of a policeman's duty to play the sneak. There is nothing so likely to induce men to become law-breakers as the knowledge that they are already believed to be such, and that a constant watch is kept upon their every movement. The average publican—indeed, we may say every publican—would welcome the honest assistance of the police in keeping the law, and preventing the commission of crime, but this assistance he has not always been able to get, and he sometimes falls under condemnation when a little police help would have enabled him to pursue the course he would much have preferred. Cases in

illustration of this point will be fresh in the recollection of our readers. Additions are afforded almost daily in all parts of the colony in respect of prohibited persons. It is impossible for hotelkeepers to keep on the alert at all times and seasons regarding this class, in the absence of adequate descriptions or photographs of the persons concerned, and the police could render much more aid than they do, considering that their proper vocation is the maintenance of order. If a constable knowingly permits a prohibited person to enter an hotel with the object of proceeding against him afterwards he is morally an accessory. We hope the indications we have noted are an earnest that the police authorities have determined to revert to the practice of the older and better school of officers, whose members thought police duties not inconsistent with manliness.

Trade Topics

The Rev. George Bond, one of the Prohibition candidates elected for Newtown, when returning his thanks after the result of the poll had been known, appealed to the electors to bury their differences as some men would like to bury their mothers-in-law—face down, so that if the lady tried to scratch her way out she would go deeper.

At the Police Court, Dunedin, last week, Michael Hayes, charged with entering the Pioneer Hotel during the currency of a prohibition order, of which he was the subject, pleaded guilty, but explained that he merely went into the house to call out a friend who had been on a drinking bout, and with whom he was taking a walk. Defendant added that he did not ask for drink himself, and that he told the constable so at the time. Constable Bennett, questioned by the Bench, said he believed that defendant went in for the purpose of getting a drink. He said so at the time. Inspector O'Brien reported that defendant was convicted on June 25 of a similar offence. His Worship said that the excuse given was evidently not correct. Defendant would be fined 60s, in default a month's imprisonment.

At the Auckland Police Court, on Friday, Peter Clark, labourer, was charged with procuring liquor for one Michael Lynch, a prohibited person. Constable McLellan said he saw Clark and Lynch go in the direction of the Newmarket Hotel, and later on saw accused hand Lynch a bottle of beer, the contents of which were consumed by the latter. Accused said he was unaware that Lynch was a prohibited person. A fine of 40s was imposed. James Thomas Trueman was fined 40s, and costs 3s, for being found in the Swan Hotel, Parnell, during the currency of a prohibition order against him. For being found in the King's Arms Hotel, Pitt-street, Edmund Burke, a prohibited person was fined 20s.

The Hawke's Bay Herald, commenting on the Licensing Elections, remarks:—"It is pity that the so-called temperance party cannot see their way to drop their prohibition platform for a time and concentrate their energies on the enforcement of the present law. We believe that they would have the support of a large section of the public who are not prepared to take their extreme view. The local option poll shows this pretty conclusively. Public opinion is aroused not only here, but as we recently showed, in Great Britain. If England, which has always been a stronghold of the liquor trade, can by almost general consent adopt measures of wholesale reform such as we have read about lately, it is surely acknowledge that many licensees honestly try to do us to be behind. We willingly try to conduct their houses respectably and in order. If it is possible for them to do so, it ought to be possible to make others follow their example, or the Licensing Committee should know the reason why."

Mrs Grierson's interest in the Lake House Hotel, Rotorua, has been purchased by Messrs L. D. Nathan and Co. and Mr E. Whitehead, on behalf of the latter, who is at present on the spot engaged in the valuation of the furniture and effects. It is intended, we understand, to make improvements to this old and favourite establishment to fit it for modern requirements. Lake House is delightfully situated on the lake-side, and in the close vicinity of the Maori village, and is associated in the minds of the older generation with the memories of the lost Terraces.

THE BRUCE POLL FIASCO.

The following criticism of the Senior Member for Dunedin by the inimitable "Civis" will be read with amusement, as well as interest:—

"Our good young man, Mr Bedford, was young when we elected him, four months ago, and he remains young still. That matters little, if we have assurance, as in the course of nature we ought to have, that he can grow no younger. But on this point I begin to doubt. It may be remembered that the Infant Phenomenon in the talented troupe, domestic and dramatic, of Mr Vincent Crummies, remained an infant phenomenon contrary to the course of nature, and even grew more infantine with the passing years. It was manifestly her interest to do so; her stage-value depended on it. The same rule holds of a boy-preacher. The interest lies not in the things said, but in the fact that they are things said by a boy; for which reason it is no profit to a boy-preacher to produce a beard, but a loss; his wisdom is to remain a boy. It is the perusal of Mr Bedford's speech before the Women's Convention that has suggested to me these philosophical reflections. Decidedly Mr Bedford is growing younger; this is the most juvenile preaching yet reported of him. Shylock and Portia, the execution of Charles I., and Mr Bedford's desire to see the Liquor party brought in like manner 'to the block'—these youthful exuberances may pass. But not his talk about 'the will of the sovereign people'; here we drop to the level of the infant school.

"He had been deeply grieved that the Bruce no-license poll had been upset, because they had hoped to give no-license a trial in that large district from Bruce to Mataura. The worst feature of it, however, was that the will of the people—the expressed will of the sovereign people—had been caught up in the cobweb of a treacherous law. The people of Bruce had got sick of the liquor traffic—wary of the misery and vice which it brought in its train—and they determined to lift that burden off their backs at the last election; but they had been thwarted in their desire by a law which was unjust.

"It had not occurred to Mr Bedford that whilst the poll in question expressed the will of the people of Bruce, the law that set that poll aside as irregular expressed the will of the people of New Zealand—he hadn't thought of that. And yet Mr Bedford is a legislator elect! We will forgive him, in consideration of his youth, and on consideration that he checks the tendency to grow younger. To that end I recommend a course of abstinence from kindergartens and tame-cat appearances in conventions of women."

PROHIBITION OR HIGH LICENSE.

Vermont, which has clung to prohibition of the liquor traffic for fifty years—no other State, not even Maine, having had the system in force for so long a continuous period—is soon to decide whether the policy shall be continued, or a measure for local option and high license shall be adopted in its place. The State legislature, week before last, pressed such a substitute measure, and the people of the State are to vote on it on the first Tuesday of January next, although apparently their negative vote can only postpone the measure for a few months. For one curious provision of the referendum act is as follows:—"This Act shall take effect on the first Tuesday of March, 1903, provided, that if a majority of the ballots to be cast as hereinafter provided shall be 'No,' then this Act shall take effect the first Monday in December, 1894." But not a pledge in the Republican platform to submit a new measure of this kind to a vote of the people, the legislature, it is reported, would have passed a Bill known as the Battell Bill, providing for a dispensary system. This Bill gained great strength among some members of the legislature, says a correspondent of the Springfield "Republican," and was supported by the prohibitionists, who, though they did not approve of it, considered it a good weapon with which to defeat the License Bill, and expected that it would be easier to defeat before the people. But many of the legislators who do not believe in local option or license felt them-

selves bound by the party's pledge and voted for the License Bill, while admitting that they will vote against it on the referendum. Although the Bill is so worded that which ever way the vote may go, the license policy must, it seems, go into effect, the Springfield "Republican" remarks that a decided "No" vote next January "would be considered a command upon the next legislature (to be elected next year) to repeal the Bill. "State prohibition, fifty years old," declares the Rutland (Vt.) "Herald," "is the most perfect instance of bigotry that we ever knew of." The Omaha "Bee," for many years a strenuous advocate of the high-license system that prevails in Nebraska, says that the removal of Vermont from the prohibition column "takes away from the advocates of constitutional and statutory prohibition one of the principal examples to which they have been accustomed to point as an object-lesson for other communities." It adds: "The repeal of the prohibition law in Vermont, therefore, simply registers anew the verdict that has been repeatedly rendered in every State in the Union, with but two exceptions, in which it has been tried or proposed. If anyone were convinced that absolute prohibition is the only solution of the liquor problem, this would indeed be discouraging to him; but proof is at hand that far better results are achieved for the suppression of intemperance with regulation through local option laws, which at the same time throw salutary restrictions about the sale of liquor and yet avoid the creation of an outlaw business." The New York Evening Post observes that the "complete conversion to the local option idea of a State which has long been given over to the hypocrisies of statutory prohibition should do much to strengthen the case of genuine excise reform." The Boston "Transcript" declares that "the lesson has been at least learned and the prohibition party of that State and of the country is dead." The policy followed in the new bill is very similar to that in operation in Massachusetts and Connecticut. The cities and towns will vote annually on the question of granting licenses. Fees range from £100 to £240. Peculiar features are provisions for establishing saloons selling only malt liquors and light wines and forbidding the treating custom. In voting whether license is to be granted or not, the voter may specify whether the license is to permit the sale of malt liquors only. The commissioners, three in number, and not more than two from any political party, are to be appointed by the select men of the towns.—"Literary Digest," December 6, 1902.

PROHIBITION IN OTAGO.

In view of the prohibition party's victory in the licensing committee elections in Dunedin and Caversham, the Dunedin "Star" despatched a reporter to interview Mr Branson, the President of the Otago Licensed Victuallers' Association, with the following result:—

Reporter: Your party suffered a reverse at the polls yesterday?

Mr Branson: Yes, we suffered a defeat; but the will of the people having been expressed, we have no option but to bow to the public verdict.

Do you not think that to some extent your trade is responsible for yesterday's results?—Yes; but it is the fault of the licensing system.

What do you mean?—Well, what I mean is this: Under our present system the whole trade are practically held responsible by the public for the lapses of any individual member. That, to my mind, is grossly unfair. Each individual, under a proper licensing system, should be held entirely responsible for his own acts; but under the existing system the wrong act of, say, any one member of our trade may result in the carrying of a public verdict from time to time to refuse licenses altogether.

Can you suggest any other system that would work out more satisfactorily than the present?—Well, I think the whole system could be very much simplified by making the Legislature, through the magisterial bench, responsible for the granting of licenses and for the proper conduct of licensed houses. Magisterial licenses having been granted to licensees, it should be the duty of the police to report to the Bench any infringements of the licensing law, and the offending member could be called upon to immediately appear before the magistrate. After magisterial investigation, the offending licensee could be warned that unless within, say, one month immediate steps were taken to obey the law the license would be forfeited. That, to my mind, suggests a simple remedy to cope with abuses of the licensing system, and would be preferable to the cumbersome and irritating local option poll and election of licensing committees that now take place once every three years.

Under such a system as you suggest, do you think the offender would be entitled to compensation?—Certainly not. But under the present local option system a number of licensees are made to suffer for the acts of one, and in such a case it is not honest to take away licenses, and justice demands that compensation should be given by the Government who enact such an inequitable law. The principle is endorsed by the Right Hon. J. Chamberlain and all the principal statesmen of the world.

But do you not think that the Licensed Victuallers' Association should endeavour to effect some reform and exercise some supervision over the granting of licenses?—Yes, I recognise that licensed victuallers have some responsibilities in these matters, and (as mentioned by the Rev. Mr Sinclair) that organisation has already initiated remedies which will be carried into effect during the next three years. But, of course, you will understand that any licensed victuallers' association, however good its intentions may be, is not clothed with the authority of a magisterial bench, and cannot impose the same penalties. The associations, however, could materially assist the Bench in the punishment of offenders by refusing to recognise them as members of the Association.

Have your Association decided upon any course of action as to the results of yesterday's poll?—Our Association have not yet met, and you will understand that I am not in a position to voice the general opinion of our members.

The "Star," in its leading columns, comments upon the above:—

"It may be, indeed, that in years to come the Trade will look back upon yesterday's work as a blessing and as the foundation of their reasonable stability. If they do their duty according to law, if control and regulation are effectively carried out, if juvenile drinking, Sunday trading, and other lawless or immoral excesses are abolished—then the 'No-license' vote in 1905 will show a falling off instead of an increase, and even a further reduction may be unnecessary. For we are not of those who believe that the spread of the Prohibitionist doctrines is a natural and inevitable phenomenon, apart from the manifestation of scandalous evils. We are still of opinion that adequate regulation is possible, and that the majority of the electors only ask that this should be shown in actual working."

Regarding the resolution passed by the W.C.T.U., declaring the necessity for absolute equality in the conditions regarding men and women in their candidature for public office—to wit a seat in Parliament—the "Pélorus Guardian" sagely remarks that there is little reason to fear the effects that the screeching emancipists will have upon the thinking women of the colony, for there seems to be a leaven of common sense amongst the executive of the W.C.T.U. The inclusion of women as Parliamentarians is not yet a practical innovation, and we mark the decline of the race from the day it becomes an accomplished fact.

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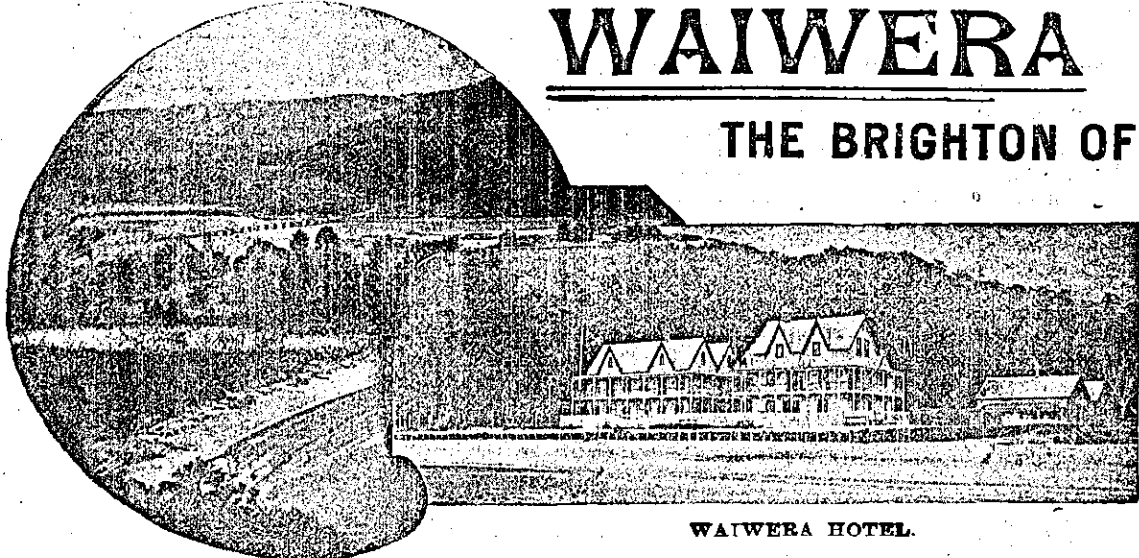
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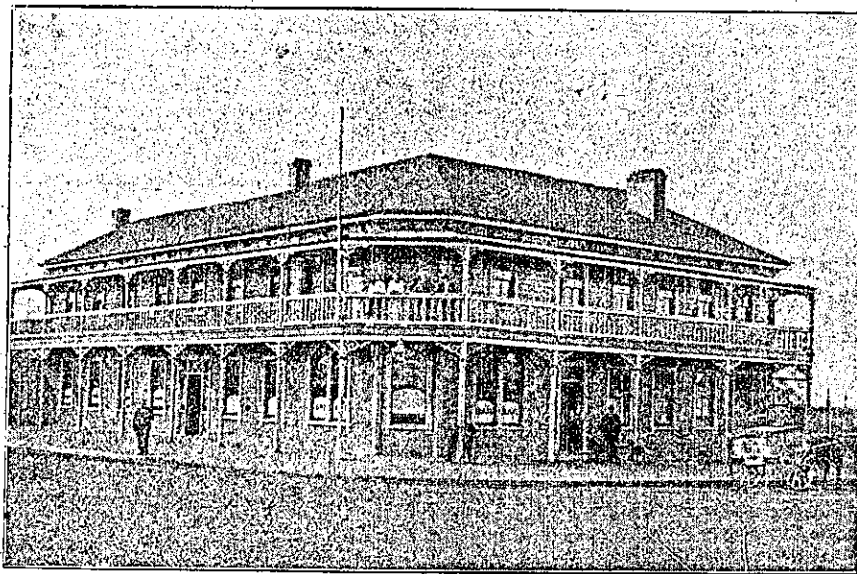
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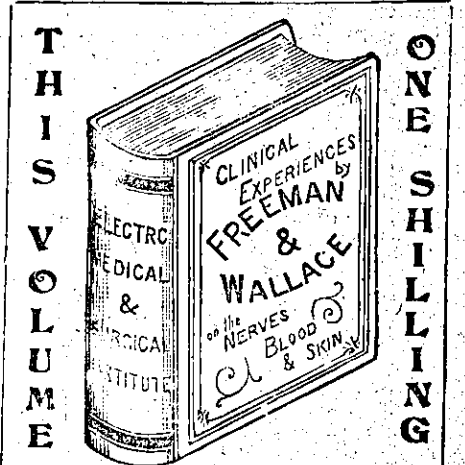
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HOTELS AS EDUCATIONAL MEDIUMS

(Australasian Brewers' Journal.)

Melbourne is a glorious place for the "worrakin' mahn" who drinks beer. There is probably no place on earth where the man who drinks beer is treated so well, and whose welfare and general enlightenment are looked after with such assiduous attention and paternal care by mine host the publican. Every encouragement is offered a thirsty populace to drink beer, and the lot of the teetotal unfortunate is spiritless and sad compared with that of the person who inoculates his system with alcohol. A Melbourne publican, as a rule, is a man possessing great philanthropic attributes, and in exchange for the modest threepenny bit of commerce, is willing not only to supply a large quantity of beer, but a big instalment of solid refreshment in the shape of sandwiches, stewed cowheel, stuffed mutton, etc., with tinned fish on Fridays, as well as masses of wholesome mental food and items of information and education. Few working men who visit the average leading Melbourne hotel, and in exchange for their small threepence proceed to surround a pint of appetising ale, with two inches of froth thereon, ever realise that the pewter pot they are drinking out of originally cost the publican 16s; while the veteran who pays threepence for half a pint of half-and-half, consisting of Guinness's English stout and colonial ale, little imagines that the half-pint goblet in question ran into 10s.

Many of the Melbourne city hotels are now veritable bureaus of information. Their bar windows are plastered thick with notices concerning horse races, cricket matches, bicycle races, weather information, sporting newspaper "tips," meetings of societies, etc.

The writer recently stopped and took an inventory of the general information supplied free per medium of placards and signs, etc., by Mr John A. Parer, of the Royal Mail Hotel, corner of Swanston and Bourke streets, Melbourne. Neatly arranged in glass cases outside the hotel are miniature clock dials announcing the times of the departure of all country trains from Melbourne, and from which metropolitan stations they leave. There are also time-tables for all Melbourne and suburban trams, from the first morning car that leaves a suburb until the last one homeward bound at night. Fixed to the inside of the bar windows are announcements of sundry forthcoming picnics, a weekly list of "Missing Friends" from the world's press, and the names and addresses of winners of Adams' Tattersall's sweeps in recent events, as well as particulars concerning sporting fixtures for the week, meetings of clubs and societies, a general information bureau, as well as information concerning the development of the locomotive. The weather information supplied comprises the force and the velocity of the wind, heat of the sun, city temperature for the time being, shade temperature, etc. Shipping news is also given under three separate headings—international, interstate, and Victorian—as well as illustrations of the flags of different nations; besides the cheering announcement that the following beers are on draught at the bar counter:—Castlemaine, Ballarat, Carlton, Foster's lager, M'Ewan's English, and Cascade. The information is also given that a customer may inspect the Victorian "Government Gazette," "Melbourne Directory," and "Turf Register," free of charge inside. Tables of distances in the Commonwealth between the various capitals and principal towns are given, in addition to a weekly post and telegraph guide. There are likewise monthly records of mining dividends, calls, prices, etc., besides general mining notes, closing time for mails, illustrated guide to Melbourne wharves and docks, weather forecasts, result slips of sweeps, and last, but not least, the New South Wales and Victorian leading newspapers' "tips" for forthcoming horse events. And all this information free. The work of securing and posting this information from time to time must almost entail the engagement of a special man to devote his whole time to this particular work.

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LICENSES AND COMPENSATION.

At a mass meeting held at the Queen's Hall, London, various speeches were made on the subjects of reduction and compensation, and resolutions embodying the feelings of the meeting were carried. One of the addresses was delivered by Mr George Elliott, a barrister well known in connection with the Trade, and his speech was undoubtedly the most brilliant, as it was the most entertaining, of the afternoon. At the outset he remarked that he stood before them not in his usual capacity, but as a citizen and a friend, and not to support a decaying institution, but a business which the law itself specially sanctioned, and one which was equivalent in interest, respect, and benefit to the community with any other commercial organisation in the land. It was a point which seemed to him frequently overlooked by those who

sensibly with the best motives and intentions, attacked their Trade and interests. Without thought, and without justice, they took up the view that their Trade was pernicious, and having once established that false premise they argued every other point from it. If a man wanted to start as a butcher or baker no one could say no, and yet if he wanted to deal in the commodities with which he believed they were all familiar he became at once an object of suspicion. He was placed under the special supervision of the police. His house was not his castle, and if he was ever assumed to be guilty of any offence he had to try and prove himself innocent. They knew how hard it was to prove a negative. In the very courts of law, where he was sometimes permitted to practise, from whom did they draw their special juries? If they took a list of special juries on any day they would find more members of their Trade than any other body of the community thereon. And yet they were suspected people. Again, in the country districts and towns who were the men who filled the local offices, from churchwarden downwards, but licensed victuallers? All this was delightfully refreshing to the audience, who cheered the speaker again and again. Mr Elliott wound up by urging all present to make the meeting of that day the starting point for fresh courage and fresh organisation.

The Chesterfield dictum, "Persist, persevere, and you will find most things attainable that are possible," has been the golden rule of the recognised heads of the Australian wine trade in Great Britain during the thirty years and more they have competed against the ancient and well-established wine industries of Europe (says "The Wine Trade Review"). Energy will accomplish anything which is possible in this world, and the Australian wine industry may now rightly rejoice in the knowledge that it has at last attained to an eminence that proves the immense importance of this colonial branch of the trade. We understand that 1902 must, notwithstanding the general complaint of depression, be considered a successful year in the Australian wine trade. The imports certainly seem to prove the truth of this assertion, because far and away the most noticeable increase of imports from any country is the Australian. The quantity of Australian wines imported into the United Kingdom during 1902 was only just short of a million gallons, and the increase over 1901 was as much as 256,090 gallons. The Australian wine trade has suffered, like the rest of the trade, from the curious public eagerness for a cheaper article; but the leading shippers will doubtless see that the quality is maintained, so that the influence which the full-bodied, Burgundies of our colonial vineyards are having upon public taste may be strengthened and increased.

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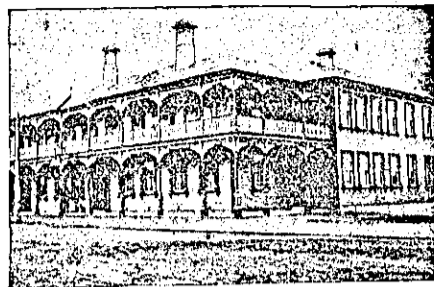
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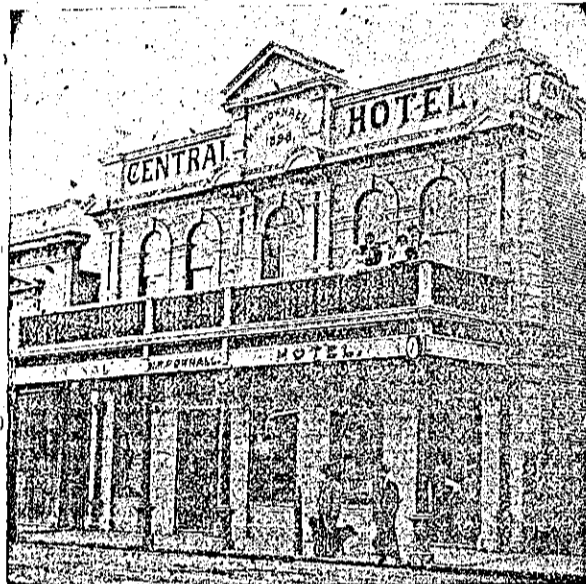
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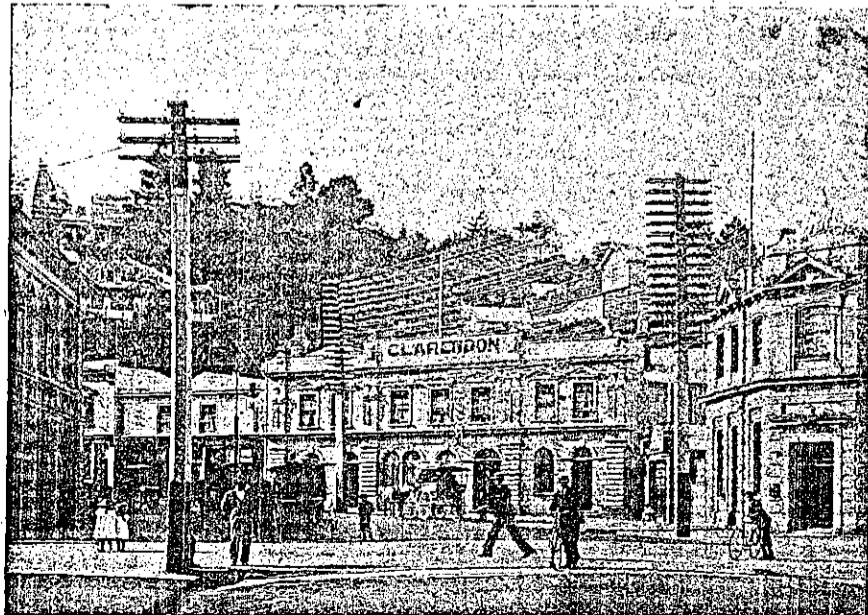
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Miss Kirk (Wellington) submitted a verbal report on the subject of "Narcotics," in which the pernicious cigarette was much in evidence.

Miss Roberts (Christchurch) expresses a desire to move in the direction of protesting against the practice of smoking among the clergy, and thought it was setting a very bad example to their congregations.

Mrs Webb (Ormondville) said she only knew of two clergymen in the colony who smoked, and did not agree that the practice was prevalent. Her own husband (a clergyman) never touched pipe, cigar, or cigarette in his life.

Mrs Ritchie (Kaiapoi) claimed to have the honour of being the wife of a non-smoking Presbyterian, and proceeded to give an instance of a Christchurch youth who died at the early age of eighteen, a victim to cigarette smoking.

Mrs Gaskin (Greymouth) favoured legislation to restrict the use of tobacco, especially among juveniles.

The spectacle of these maids and matrons attempting to mother us all, reclaiming us to the maternal apron-strings, is pathetic. But that is the worst of it. They won't do any harm. The nature of woman is that in anticipation of babies she has dolls; when babies are over and done she has a Women's Convention.

THE LICENSING QUESTION.

STATEMENT BY THE HOME SECRETARY IN PARLIAMENT.

In the House of Commons, on February 23, 1903, Mr James Lowther asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department whether his attention had been called to the refusal by certain petty sessional courts to renew the licenses of publicans against whom no complaint had been made of misconduct; and whether it was the intention of the Government to introduce legislation which would prevent such action taking effect until the question of compensation had been dealt with by Parliament.

Sir Thomas Dewar also asked whether, having regard to the instances in the United Kingdom in which licensed victuallers who had spent considerable sums of money in the acquisition of their licenses through no fault of their own in either the conduct or management of their business, he could see his way to introduce legislation such as would admit of compensation being granted in all cases in which the magistrates withheld the renewal of a license on the ground that a reduction in the number of licenses in the district was desirable.

The Home Secretary (Mr Akers Douglas): Though my attention has been called to this matter I have no information as to the actual results of the present licensing sessions; but, assuming that the facts are as indicated in the questions, I must point out that it has long been clear by well-known legal decisions that the renewal of a license may be refused for reasons other than misconduct—e.g., for the reason that the justices in their discretion do not think that the license is required. I can give my hon. friends the numbers refused for this reason in four years since 1890, if they so desire. That discretion must, of course (to use the words of the Lord Chancellor in his judgment on the case of Sharp v. Wakefield) be exercised "judicially," and what has to be done must be done "according to the rules of reason and justice, and not according to private opinion. It is to be not arbitrary, vague, and fanciful, but legal and regular, and it must be exercised within the limit to which an honest man, competent to the discharge of his office, ought to confine himself." If it

should appear that the justices are acting otherwise, it would certainly be a matter of gravity; but I do not think that we are yet in possession of sufficient information as to the facts to enable us to form an opinion. I will call for a full return directly the sessions are concluded.

Mr Flower asked whether the action of the licensing justices throughout the country in refusing, or in declaring their intention to refuse, the renewal of licenses was in consequence of any instructions issued by the Government?

The Home Secretary: No, sir; the justices are acting in this matter, as they must do, on their own discretion, and the Government have no power to issue instructions to them.

The Dunedin correspondent of the Tuapeka "Times" writes:—"Very little satisfaction is felt by 'the Trade,' either wholesale or retail, as to the upsetting of the Bruce local option poll. It is felt that they have merely jumped from the fryingpan into the fire. The law as laid down by Mr Macgregor is, I have reason to believe, held to be sound by the best legal talent in Dunedin, and that law is that no bench can grant licenses until a poll has been taken in the district, and as no poll has been taken (that of December having been declared void) no licenses can be granted. Therefore, where are the Trade?"

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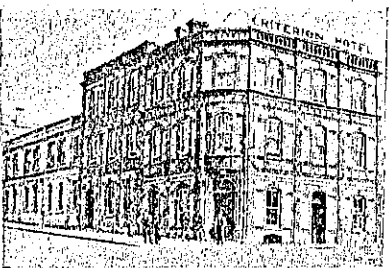
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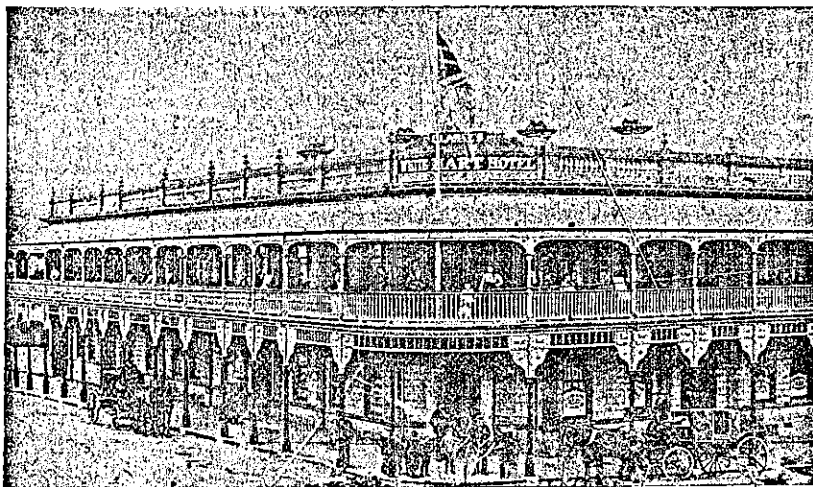
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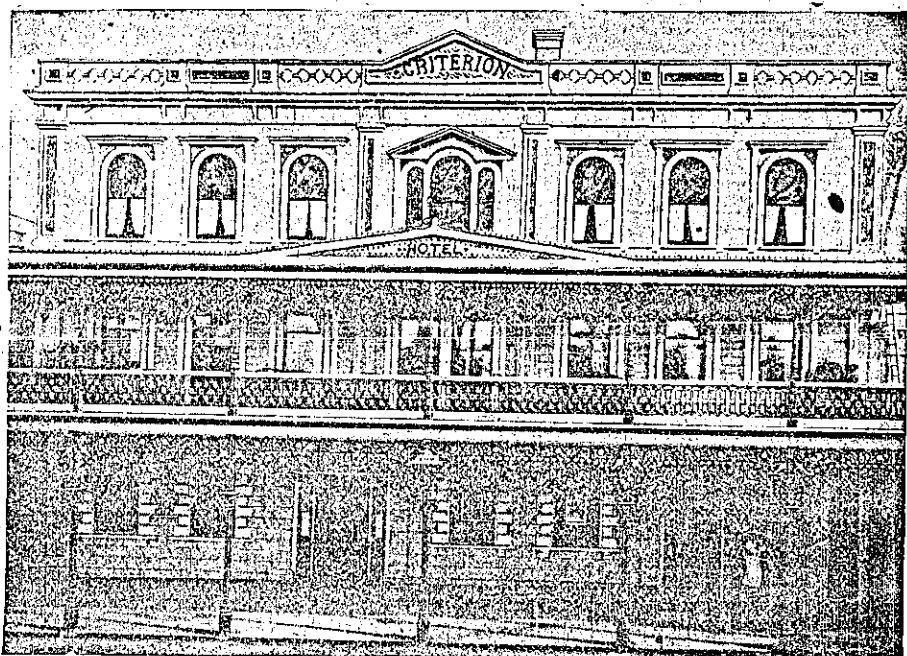
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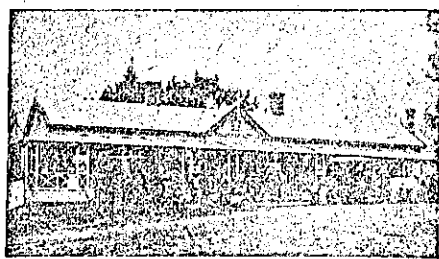


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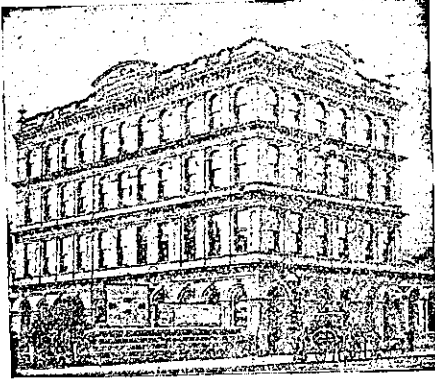
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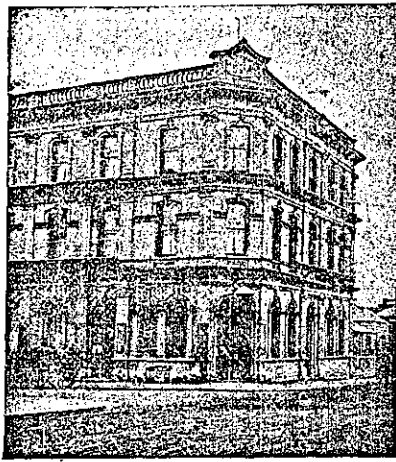
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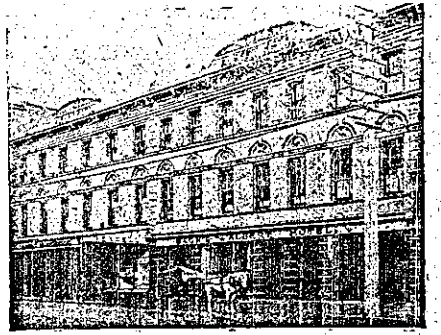
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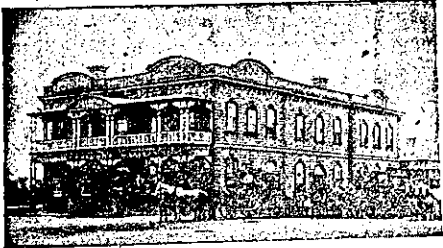
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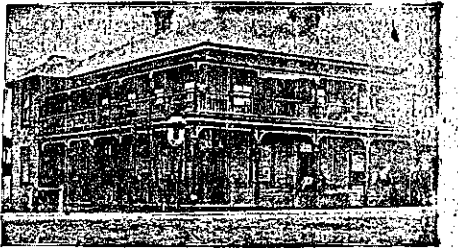
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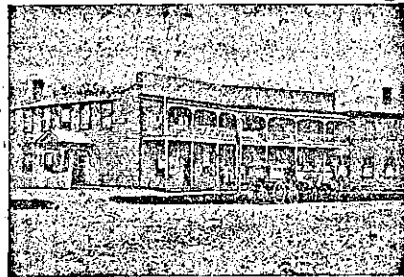
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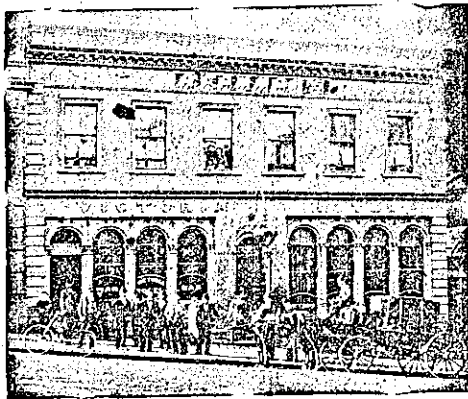
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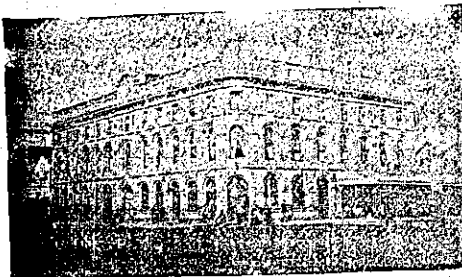


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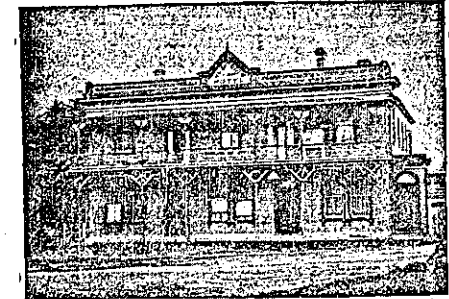
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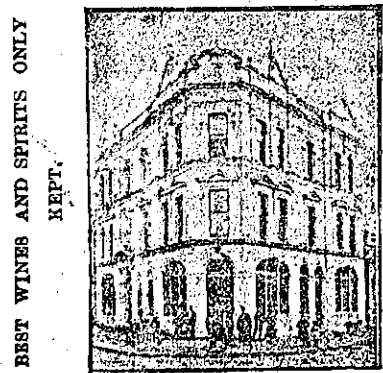


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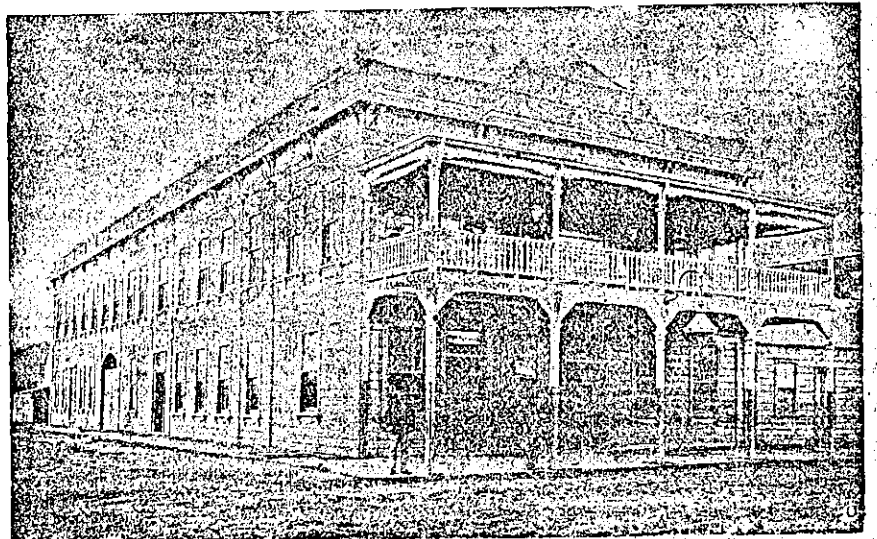
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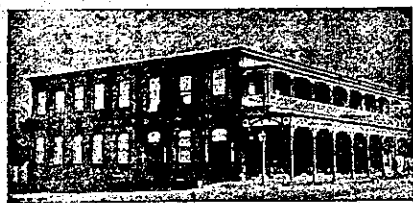
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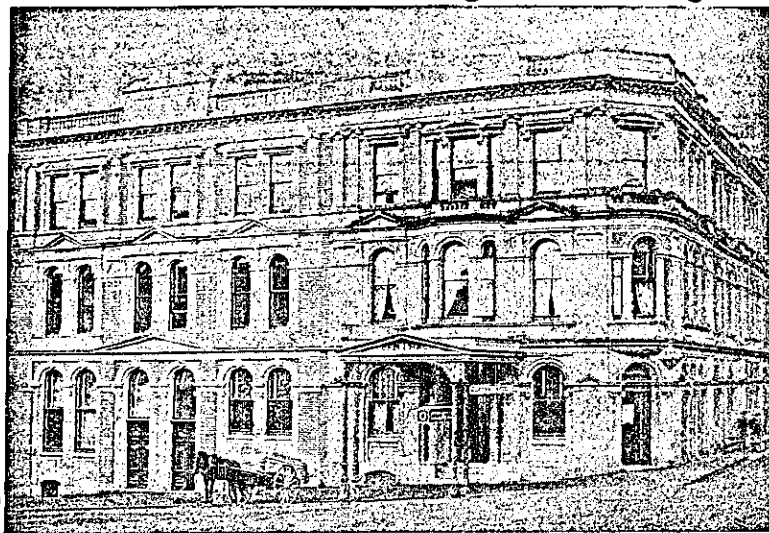
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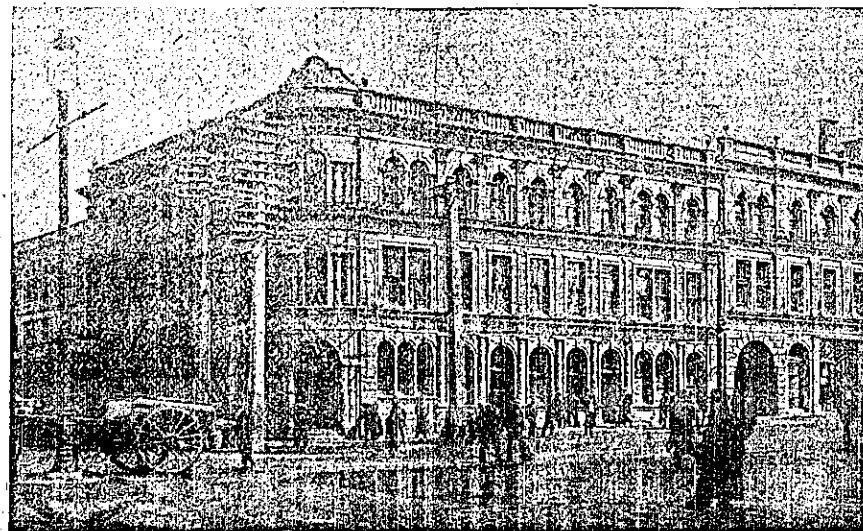
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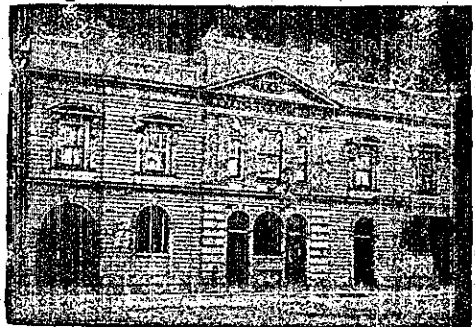
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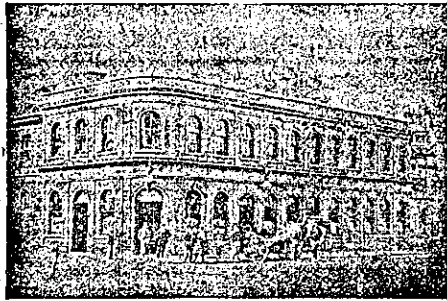
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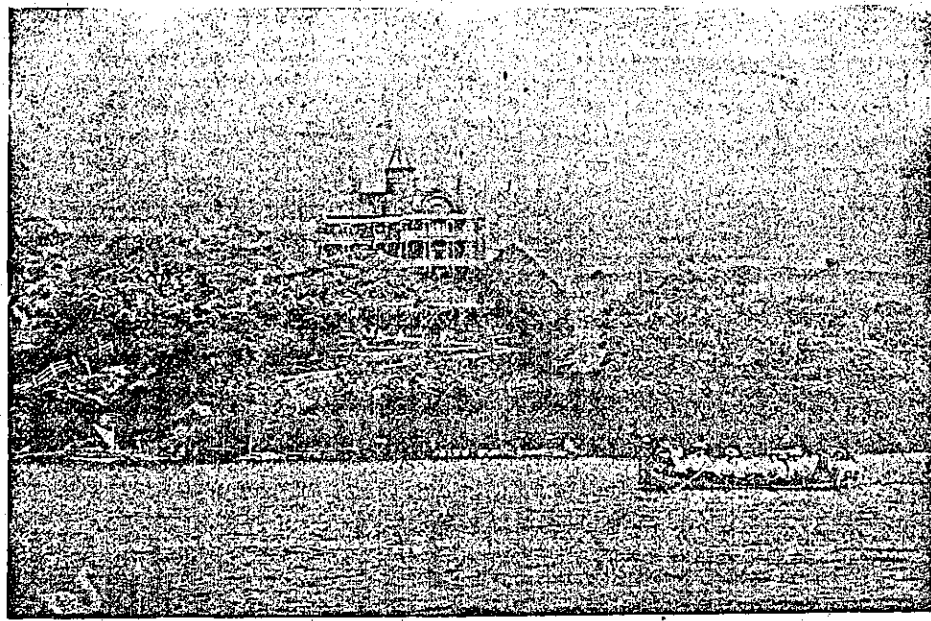
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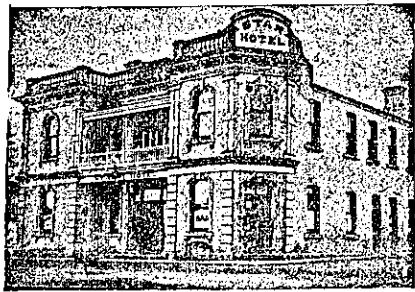
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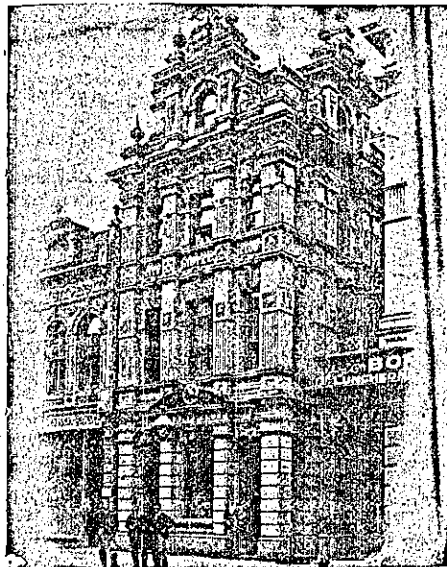
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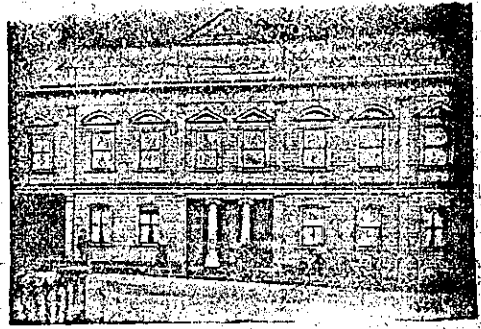
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Late of Lyttelton and Christchurch).

CLUB HOTEL, MARTON.

MR J. W. PROCTER (late of Turakina and Wanganui), having secured a long Lease of the above and effected extensive alterations and improvements, is now prepared to cater for the public in up-to-date style.

Brands of all the best Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc., kept in stock. Ample Stabling Accommodation and Loose Boxes.

CHARGES MODERATE.

J. W. PROCTER ... Proprietor

EMPIRE HOTEL, FIELDING.

MR J. WAREHAM, late of the Club Hotel, Stratford, has taken over the above Hotel, and has had the same thoroughly renovated and re-furnished throughout. The Hotel now offers every convenience and comfort the travelling public.

J. H. PAGNI'S WESTERN HOTEL, 11, WILLIS-STREET, WELLINGTON.

MR PAGNI, who is well-known among Footballers, Athletes and others, begs to inform all his friends and visitors that he has taken possession of the above popular house, which will, in future, be under his entire management.

OCIDENTAL HOTEL, MASTERTON

The Sporting House of Masterton. Only Cash Spirits Sold. Best Dunedin Ales on Tap.

CHARLES ORESS - PROPRIETOR (Late of Greytown and Wellington).

POST OFFICE HOTEL, FOXTON.

This Hotel, having just been Rebuilt and Refurnished throughout, now affords the Best of Accommodation for Travellers, etc.

W. F. GRAY ... PROPRIETOR

LEVIN HOTEL

(To which is attached the Horowhenua County Club and the Levin Aerated Water Factory.)

D. HANNON ... Proprietor.

The Proprietor wishes to inform the travelling public that the above well and favourably-known Hotel has recently been enlarged and renovated, making it now one of the Best Hotels in the North Island, where patrons may rely on receiving every attention and the comforts of a home, while the tariff is moderate and the chef a first-class cook.

Best wines and spirits stocked. Dunedin and other celebrated colonial ales on tap. Large billiard and sample rooms. Cyclist Touring Club's "Rest," the visitors' resort. Horses and traps on hire. Beautiful view of Horowhenua Lake from balcony. Hot and cold water laid on. Separate apartments for families and ladies. Coaches meet all trains, invalids, holiday makers, and persons seeking change of air cannot do better than patronise this establishment, as the climate of Levin is superb.

Telegraphic address, "Levin Hotel, Levin."

CENTRAL HOTEL, WELLINGTON

(Two Minutes walk from Queen's Wharf). A. M. GOW (late of Dunedin) ... Proprietor ONLY BEST BRANDS OF LIQUOR KEPT MODERATE CHARGES.

TEMPERANCE HOTEL, EKETAHUNA.

Mrs F. D. PELLING desires to intimate that she has taken over the above, which has just been renovated throughout. Permanent and casual boarders will find every comfort of a home.

CHRISTCHURCH.

CRITERION HOTEL, NEXT THEATRE ROYAL, CHRISTCHURCH.

Best Beer, Wines, and Spirits Only Kept. GOOD ACCOMMODATION.

Special Attention given to Theatre-goers during the intervals.

W. BURNIP - PROPRIETOR.

OXFORD HOTEL, MARKET SQUARE, CHRISTCHURCH.

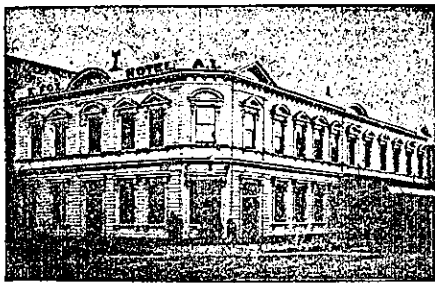
This Hotel is beautifully and conveniently situated, facing the Rotunda and River, and offers all the comforts of a home. The Oxford has been entirely renovated and re-furnished throughout, and visitors to Christchurch will do well to give it a trial.

DENIS FOGARTY ... Proprietor (Successor to Mrs Knox.)

RAILWAY HOTEL, MANCHESTER-STREET, CHRISTCHURCH.

Tariff, 4/6 per diem, or 25/ per week. Excellent Stabling, Loose Boxes, etc.

W. J. RAE ... Proprietor.



EDWIN FOX'S HOTEL, CASHEL STREET, CHRISTCHURCH.

Having taken possession of the above Hotel, and having had it renovated throughout, it is my intention to cater for the comfort of the General Public. Boarders will find every convenience, including Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. Illuminated with Electric Light, which is a safeguard against fire. Night Porter in attendance.

THE GLADSTONE HOTEL, (Off Papanui Road), CHRISTCHURCH.

AN UP-TO-DATE HOUSE. Excellent Accommodation. Liquors of Special Quality and in Great Variety.

H. PIPER ... PROPRIETOR

HAWKE'S BAY PROVINCE.

PROVINCIAL HOTEL, CLIVE SQUARE, NAPIER.

J. W. McDUFF ... PROPRIETOR The above Hotel has been entirely rebuilt in brick, and furnished and fitted up in the latest and most up-to-date manner. Has fine roomy and well-ventilated bedrooms, with numerous sitting, smoking, and waiting rooms.



ALBION HOTEL, NAPIER.

THE SPORTING HOUSE OF NAPIER Now under entirely new Management. EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION. LIBERAL TABLE. BEST LIQUORS.

G. H. MULLERSEN ... Proprietor

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, WAIPAWA

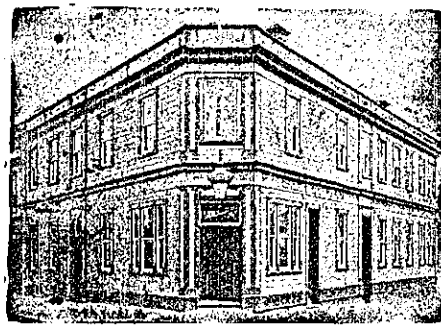
Private Suites of Apartments and every Convenience for the Accommodation of the public.

WINES, SPIRITS & BEER of the Best Quality Only.

A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD TABLE.

Good Stabling and Paddock Accommodation.

W. FELLOW ... PROPRIETOR



CALEDONIAN HOTEL, HASTINGS-STREET, NAPIER.

A. O. BARNES ... Proprietor

EMPIRE HOTEL, WAIPAWA

G. OAKENFULL ... PROPRIETOR.

This Hotel is acknowledged to be the best between Napier and Wellington. Families and the travelling public can rely upon the best accommodation in the province.

WINES, SPIRITS & BEER of the Best Quality only.

GOOD STABLES. Large Number of Loose Boxes.

PACIFIC HOTEL, HASTINGS.

A. ELLINGHAM

(Late of Stortford Lodge Hotel),

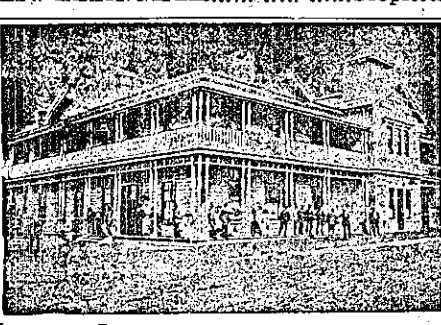
HAS taken over this well-known Hostelry, that has been presided over by Mr H. O. Caulton for the last twenty years. The Hotel will be re-furnished throughout and made thoroughly up-to-date as a Family and Commercial Hotel.

Splendid Loose-box Accommodation for Visiting Trainers.

Telephonic Communication between Napier and Hastings.

All Telegrams carefully attended to.

ALF. ELLINGHAM ... Proprietor.



MASONIC HOTEL, DANNEVIRKE, H.B.

THE LEADING FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL HOTEL IN THE DISTRICT.

First-class Accommodation. Nothing but the Best Brands of Wines and Spirits kept. Speight's Dunedin Beer always on draught. Commodious and well-lighted Sample Rooms. Porter meets all trains. Night Porter in attendance. Correspondence punctually attended to. P.O. Box 11.

WILLIAM LIGHT ... PROPRIETOR.

HAVEROCK HOTEL, WAIPUKURAU.

Tourists, Commercial and Families will find this Hotel replete and most up-to-date. Good trout-fishing in Waipukurau and Taitiki Rivers. Shooting on lake three-quarters of a mile from Hotel. Stabling and Paddocks.

R. HUNF ... PROPRIETOR.

CRITERION HOTEL, NAPIER.

First-Class Accommodation for Tourists, Families and Commercial Men.

S. CHARLTON, PROPRIETOR.

THE METROPOLITAN GRAND CENTRAL COFFEE PALACE AND RESTAURANT,

CORNER OF DEVON AND POMONT STREETS, NEW PLYMOUTH

Within one minute's walk of Railway Station, Post Office and B

Is specially adapted for the Convenience and Comfort of the Commercial and Social Travelling Public, and in every way equal to a First-class Hotel. Lofty and airy bedrooms, Ladies' Tea Rooms, Drawing-room, Spacious Dining-room, Commercial Room, Hot, Cold and Shower Baths, Convenient and Commodious Sample Rooms.

The kitchen is under an Experienced Chef

TERMS: PER DAY, 4s 6d (PER WEEK.

ARROWSMITH ... Proprietor

E. J. WARREN

(Formerly of the Havelock and Taradale Hotels). HAS taken over the Albert Hotel, Hastings, which is now replete with every comfort and convenience, and he will be glad to see all friends, both new and old. First-class Accommodation for Boarders and Travellers. Terms Moderate. Luncheon 12 noon to 2 p.m. Bob-Johns' Frise Ale on draught. Ward's, Speight's and Manning's in bottle. Nothing but Best Brands of Wines and Spirits stocked. Telephone No. 11.

WOODVILLE REFRESHMENT ROOMS

E. W. BUDDIOK ... PROPRIETOR.

Mail Trains wait twenty minutes for Lunch.

The Railway passengers, going either North or South, should be acquainted with the fact that at the Woodville Refreshment Rooms they can have a good Hot Luncheon. Railway guards will inform the traveller how much time he will have at Woodville.

POST OFFICE HOTEL.

(Opposite Post Office, Main Street, Pahiatua.)

T. HENLEY (late of Working Men's Club, Palmerston North), has taken over the above well-known Hostelry, which will now be found up-to-date in all its appointments.

Telephone connection. All Wines, Spirits, and Ales guaranteed. Stabling accommodation. Terms moderate.

CLUB HOTEL, WOODVILLE.

First-class Accommodation for Families, Travellers, and Tourists. Well-lighted Sample Room.

P. M. POOL ... PROPRIETOR.

Telephone No. 1. P.O. Box 58.

TARANAKI PROVINCE

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, STRATFORD.

BEST OF ACCOMMODATION AT A VERY MODERATE RATE.

HOT AND COLD BATHS. EXCELLENT TABLE KEPT.

ALL LIQUORS AT SPEIGHT'S XXX ALES ON DRAUGHT.

Ample Stabling.

GEORGE DAVISON (late of Canterbury) ... Proprietor

MASONIC HOTEL, WAITARA.

ROBERT KIBBY ... PROPRIETOR Announces that he has assumed the Proprietorship this popular house. The Best Accommodation and Good Cuisine.

WINES, BEERS AND SPIRITS OF THE BEST QUALITY.

EMPIRE HOTEL, HAWKA

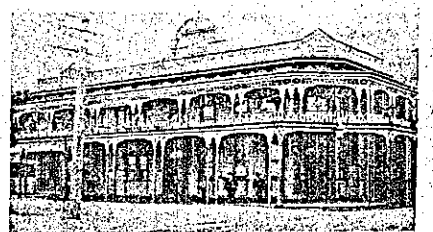
(Corner of High and Princes Streets),

MRS A. MAGUIRE ... PROPRIETOR

Good Stabling, Billiards, Bath Room.

Wines, Beers and Spirits Unsurpassed.

Mrs MAGUIRE wishes to draw the attention of the Auckland Public to the ONE SHILLING LUNCHEON provided. Tariff: 4/6 per day; only one price.



RED HOUSE HOTEL

DEVON-STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH.

EDWIN WHITTLE ... Proprietor

Rebuilt and refurnished, this well-known hostelry now contains every comfort for guests.

The Liquors stocked are the Choicest to be bought in the Market.

PAUL'S XXXX ALES ON DRAUGHT.

TARANAKI—Continued.

THE TROADERO PRIVATE HOTEL AND RESTAURANT. CORNER OF EAST ROAD AND JULIET-STREET, STRATFORD (One Minute's Walk from the Railway Station).

Specially adapted for the Convenience and Comfort of the Travelling Public. Commodious and Airy Bed and Sitting Rooms. Electric Light. Hot and Cold Baths. The Kitchen is under the Supervision of an experienced Chef. Terms: 4/6 per day. PARKER & CO. PROPRIETORS

SHAMROCK HOTEL PRINCES STREET, HAWERA.

ALEX. A. LESLIE PROPRIETOR. This well-known and popular Hotel having just undergone a thorough overhaul, and very extensive additions having been made, the proprietor can confidently cater for public patronage. Hot, cold and shower baths. Spacious Commercial Room for travellers. TARIFF: 4/6 per day.

TARANAKI HOTEL BROUGHAM-STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH. M. F. BUCKTHOUGHT PROPRIETOR.

All Wines and Spirits stocked of the best quality. Twenty-year-old Guaranteed Liqueur Whiskey a Specialty. PAUL'S XXXX ALES.

CLARENDON HOTEL WAVERLEY.

THE BEST OF ACCOMMODATION FOR TRAVELLERS AND VISITORS.

Six Roomy Loose Boxes and Six Stalls. First-class Paddock. The Best Brands of Ales, Wines, and Spirits. Telephone No. 6. P.O. Box No. 7. B. T. BENNETT PROPRIETOR.

RAILWAY HOTEL, HAWERA. W. GREIG PROPRIETOR.

The Mail Train stays here ten minutes. Meals provided to suit all Trains. Accommodation Good and Tariff Reasonable.

CENTRAL HOTEL, EGMONT STREET, PATEA.

L. HINTZE, Proprietor (late of Masonic Hotel, Wanganui). L.H. desires to notify the residents of Patea and surrounding districts, that he has taken over the above popular Hotel, where he will be happy to welcome old friends and make new ones.

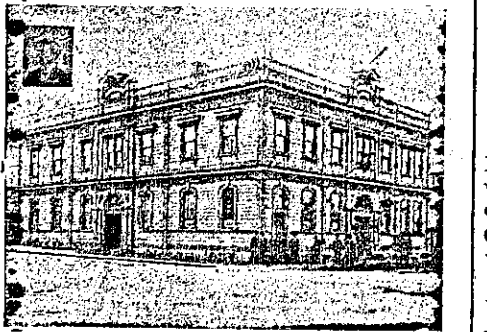
The best brands of Ales, Wines, and Spirits kept in stock. Billiard Room fitted up with one of Alcock's best Tables. Good Stabling and Paddock ng.

MASONIC HOTEL Bedford Street, Patea.

Mrs. KRANE PROPRIETRESS. Mrs KRANE begs to inform her many friends and the residents generally of Patea and district, that she has assumed the proprietorship, and that it will be her aim to uphold the past high reputation of the Hotel.

English and Colonial Ales and Stouts always on supply. Wines and Spirits of best brands only kept in stock. Prompt attention, civility, and cleanliness in every department.

WANGANUI.



METROPOLITAN HOTEL, WANGANUI

ALF MITCHELL PROPRIETOR. This commodious and well-furnished family and commercial hotel is almost opposite railway station and town wharves. It has a lovely promenade-roof which commands a splendid view of the town. The cuisine is in charge of an experienced chef. Alf Mitchell's name is sufficient guarantee that nothing but the best of wines and spirits will be kept. Night porter always in attendance. Visitors can rely upon getting the best of attention together with civility. Letters and telegrams punctually attended to. P.O. Box 183. Telephone 84.

NEW CRITERION HOTEL, RIDGWAY STREET, WANGANUI.

MR J. JARVIS (Late of the Halcombe Hotel), Has taken over from Mr P. E. Dover the above splendid and commodious Hostelry. No pains will be spared to make the New Criterion second to none on the Coast. Only the best brands of Liquors will be kept. All Telegrams and Letters will receive prompt attention. JOHN JARVIS PROPRIETOR.

THE NEW COMMERCIAL HOTEL WANGANUI.

Excellent Accommodation for Tourists and Travellers. Best brands of Wines and Spirits kept in stock. DUNEDIN BEER ALWAYS ON TAP. Half-minute's walk from River Steamers. Telephone 263.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, (WAVERLEY).

THE COMMERCIAL HOUSE OF WAVERLEY. EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, CUISINE AND LIQUORS.

CHAS. HARRISON PROPRIETOR. (Late of New Plymouth and Levin.)

CHAVANNES' VICTORIA HOTEL, WANGANUI.

THE TOURIST'S HOTEL. Choicest Wines, Spirits and Cigars. Night Porter kept. Cook's Coupons Accepted. Write or wire for rooms to J. S. PALMER, Proprietor.

DUNEDIN.

BOWLING GREEN HOTEL, CORNER OF FREDERICK AND CUMBERLAND STREETS, DUNEDIN.

W. D. WYATT, late of Wellington, begs to inform his Friends and Country Visitors that he has taken the above well-known Hotel which has been thoroughly Renovated and Re-furnished, and is now in a position to offer his Patrons First-class Accommodation. TERMS MODERATE. NOTED HOUSE FOR THE BEST WINES & SPIRITS

IMPERIAL HOTEL, PRINCES STREET, DUNEDIN.

M. McALLEN PROPRIETOR (Late of Bendigo Hotel, Alexandra).

M'C will sell the same brands of Wines, Spirits and Ales as he did at Bendigo.

TATTERSALL'S HOTEL (LATE RED LION), STAFFORD STREET, DUNEDIN.

Three Minutes from Railway Station. Two Doors from Theatre.



FRED. CARTER, PROPRIETOR.



SEE! SEE! SEE! AT THE CORNER OF GREAT KING AND ST. ANDREW STREETS, DUNEDIN.

BRANSON'S HOTEL.

The outlay is enormous, and is an important addition to the city.

VERDICT—BRANSON'S HOTEL

May safely be commended to Visitors as an Hotel where they will receive everything that will contribute to their safety, comfort and enjoyment.

CHAS. B. M. BRANSON PROPRIETOR.

PIER HOTEL, CRAWFORD, BOND, AND JETTY STREETS, DUNEDIN.

MRS PARKER PROPRIETRESS. (Late of Hotel Metropole, St Clair.) Having recently purchased this Hotel and had it thoroughly renovated, it now affords the Best Accommodation for Tourists and Travellers. Charges Moderate.

GLADSTONE HOTEL, MACLAGGAN STREET, DUNEDIN.

JOHN COLLINS PROPRIETOR. (Late of A1 Hotel, Pelichet Bay.) The most centrally situated Hotel in the City. First-class accommodation for Tourists, Travellers and Boarders. Suites of rooms for families. Charges moderate. A Special Feature: 1/- Lunca from 12 to 2 o'clock. Hot, cold, and shower baths. The very best of Wines, Ales, and Spirits supplied.

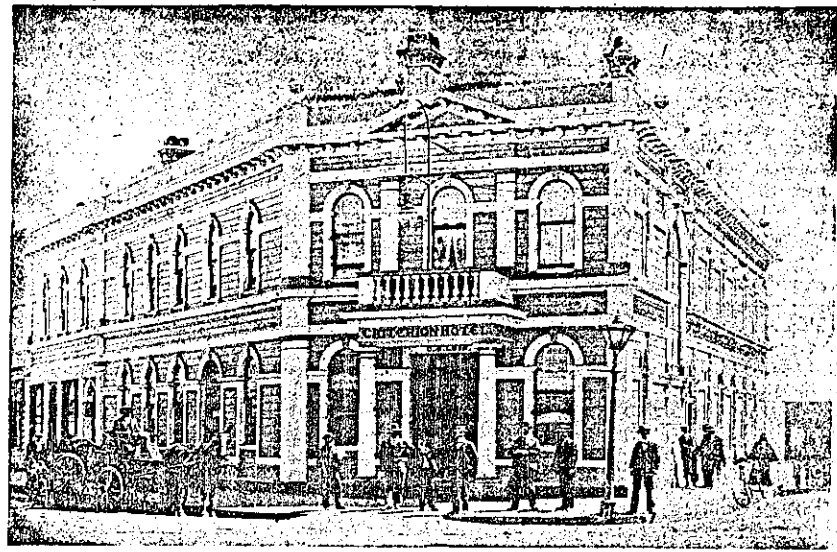
GRIDIRON HOTEL, PRINCES-STREET, DUNEDIN.

Conveniently and Centrally Situated, close to Post, Telegraph, and other Public Buildings. Good and Ample Accommodation for the Travelling Public. Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Ales, Etc. Trams pass the door every few minutes. Mrs M. PETERS PROPRIETRESS

CRITERION HOTEL, DUNEDIN.

THE BEST PATRONISED AND MOST POPULAR HOTEL IN DUNEDIN. TARIFF: 5s Per Day.

BLLENHEIM.



UNDER VICE-REGAL PATRONAGE.

CRITERION HOTEL, BLENHEIM. G. B. LUSK PROPRIETOR.

THE Leading Hotel on the West Coast. Every convenience of a First-class Hotel for Families, Visitors, Tourists, and Commercial Gentlemen. Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. Commodious Sample Rooms. First-class Billiard Table. The Choicest Wines, Spirits and Ales. Letters and Telegrams receive Prompt Attention. Night Porter in Attendance.

NELSON.

COACH AND HORSES HOTEL.

G. M. MATHIESON, formerly of the Masonic Hotel, Havelock, and White Hart Hotel, Richmond, has taken over the above centrally situated and commodious premises, where it will be his pleasure to make every provision for the wants and comforts of all patrons. The interior of the house has been thoroughly renovated, and the Coach and Horses will be found one of the most comfortable hostleries in Nelson Province. Terms moderate. The best of liquors only kept. Good stabling.

WAKATU HOTEL (Corner of Bridge and Collingwood Streets) NELSON.

First-class Accommodation for Commercial Travellers, and others, together with home comforts. EXCELLENT CUISINE. Wines and Spirits of Best Quality. Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. MRS F. B. VAUSE PROPRIETRESS.

PANAMA HOTEL, NELSON.

Conveniently and pleasantly situated in the centre of the town, offers Good Accommodation to the travelling public and permanent boarders. The Liquors are the best procurable, and a First-class Table is kept. G. NICHOLAS PROPRIETOR.

MASONIC HOTEL, NELSON. CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.

This long-established Hotel, which has always been the Headquarters in Nelson for Tourist and Commercial Travellers, has recently been purchased by Mr H. Bagent. The Hotel has been thoroughly Renovated and all the Rooms are being refitted in modern style. No effort will be spared to make all visitors thoroughly comfortable.

REEFTON

GLADSTONE HOTEL, REEFTON.

This Hotel, having been thoroughly renovated and refurnished throughout, now offers Superior Accommodation at a moderate tariff. Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc. TARIFF: 4/6 PER DIEM. R. DUMPHY PROPRIETOR.

PICTON

FEDERAL HOTEL, PICTON, N.Z.

T. J. STOREY PROPRIETOR (Late Representative Booth, Macdonald & Co.)

THE Building is entirely New and of Br.-E., with all Modern Appliances and Conveniences. The Sanitary Arrangements and Ventilation have been specially studied, and the house is First-class in every detail. VISITORS to Picton will find that no effort will be spared to afford them comfort, whilst the Tariff is Most Moderate.

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION.

First-class Billiard Table. Hot and Cold Baths. Porter Meets all Trains and Steamers.

POST OFFICE HOTEL, WELLINGTON-STREET, PICTON (Within a Minute's Walk of Post Office Wharf and Railway Station.)

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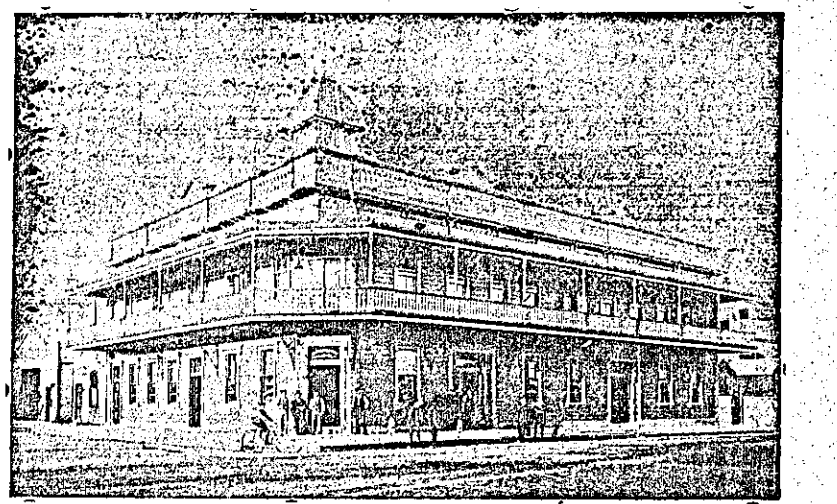
MASONIC HOTEL, BLENHEIM

Is Central, Popular, and Convenient; does a Commercial Business; has Splendid Apartments; Hot and Cold Baths; one of Alcock's Match Tables; and is the House selected by the N.Z.C.T. Club. MODERATE TARIFF. J. PENNEY PROPRIETOR.

WESTPORT.

GRAND HOTEL, PALMERSTON STREET, WESTPORT.

H. NAHR PROPRIETOR.



THE GISBORNE HOTEL, Corner of CHILDERS ROAD and LOWE STREET, GISBORNE.

THE above Hotel re-built on most modern lines, is centrally and conveniently situated, being within two minutes walk of the Post Office, Railway Station and Wharf. A balcony of 160 feet by 8 feet surrounds the building, affording an excellent view of the Harbor and Shipping, and offering easy egress in the event of fire. Hot, Cold and Shower Baths. From its quiet situation is specially adapted for Tourists and Families.

J. H. MARTIN PROPRIETOR.