



Mr L. F. Ayson, Inspector of Fisheries, returned to Wellington last week from an extended tour of inspection to the northern fisheries, including Napier, the Hauraki Gulf, Whangarei, Bay of Islands, Poverty Bay, Manukau, Thames, Thames, Kaipara, and Mongonui. Generally speaking, the visit disclosed a satisfactory condition of affairs. Mr Ayson also inspected the rivers of Poverty Bay with the object of advising the local acclimatisation society as to stocking them with trout.

A splendid specimen of a trout was presented recently to the Christchurch branch of the Tourist Department. The fish was caught in the Ashburton River, and weighed 19lb. 2oz.

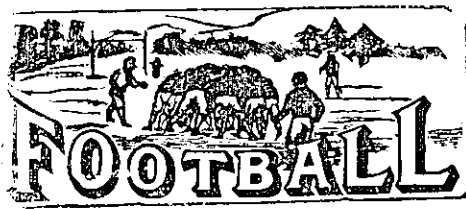
During the week I received a visit from Mr Chudleigh Gorrick, the well-known Sydney sportsman, who is now on a fleeting visit to Auckland. Mr Gorrick has been having a highly enjoyable trip through the South, and has managed to get some good sport both with rod and line. Besides plenty of fun among the pigeons, also some deer-talking, the Sydney sportsman speaks with gusto of a day in Queen Charlotte Sound among the blue cod, which he states are great fighters, and gave lots of sport. There is, he reckons, at Picton, one of the best trout streams in the colony, for, although the fish rarely go over two or three pounds weight, the water is just alive with them. In the Nelson district stags were scarce, owing to the district being heavily poached, it being possible to procure venison from the small settlers nearly all the year round. The remaining stags are very hard to get at, having retreated to the impenetrable bush at the head of the gullies. Wild cattle, wild goats, and wild merino sheep afforded some very good sport. Mr Gorrick did well in the Whangamoia River, which is but little fished, and got many speckled beauties of from 4lb to 5lb weight. He intends going to Okoroire and Rotorua, and will later join Dr. Owen and party when the duck season opens. After that Mr Gorrick will return South, and with the aid of an oil launch will spend a couple of months in thoroughly exploring Pelorus and Queen Charlotte Sounds.

A Timaru angler has had good sport in the Ophi lately. One day he had five fish weighing 39lb, on the next five weighing 30lb, and on the third he caught an eight-pounder and a sixteen-pounder trout. The latter was a fine fish, and more like a salmon than a trout.

Shooting at Monte Carlo since his meritorious second in the Grand Prix, Donald McIntosh got through to the finish in the Prix de Clematites, in which he divided first and second with the brilliant French shot, Mons. Journu. The first prize amounted to about £100, and the second to about £40.

Mr C. H. Gorrick, of Sydney, who, shooting from the back mark, succeeded in tying for the big handicap of the Ellerslie Gun Club, states that he had always been of opinion before that the Blenheim birds were the best in New Zealand, but after last week he has completely changed his mind, as the Auckland birds were superior to any he had ever shot, easily beating even those used at Monte Carlo and the London Gun Club. The Sydney shootist also speaks very highly of the new automatic trap, which he reckons makes the birds five yards faster than the old-fashioned ones. Mr Gorrick has nothing but praise for the management of the recent meeting, and also states that the kindness shown him by everyone was beyond his most sanguine expectation.

The big pigeon match promoted by the Ellerslie Gun Club proved a great success, the attendance being large, and the shooting first-class. In the big stake Messrs Gorrick, J. Williamson, and H. Roland divided, none of the trio having missed a bird. F. Secombe proved successful in the seven bird sweepstake, which followed the big handicap. Messrs Gorrick, Wilkinson and Secombe tied in this, and shot off. The Sydney man missed at his ninth bird, Wilkinson went out at the seventeenth, leaving Secombe the winner.



(By "Scrutator.")

The football season is to be opened on Saturday, May 9, when the District Cup competitions will be commenced.

A meeting of the Morrinsville Football Club was held recently. The president (Mr J. Clifford) was in the chair. The balance-sheet showed that the club had not been quite so successful as in former years. There was a small debit balance. Mr Massey, M.H.R., was elected patron, and Mr J. M. Clifford was re-elected president, and a dozen vice-presidents were nominated. Mr Spargo was re-elected secretary, and Messrs Hickey, Barrett, Hedley, Campbell, and Smale on the committee. The election of captain and vice-captain was deferred.

The annual meeting of the Piako Rugby Union was held at Waihou the other day. The balance-sheet showed a credit of £1 11s 3d. The following officers were elected:—Patron, Mr W. H. Herries, M.H.R.; president, Mr T. Hinton; vice-presidents, Messrs H. G. Clifford, F. Pilling, and T. Bellamy; treasurer, Mr H. Rowland; selector, Mr Lewis; secretary, Mr J. W. Anderson; delegates for Te Aroha, Messrs Wilson, Peters, Shaw, and Lewis; for Morrinsville, Messrs Hedley, Hickey, and Barrett; for Waihou, Messrs Johnson, Lennard, and J. W. Anderson. It was decided to affiliate with the Paeroa Rugby Union. This union should be much stronger this season, as Te Aroha has joined.

The Parnell Football Club opened the new training hall last week with a smoke concert. Mr W. S. Whitley presided over a very large attendance. Messrs Chevis, Percival, Busby, MacCormick, and others contributed towards the programme, and things went very merrily throughout. An excellent supper was by no means the least enjoyable item of a very pleasant evening. With such excellent quarters to train in the club should do well this season.

There is a prospect of a team from the combined New Zealand Universities paying a visit to Sydney during the winter, and playing matches against the University there. The latter guarantee all the expenses of the tour. Such a match, or series of matches would prove extremely interesting for the Sydney University team is a very old-established one, and before the district scheme was adopted, was a veritable tower of strength to New South Wales football. In the days of "Tonga" Moulton, Percy Colquhoun, Woods, and others, it was the hardest Club to beat in Australia.

The Grafton crack Thompson, having gone to Wellington, his place will be taken this year by P. King, a player who hails from Hawke's Bay.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AUCKLAND RUGBY UNION.

The annual meeting of the Auckland Rugby Union was held on Friday evening, at the Amateur Sports Rooms, His Majesty's Arcade. There was a full attendance of delegates, and Mr A. E. T. Devore was in the chair.

The annual report of the managing committee stated that last season was, in all respects, as successful as any that has been experienced by the union. The representative team won each of its engagements by a substantial majority of points, the matches played being against Canterbury, Wellington, and Taranaki, all taking place in Auckland. The total points scored were 58, to 11 obtained by the opposing teams. Auckland has now remained unbeaten for six seasons, during which period 22 matches have been played, nineteen being won and three drawn, the points scored being 309 against 75. As usual, the affiliated country unions contributed several members to the selected teams. For the first time two matches were played during the season with the Thames Union, both being won by Auckland, the first at Auckland by 9 points to 6, and the second at the Thames by 8 points to nil. The annual match with Northern Wairoa was also won by 7 points to 3. The cup competitions produced keen contests in each grade. The senior championship was won by the City district, that for the Second Fifteens by Grafton district, after a close fight with North Shore; while Parnell III. B was successful in the Third Grade. The secondary schools' championship re-

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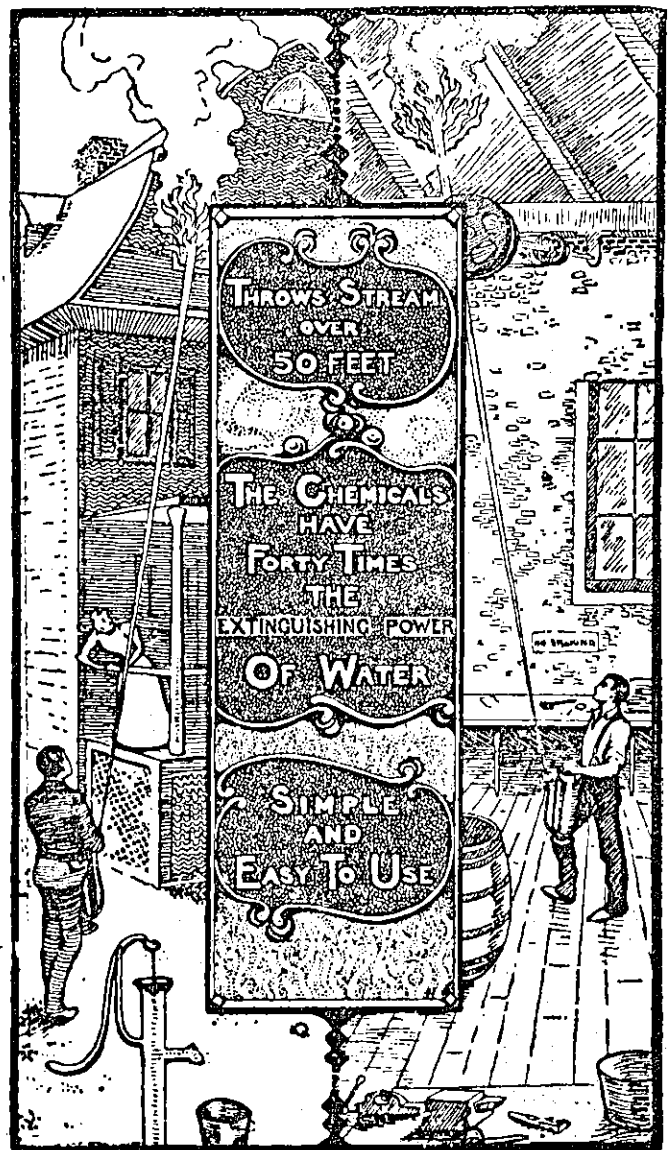
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