

The trophies won at the recent Championship meeting of the Northern Amateur Swimming Club will be presented at Mr R. Eagleton's, 200, Queen-street, next Friday night, at 8 o'clock. The season has been a most successful one, and the club give great promise for the future. All friends are invited.

The final cruise of the North Shore Yacht Club for the season took place on Saturday. Rakino Island was the destination, a social evening being spent at Mr Quin's house. About twelve yachts took part in the cruise.

The final race of the Manukau Yacht Club was sailed on Saturday, there being no less than nineteen starters. Mascotte, on the 26min mark, won by 2½min from Alma, which was followed in by Endeavour, Ladysmith, and Fedora.

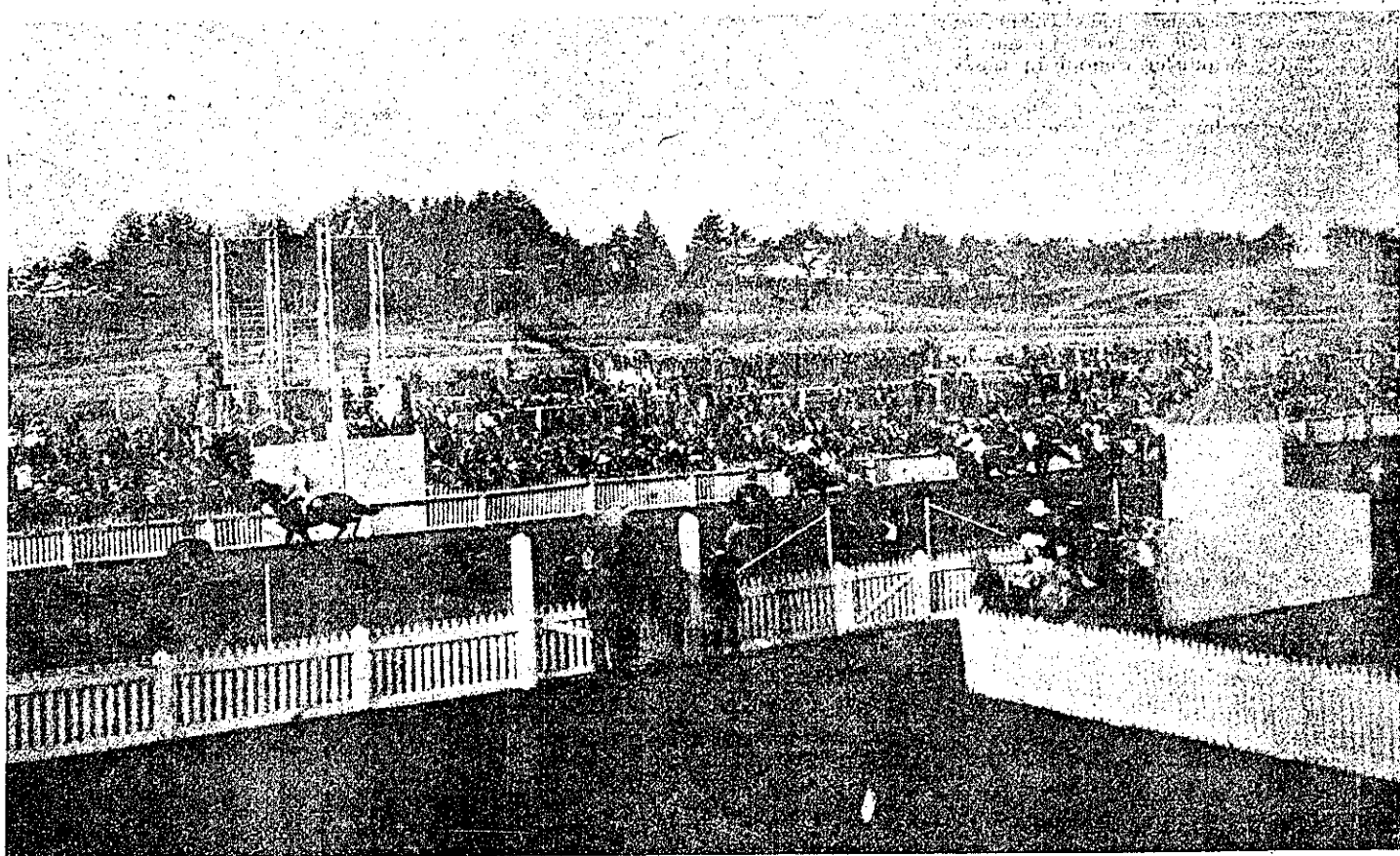
Maka Maile has won the Manukau Yacht Club's Championship Cup, and also the same club's Handicap Cup. She was built to compete in the Inter-colonial One-rater Championship, held on the Waitemata a few seasons back, but was unable to hold her own against Laurel, Mercia and Bronzewing.

At a committee meeting of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron a communication was received from the Wellington Harbour Board detailing the methods adopted by the Southern body to safeguard the interests of yachts as far as moorings, etc., are concerned. An effort is to be made to induce the Auckland Harbour Board to adopt similar precautions, for the present state of affairs is very bad indeed. The idea is that certain areas should be appointed for yacht anchorages, and any trading vessels bringing up in these areas would be liable to prosecution if any consequent damages arise.

The big cruising yacht Valhalla has arrived at Tahiti, via Valparaiso, and may be expected in Auckland shortly. She is a steel auxiliary ship, of 1211 gross tonnage; length, 239ft 6in; breadth, 37ft 2in; depth, 20ft 7in. She was built by Ramage and Ferguson, at Leith, in 1892, from a design by W. C. Storey. The Valhalla is owned by Colonel the Earl of Crawford, who is on board.

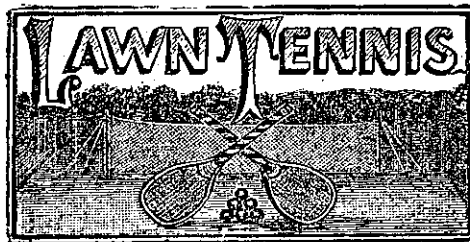
A cable received on Monday records the dismasting of the America Cup challenger, Shamrock III., when out for a trial spin, the injury to Sir Thomas Lipton, and the death of one of the crew. It appears the big cutter was under ordinary working canvas, with a jackyard set as well, when a squall suddenly hit her. Before she could be luffed up into it one of the windward rigging screws broke, and the extra strain parted the others, the mast snapping off about 7 feet from the deck. Sir Thomas Lipton was thrown down the companion way, and was badly bruised, but one of the stewards was swept overboard and drowned. A new steel mast is being made, and the mishap

is not expected to delay the match in any way. This accident is another case of history repeating itself, for Shamrock II. met with an exactly similar misfortune when having a dust-up with Shamrock I. near the same spot. The whole trouble, of course, is that in these modern huge racing machines everything is sacrificed for the sake of carrying less weight, the inevitable result being that the rigging is far too light for the tremendous strain it has to undergo. Prior to the last Cup race both challenger and defender lost their masts. This sort of thing is bound to continue while the present type of racing yacht is adhered to. When the dictates of common-sense prevail, a smaller and far less unwieldy yacht will be built for these matches, and one of a much more wholesome pattern. As the New York Yacht Club has over and over again refused to introduce such a vessel, the only hope of reform lies in the fact that should Sir Thomas Lipton succeed in his plucky attempt, these huge racing machines, miscalled yachts, will soon be relegated to the limbo of the forgotten past. Should such prove the case, Sir Thomas will have earned the lasting gratitude of every true yachtsman.



A. L. Cleave, photo.

SONICA winning the First Pony Handicap, Miami second, Annoyed third.



The various tennis competitions in connection with the recent Inter-University tournament were extremely interesting, there being always a large number of spectators present on the Eden and Epsom Club's grounds when any of the contests were taking place.

The final of the Men's Championship Doubles was won by Messrs Rice and Cox (Canterbury), who had rather a comfortable win from Messrs Browne and Marks (Otago). The scores were: 6-3, 2-6, 6-1.

The semi-final of the Combined Doubles was productive of an interesting contest

between Miss Gorrie and Coates (Auckland), and Miss McCahon and Browne (Otago). The first-named were successful, the scores being: 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

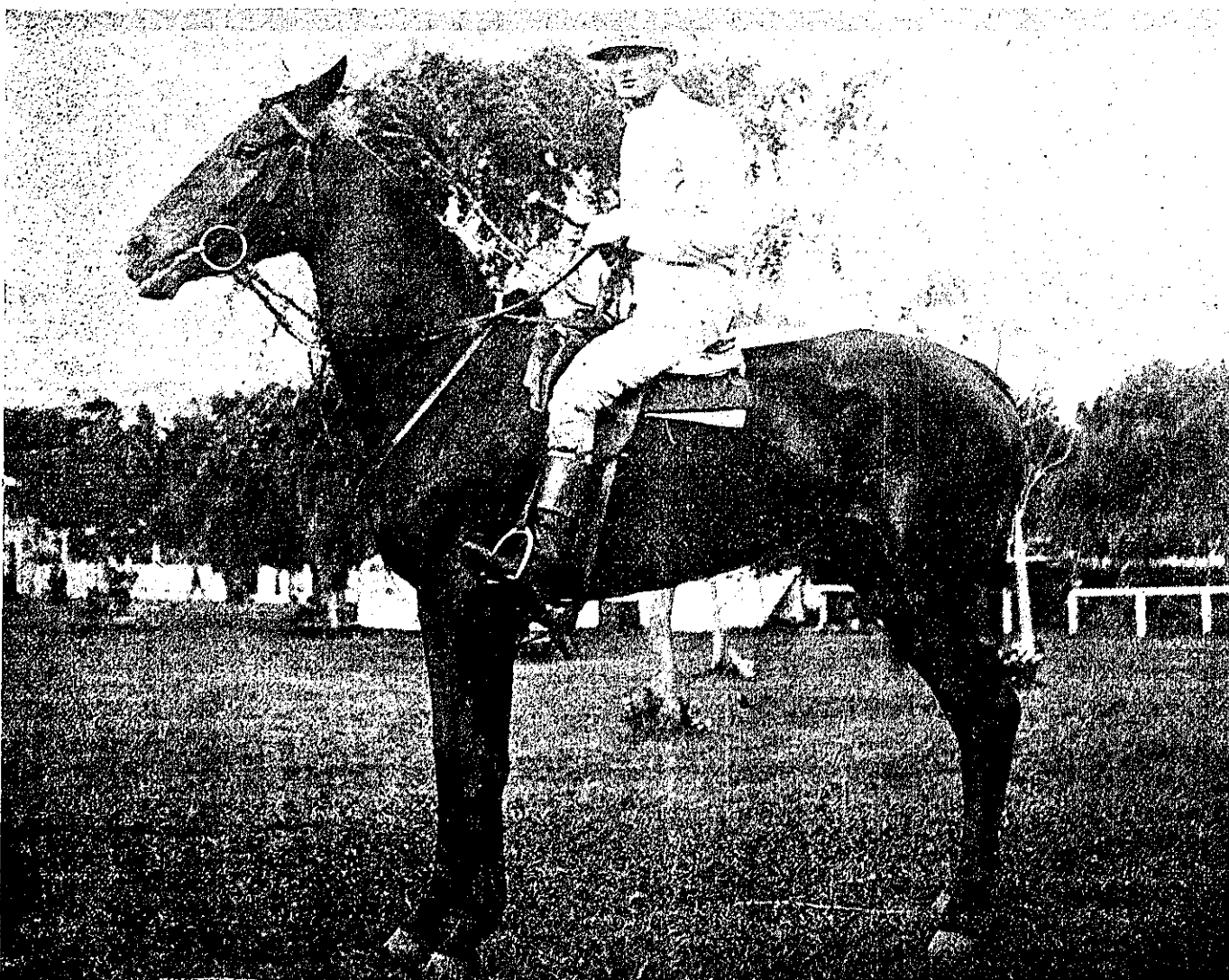
In the final the Auckland representatives met Miss Wilding and Stowe (Canterbury), who had the advantage of being fresh for the game. The play was of an exciting nature, and the spectators were loud in their enthusiasm. The first set went to Auckland (6-2), and the second to Canterbury (6-4). The games were five all in the third set, and finally seven all. Two games were then won by Auckland, who won the match, the score being 9-7. As the success of the local representatives in this match gained them five points, the Auckland University College thus tie with Canterbury for the Tennis Challenge Shield, each college having won two matches.

Visitors to the tournament were highly pleased at the very hospitable treatment accorded them by the Auckland committee.

The results of the Wellington tournament are as follows:—Miss Powdrell won the championship singles from Mrs Payne, 6-4, 6-8, 6-3. In the Men's Championship Singles C. Gore, Swanston, Dickie, Adams, and Cox each won. In the Championship Doubles Cox and Swanston beat Bruce and Swanson in the third round, and Dickie and Wallace beat Kennedy and Ulrich. Ladies' Championship Doubles: Misses Bell and Ledger beat Misses Robinson and Payton; Mrs Payne and Miss Cave beat Mrs Wilson and Miss Glasgow. Combined Championship: H. M. Gore and Miss Gore beat Lindsay and Miss Ward, Brown and Miss Travers beat Hunter and Mrs Howe.

The Dunedin Lawn Tennis Association's Easter Tournament concluded on Saturday. The Ladies' Championship was won by Miss Campbell, the present holder, who beat Miss Waringstone, 9-4. Miss Campbell and Miss Mackerras won the Ladies' Doubles Handicap, and Mr C. D. Smith and Miss Bathgate the Combined Doubles Handicap.

The much discussed subject of turf nomenclature was under consideration. The new chum pointed out with pride that the "class" owners of England made frequent, euphonious and appropriate use of classic names, compared with which the names of horses out here generally struck him as being very commonplace. "Now, fancy calling a horse Purser," he said. "Oh, well, that ain't so bad," remarked a man leaning against the bar counter. "If he happened to be in trouble, don't yer know, the 'stewards' couldnt come down very hard on the Purser!"



C. W. Fuller, photo.

Mr. F. W. Arnold's brl SONICA, by Sould-Dolly. Winner of the Three Pony Events at the A.R.C. Meeting. Seated in the saddle.

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.