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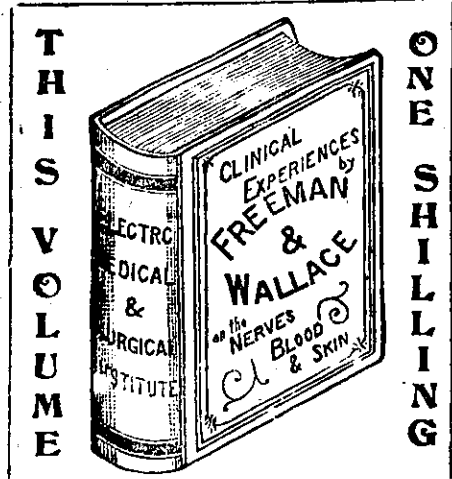
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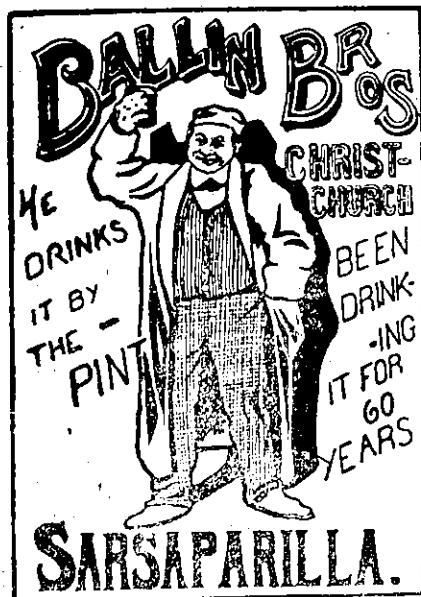
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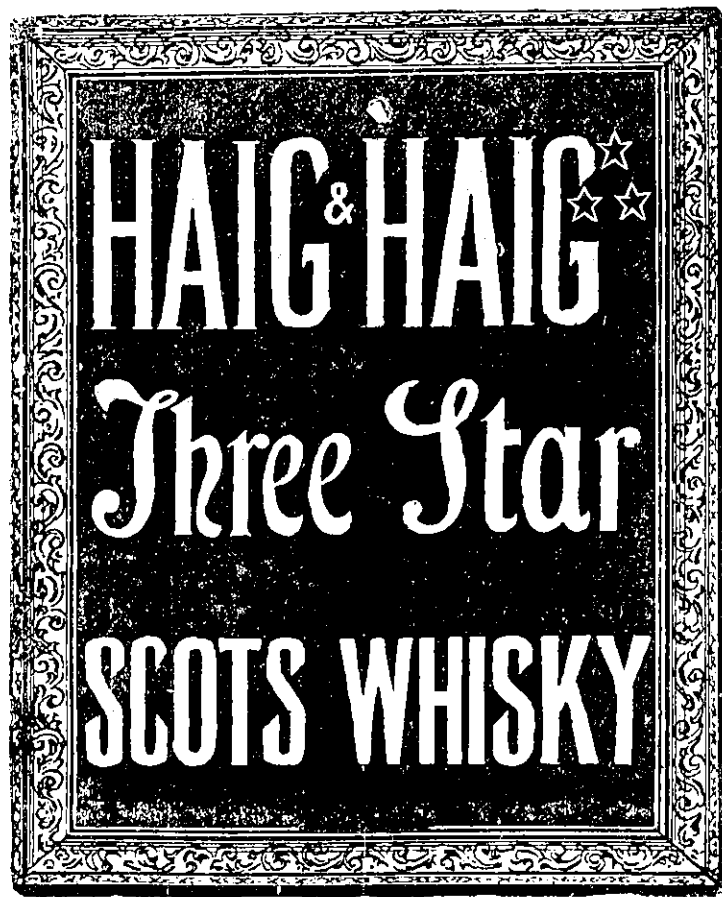
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most instances big profits accrued.

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well-known racing cranks, have been en-
gaged by the Moulin Rouge management
(Paris) to compete in pursuit races on a
small highly-banked track suspended in
mid-air. Both at Olympia and Folies-
Bergeres cycling sensations are included in
the star turns. Le Cercle de la Mort
(ring of death) is the startling title of
the turn at Montmartre. Cheering to
Lesna and Bauge, eh! remarks the Eng-
lish "Cyclist."

The French rider, Emile Bouhours, who
has been recently racing behind pace in
England established a wonderful perform-
ance in the Canning Town track when he
met T. Hall in a paced match of 50 miles
on Easter Monday. Bouhours broke all
English records from 16 miles to 50 miles,
covering 43min 68yds in the hour, and
50 miles in 1hr 9min 5sec. The wonderful
part of the ride was, that he covered the
twentieth mile in the marvellous time of
1min 14 4-5sec, some 1 2-5sec better than
the world's paced mile flying start re-
cord, which stood to the credit of Con-
Contentet (France) at 1min 16 1-5sec. Bou-
hours was paced by a 14 h.p. motor driven
by Deville.

When one thinks of it, there is far less
trouble with the tires of to-day than
with the solids of fifteen years ago. Al-
most any damage likely to occur can
easily be repaired at the roadside, but in
the case of a solid tyre becoming detached
from the rim, there was not only great
danger in riding it in that condition, but
a permanent repair was almost impossible
without the aid of the blow-pipe.

The eighth annual Paris-Roubaix road
race, over a distance of 268 kilos (166 1/2
miles) attracted seventy-seven entries for
the eight cash prizes of £40, £20, £12,
£8, and four at £4. The starters number-
ed fifty-one, and out of these Aucouturier
reached home in the new single paced re-
cord time of 9hr 12min, averaging over
eighteen miles per hour over a hilly
course. The surprise of the day was fur-
nished by Chapperon, who had an acci-
dent which lost him ten minutes in chang-
ing mounts. But for this mishap he
would have probably won instead of being
beaten for first place by a few seconds
only.

A letter received in Sydney from Amer-
ica states that Kramer, the crack Ameri-
can rider, will visit Australia during the
next racing season.

Continental race followers will, no
doubt find the appended table of victories
and defeats of the eight leading sprinters
of last season useful in following the
cracks this year. "Le Velo" classes the
first eight riders as follows:—Major Tay-
lor, Ellegaard, Meyers, Rutt, Grogna,
Arend, Jacquelin, and Bald

Major Taylor.	
Against Ellegaard,	9 victories, 1 defeat.
" Meyers	5 victories, 5 defeats
" Rutt	6 victories, 3 defeats
" Grogna	8 victories, 1 defeat
" Arend	5 victories, 2 defeats
Thorwald Ellegaard.	
Against Myers,	6 victories, 4 defeats
" Rutt	11 victories, 8 defeats
" Grogna	5 victories, 0 defeats
" Arend	11 victories, 1 defeat
" Jacquelin	7 victories, 3 defeats
" Bald	3 victories, 3 defeats
Harris Meyers.	
Against Rutt	2 victories, 4 defeats
" Grogna	10 victories, 6 defeats
" Arend	2 victories, 1 defeat
Walter Rutt.	
" Arend	11 victories, 1 defeat
Against Grogna	6 victories, 4 defeats
" Jacquelin	1 victory, 1 defeat
Eddie Bald.	
Against Jacquelin	3 victories, 0 defeats

Jacquelin and "Major" Taylor did not
meet each other.

No matter how good a thing may be,
if taken up as a fad, it is bound to be
harmful by the senselessness of its adop-
tion, in the reaction (says the well-known
writer "Fortis"). This is particularly
true of cycling. It is a great pity that
such a good thing was made a craze of.
Its really useful qualities count for no-
thing in the subsequent neglect when the
inflated enthusiasm has spent itself. The
harm its abuse has done is reckoned as
an indictment against its use, and the
good it could do is lost in the havoc
wrought by its immoderate pursuit. In
itself cycling is a healthy exercise and
sport. It included in its use so much that
was desirable; it took its votaries into
the country, where green fields and fresh
air gladdened the eye and inspired the
lungs; it steadied nerves and regulated
digestion, and conferred pleasure in doing
all these admirable services. It is a pity
that the spirit of inordinate pursuit has
done so much to interfere with such
health-giving recreation. It was expected
that when the craze had spent itself, cy-
cling would settle down into a reasonable
amusement, rid of the faddists, and prov-
ing of utility to the multitude. But, due
to the violence of the craze, it must
struggle back painfully step by step until
it regains a place in public favour and use
of which it should never have been de-
prived. Moderation only can give to any
sport or any amusement a lasting value.

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race in Ireland will describe the figure 8
and the order of running will be three
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the larger loop. It would seem that an
element of danger is introduced, provided
that the cars actually cross where the
two loops meet; but we take it for
granted that the managing committee of
the race has thought this matter out,
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(By "Gillie.")

"Fishing," said the Earl of Dnigh at the Fly Fishers' Club dinner in London recently, "calls forth another quality—the command of language in addition to temper. I ask you to picture the gentleman who goes fishing on a cold March day (after a ten-mile drive from the station, perhaps, and no houses within reasonable distance), and after having waded out into the stream, finds that he has got upon some soft mud, that he is gradually sinking, and the water is slowly trickling over the tops of his waders. It requires a great command of language to deal with such a situation as that. Then there is the case of the man who has just hit upon a 40lb. fish, of which he has dreamt for years, and after playing it for some two hours in rough water, eventually gets it to the bank in an exhausted condition, sees the hook carelessly gaffed out of the fish's mouth by a blundering gillie. That, again, is a situation in which great command of language is necessary, and I think that our editorial friend of the 'Globe' could not possibly deal with it in language which would do it proper justice, not even if he had the dictionary of assorted adjectives, which I believe, every editor has at his elbow."

Mr St. George Littledale, an English sportsman of long experience, writing to the "Otago Times," recommends the importation of various breeds. He writes:— "There are hundreds of thousands of acres higher than the deer line which at present are entirely uninhabited, and I should suggest that the Society strain every nerve to get hold of chamos (if possible from Hungary), ibex (Capia Siborably the Thian Shan), Caucasian jurably the Thian Shan), Caucasian jur (Capia Caucasica, Western Caucasus; Capia Pallasi, Eastern Caucasus.

"All these three goats are magnificent animals, and would in all probability grow to perfection in the alpine sections of the country.

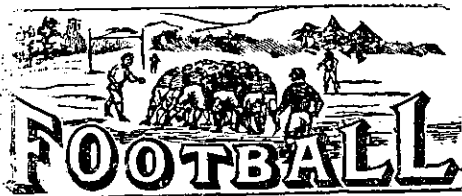
"As there are large districts at present without any deer, the Society could hardly do better than to start fresh herds of deer, which, though closely allied to the red deer, are much larger in body and horn. In the Caucasus and Northern Persia there is a grand stag almost approaching the wapiti in size of body, but having horns of the red deer type. This would be a very desirable species for New Zealand.

"In Southern Siberia a stag closely allied to the American wapiti: Large herds of these animals are kept in captivity by the natives, who cut off the stags' horns when in the velvet, and sell them to the Chinese for medicine. As much as £15 will sometimes be paid for an extra fine pair. Being already half-tame there would be less risk with them than with the wild animal. I should estimate that a herd of ten brought to London would cost about £250—£100 for purchase and £150 for transport.

"The Hungarian variety of red deer run very large, and there would, I fancy, be not much difficulty getting them.

"The roe deer (preferably the Siberian variety) would probably do well in the bush country."

The plentifulness of the sea mullet, and the fact that these splendid food fish are supplied with immense roes, is being turned to advantage by many of the shopkeepers who sell fish. The roes are being smoked in great quantities, and are finding ready markets, for they are exceedingly tasty if somewhat dry. It is this dryness that makes me suggest a method of dealing with the roes that is practised in Italy. The roes are there washed, sprinkled with salt, and pressed into cakes, forming what is called bolarge or bolargo. In India the mullet roes are used in curries, and are greatly appreciated. Another way of dealing with the roes is to put them into air-tight bottles in oil, after salting and cooking them, and removing the skin that surrounds them. They then make a rich pottage for spreading on bread. No doubt other ways of dealing with mullet roes will suggest themselves to those who have made a study of the subject of gastronomy.



(By "Scrutator.")

FIXTURES.

July 18—Against New South Wales.
July 22—Against Combined Country Team.
July 25—Against New South Wales.
July 29—Against a City Team.
August 1 to 8—Against Queensland Representatives.
August 12—Against Combined Northern Districts of New South Wales.
August 15—Against Whole of Australia, at Sydney.

There is a considerable boom in the Victorian game of football in Sydney. The game is a sort of hotchpotch of Rugby and Association, the rules being as follows:—

After the players (18 a-side) have taken their positions, the field umpire bounces the ball in the centre of the ground, and play begins. The same thing is done when a goal is scored. The match is divided into four quarters, each of 25 minutes' duration, and at the end of each quarter the teams change ends, while at the termination of the second quarter there is an interval of ten minutes.

A goal is obtained when the ball is kicked between the goalposts without touching either of them or any player after being kicked. A behind is recorded when the ball touches either of the goalposts or is kicked or forced between the behind-post and the goalpost. A goal counts six points, and a behind one.

Unlike Rugby, no advantage is gained by kicking the ball out of bounds; in fact, if the ball is wilfully kicked out, a free kick is given to the other side.

A player who catches the ball from a kick of another player not less than 10 yards distant secures a mark, and is allowed a kick in any direction.

The ball can be taken in hand at any time, but it must not be carried more than is necessary for a kick, unless the player strikes the ball against the ground at least once in every 10 yards. If a player with the ball is held by an adversary, he must drop the ball, or else a free kick will be given against him.

The ball must on no account be handed or thrown to another player, a breach of this rule having a free kick as a penalty, but the ball may be punched to a comrade.

A behind is indicated by the goal umpire hoisting one flag, and a goal by two flags.

I am glad to be in accord with Mr Stuart, who, writing in the "Pall Mall" of April 8th, propounds six points on which reform is needed (writes "Judex," in the London "Sportsman")—(1) The present point value of scores; (2) the method of putting the ball into the "scrum"; (3) the whole question of obstruction, wilful or otherwise; (4) the offside rule as applied to half-backs working the "scrum"; (5) rough and unfair play generally; (6) the problem of the "knock-on." Undoubtedly a try is at present the most prized score at Rugby, and rightly so. Combination is the highest aim of a "Rugger" XV., and a try is generally the result of such combination, whereas a dropped goal or a goal from a mark is always the machination of, in the first instance, an individual player; in the second, that of two players. I think amongst Rugby men it will be found that the point value of both these latter should not exceed that of a try. A perfectly sound conclusion, if combination, which is admitted on all sides, should be part and parcel of our national pastime. On the second point, let it be said, there are many and various ways of putting a ball into a "scrum," which undoubtedly give the side so doing a certainty of the forwards getting it. Obstruction must be dealt with, and that in a firm way. "Knock-ons" are a point on which referees differ so much that it ought to be re-legislated for. Is fumbling a ball a knock-on? If not, lots of referees give it as such. Rough play we do not want. Fortunately in club matches we have very few instances of it, but when it does occur, "the man at the wheel" should stamp it out in the most drastic way. Hard, good-tempered play, is the true spirit of the game; foulness and roughness out not to be countenanced.

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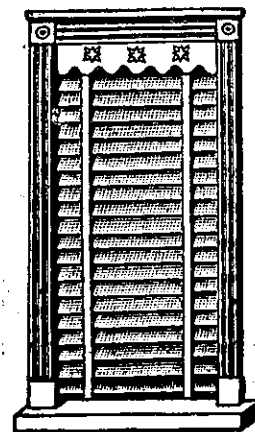
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PONSONBY V. NEWTON.

It was generally thought that this game would prove rather a "soft thing" for Newton, but such was by no means the case, and the Red and Whites had to play their very hardest to stave off defeat. Ponsonby assumed the aggressive from the start, but ultimately a penalty kick relieved the strain. Then Roberts got the ball from Freeman and streaked across the Ponsonby line, but lost the ball, and a force resulted. Some pretty give and take work ensued, till the Newton backs got on a nice passing rush from centre, and Pillenger getting possession took the ball across the line, Eaton kicking a goal. Ponsonby were mostly on the defensive till the whistle blew for half-time, but once in awhile they got the ball into Newton's territory, where Francis managed to kick a penalty goal.

Both sides tried their very hardest right through to the end, and some exceptionally good play was seen, the utmost excitement prevailing. Indeed, from the spectators' point of view the game proved one of the most exciting of the season. Both teams showed good form, the West-erners playing up in the most determined fashion. No further scoring resulted, Newton thus winning by five points to three. Mr Gittos acted as referee in his usual capable style.

GRAFTON V. SUBURBS.

It was generally expected that Grafton would have something of a "cake walk" in their match against Suburbs, whose men are never able to get any practice together. The Suburbanites played up in the most dogged fashion, the result being that although defeated it was only by a rather lucky try, and a goal from a mark to nothing. The play was of a very even character for a long time, the only score in the first half being a goal landed by Huddleston from a mark. The score against Suburbs seemed to put more life into the play, the Black and Whites being slowly driven back, and at the interval Grafton were on the defence in their own 25.

Grafton came with a great rush when the game was re-started, and Suburbs were obliged to force on more than one occasion. Gradually, however, the lines were freed, and the ball worked past centre. Eventually, as the result of a loose rush, Grafton came through with the ball, R. McGregor taking it across the line. Huddleston failed to add the necessary points. The game proved fast and furious till the close, but no further score had been made when the whistle for time sounded, Grafton thus winning by 7 points to nil.

PARNELL v. NORTH SHORE.

These two clubs met on the latter's ground on Saturday, but the play was very tedious for one to watch. It was mostly confined to the forwards, and there seemed to be a want of brilliancy in either team. During the first half the

local men had rather the better of the spell. Still, they were unable to best the Parnell defence. Free kicks predominated as the result of off-side play. Matters livened up a good deal in the second half, North Shore having several shots at a goal. Ultimately they were awarded a penalty kick, and Yeoland registered a splendid goal. Soon after, as the result of some loose play, Warbrick got possession and carried the leather across, Yeoland's effort to add the extra points failing. The Parnell men seemed to go to pieces at the finish, and another try was scored against them as the result of a good rush by Gerrard and Smith, the latter crossing near the corner flag. Once again Yeoland failed with his kick, and the whistle going immediately after left North Shore winners by nine points to nil. Mr Oram acted as referee.

The local football matches at Christchurch were postponed on Saturday owing to the bad weather.

In the senior football matches, at Wellington on Saturday, Melrose beat Wellington by fourteen to four, Ponoka beat Athletics by twelve to nil, and Petone beat Old Boys by six to nil.

At Dunedin the Kaikorai v. Alhambra game was drawn (no score), and Zingari, Richmond and Pirates also played a drawn game (three points each). Southern (12 points) beat Dunedin (nil).

The Auckland Rugby Union Cup matches, on Saturday, were of a much more even nature than has been the case since the commencement of the season. Somehow it seems rather easy to foretell the results of the games so that when victories were recorded by Newton against Ponsonby, by Grafton against Suburbs, and by North Shore against Parnell nobody could find room for the least surprise, as all these matches were foregone conclusions. The premiership at this early stage certainly appears to lie between Newton and City, with a strong preference for the latter.

On Wednesday the Fitzroy team met New South Wales in the Australian game (says "The Sydney Mail"). Though the match was, of course, a foregone conclusion, it was a very interesting one. New South Wales led at the start of the last quarter as far as goals were concerned, but the behinds to Fitzroy's credit put the

visitors some distance ahead. There was a good deal of enthusiasm shown by the spectators, of whom there were not many, owing to the promise of rain. Fitzroy won by 8 goals 22 behinds (70 points) to 7 goals 5 behinds (47 points). Spectators were treated to a more interesting game than was witnessed between Collingwood and Fitzroy. There was a rivalry between the sides which was absent, as far as the Sydney public was concerned, from the former display; and, further, New South Wales showed up much better than was anticipated. The visitors, as long as they won, did not want to make a runaway match of it. They were out to give an attractive exhibition, and especially to make running with the ball one of the features of the game. As a consequence, some very fine and decidedly clever work was shown in this direction, notwithstanding the fact that rain in the second half rendered the ball greasy and difficult to manage. It was only to be expected that the efforts of Fitzroy in this and other departments of the game would reach a high standard of excellence, but it is also to be stated that the all-round knowledge of the game by New South Wales, in conjunction with the promptness with which it was put into effect, was far in advance of what was thought possible, in view of the fact that it is only a couple of months since the Australian game was revived.

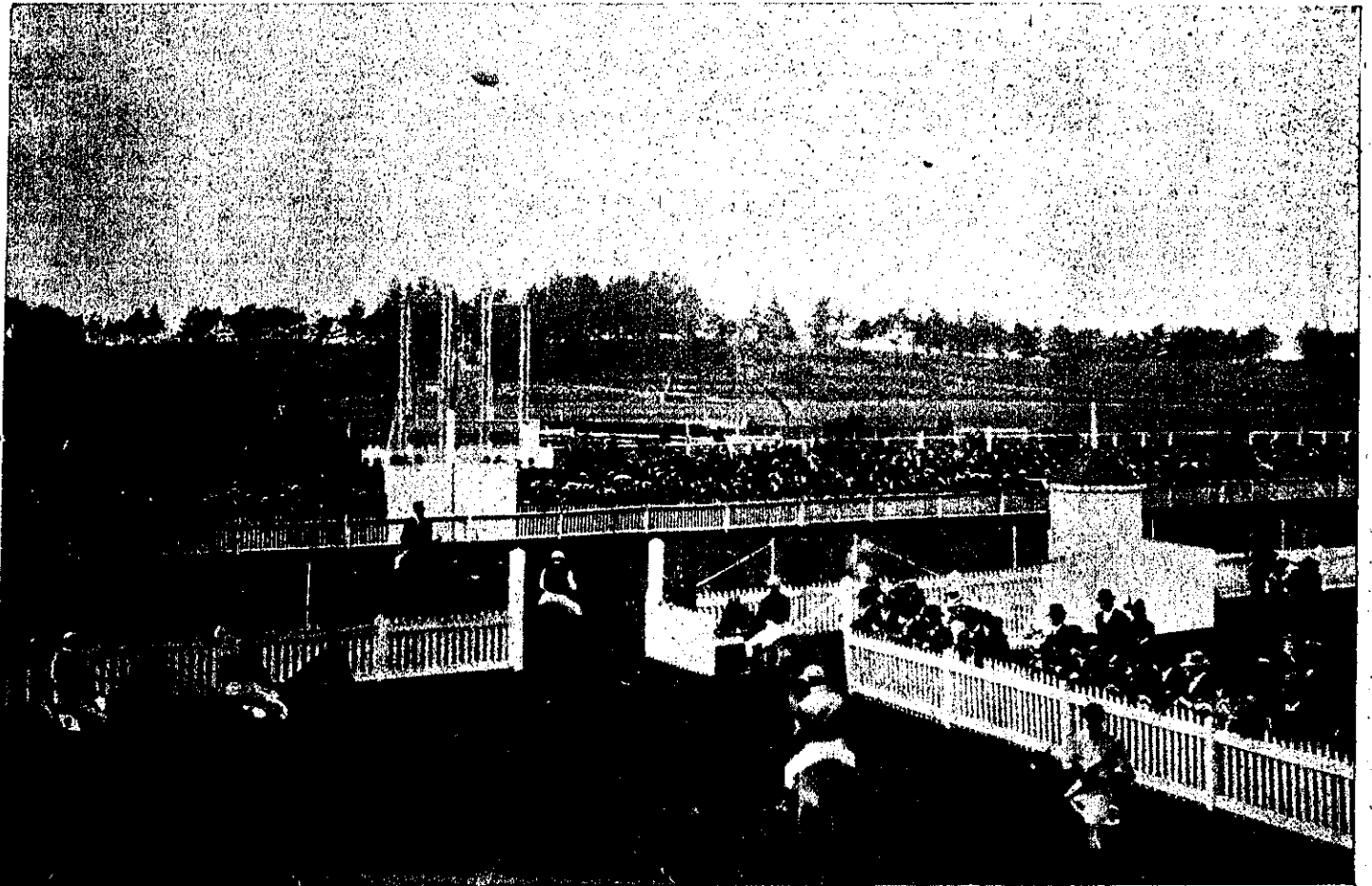
In a match in England a curious incident occurred, which is thus described in the London "Sportsman":—"E. W. Dillon, having made a fair catch, was about to place the ball for Norman to have a kick at goal. Norman came up and handed the ball to show Dillon the exact angle he wanted the ball placed for him. The Somerset forwards charged up. The referee disallowed the kick, and ordered the 'scrum' to be formed on the spot where the kick should have been taken. This official was wrong in this decision, for all kicks awarded for fair catches or any infringement of the rules—are governed by and are the same as those of a place-kick from a try. When a side has gained a try the kicker has a right to handle the ball and show the plunger at what angle the latter is to place the ball for him. The curious part of the incident was the Somersets and Kent players alike thought the referee was right, and this official likewise, by his decision, thought he was correct; but, as a matter of fact, he had committed an error.

SECOND FIFTEENS.

North Shore beat Parnell by default.
Grafton beat Suburbs by default.
Ponsonby beat Newton by default.

THIRD FIFTEENS.

Ponsonby A beat Newton by default.
Suburbs beat Grafton by default.
City A beat Parnell B by 3' points to nil.
North Shore A beat Parnell A by default.



C. W. Fuller, photo.

Horses going out for the Second Maiden Hurdle Race.



C. W. Fuller, photo.

Waiting for the Battleaxe Protest to be Decided at Ellerslie.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS MATCHES.

A Grade.

Devonport beat Onehunga by 3 to 0.
Nelson-street beat Ponsonby by 3 to 0.
Beresford-street beat Mount Eden by default.
Richmond Road beat Newton East by default.
Parnell beat Napier-street by 9 to 0.
Wellesley-street a bye.

B Grade.

Newmarket beat Chapel-street by default.
Ellerslie beat Bayfield by 6 to 3.
Remuera beat Wellesley-street by 29 to 0.
Mount Roskill a bye.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

King's College III. beat St. John's College III. by 6 points to 3.
St. John's College beat Grammar School by 9 points to 3.

ASSOCIATION.

The Y.M.C.A. team had a runaway match against Tabernacle on Saturday, the latter being outclassed. Ashbury, E. Sale, A. Sale, and Clark were responsible for most of the goals kicked, which by the time the game ended had mounted up to no less than fourteen to nil.

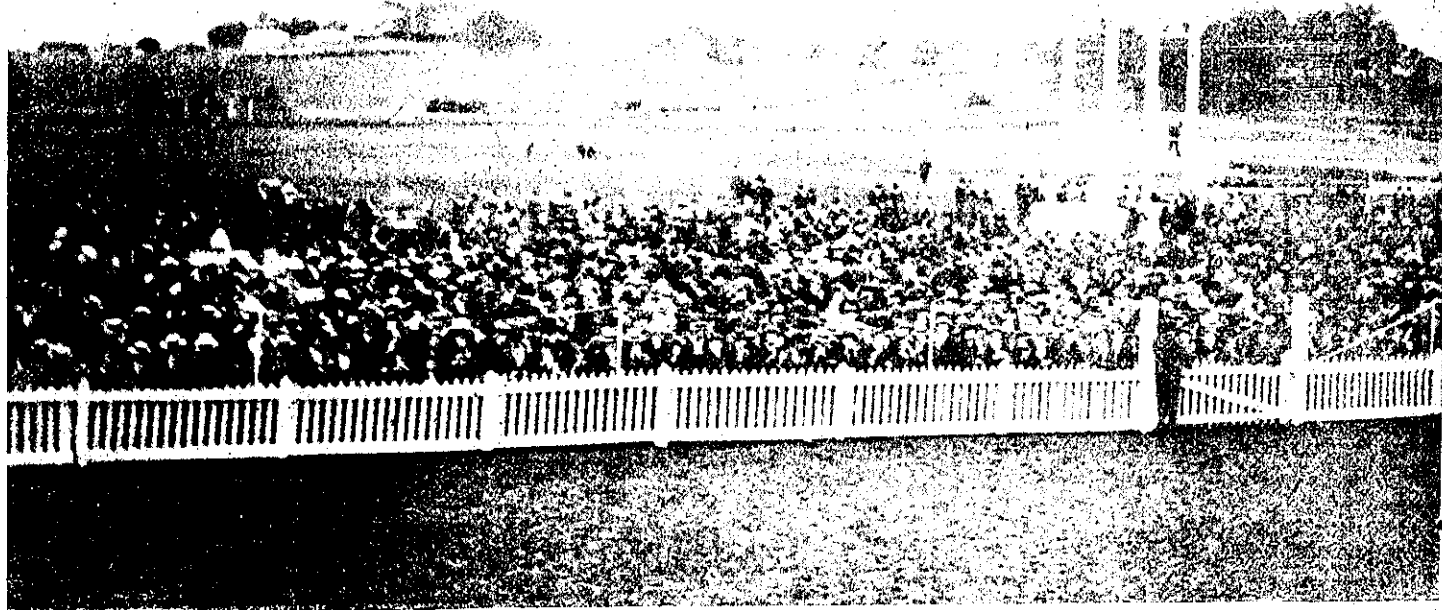
In the junior ranks University defeated Tabernacle at North Shore by four goals to nothing, Stephenson and Smith being the scorers.

An interesting match was played on the Devonport ground on Saturday between North Shore and Thistle, the former winning by two goals to one. Glazier, Stubbs and Russell, from H.M.s. Wallaroo, assisted the winners and played finely, as did Dacre and Bartley, while for the losers Meldrum, Hanson, and Gracie were conspicuous.

ATHLETICS.

The finals of the Canterbury Centre championships under the auspices of the New Zealand Boxing Association, were decided on Saturday evening, at the Theatre Royal, which was crowded. The bantam-weight final was won by Pearce, and the feather-weight by A. Jones, after a very pretty and scientific bout with J. Watson. The light-weight championship was won by T. Gofton, who beat last year's champion, P. Oliver. The middle-weight contest was won by A. Nash, last year's champion, after a very close bout with H. Shields. In this bout an extra round was ordered by the judges. The heavy-weight was won by C. Neill (12st 2lb), a powerful hitter, who knocked out G. P. Cumming in half-a-round. Major Chafey, the referee, and Messrs Campbell and H. E. Marsh, the umpires, gave general satisfaction.

The Olympian Games of 1904 will take place at St. Louis, being run in connection with the huge Exposition, which is to be carried out on a mammoth scale, apparently regardless of expense. Mr Leonard Cuff, formerly of Auckland, is the representative for Australasia on the International Committee.



C. W. Fuller, photo.

A portion of the crowd which accorded Battleaxe such a hostile reception after he had won the Grand National Hurdle Race.



The English season was opened on April 13, at the Oval, where Surrey and London County played the match. Climatic conditions were anything but favourable, as on the first day a piercing cold and high wind prevailed, having as accompaniments a fall of sleet before luncheon, and some snow afterwards. One report states:—"Huddled up in their overcoats, the spectators watched the cricket, the men in the field wore double sweaters, blew their fingers, and eagerly awaited the opportunity of the ball coming their way, in order to run, and promote circulation, and the members were content to watch the play from the windows or hearth of the pavilion, where a fire blazed merrily away. This was, indeed, 'cricket on the hearth.' Thus it was rather difficult to realise that 'the summer game' had commenced."

Arthur Shrewsbury, whose death was reported recently, like many more Englishmen, first played for England on an Australian wicket. Being a member of Shaw's first team, he played in the match

at Melbourne at the later end of December, 1881, and the beginning of January in the following year. Shrewsbury did not make a very bright beginning, being dismissed for 11 in a total of 294, and 16 in a total of 308. That match was the fifth one played by teams representing England and Australia. From that time Shrewsbury played in test matches until 1893, and very frequently he demonstrated what a capable batsman he was. His performances in test fixtures are:—Matches, 23; innings, 40; not out, 4; highest score, 164; runs, 1277; average, 35.47. In first-class matches Shrewsbury made 59 scores of a century and over. His highest score was 267, made against Middlesex in 1887.

Writing to "Athletic News," a correspondent with Lord Hawke's team makes the following statement:—"The cricket is at times very trying, for the umpires in New Zealand are absolutely the worst in the world. No team ought to think of coming out here without bringing an umpire." Just so. When a decision is given against one always blame the umpire, it is such a sportsmanlike action.

The opening first-class match of the English season was played between London County and Surrey, the latter winning by eight wickets. For London County, W. G. Grace made 43 and 81, Sewell 90 and 18, and Board 59 and 17. For Surrey, Hayward scored 107, Hayes 51 and 43 (not out), Walker 54, and Jephson 47 (not out).

A correspondent writing to an English exchange upon cricket reform, says that "If three points were enforced—(1) a natural grass pitch, instead of an artificially prepared one; (2) running out all hits inside the boundary; (3) the batsman who 'wilfully' obstructs the ball with his legs liable to be given out on appeal to the umpire—in my humble opinion we should see the game not only shortened, but made much more interesting, and bowlers and batsmen meeting on more equal terms than at present."

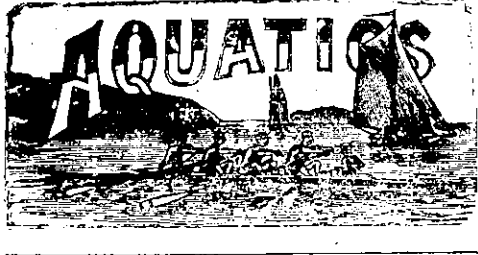
The April number of "Cricket" contains an interview with T. L. Taylor, the strongest batsman of Lord Hawke's team. The paper says that Mr Taylor's strongest point is consistency. When he is at the wicket one never is anxious about him, however much the wicket may be assisting the bowler. He always looks as if he had come in with the express intention of seeing the rest of the side out. On any kind of wicket he is a great batsman, but, without doubt, his value to a side is by far the greatest when the bowlers are apparently masters of the situation, for then he is almost certain to be seen at his very best. He adapts himself to circumstances almost as easily as Arthur Shrewsbury, and perhaps, next to Shrewsbury, he is the finest slow-wicket player of the day. He has never looked back; on the contrary, he has continued to improve, and at the present time he may be said to be a better batsman than ever. Consequently it was with considerable misgivings that Yorkshiremen heard the first rumours of his intended withdrawal from first-class cricket, and the announcement that he has gone to Japan, whence he is not likely to return until later in the season, has not tended to lessen their uneasiness."

The sub-committee of the Auckland Cricket Association, appointed to inquire into and report upon the question of introducing the district scheme into local cricket, have completed their work, and recommend that Auckland and its suburbs be divided into six districts, to be called City, Grafton, Parnell, Ponsonby, Eden, and North Shore. The boundaries they recommend for the City district are similar to those of the football district, except that instead of being bounded by Symonds-street the district is to extend to Stanley-street, and will take in the lower half of Grafton Road as far as the Cemetery Bridge. The western boundary of the Grafton district is Mount Eden Road as far as Windmill Road, and the eastern boundary is Gillies Avenue, which runs parallel to Manukau Road and intersects Carlton Gore Road. Park Road and Carlton Gore Road are the other boundaries. Ponsonby is similar to the football district, except that Point Chevalier is taken in. Eden includes Grey Lynn, part of Mount Eden, Mount Roskill, Avondale, and adjoining districts. The proposed Parnell district includes Parnell, Newmarket, Epsom, Remuera, Otahuhu, Onehunga, and surrounding districts; and in North Shore is included all the suburbs on the north side of the harbour.



C. W. Fuller, photo.

A.R.C. Stewards and Members of the Press Watching the Finish of the Grand National Hurdle Race.



(By "The Reefer.")

The King recently presented to the English Life Saving Society a cup for competition, and invitations are to be sent by the Society to the leading associations in Canada, the United States, France, Germany, Austria, Belgium, Hungary, Sweden, Denmark, Italy, Malta, Cape Colony, Natal, Australia, New Zealand, and India, asking them to send representatives to compete in a series of three international races for the Cup, which are to be held in London on July 10 and 11. The country or colony whose representatives score the lowest aggregate of points in all of the contests will hold the Cup for the year.

"Leander," in the London "Sportsman," tenders George Read, the Sydney swimmer, some sound advice, in a recent issue of the paper mentioned. It was in consequence of an interview with Read, which appeared in a South Australian paper, when the swimmer named was in Adelaide, competing in various races. "Leander" says:—"The holder of the world's mile record of 24min 46sec, George Read, of Sydney, who was over here last year, but failed to win a championship, when interviewed in Adelaide some weeks ago, made a few remarks concerning English swimmers and swimming that should create a smile. He anticipates making another trip to England, and wishes to make a match with Joey Nuttall, who, according to Read, has backing for £1000. The only advice I can tender to Read—who has turned 'pro.'—is not to come to England with the idea that there is money in professional swimming. Firstly, the speedy professional men can be counted on the fingers of one hand; secondly, that Nuttall, although still a great swimmer, would at his age, to say the least, be indiscreet to make a match with a youngster of twenty years; and thirdly, that I do not think there is £1000 backing for all the professional swimmers in England, even if they were bunched together."

The Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron is starting classes for navigation, seamanship, yacht handling, etc., the series commencing next Monday. The syllabus includes lectures on Fibre and the Make of Ropes, Knotting and Bends, Whipping, Splicing, Serving, etc., and Compass Work, Lead Line, Log Work, Signal Instruction, Rule of Road, Chart Work, and Meridian Altitude. Commodore Murdoch will act as instructor, which is a sufficient guarantee that the matter will be properly handled. It should be of much benefit to the younger members of the Squadron.

Messrs Logan Bros. are in receipt of a cablegram from Mr. Mark Foy, of Sydney, instructing them to proceed with the construction of a 22ft racing boat, which the well-known Commodore of the Sydney Flying Squadron intends to take to England to sail against Maid of Kent, or her successor. It will be remembered that some seasons back Mr Foy took home the 22-footer Irex, but, as she was eleven years old at the time, no great surprise was evinced when she was defeated by the English representative, Maid of Kent. The type of boat is one which is so extensively used in Sydney, and it is certainly a feather in the cap of our local firm that such a famous builder of the type as Donnelly has been passed over in getting a new racer. Possibly the remarkable performances of the Logan one-rater Mercia may have impressed the Colossus of Oxford-street with the fact that an overloaded boat, even if able to carry a tremendous spread of canvas, is not necessarily the fastest kind of vessel in a length class. Mr Foy has had doubts of this before, as he used to race a double hulled craft—the Flying Fish—against the 22-footers, and on certain points of sailing she could often beat them. It is almost a pity that the order for the new challenger was not placed before, as the boat will be too late for the English season, and the home boat will have a big pull next year. No doubt the latest Logan production will be tested against the pick of the 22-footers in Port Jackson. I shall be intensely surprised if she cannot beat the best of them.

A "ship on fire" is a fearful thing,
All helpless on the deep,
No vessel near her help to bring,
Whilst flames about her leap;
A cough or cold is bad enough,
Though we can help procure,
And never fail to drive them off
With—
Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

GOLF.

As showing the enthusiasm which the masses in Scotland throw into their one and only game of golf, the visit of Inveralochy's fishermen golfers to Edinburgh was an event of interest. When not at sea the natives of the Aberdeenshire village spend most of their time on the links, and that they have acquired a very fair amount of skill they showed recently by defeating the Bon Accord Club of Aberdeen, by 44 holes to 43 in a 25 a-side match. Playing in their fishing costume, they presented a novel sight on the Edinburgh Burgess and Musselburgh courses.

The South African Amateur Championship was decided at the Port Elizabeth Club's links on April 14, 15, and 16, and was witnessed by large numbers of spectators. Wynne, of Port Elizabeth, and Law, of Capetown, tied for the first place in the first day's two rounds, and it was felt (says a local paper) that the struggle mainly rested between these two, although Proudfoot, the champion for the last eight years, was only three behind. R. Law was the first to come in, having completed the two rounds in the excellent score of 81 and 83 respectively. The excitement increased when Wynne started for the last hole, and it was ascertained that he only had to finish the round in four strokes. This found him in a good posi-



(By "The Judge.")

WELLINGTON AND SUBURBAN COURSING CLUB'S BIRTHDAY STAKES, for seventy dogs.—Opening round: Helensbrook beat Dunlop II., Lady Retford beat Commandero, Missfire beat Derby, Vickers beat Gingerwine, Vagabond beat Floss, Nap beat Maud, Clements beat Lord Ranjuly, Jewel Gun beat Spring Water, Black Tracker beat Keystone, Black Watch beat Rufus, Nancy Gough beat Gipsy Queen, Fairytale beat Venus, Romeo beat Pansy, De la Rey beat Lily, Miss Vickers beat Brassey, Settling Day beat Seahorse, Reprieve II. beat The King, Better Days beat Pedisolida, Austral beat Glencoe, King George beat Meta McCarthy, Nobleman beat Vanity Fair, Kate Kelly beat Marquis, Pelorous Jack beat Vanguard, Miss McGrath beat The Spinner, Lord Roberts beat Gipsy Girl, Griffio beat Little Billie, Erin-go-Bragh beat Wonderful, Ladybird beat Trickster, Mars beat Barney, First Shot beat Quicksilver, Prince II. beat Fly II.,

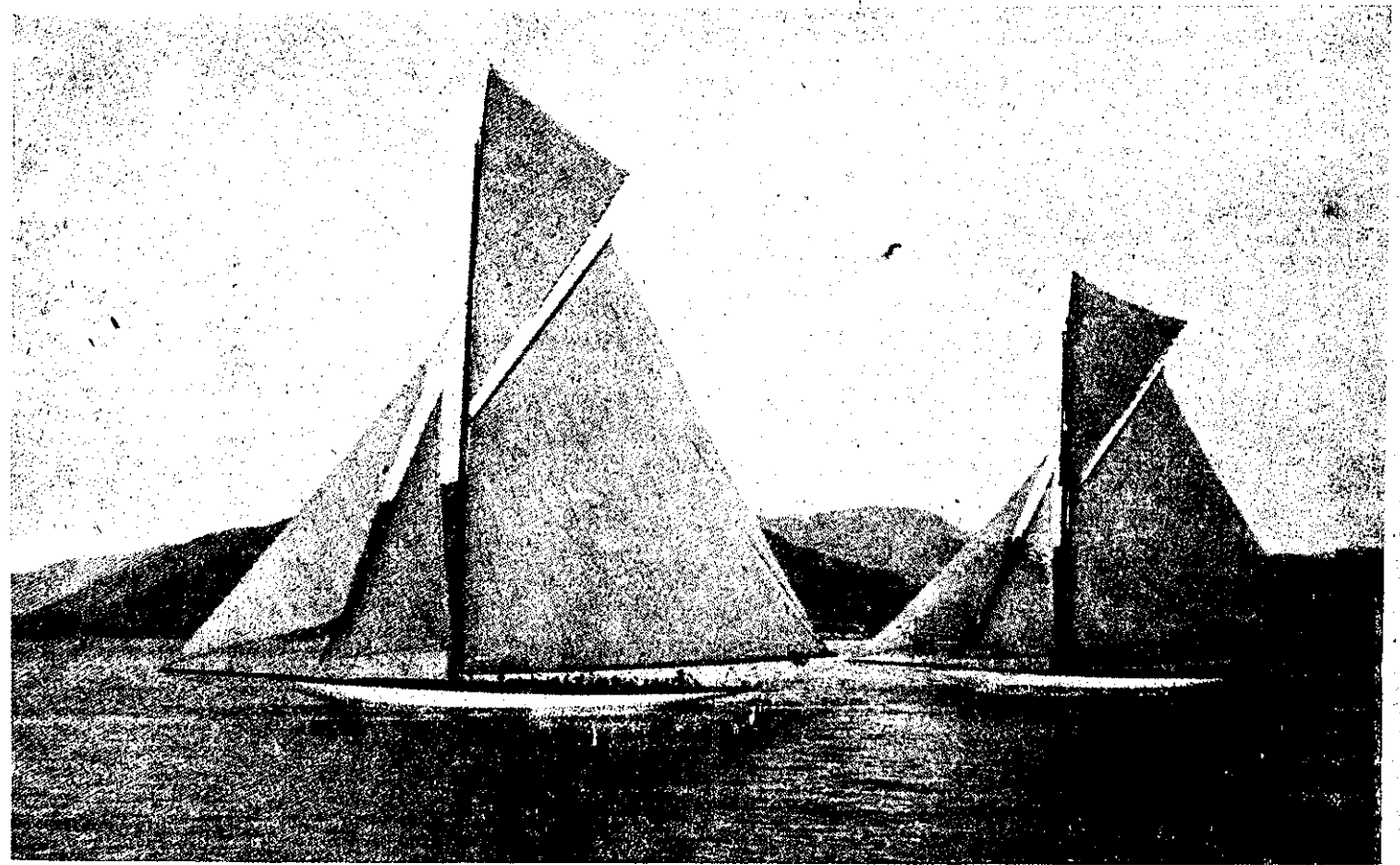
Deciding Course.

Mr G. Bulled's red dog Jewel Gun, by Maxim—Star Jewel, beat Mr R. H. Johnston's red dog Prince II., by Prince—Juliet, and won the stake.

THE TRENTHAM PLATE, for ten dogs; winner, £10; runner-up, £5.—Deciding course: Mr J. McAuliffe's fawn and white dog Austral, by Myto—Ivy Leaf, beat Mr J. Loddell's white and fawn dog Missfire, and won the stake.

Jewel Gun, the winner of the big stake at Wellington, is a big red dog by Maxim from Star Jewel, and belongs to Mr G. Bulled. He was a competitor at the recent Auckland meeting, in which he started first favourite, and his running was of such an impressive character that he looked like going far in the stake. After seeing him perform I was not at all surprised to find he had pulled off the Birthday Stakes at the Wallaceville enclosure.

The Wellington and Suburban Coursing Club's new enclosure is close to the Wallaceville Railway Station, and covers about twenty acres of ground (says the N.Z. Mail). It is about 450 yards long from the slips to the escapes and about 300 yards wide. The ground is fenced with netting, and there are at present about fifty-five hares running there. This number is to be supplemented by a further shipment of forty, to arrive from Rangitata this week. At one end of the enclosure are the escapes



THE AMERICAN CUP CHALLENGER.
SHAMROCK III. leading Shamrock I. in their preliminary trials on the Clyde.

tion on the blue ground, but, in putting, he had the bad luck to leave his ball on the very edge of a hole, thus losing by one stroke. The scores were:—Law, 336; Wynne, 337; Rollo, 343; Proudfoot, 345; Wilson, 349; Wimble, 350; Allison, 352; Southey, 359; Grimmer, 373.

The Grimshaw Memorial Handicap was played on Saturday by members of the Auckland Golf Club. The following are the results, several members failing to return their cards:—H. Gillies, 4 up; W. Heather, 1 down; Dr. Coates, 4 down; J. C. Burns, 4 down; Dr. Lewis, 5 down; C. Heather, 7 down; M. A. Clark, 7 down; Rev. C. Tisdall, 8 down; E. Turner, 9 down; J. Sykes, 9 down; L. E. Mair, 10 down; J. R. Rutherford, 11 down.

Handicap foursomes will be played during the week, entries for which closed last night.

The result of the Grand Prix de Paris was a veritable triumph for the French sportsman, M. Edmond Blanc for of the fourteen runners the three placed horses all belonged to him. The winner, Quo Vadis, is by the English sire Winkfield's Pride from Filomenn, while second place is filled by Cairns, by Reverend from Choice. Vinicius, who ran second in the English Derby could only get third, so that it looks as if M. Blanc might have secured the much coveted Blue Ribband of the English turf if he had relied on Quo Vadis instead of on the son of Masque.

Marvellous beat Maureen, Llangollan beat Lady Lynne, Nainai beat Lady Orient, Little Wonder beat Miss Mac.

First Ties.

Helensbrook beat Lady Retford, Vickers beat Missfire, Jewel Gun beat Clements, Black Tracker beat Black Watch, Nancy Gough beat Fairy Tale, Romeo beat De la Rey, Settling Day beat Miss Vickers, Reprieve II. beat Better Days, Austral beat King George, Nobleman beat Kate Kelly, Pelorous Jack beat Miss McGrath, Griffio beat Lord Roberts, Ladybird beat Erin-go-Bragh, First Shot beat Mars, Prince II. beat Marvellous, Nainai beat Llangollan, Vagabond and Little Wonder drew byes.

Second Ties.

Helensbrook beat Miss Vickers, Jewel Gun beat Vagabond, Black Tracker beat Nancy Gough, Romeo beat Settling Day, Reprieve II. beat Austral, Nobleman beat Pelorous Jack, Ladybird beat Griffio, Prince II. beat First Shot, Little Wonder beat Nainai.

Third Ties.

Jewel Gun beat Helensbrooke, Black Tracker beat Romeo, Nobleman beat Reprieve II., Ladybird II. beat Little Wonder, Prince II. a bye.

Fourth Ties.

Jewel Gun beat Black Tracker, Prince II. beat Nobleman, Ladybird a bye.

Fifth Ties.

Prince II. beat Ladybird, Jewel Gun a bye.

to which the hares have now become thoroughly used. The public will witness the coursing from the end farthest from the escapes. Here a grandstand, capable of seating about four hundred persons has been erected. For the convenience of the public a luncheon-room, seating about one hundred persons, has been erected on the ground. The club has also let a contract for the erection of kennels for holding thirty dogs.

The worst feature, to my mind, is the fact that the public will see the coursing from the end farthest from the escapes, for there can be no place on a ground from which a worse view of the running can be obtained. There can be no possible disagreeing with the judge's decisions, as no one else will be able to see the points of the course.

An Australian in London, writing to a friend about the awful misery in the East End of London, told of one room in a house in the slums where no fewer than five families dwelt, one in each corner, and the fifth in the centre. Strange to say, they all seemed healthy, and they were certainly happy enough until, in an evil moment of sordid greed, the family in the centre of the room began to take in boarders. The week after the first rent was paid by the new arrival, the people who held the centre selection began to put on frills, and talk to one another loudly about the best music-hall to go to, and the latest thing in matinee hats, and before long the corner people rose in revolt and fell upon the upstarts, and thumped them back to their former lowly level. For the one who can bear prosperity properly (says a brother spearman) I can find a hundred who can bear adversity.



[By Comus.]

BOOKINGS.

OPERA HOUSE, AUCKLAND

June 27 to July 10—Harry Rickards Co.
 July 16 to 18—Mark Hambourg Concert Company
 August 10 to 20—Sheridan Comedy Company
 September 8 to 26—F. Duval's American Company
 October 30 to November 13—J. C. Williamson
 November 16 to 21—Willoughby and Geach

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE, AUCKLAND

June 15 to 27—J. C. Williamson's Company
 July 21 to August 5—Hawtrey Comedy Company
 August 6 to 26—G. Stephenson's American Attractions
 September 19 to October 9—Sheridan's Comedy Co.
 October 12 to 26—J. C. Williamson
 November 23 to December 5—J. C. Williamson
 December 26 to January 22—J. C. Williamson

OPERA HOUSE, WELLINGTON

June 1 to 13—Rickards' Company
 June 17 to July 9—Musgrove Company
 July 11 to 25—J. C. Williamson
 September 9 to 29—American Musical Comedy Company
 October 30 to November 18—J. C. Williamson
 November 16 to 21—Willoughby-Geach Company
 November 23 to December 12—J. C. Williamson
 December 23 to January 28—Anderson's Dramatic Co.

THEATRE ROYAL, CHRISTCHURCH

June 13 to 19—Hawtrey Comedy Company
 July 27 to August 4—Williamson's Opera Company
 August 6 to 15—Christchurch Amateurs
 Sept. 28 to October 7—American Comedy Company

PRINCESS THEATRE, DUNEDIN

May 30 to June 13—McMahon's Dramatic Company
 August 6 to 16—J. C. Williamson

HIS MAJESTY'S, DUNEDIN.

August 6 to 15—J. C. Williamson
 November 4 to 14—J. C. Williamson

OPERA HOUSE, WANGANUI.

June 18 to 20—Rickards' Company
 June 30 and July 1—Mark Hambourg Company
 July 3 and 4—J. C. Williamson
 August 22 to 26—Hawtrey Company
 September 5 to 10—J. Sheridan Company
 October 14 to 16—American Comedy Company
 November 19 and 20—Taylor-Carrington Company
 December 18 and 19—J. C. Williamson

OPERA HOUSE, HAWERA.

June 22—Rickards' Company
 July 2—J. C. Williamson
 October 17 and 19—American Comedy Company
 December 21—J. C. Williamson

THEATRE ROYAL, NEW PLYMOUTH.

June 24 and 25—Rickards' Company
 June 29 and 30—J. C. Williamson
 August 15 and 17—Hawtrey Company
 September 16 and 17—J. F. Sheridan
 October 23 and 28—American Musical Comedy Company
 (postponed)
 October 27, 28, and 29—G. Musgrove
 November 27 and 28—Willoughby-Geach Company
 December—Show dates Taylor Carrington
 December 23 and 24—J. C. Williamson
 March 4, 1904—J. C. Williamson

LONDON GOSSIP.

My London correspondent writes (under date May 2):—"A great advocate of New Zealand's curative powers is Mr George Leitch, the well-known comedian, who has just returned to England fully recovered from paralysis, with which he was stricken two years ago, and which prevented him from following his profession. Mr Leitch attributes his complete cure entirely to the hot mineral baths at Rotorua, which were recommended him by Mr Seddon. On his travels Mr Leitch covered, besides New Zealand, also Australia, Fiji, the Solomon Islands, and the New Hebrides. Mr Leitch hopes now to follow his profession as of old, being perfectly strong again. . . . The Lyceum Theatre, Sir Henry Irving's old home and play-house, was last week put up by public auction. The highest bid was £244,000, but the property was withdrawn, the auctioneer stating that the reserve price had not been reached. Another attempt to sell the theatre will be shortly made. . . . Sir Henry Irving has, by-the-bye, scored an immense success this week at the Drury Lane Theatre in his representation of 'Dante.' Both the mounting of the piece and the playing by the whole cast, was superb, Sir Henry, of course, taking the lead by a long way in his impersonation of the poet Dante. I hope next mail to send you further particulars of the play. . . . A Beethoven Festival, of great interest to all lovers of this master's works, takes place at Bonn on the Rhine towards the middle of May, and will last four days. The programme consists of performances by the Joachim quartette, composed by Herr Joachim as first violin, Karl Halis as second violin, E. Wirth alto, and Robert Hausmann violoncello, so a musical treat is anticipated. The charge for the seats is only moderate, ordinary seats being charged at 2s and 3s, and the subscription for the five performances being twenty marks for the best seats. . . . Hengler's National Skating Palace, Argyle-street, London, has just concluded its winter season by a magnificent Real Ice Carnival. Some very original costumes were worn, especially by the ladies present, and some magnificent skating was seen, especially the waltzing and step dancing on the ice. An original feature also was an exhibition of the cake walk given by one of the gentlemen dressed as a Salvation lassie. The fun lasted until about four o'clock. The ice was in perfect condition. . . . Signora Duse, the celebrated actress, is seriously ill at San Remo. She was taken ill whilst playing in 'L'Autre Danger,' and had to abandon her performance. She has also had to postpone her tour in Russia until next season. . . . The charming little play, 'Sweet and Twenty' has been performed this week at the Royal County Theatre, Kingston on Thames, with great



MISS ETHEL KNIGHT MOLLISON,
 of the "Are You a Mason?" Company.

success. Miss Mabel Love, the well-known London favourite, takes the part of Joan Trevelyan, and wins great applause from her audience. Miss Maud Denny, who, it will be remembered, won a lot of admiration when playing with Mr Sheridan's company in Australia some three years ago, also scored a distinct success both in 'Sweet and Twenty' and the curtain-raiser preceding it. . . . Mr Potter Davis' new comedy, 'Mrs Goringe's Necklace,' will be produced by Sir Chas. Wyndham at his own theatre about the middle of May. The play is in three acts, and contains a remarkably strong cast, with specially strong parts for Miss Mary Moore and Sir Chas. Wyndham. . . . Signor Luigi Arditi, the well-known composer and musical conductor, who conducted the orchestra at Her Majesty's Theatre, London, for twenty years, has just passed away at his residence, at Hove, near Brighton. He was born at Crescentina, Piedmont, in 1822, and was educated at the Milan Conservatoire. He was the composer of various operas, cantatas, and songs, and has conducted orchestras in London, Vienna, Madrid, Constantinople, and St. Petersburg, also in the various States of America."

mentioned in my last notes wrongly. I wrote that Miss Bush (who leaves for London by the Papanui to join Mde. Belle Cole) had had a most successful benefit here. The intelligent comp. aforesaid made it read 'Miss Buck,' which knocked all the sense out of the par in one act. I'd like, if you don't mind, for this to be corrected in your next. 'Miss Buck' is a fiction. Miss Bush is well known and much esteemed locally, both on account of her undoubted talent and because of her personal qualities. We all wish her success. . . . Lots of people here are glad Harold Ashton has returned to Maoriland. When he reaches this dusty town with 'Are You a Mason?' he is sure of a right royal welcome."

ANOTHER ENGLISH COMPANY.

Mr J. C. Williamson has concluded arrangements with Mr Beerbohm Tree for a new dramatic company, which will open in Australia in September. The combination will be headed by Mr Julius Knight and Miss Maud Jeffries, both old favourites here. The repertoire will include Tolstoi's "Resurrection," "The Eternal City" (Hall Caine), "Monsieur Beaucaire" (Booth Tarkington)—a play which has just reached its 200th night at the London Comedy Theatre—and probably "The Darling of the Gods." This last piece, written from a Japanese legend by David Belasco, is a New York success which Mr Tree proposes to produce in London at the end of the year.

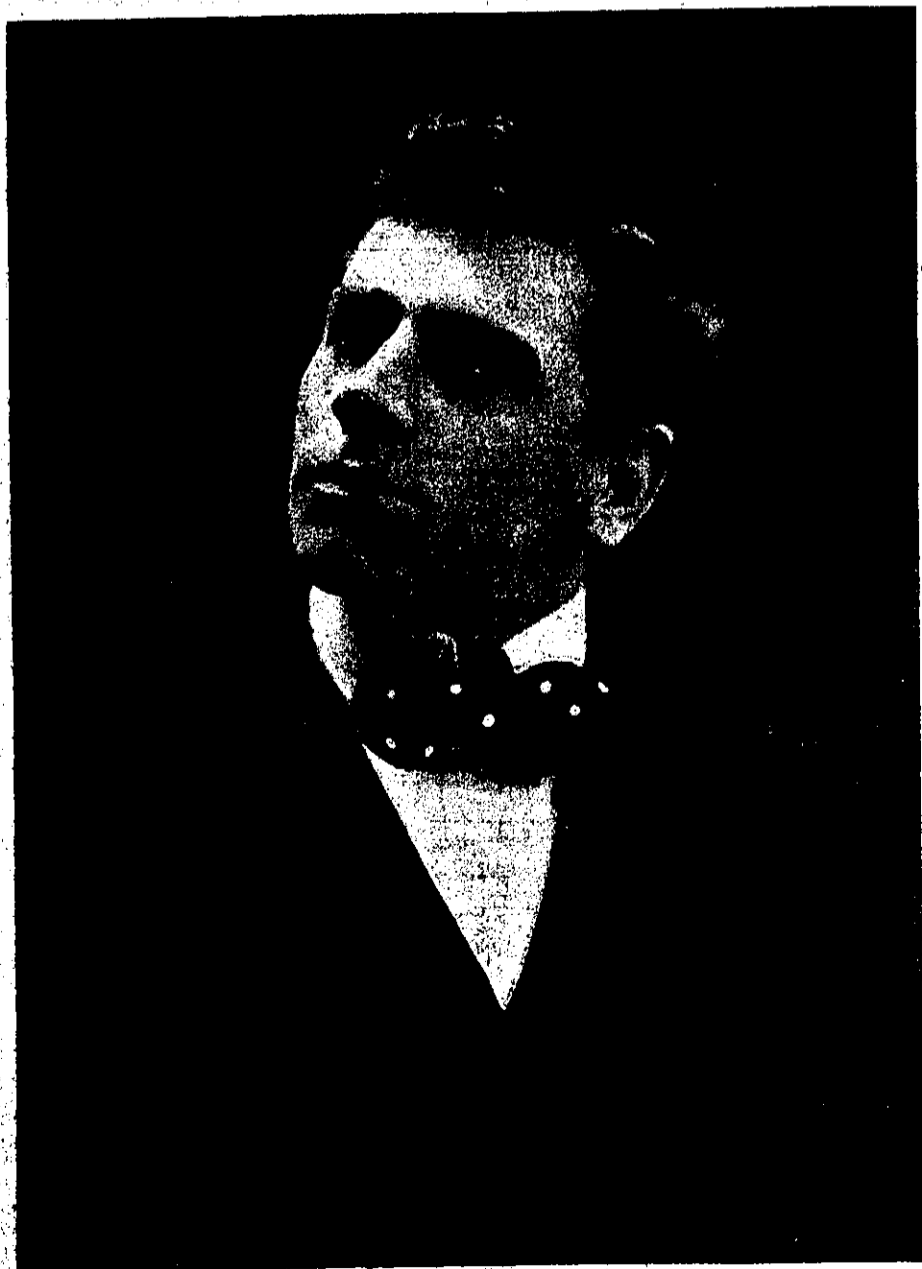
My Christchurch dramatic correspondent writes:—"Our old friend John Fuller certainly has no cause to complain about the patronage accorded so far to his Opera House vaudeville entertainments. In spite of the counter-attraction at the Royal, Fuller's show has been packed every night last week. Of course, the popular John Fuller himself is a great draw. He is a deserved favourite with Christchurch audiences. His singing of the "Excelsior" duet with Miss Amy Blackie has been one of the hits of the present bill ever since the opening night. People are talking of his performance. The song, as John himself describes it, is 'a vocal gem.' I fancy Fuller's varieties at the Opera House have come to stay. . . . Cooper and Macdermott's excellent Biograph Show, at the Canterbury Hall, did good business all the time. It has now gone South. The prices of admission are so moderate as to be out of all proportion to the merit of the entertainment. . . . Your intelligent comp. 'set up' one name

A Chicago woman, after reading Tolstoi's "Resurrection," the book from which the play now running at His Majesty's Theatre, London, was taken, committed suicide by poisoning herself. She stated that she felt herself to be a second Maslowa, whose life, however, lacked the redemption vouchsafed to the Russian heroine.

Miss Nance O'Neil has been engaged by Mr Charles Frohman to re-open the Herald Square Theatre, in New York, with "Queen Elizabeth" and "Macbeth." Miss O'Neil should do well with the former, but will probably receive a warm reception at the hands of the critics when she appears in "Macbeth."

The "Stage," referring to "La Tole-dad," at the Windsor Royal, says:—"La Maraona, the aunt, is undertaken by Miss Emily Soldene, whom old playgoers remember as one of the principals of the light operatic stage a generation ago, when she charmed all London as Genevieve de Brabant. She sings a kissing song, and generally does very good work, especially with the Antonio, impersonated by Mr Alec. Marsh."

My Napier correspondent writes, on May 30:—"Last Friday night Dix's Gaiety Company opened in the Theatre Royal for a two nights' stay. Fairly good houses were in evidence on both evenings. . . . The popularity of the Taylor-Carrington Dramatic Organisation was further evidenced on Thursday night, when the company made their re-appearance here at the Theatre Royal, and played to good houses for three nights. The completeness in every matter of detail that the management make in the production of their pieces shows beyond doubt that there are master hands controlling every department of the business. The dramas staged were 'Never Despair,' 'Is She Guiltless,' and 'Arrah-Na-Pogue.'"



MR. WALTER RIVERS,
 the well-known actor.

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

THE MUSGROVE COMPANY.

After a long and successful run, "A Modern Magdalen," was replaced on Monday evening by "A Country Mouse," a comedy of smart London life, of the kind with which recent divorce Court proceedings (as reported in the weekly family supplements), have made us familiar. There is, I suppose, a ready market in London for these comedies, just as there is for the blood-curdling melodrama, and many other things that appeal to the sympathies of a class rather than to those of a mixed community. Such a comedy as "A Country Mouse," admirable as it is, requires a point of view happily not yet common in this Colony, and it is quite evident that those features in it which make the Colonial merry are not exactly what the author relies on to titillate the ears of the cits of the West End. I am not, of course, speaking for the whole audience at His Majesty's, but it is to be noticed that some of the cleverest and most brilliant dialogue in the play finds no echo in the auditorium. There are many allusions to places and things that fail to reach their mark. The British Museum, which is evidently a huge joke in smart society, is much too tremendous an institution for an antipodean to laugh at; but when the country girl describes how the monotony of rural life was varied by magic lantern entertainments, we were all on familiar ground, and could guffaw with any Londoner. The story is excessively simple. It describes the visit of an unsophisticated country maiden to the metropolis, the seige that was laid to her heart by a young man already deeply entangled with a married lady, and her remarkably quick submission to an antiquated duke, clearly for the sake of the position. We are left at the end struggling with the suspicion that the Country Mouse was, after all, not so innocent as she pretended to be, and on thinking it over regret that we were betrayed into feeling any sympathy with her. Miss Stewart makes the damsel just a trifle too babyish, but nevertheless, Angela is the only really interesting character in the comedy. The rest are placed in the cast to give her relief, and the office is obviously not wholly and unalloyedly congenial. Mr Harcourt Beatty, as the gay dog, who wanted to be on with the new love, &c., is sprightly, and in parts delightful, but the role is not good enough for him. Nor are the others much more happily placed.

They all do their best, but it is like the best of a champion tennis player at a ping-pong tournament. The dresses and the stage setting, if it is quite superfluous to say, are exquisite.

A ROYAL RIVAL.

The closing days of Mr Musgrove's most successful season are now drawing on. To-night is the last occasion on which "A Country Mouse" may be enjoyed. To-morrow and Saturday will witness a double bill, the first part of which will consist of a dramatised version of "Maritana," under the style of "A Royal Rival," and the second part of an amusing trifle entitled "A Pantomime Rehearsal," which represents a company of amateurs undergoing drill previous to appearing before the public. Miss Stewart's part in this, with a song and skirt-dance, is said to revive pleasant memories of "Ma Mie Rosette." I have no doubt that the house will be crowded during these last nights.

"ARE YOU A MASON?"

Scarcely necessary to again remind readers that Mr J. C. Williamson's new Comedy Company, headed by the celebrated London comedian, Mr Geo. Giddens, will make their first appearance in New Zealand at His Majesty's Theatre, on Monday evening next, presenting the latest farcical comedy, "Are You a Mason?" Certain it is that the bare announcement is sufficient, for both company and piece have been so well boomed that everybody is now jocularly asking everybody else, "Are You a Mason?" or "How Old is Your Mother?" whilst the booking at Wildman, Lyell, and Arey's is such that success is assured. With what the Sydney Press unanimously describe as the most brilliant comedy combination that has ever appeared on the Australian stage, the ladies of which are all beautiful, as well as renowned actresses, wearing the most elegant costumes of the latest designs, and with a piece that is chock full of laughter-provoking dialogue and situations, what more does one want? Are You a Mason? yes, from Monday night onwards.

The gowns worn by Miss Ethel Knight Mollison are from the latest designs in Paris, created by Mme. Theresa Morgan, of Fifth Avenue, New York. The pastel grey crepe de chene is a masterpiece of dressmaker's art. The lace, chenille, and chiffon were dyed to order by the art dyer, Mme. Pauline, of Sixteenth-street, New York. The lace coat worn in Act I. is a direct importation from the great French modiste Paquin. The jewels worn by Miss Mollison are genuine, each matching in colour the gown it is worn with. The rubies in Act I. were given Miss Mol-



MR GEORGE STEPHENSON, the young New Zealand-born Manager, who is bringing over an American Musical Combination.

lison by the great American actor, Mr Richard Mansfield, and are said to have been owned by Louis XIV. of France.

Miss Eileen Munro wears in Act I. a poppy red cloth. The skirt has a yoke of the cloth, from which straps of the same material, reaching to the hem, are stitched on to the underskirt. The bodice is finished with a vest of ivory satin spotted in red, and has a small turn-over collar, with a scarf of black crepe de chene with long fringed ends. In Act II. she has a toilette of heliotrope crepe de chene. The skirt is accordeon pleated, with a gathered yoke. The bodice has a deep collar of twine coloured lace, fringed all round, with long ends in front. The waist belt is of three shades of heliotrope, and is carried up the bodice at the back, giving a most becoming slope. In Act III. she wears an evening gown of tucked ivory crepe de chene, the skirt having a cuirass of fine jet sequins, from which depend bunches of grapes of the same. The décollete bodice is composed almost entirely of the sequined net, and has a large choux of orange pannel on the left of the corsage.

"Prospero," in the "Weekly Press," referring to the representation of "Jealousy" by the Majeroni Company, says the piece was first produced in Christchurch by Signor and Signora Majeroni, father and mother of the Messrs Majeroni, in 1887, and he gives the cast as follows:—Carlo, Signor Majeroni; Count, Harry Hoyte; Diana, Signora Majeroni; General De Luca, H. R. Jewett; Duke, A. R. Lawrence; Senator, Grimaldi, J. Musgrave; Dr. Sorredo, F. M. Kemp; Baroness, Louise Jewett; Adelaide, Mrs George Gordon; Rose, Maud Appleton. But this was surely not the first performance. I remember seeing the play at Oamaru in 1878 or 1879, at which time the late Mr Walter Hill, and Mrs Walter Hill (still happily with us), were members of the Majeroni Company. The repertoire included "The Old Corporal" and "Marie Stuart." "Jealousy" must have been played at Christchurch during that tour.

Miss Henriqueta Crichton, who was a member of Musgrove's Grand Opera Company, which toured New Zealand in 1901, is touring England with the Moody-Manners Opera Company. Miss Lillian Comber, another of the grand opera hand, is with the Carl Reza Opera Company.

Mr David Belasco has announced his intention of giving an elaborate Shakespearean revival next season in America. He has not yet divulged the name of the play on which his choice has fallen.

The "Cape Argus," of May 5, just to hand, records the brilliant success of the Royal Australian Opera Company (nee Pollards) in the opening piece, "Djin Djin." All the principals immediately established themselves as prime favourites.

After his three months' season at the Lane Sir Henry Irving will go for an extended tour to America to play "Dante" throughout the States. We are glad to be able to say that Sir Henry has quite recovered from his recent indisposition. He caught a slight chill, and wisely remained at home until he became convalescent.

STAGE DOOR NOTES.

Mr Joseph Wilson, another member of the Thornton Company on the last New Zealand tour, left for England on Saturday last. Thornton and Co. proceed to Adelaide, thence to Perth. From the last-named place the popular comedian returns to London.

There are some names familiar to Auckland playgoers in the company at present playing with Mr Holloway in Northern Queensland. These include the old-time favourites, Miss Alice Deorwyn and Mr J. P. O'Neill.

Miss Olga Beatty-Kirston, one of the members of the "Are You a Mason" Company (which opens here on Monday), had her room in the Wentworth Hotel, Sydney, burgled of much valuable jewellery. The thief was caught, and got three years' hard labour.

Miss Maggie Moore was to open at the Palace, Sydney, on Saturday last, in "Struck Oil," with that stealing actor, Mr John Ford, in the part of John Stofel. It is some years, I think, since Mr Ford was in this colony.

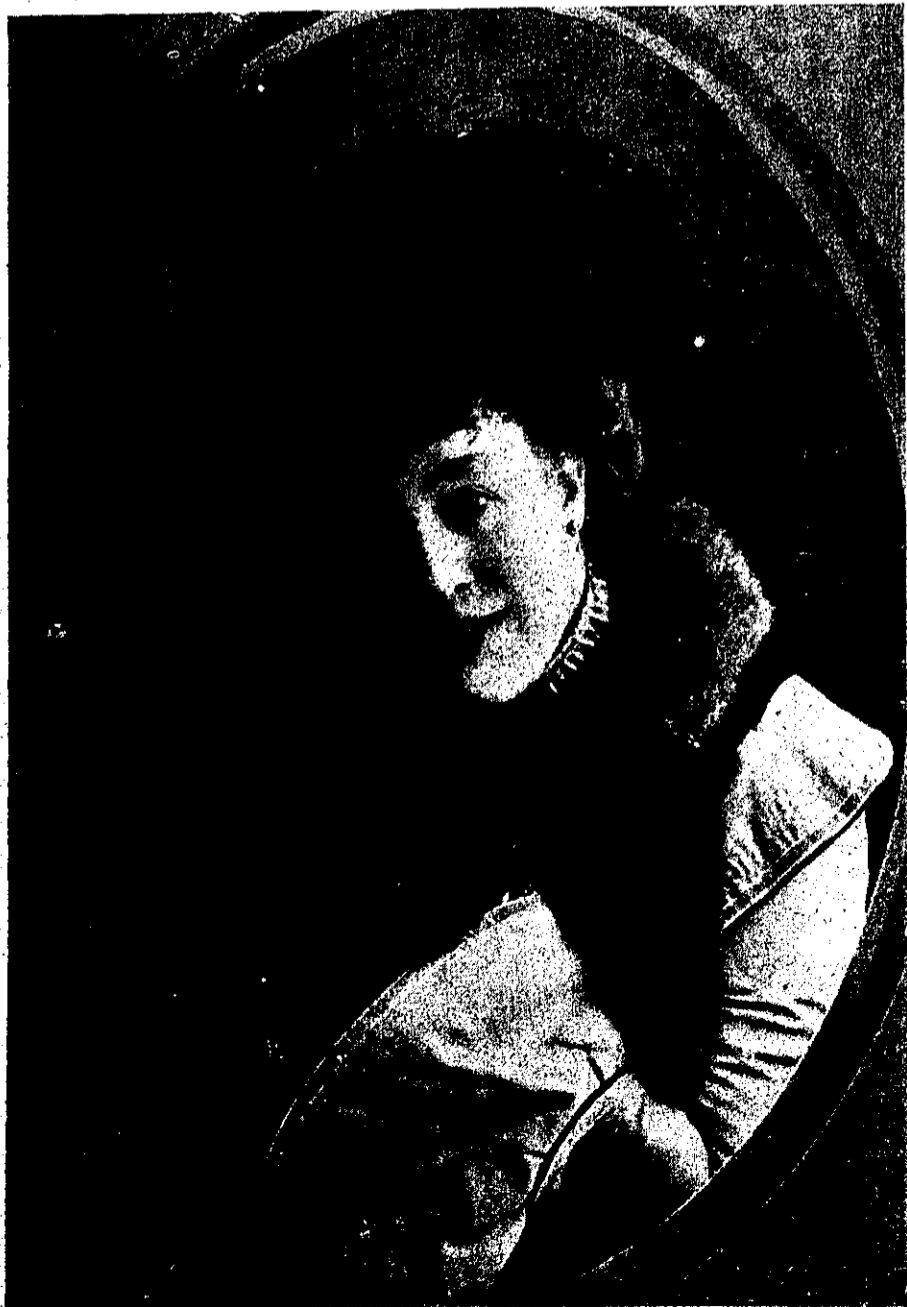
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On Saturday night Mr Walter Rivers, the popular actor, will re-open the City Hall with a "polite vaudeville entertainment," and for this purpose he has engaged a very capable company. In addition to an attractive and novel programme of vocal and musical items, there are to be grand prize distributions every Saturday evening. Mr Rivers, it may be taken for granted, will do everything to merit success.

Mr George Stephenson, the enterprising Dunedinite who is embarking in theatrical management, has received news from the United States that Mr Fred. Duval, who went there specially commissioned for the purpose, has engaged a first-class company, whose speciality is musical comedy, now appearing at the New Californian Theatre, San Francisco. They will open under Mr Stephenson's management, at Honolulu, on July 11, for a season of ten nights, and will appear at His Majesty's Theatre, Auckland, on August 6. Everybody who knows Mr Duval will feel convinced that he has secured the right sort of thing, and a successful tour of the colony may be anticipated.

Mr John Denton, who with his wife, Miss Leonie Norbury, created such a favourable impression as a member of Mr Frank Thornton's last Company in New Zealand, had four years' "Colonial experience" on a station in Victoria. On his return to England in 1896, his brother, a well-known theatrical agent, got him his first theatrical engagement in a provincial tour, as Jim in "Robbery Under Arms." Afterwards he had two years in South Africa in Mr Herbert Flemming's Company, where he met his wife, who was leading lady in "The Liars," etc. A year in the United States followed, then London, and next the Thornton tour.

While in Melbourne, en route to Adelaide, Miss May Beatty and two friends took part in a nasty tram accident. From the look of things at the onset Miss Beatty came near singing her last note, but she came out unscathed and pluckily.



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Handicaps for the first day's events of the Wellington Racing Club will be declared by Mr Chadwick on Monday, July 6. Acceptances and entries for the Trial Plate must be made to Mr J. F. Clark, the secretary, on or before Monday, July 13. The Meeting takes place on July 16 and 18.

Handicaps for the first day of the Gisborne R.C. Winter Meeting will be declared on June 26. Acceptances must be made to Mr M. G. Nasmith by July 3. The fixture will come off on July 9 and 10.

RACING CALENDAR

NEW ZEALAND.

FIXTURES:

June 10 and 11—North Otago J.C. Winter
June 24 and 25—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
July 8 and 10—Gisborne R.C.
July 16 and 18—Wellington R.C. Winter
Nov. 7—C.J.C. Metropolitan, New Zealand Cup

NOMINATIONS.

June 18—Wellington R.C. (Trial Plate).

WEIGHTS DECLARED.

June 26—Gisborne R.C.
July 6—Wellington R.C. (First Day's events).

ACCEPTANCES.

June 19—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter
July 8—Gisborne R.C.
July 13—Wellington R.C. (First Day's events)

**Sporting and Dramatic
REVIEW**

AND
LICENSED VICTUALLERS' GAZETTE

WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE WEEKLY STANDARD

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1903.

INCONSISTENT RUNNING.

ONE is often asked, by visitors to the Colony, what constitutes inconsistent running? The answer is certainly much harder to give than would at first sight appear to be the case. If such a query were put to them, no doubt, nine men of ten would immediately reply that a very glaring reversal of form was the correct solution of the conundrum. But is this borne out by facts? Take for example the recent big meeting at Ellerslie. Perhaps the most noteworthy incident of the meeting was the remarkable outburst of resentment shown by the public when Battleaxe won the Grand National Hurdle Race. There was scarcely an individual of the very large crowd present on that afternoon, who was not of the opinion that it was a case of inconsistent running of the most glaring nature. They argued, and perhaps not without reason, that as the horse was beaten on the first day by Lingard and Lady Bell, it was inconsistent to find him fairly running away from that pair on the second day, and that despite an accident which prevented him from finishing on the first occasion.

Were the public right, however? Evidently, from the finding of the Stewards, they were not; for the connections of Battleaxe were exonerated from all blame. The Stewards were, in fact, fully convinced of the fact that the

first gallop, in the Remuera Hurdle Race, in which it was admitted that the horse was injured, did him so much good as to improve him out of all recognition.

The Stewards, being the custodians of the public interests in the matter, having decided that all was in order, one is obliged to concede the fact that this was not a case of inconsistent running,—although certainly one of reversal of form.

Take another instance. On the second day of the meeting, in the Hunters' Steeplechase, Kiaterer was never able to foot it with the others. He was beaten a long way from home and finished at least a hundred-and-fifty yards behind the winner. Mark the contrast on the concluding day, when in the Hunters' Steeplechase the son of Castor immediately went to the front and, outdistancing the field, won in the easiest of canterers by many lengths from the same horses who had beaten him in such a hollow fashion, and this despite a very little alteration in the weights. Here was a case in which the running must have been deemed highly inconsistent by many, but evidently it was not so, or, presumably the Stewards would have acted on their own initiative instead of letting it pass in silence. In what way do these cases differ from others which have gone before, notably the Romeo affair? It is a query which will take a lot of answering, if, indeed, any satisfactory answer is forthcoming.

Without, however, in any way wishing to doubt the accuracy of the Stewards' action, or want of it, in the two cases mentioned, many instances might be cited in which prompt action by the Stewards is absolutely necessary, and in this connection there seems but one way out of the trouble, and that is by the appointment of Stipendiary Stewards. It is altogether unreasonable to expect a number of gentlemen to continually and gratuitously give up their afternoon's pleasure in the attempt to checkmate the dubious practices or to detect cases of inconsistent running. Even if they wished to do so, the Stands from which they are expected to witness the racing at all three of the leading Auckland racecourses—but especially at Ellerslie and Avondale—are in absolutely the worst places on the ground to detect anything of the sort. Take Ellerslie for instance. The view from the Stewards' Stand shows the horses running almost directly towards the onlooker, and till close to the winning post it is virtually impossible to tell even what horse is in front, let alone what is happening in the race. There should be a small Stewards' box in the vicinity of the present bandstand, and there should always be a Steward stationed at the home bend and at the starting place. If paid officials were posted at these spots there would be fewer cases of things transpiring on the course—of which the public are fully aware—but of which the Stewards are in entire ignorance. If action of this sort were taken by the time the next season commences, there would be no reason to consider what really constitutes inconsistent running—for there would be none.

Sporting Topics.

The well-known ponies, The Imp, Ukasei and Leyland, leave Wellington for South Africa to-morrow. The trio go over in charge of Clarence O'Neilly.

It is not too much to say that the Childwick stud is one of the most important thoroughbred breeding studs at the present day. There is no establishment in the world which is conducted on more up-to-date lines or where more care and attention is bestowed on the thoroughbred—sire, dam, or produce. It is the most extensive stud in existence, while the racing stable which Sir John Blundell Maple keeps up in connection with it at Palmouth House, Newmarket, is far and away larger than that of any other owner in England, and is only second in the world, if it comes second at all, to that of M. Blanc in France.

John D. Rockefeller has entered upon the most difficult enterprise he has yet essayed, if reports be true. It is stated that he has instructed an agent at Lexington to buy him a horse capable of taking the measure of anything in the stables of C. K. G. Billings, E. E. Smathers or H. K. Devereux. Probably no man living can command as many millions as Mr Rockefeller, but the chances are that it will be much cheaper for him to buy out the entire stables of the three gentlemen named than to try to buy something to take their measure.

That good colt Great Scot is now on his way to India in the steamer *Foranatus* (says the "Referee"). Before leaving Melbourne he was insured for £3500, and on arrival in India he will be sent to Bangalore. There is no doubt as to the chestnut being a very hardy customer. When he left Sydney for Melbourne as a two-year-old and before he had ever raced at all, he presented such a strung-up appearance as to suggest that he would be lucky to see the season through. However, so far from racing knocking him out, it improved him. Still, sprinting was generally regarded as his forte, and even when he ran Abundance such a great race in the V.R.C. Derby, many were disposed to regard his performance in the light of a fluke. His running in the Autumn at Flemington completely dispelled that idea, though, and his efforts in the St. Leger, Australian Cup, Champion Race, and Loch Plate demonstrated that he was a better colt than anyone outside his trainer credited him with being. Though unsuccessful at the A.J.C. Autumn Meeting, he ran well in each of his races, and if he retains his form in India, his present owner will have no cause to regret the high figure he paid for him.

The horse presents us with an example of one of the most perfect pieces of machinery in the living world. In truth, among the works of human ingenuity it cannot be said that there is any locomotive so perfectly adapted to its purposes, doing so much with so small a quantity of fuel as this machine of Nature's manufacture—the horse. And as a necessary consequence of any sort of perfection, of mechanical perfection as of others, you find the horse a beautiful creature, one of the most beautiful of all land animals. Look at the perfect balance of its form and the rhythm and force of its action. The locomotive machinery is in its slender fore and hind legs; they are flexible and elastic levers, capable of being moved by very powerful muscles; and in order to supply the engines which work these levers with the force which they expend, the horse is provided with a very perfect apparatus for grinding its food and extracting therefrom the requisite fuel.—Huxley.

It would seem that the Southern sportsman, Mr G. Ruthven, has a very fair gelding in Casque. He is a three-year-old chestnut gelding by Casket from Sweet Briar, and has won on five occasions out of seven starts.

Nor-West's fine showing in the Tally-ho Steeplechase suggests the fact that he would have been very dangerous in the big race if his rider had not come off. At the time he was going very strongly, while in the next race, despite a bad blunder, the son of Sou'Wester won without an effort.

I do not remember having seen a larger crowd at any of the previous Ellerslie winter meetings than was present on the second day, the reason being that it was a holiday. The totalisator figures would have been far ahead of the corresponding ones last year but for the amount of money locked up while the Battleaxe protest was being considered.

Mr Alf. Adams, of Tattersall's Club, is paying a visit to Australia. During his absence Mr George Keven, junr., will look after his interests, and will attend to all customers.

It is hardly fair either to owners, riders, or horses, holding a steeplechase so late in the afternoon, as was the case with the Ladies' Bracelet. A big risk of a serious accident is run when horses are asked to go out and compete in a cross-country event when it is too dark even to see the colours of the riders. In future the club would do well to make the final event each day a flat race, when the risk would be minimised.

From time to time some remarkable exhibitions of horsemanship are given by our local amateurs, and this also applies to other parts of the globe. I have seen some shockingly bad riding at the military sports, at Sandown Park, in England, or at the Hunt Club meetings in Australia. Now it has become a maxim that when amateurs are up the rule is to pick out the best man and back him, and never mind the horse. I am tempted into making this remark after witnessing the wonderful performance on the part of the rider of Miss Drury in the Hunters' Steeplechase, on Saturday last. No doubt this gentleman considered that the correct way to win was to keep the daughter of Drury Lane so far back that the other competitors had nearly two hundred yards start in the last half-mile and then give the mare her head, but I am afraid he else agreed with him. As an exhibition of how a race should not be ridden it was masterly in the extreme, and I was not at all surprised to find the amateur horseman vigorously hooted on returning to scale.

Spalpeen has disappointed his owner on very many occasions when raced on the flat, but judging from the prominent manner he has been shaping over the hurdles his true vocation would seem to have been found at last. It is a mistake to expect too much from a three-year-old in this respect, but if the son of Gosssoon is not asked to do too much till he gets a little more age there seems a considerable probability that he will prove one of the best horses in the colony over the small sticks. His victory in the Second Maiden Hurdle Race was a very popular one, for Mr Marshall has stuck to the chestnut colt in the most plucky manner.

The big steeplechase to be run at the Wellington Meeting did not attract as many jumpers as was expected, but then high-class chasers are all too scarce this season. Eighteen horses have been entered, included among the Aucklanders being Nor-West, The Pullack, Straybird, Marine and Haydn.

Dividends on the horses Durbar and Typewriter, who competed in the Otahuhu Trotting Cup, will be paid at Mr W. Bloomfield's office, in Durham-street, today and to-morrow.

Nonette is being given daily walking exercise, and appears to be all right. The son of Seaton Delaval is such a favourite with Auckland racegoers that they will be very glad indeed to see him carrying silk again.

Never was the truth of the old saying "There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip" better exemplified than in the case of Hipstone in the Second Maiden Hurdle Race. As he came cantering up the straight, with nothing else within many lengths of him, the race looked an absolute certainty for the son of St. Hippo, but there was just one hurdle between him and victory, and this brought him down. After negotiating the big jumps in such a proficient manner, it was hard luck to lose the stake when the win seemed assured.

What a host of good horses Persimmon has sired in the Old Country. Another descendant has proved successful in a big event lately, this being in the Manchester Cup, run on June 6, which fell to Zimfandel, a son of the King's famous stallion and Medria. Clifton Hall and Bachelor's Button filled the places.

The pigeon shooting tournament promoted by the Ellerslie Gun Club, was held yesterday at Ellerslie, and proved a decided success, most of the crack shots in the Colony competing. Messrs Gorrick, Fraser, Bloomfield, Kelly, Julian, Williams and Chavannes each killed ten birds without a break, and these seven gentlemen divided the stake. Subsequently, a sweepstake at £2 in was shot off, this falling to Mr Fraser, whose nearest competitors were Messrs Hollis and "Cashmore." I hope to be able to give particulars of the scoring in our next issue, together with some photographs taken while the competition was in progress.

It often falls to the lot of a writer on turf topics to be obliged to criticise the work of a handicapper, and accordingly I have often attempted to show the weak points or otherwise in many of Mr Evett's adjustments. It is always more pleasant to praise than to blame, and therefore it is with no small feeling of satisfaction that I am able to heartily congratulate the veteran handicapper for the good work done at the recent A.R.C. Meeting. A finer race, for instance, than the Prince of Wales' Handicap could not even be imagined, for the judge was unable to separate the first three horses, while three others were within a neck. This is handicapping indeed, and one of which Mr Evett may feel justifiably proud.

I cannot help thinking that Mr D. Fraser was looking for trouble when he made a match for £100 aside to shoot at one hundred pigeons, and agreed to give his opponent, Mr Gorrick, three yards start. When the offer was made it looked one of the greatest certainties it is possible to conceive of that the Sydney shootist would win, and Mr Fraser must be complimented on his pluck, if not on his discretion, in trying conclusions with such a formidable opponent. It is interesting to note that Mr Gorrick killed ninety-nine birds out of the hundred, but two fell just over the sixty yards boundary. He had to use his second barrel but fourteen times as against twenty-three times by Mr Fraser. This is, of course, irrespective of misses; the winner missed three birds, and Mr Fraser ten. A full account of the match appears in another column.

The large team of horses and ponies which Mr Sol. Green got together for shipment to South Africa were to have left Melbourne on June 9. Among the lot are Undecided, Composer, Insect, Santoi, Self-Defence, Altitude, Absolutely, Acorn, Little Swan, Bobadil, Tangle, Morning Star, Duration, Cast-off, Little Bess, Sal, Nightshade, a yearling colt by Musketoon from Keepsake, and a black yearling colt by Russey from Blodwin.

The law of George II., which prohibited pony racing, was still in force when an old "Guide" was published in 1787, and an extract from the Act is placed first among the contents, viz.:—"That from and after June 24, 1740, any person who shall enter, start, or run a horse, mare, or gelding, for less than £50, forfeits the sum of £200. Provided that every race that shall be thereafter run for any plate, prize, or sum of money, be begun and ended in one day" (those were the days of four mile heats, three heats if necessary deciding the race). "Horses may run for any sum on Newmarket Heath in the counties of Cambridge and Suffolk, and Black Hambleton in the county of York, without incurring any penalty."

About the most promising jockey on the Eastern Turf in America is a lad named Hicks, whom Mr Percy Belmont has paid 5,000 dollars for first call on his services this season.

Reversal of form has become so common in Sydney (says the "Referee"), and has been taken so little notice of by stewards, that the disqualification of M. Thompson and J. Brooks for two years in connection with the running of Australia came as a shock to several owners and trainers. At Tattersall's Meeting on May 16 Australia, with St. finished nowhere in the Flying Handicap, and though her running was not questioned by the stewards on that occasion, the handicapper was evidently not satisfied, as, when next he weighted her, he put her up 7lb. The result proved the correctness of his judgment, and the stewards thereupon took action. Possibly the punishment meted out may scare some of the waiting division.

It takes a lot of weight to stop a good horse when really well. Lady Lillian was given 9st 13lbs in the Provincial Handicap at Dunedin on Saturday, despite which fact she was made a very warm favourite. The brilliant daughter of Phaethon and Lady Zetland proved equal to the occasion, for, despite the fact that Terrapin passed her at the bottom of the straight, she came again in the most resolute manner, and won comfortably. It was one of Mr Gates' mares' most taking performances.

Messrs Macmanamin and Davies' head the list of winning owners at the recent A.R.C. Meeting, this result being entirely due to Haydn, who won for them £675. Mr F. Watson is second with £420, most of which was won for him by Battleaxe. Mr J. George ranks third with £365 opposite his name, while Mr J. Marshall's cheque, thanks to the efforts of Cannongate, amounted to £300. Others who won more than "century" are Messrs T. McKay, R. Hannon, F. L. Armitage, E. J. Sage, E. Cecil, and W. C. Ring.

Mr Henrys' adjustments for the first day's races at the approaching meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club have been declared, and will be found in another column. In the Hawke's Bay Hurdles the best-treated horse, to my mind, is Meteor. The little son of Mitiora won the Campbell Hurdles from end to end under 9.8, whereas at Hawke's Bay he has been allotted the minimum. It is just possible the two miles may find him out, but I doubt it. Waiwera is still loaded up with weight, and on his Auckland form can have no possible chance. Awahuri is very well handicapped indeed. Before the A.R.C. meeting I was strongly of opinion that the son of Kaiwhaka should have been sent for the big hurdle race instead of the steeplechase, and am more satisfied than ever that an error of judgment was made by his connections. He has been given a good chance to distinguish himself over the small sticks at Hawke's Bay. Otairi's exhibition at Ellerslie was of such a brief duration that no line could be found as to how the son of Kempenfeldt might have shaped, but he has not been harshly dealt with. Mr Evett gave Awahuri 110 and Otairi 10.4 in the big event at Auckland when they did not meet. Mr Henrys considers that the difference between them should be but three pounds, so that the advantage appears to lie with Mr Donnelly's gelding. If Battleaxe is started he must run well, while Princess of Thule on her North Shore form will take a tremendous lot of beating with only 9.9 to carry. Those mentioned seem to possess the best chances of the twenty horses handicapped.

THE BATTLEAXE INCIDENT.

There have been several unpopular demonstrations made at Ellerslie against owners who have been supposed to be "running a bye," but I doubt whether anything quite so bad has been seen or heard before, as when Battleaxe returned to scale after winning the Grand National Steeplechase. The public contrasted his form in the Remuera Hurdles with his easy victory in the big race, and appeared to have arrived at the conclusion that there was a screw

loose somewhere, that is judging by the tremendous storm of hooting which broke out immediately, and which was continued without intermission till the protest board was displayed, when cheering took the place of the groans and hoots. However, after a lengthy consideration, the stewards decided there was nothing wrong, in which connection it would be interesting to know how many present agreed with the verdict.

It is perhaps hardly fair to condemn a man unheard, as the great majority of the public who were present at Ellerslie on Wednesday week, did Mr Fred Watson, so it may be as well to give the owner of Battleaxe's version of the sensational incident. During a conversation with the Southern sportsman, he told me that up to three weeks before the National Meeting, the son of Hotchkiss was lame, and consequently restricted to the mildest of exercise on the beach. He had apparently strained a sinew in the near shoulder, and was simply led about. It was not till a fortnight before the Remuera Hurdles that he had a saddle on his back. When the time came for that race none of the stable had much confidence in the gelding's ability to win, and Mr Watson's investments on the totalisator amounted to a solitary fiver. Battleaxe was all at sea in the heavy going, and jumped poorly. At the last hurdle, when the gelding cut his stifle rather badly, Johnson eased his mount thinking he was more injured than was really the case. Mr Watson is of opinion that, despite this mishap, the gallop did Battleaxe so much good that he was able to show a remarkable improvement at the next time of asking. The rumour about a sensational double bet is the veriest rubbish, as the only double wager booked by Mr Watson was one of 200 to 4, Awahuri and Battlaxe, while about £7 was the total wager on the race straight out. Although, of course, those who witnessed the two races will have their own opinion in the matter, yet there is no getting away from the fact that a horse who was much backward in his work would be greatly benefited in a strong gallop in public, and also that the stewards, after considering the matter at length, decided that everything was in order. Mr Watson thinks that if the public had known the true facts of the case, there would not only have been no hostile demonstration, but instead some well-deserved cheering at the success of a good horse under difficulties.

THE SYLVIA PARK STALLIONS.

In another column a preliminary advertisement of Messrs Nathan's three stallions will be found, these being Seaton Delaval, Explosion, and San Francisco. The former is so well known as scarcely to need any description. The son of the English Derby and St. Leger winner, Melton, and Rosedale has already sired many winners, included among the list being such brilliant performers as Nonette, Rosella, Miss Delaval, Blue Paul, Val Rosa, Beddington, Laetitia, Idas, Northumberland, Gladisla, Porirua, Kamo, Gladstone, and many others. There will be no trouble whatever experienced in filling his list at thirty guineas a mare. It is worthy of note that Seaton Delaval's sire Melton is standing at the Westerham Hill Stud, in Kent, at the big fee of 400 guineas.

Explosion is also at the service of owners, and the black son of Cuirassier and Jadestone should soon make a name for himself at the stud. He was beyond question a most brilliant performer, while his breeding is on very fashionable lines indeed. Cuirassier is a full brother to Trenton, being one of the great Musket-Frilty family, while Jadestone is full of Stockwell and Fisherman blood. At 15 guineas Explosion's services should be freely utilised.

San Francisco has yet to make a name for himself, but that he will make it, and a great name at that, is as nearly a certainty as can well be. Being got by that prince of English stallions, St. Simon, from Isobel, he is consequently a full brother of St. Frusquin, and anyone turning up English records will be immediately impressed with the marvellous success of this sire. His sons and daughters have been scooping in most of the big races for the last two or three seasons, two of his best known representatives being Flotsam and Quintessence. St. Frusquin's younger brother, San Francisco, was a good performer, and is a very handsome stallion, so that in fixing his stud fee at 15 guineas the owners of Sylvia Park appear to have erred on the side of moderation. Unless one is greatly mistaken, it will not be very long before this son of St. Simon commands a much higher figure.

St. Hippo may be leased for the season. This great son of St. Leger and Hippona is proving himself a most reliable sire, and has already begot many winners, which, indeed, is not to be wondered at, for the New Zealand and Auckland Cup winner was one of the most brilliant horses that has ever carried silk in the colony.

After the Races.

NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

The second day of the big winter gathering at Ellerslie was well attended, in fact, nearly a record being achieved. This, of course, was due in a large measure to the fact of it being a holiday—Empire Day—while the weather, although dull, was very pleasant. The enjoyment of the afternoon was to a certain extent marred by an extraordinary demonstration made against the winner of the big event, and, as the subsequent enquiry by the stewards lasted a very long time, the racing was much delayed, while the result of so much money being temporarily locked up in the totalisator prevented a much larger amount going through the machine during the afternoon.

The Second Maiden Hurdles was the first item to be discussed, this being considered to lie between Up-to-Date and Spalpeen, while of the other seven Fencer and Revealer had most friends. A somewhat curious incident occurred in the race, for at the second hurdle Revealer got rid of his rider, despite which fact he continued on, clearing every obstacle in good style, and ultimately passed the judge's box the second time round some lengths ahead of the actual winner, Spalpeen. This colt shaped very proficiently, and fairly spread-eagled the field, being easily able to stall off Up-to-Date's final challenge at the finish. Fencer was four lengths off third, and then followed Master Model Mount Zeehan, and Oingo.

In the Ranfurly Maiden Welter, Croupier was dropped on as most likely to prove the winner, while Soultfish and Lavadel also had plenty of admirers. Lavadel led his ten opponents all the way down the back of the course, closely attended by Irish and the favourite. When heads were fairly turned for home a great race ensued. Muskerdale, on the outside, could be seen making a great race, and he lasted long enough to win by nearly a length from Ian and Irish, who made a dead-heat of it for second place. Croupier was fourth, and Lavadel next.

Then the big event, the Grand National Hurdle Race, of 500 sovs, came up for decision. At first it seemed as if Otairi or Mars would be favourite, but such a strong demand set in for Tresham that he went to the post with more money staked on his ability to win than anything else in the race. Just eleven went to the post, or just half the number originally handicapped. Battleaxe led at the start, and at the second jump Otairi came to grief. Tresham thereupon took up the running, and passing the stand was showing clear of Lady Bell and Haydn. At the back of the course the son of Catesby was still making play from Haydn, while Battleaxe commenced to make a forward move. At the entrance to the straight Mr Watson's gelding had the measure of Tresham, and coming away won with the utmost ease by three lengths from Haydn, who beat the favourite by a similar distance in the run home. The winner and his rider, Johnson, came in for one of the most hostile demonstrations ever seen on the ground, but the protest against him was dismissed.

After the great excitement had cooled down, and much after its time, the Lally-Loo Steeplechase was run, there being six runners for this. Favouritism was divided between Nor-West and Sudden, the former having a slight call in the betting. Sudden was speedily taken to the front, and at the back he was some ten lengths ahead of Straybird, while Nor-West almost came to grief. Going up the hill for the last time Nor-West ran up to the leader, but when it was expected that Sudden would come away again he broke down. This left Nor-West to open out a big lead, and despite a desperate chase by Straybird, he won very easily indeed by ten lengths, while Sudden, who was very lame, cantered in a bad third.

The Prince of Wales' Handicap, of 200 sovs, run over seven furlongs, proved the best race of the meeting, and was indeed one of the finest struggles for supremacy ever seen at Ellerslie. There were just a dozen competitors, Paratutu and St. Olga being most in demand. Following her usual custom, St. Olga was first away, and she cut out the running down the back, followed by Paratutu, Maroon and Gold, and Miss Lottie. The St. Leger mare was still in command at the distance where several others joined issue, and a magnificent finish ended in Mr Lusk being unable to separate St. Olga, Paratutu, and Miss Lottie. Only half a head away came Cygnet, while Zuleika was a head behind Mr Marshall's filly, the latter having Green and Gold within a neck. Such a wonderfully close go must indeed be considered a feather in the cap of the handicapper.

Hinemoa was generally considered something very choice for the Selling Steeplechase, in which she was opposed by four moderates. She ran very indifferently, and finished absolutely last. Kanaka was responsible for most of the running, and, as home was neared, it looked as though the

black gelding, who was almost without a friend on the machine, would win. Marine, who has evidently improved a good deal, came at him in the last hundred yards, and won fairly easily by nearly two lengths, with Hylas a long way off third.

The Ladies' Bracelet closed the day's proceedings. This was run in the dusk, a somewhat dangerous proceeding on a heavy course. Tuni was served up pipping hot for this, Great Slot being the only other backed. Punters gauged the position to a nicety, for the favourite was soon in front, and, making no mistakes, won in a canter by ten lengths from Great Shot, with Boxer a dozen lengths off third.

During the afternoon the sum of £9754 was handled by the totalisator people.

THIRD DAY.

Proceedings were re-commenced on the final day with the Second Maiden Steeplechase, for which The Pullack was in strong demand. Marine and The Pullack led at the start, but after travelling for a bit Hipstone, whose jumping showed a marked improvement, went ahead, and gradually drawing away on the second round, was twenty lengths ahead as they came to the hill. Here Marine closed up rapidly, but, as they came down to the last jump the race looked a certainty for the son of St. Hippo. There is no such thing as a certainty in steeplechasing, however, for at the very last hurdle in the straight Hipstone came to grief, this leaving Marine to canter in by himself. Hipstone was mounted, and managed to just beat Mount Zeehan for second place. The favourite, who, however, was in hopeless trouble at the time, fell at the wall at the entrance into the straight.

A field of a dozen carried silk in the York Welter, Putty and Rosella carrying by far the most investments, while of the others Zuleika and Val Rosa had plenty of friends. When the barrier rose Bastion shot out, and followed by St. Olga and Strathavon carried along the running down the back. At the bend for home Messrs Duder's horse was still in the van, but directly heads were turned for home Durable was seen to come through. A great finish took place, Putty just getting the better of Durable in the last fifty yards, while Val Rosa, running kindly for once, was third, at the head of a bunched field.

Haydn was an absentee from the Winter Steeplechase, which apparently left the race at the mercy of Cannongate, and he was made a red-hot favourite. Directly O'Connor let them go Hylas was taken to the front, and he led down the back from Tuni, with the top-weights handy. Down the hill Hylas drew away, and led from Cannongate, while at the stand Nor-West was alongside the black horse. Here Tuni was almost down, but McGregor made a very smart recovery. Running down the back Cannongate stole away, and reached the hill four lengths ahead of Nor-West and Hylas, with Tuni six lengths away last. Down the incline Higgins let the son of Cannon go, and he was in a moment ten lengths away, but Wright then commenced to bustle Nor-West along, and as they entered the straight he was alongside Mr Marshall's gelding. For one instant it looked as though Nor-West might prevail, but when the top-weight was shaken up he drew out, and won by two lengths, with Hylas about ten lengths off third. The winner pulled up lame.

All the ten on the card went to the post for the Campbell Hurdles, for which Tresham was sorted out as the right pea. Directly they settled down to work Meteor shot out and commenced to make the running, and he led by several lengths past the stand and down the back stretch, when Lady Bell and Mars set out in pursuit. As they neared the bend for home the son of Mitiora was still out by himself, but the other two came at him in earnest. Meteor was over the last hurdle a length to the good, and although Mars made a desperate effort to get past Mr

Hannon's gelding struggled home under severe punishment, and won by half-a-length, with Lady Bell two lengths off third. The favourite never got near the leaders at any part of the journey.

There was a splendid field in the Third Maiden Welter, no less than sixteen being in the starter's hands. Cygnet was made favourite, other well-backed candidates being Croupier, Maoriland, and Sandy. When the barrier rose the first to show oait were Black and Gold, Sandy, and Hurrah, while before they had run far the field was spreadeagled. At every stride Messrs Duder's colt got away from the others, and as they turned into the straight it could easily be seen that it was his race. He came bowling up the straight full of running, and won in a canter by four lengths from Sandy, who was two lengths in front of Swagsman, with Croupier and Ambition at the head of a loose field.

Great Shot and Miss Drury were the popular selections for the Hunters' Steeplechase. Kiatero was responsible for the bulk of the running, with Great Shot in next place, while Mr Ellett kept Miss Drury far in the rear. Down the hill she was two hundred yards behind the others, while Kiatero had drawn out such a lead as to make a win for him almost a certainty. The son of Castor came right away, and won by twenty lengths from Great Shot, with Boxer just in front of Miss Drury. The latter, when there was no possible chance of winning, was brought with a great rush, and was only just out of a place, the rider being hooted on returning to scale.

The Farewell Handicap was considered to lie between Numa, Black and Gold, and St. Olga, who were backed in that order, a singularly accurate forecast of the capabilities of the trio, for they finished in the exact order of favouritism. There were eleven runners for O'Connor to deal with at the barrier, and he effects so many splendid starts that it was quite a surprise to find that for once in a way he had failed. Numa got right away, while Hurrah and Green and Gold were virtually left at the post. Profiting by his start, Numa made every post a winning one, cantering in two lengths ahead of Black and Gold, while St. Olga was some three lengths off third.

The sum of £10,106 was put through the totalisator during the afternoon, a substantial falling off from last year's result.

A London paper says that one of those periodical attacks on the sporting interest which the "Unco' guid" have a predilection for was directed about the end of April against the purveyor of some journals devoted to the discussion of Turf affairs. It seems that the Country Council not long since drew up and passed certain by-laws, having for their aim restriction of the sale of racing publications in the streets, by which it is sought to make it a penal offence to sell papers "wholly or mainly devoted to giving information as to the probable result of horse races." The point was first very rightly taken that the by-law is bad, on the ground that it is unreasonable and not warranted by the statute, and on that the Magistrate reserved his decision, which has not been announced at the time of writing. It is a very good thing that the case has been strenuously defended, at the Country Council have certainly been rather too free with their by-laws in this direction. They have passed one making betting in the streets a penal offence and they have, moreover, taken frequent action upon it. Nevertheless, there is little doubt that this latter by-law is altogether bad in law, as it is not warranted by the statute, and Parliament has not delegated to Country Councils the right to create new offences. That betting accompanies horse racing has nothing to do with the right of racing Publications to forecast probable results of horse races. Horse racing and betting are both perfectly legal in themselves, though betting debts are irrevocable at law. That betting follows horse racing is a mere accident of circumstances; and to endeavour to suppress bona-fide Turf journals on that account looks very much like an attempt to restrict the liberty of the Press.

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WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS

Inter-Provincial.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, June 10.

Racing matters are quiet at Riccarton just now. Very heavy frosts are being experienced, rendering the morning work extremely dangerous.

Roller is nicely weighted in the Hawke's Bay Steeplechase, and if he starts will prove hard to beat.

Social Pest is evidently going to be raced in the steeplechases this season, as his name appears in the Wellington Steeplechase.

St. Denis was heavily backed for the Invermay Welter at Dunedin last week.

I expressed surprise at not seeing Terrapin's name in the New Zealand Cup after the son of Clanranald's form at Dunedin. Probably Mr Holmes regrets that he did not nominate his horse for the big race.

Lady Lillian continues to win races under a heavy scale of weight. 9st 13lb is a fairly big load to carry over a mile and a quarter, yet the daughter of Lady Zetland won easily, beating Terrapin, Kelburn, Scylla and others.

Four New Zealand Cup candidates in Terrapin, Bombardo, Lady Lillian, and Scylla won races at Dunedin.

Two well-backed ones in Narcissus and Ixia failed to win races at Dunedin.

Cutts will take Goldenmere and Dirk to the Oamaru Meeting. Sheenan will also take Antigone down to the same fixture.

Glenaladale will be trained for the New Zealand Cup. All going well, I fancy this son of Clanranald is the most likely of Clifford's trio to represent him in the Cup. Glenaladale has not sported silk since last November.

Mr C. Fraser has been appointed secretary to the South Canterbury Jockey Club, Mr G. P. Wood having resigned. It is understood that Mr J. E. Henrys will be offered the position of handicapper to the Dunedin Jockey Club for the season 1903-4.

Rowlock has done some jumping over steeplechase fences at Riccarton. He appears to be in good fettle for the winter campaign.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Napier, June 10.

Waireka, in charge of Tait, arrived at Hastings on Friday evening. He is the first of the foreigners to make an appearance.

Mr T. H. Lowry has a large string in work at the present time, under the direction of his private trainer, A. Goodwin. The brigade consists of the following horses:—Rose Madder, Madrigal, Ia, Comfort, Creusot, Royal Fusilier, La Bigouterie, and the rising two-year-old son of Cyrenian and Fair Nell. The last-named was bred by Mr Gollan, and was purchased last March by Mr Lowry for 105 guineas.

Creusot, while having a run in the paddock last week, slipped and hurt himself, which necessitated his being put on the retired list for a few days. At the time of writing he has again taken a place in the active working gang. He is one of Mr Lowry's nominations for the New Zealand Cup. Royal Fusilier, the other member of his string that has been entered for the big handicap of the year, has been resting for a lengthened period, though he is now following his studies. He has thickened out greatly since he was seen out last season, and fills the eye as the making of a real good one.

Hinetaura, one of Mr G. Richardson's Cup candidates, has again been taken in hand by A. Woods. Robinson Crusoe's comely daughter looks all the better for the holiday that she has had.

Asteroid, who used to receive his education from A. Banks, at Hastings, is now under the guidance of George Collelo, at Taradale.

Ask for

Wolfe's Schnapps

And Take Nothing Else.

Mr Naylor, who used to pilot Awahiri last season, now schools Frost in his work over the obstacles.

Inspan has been jumping well over the small sticks on the Napier Park tracks, under a light weight. I fancy he will prove hard to master, for besides ability over the fences he has a more than fair amount of pace.

Mr A. Hyde has been engaged to steer Creusot in the Ladies' Bracelet, at the winter meeting of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club.

A well-proportioned, handsome, rising two-year-old son of Balms by Torpedo is being put through his facings by Mr A. O'Dowd, of Taradale.

Bruce Lowe got his quietus the other day. It will be remembered that he met with an accident at the last meeting of the Napier Park Club, in March, and a couple of weeks ago further injuring himself through getting foul of a wire fence. The poor brute was suffering so much that it was considered a merciful act to destroy him.

Though Kohupapa failed in his essays at Otaki, it must not be considered that he is wanting in ability. The state of the going, and the bad start he got on the second day were the causes of his non-success, and if he stands up to his tasks all right, I am a bad judge if he does not lower their colours at the forthcoming meetings of the Hawke's Bay and Napier Park Clubs.

Eclair is going very sore. His trainer, H. Hickey, has consequently been trying to ease him as much as possible, and for the last week has been giving him swimming exercise.

WELLINGTON

Wellington, June 8.

Favoured by perfect weather, a close holiday, and the absence of any other racing events nearer than Auckland or Dunedin, the Otaki Maori Racing Club scored the greatest success at its Meeting on Wednesday and Thursday last. The machine figures alone show this, the sum of £15,809 being invested on it, while there was a large amount of cash betting going on as well despite the precautions taken by the officials. Several cases are spoken of as likely to be heard in the Magistrate's Court, but as the Club handled £5691 more at this year's Winter Meeting than it did last year at the same function, they may not be harsh on the offenders. A great feature of these meetings is the thorough enjoyment which the natives take in, showing perfect camaraderie and doing all that each can to assist in promoting the enjoyment of others.

There was nothing very exciting in the racing, which was confined chiefly to local horses of the plater type, and a few youngsters out for a schooling. Of these, the Porirua stable had a pair of Mr Prosser's recent purchases in Australia, both of which, Hamual a three-year-old colt by Cydnus—Lass of Lynnd, and a bay gelding of the same age, Position by Positano—Rectine, appropriated the Otaki Hack Handicap of 80sovs, and the Birthday Welter Hack Handicap, both showing good form, and justifying the expense incurred by their owner in securing them for his stable.

The Hawke's Bay owned mare Ballarat by Gold Reef—Brown Spec, and Mr J. Munn's Gold Dust, likewise hailing from his Hastings stable appropriated the two principal events of the first day, viz., the Flying Hack Handicap, and the Rankawa (open) Handicap, the former a six furlong sprint, and the latter a mile and a-quarter.

Mr J. Colvin, M.H.R. for Westport, secured a good win with Sanfoin in the Rangiora Handicap, six furlongs, which looked all over a contest between Exmoor, 3-yrs, 9st 5lb, and the recent Wellington winner, Shrapnell Shell, 8st 5lb. The Porirua colt looked in perfect form, but Sanfoin gained an immense advantage at the start, and his feather-weight enabled him to hold it with ease, paying the best dividend of the day in consequence.

It was Shrapnell Shell's day out on Thursday, and the going suited him exactly, and even with 10lb penalty in the Railway Handicap, six furlongs, he easily outpaced Ostiak, 9st 7lb, who was the favourite, and Kidbrook, 8st 7lb, Rubin, 7st 10lb, and Pure Silver, 7st 7lb, who were in close attendance. His other win was the Huia Handicap, 8st, in which he put down Regulation, 7st 7lb, Gold Dust, 8st 8lb, and Plaidie, 8st 12lb, over a mile and a distance with comparative ease.

Dave Munn had a cut in with his bay gelding Rags by Quilt—Nymph in the Second Hack Hurdles which looked a moral for Dick Turpin with W. Price up, but he struck hard on more than one occasion, and tired, leaving the race, more or less, to Rags at the run in.

Mr J. Harle, of Palmerston North, won the Stewards' Hack Handicap with six-year-old brown mare Valima (Vanguard—Ultima) from a field of thirteen, which got such a wretched start that some were a distance in advance of

others, and the winner paid the fancy dividend of £18 7s in consequence.

The resuscitation of coursing near Wellington, was attended last week with unprecedented success in every way. Weather, attendance and entries were each good, and the Club deserves credit for all its arrangements, but is chiefly to be complimented upon having secured in the person of Mr H. W. Davies, a secretary who thoroughly knows his business, and carries out his duties in a whole-souled way. The entries included some of the best dogs in the Colony, and the hares having become used to the ground, and being decidedly on the strong side, gave rattling good sport without the loss of more than one or two in the first day. Mr J. Mitchell, of Oamaru, proved an excellent judge, and Mr T. Morrison as slipper, handled the dogs in truly professional style. Thirty-five pairs were in the first round, which occupied the whole of the first day, and the second and third were decided on Friday, the final being run off on Saturday afternoon. The dogs left in at the close of the third round were Mr M. Kirby's Helensbrook; Mr G. Bullied's Jewel Gun; Mr J. Lopdell's Black Tracker; Mr R. McGreery's Romeo; Mr J. Crother's Nobleman; Mr J. Bullied's Ladybird; Mr R. H. Johnson's Prince

of the events of a high class order, and close and exciting finishes were the rule rather than the exception.

In the principal race on the second day, the Provincial Handicap, one and a-quarter miles, Lady Lillian made amends for her defeat in the Birthday Handicap on the first day, by winning comfortably from Terrapin, whom she was meeting on 2lbs better terms. J. McCombe had the ride on the Phaeton mare in her winning effort, and allowed the mare to run along in the straight after keeping a hold on her up to the home turn. She had no great difficulty in shaking off Terrapin's challenge at the finish, and the Clanranald gelding did not improve his chance by swerving into the rails at the death.

Vladimir, who did not get a clear run in the Tradesmen's Handicap, won the Wairongoa Handicap with a bit in hand at the finish, and raced in something like the style he did in the Spring at the New Zealand Cup Meeting.

The Hotchkiss colt, Bombardo, ran a fairly good horse in the Provincial Handicap, and was in the run up to well over a mile. He is a colt who should do well next season.

St. Dennis carried the back-breaking burden of 11st 3lb to victory in the In-

Lady Lillian has probably had more different riders on her back than any other of our first-class horses racing this season. R. Derrett, S. Smith, C. Jenkins, and Donovan and Hewitt have won races on Lady Zetland's daughter.

Narcissus' poor display in the Maiden Plate at Wingatui last week, may be partly accounted for by the fact that the Reflector gelding developed an attack of Strangles the day after the races. The horse had not been doing too well for a couple of days before the meeting, and as a result of the above the balance of the horses engagements at the meeting, and also at Oamaru had to be abandoned.

E. Cutts has twenty horses in work at Riccarton.

The Australian gelding, Victor II., made his debut in Saturday's Hurdles. He tailed off early in the race, and was considerably distressed on returning to scale. Victor II. fenced well, however, and when right should more than pay his way over obstacles. It would not have surprised a good number of people if one of the winners on Saturday at Wingatui had been asked a question by the stewards and, although a reasonable explanation may have been forthcoming, nothing occurred which caused the officials tongue to speak.

Casque, the winner of the Maiden Plate and Second Hack Handicap last week, has started in seven races and won five. He is by Casket, the son of Castor and Bangle who won the C.J.C. Easter of 1895, the Dunedin Cup of the same year, and other races. Casque's dam, Sweet Briar, is a grey mare by Daniel O'Rourke out of Mrs Wilson, a mare said to be by Traducer.

The Stepniak-Cobweb colt in J. Rutledge's stable was in the saddling paddock at Wingatui, and was much admired. The youngster gives every indication of furnishing into a more than useful horse.

Mr J. F. Reid, of the Elderslie stud, where Menschikoff, Orloff, and Co. first saw the light of day, was present at the first day of the Wingatui Meeting last week. He informed the writer that his recent importations from Australia have come in for general admiration by those who have had the pleasure of seeing them. Mr Reid has leased his Wallace Faraway filly to Mr J. Brett, and the filly has joined J. McGuinness' string at Wingatui.

Delpaso's stock won five races at the Tahuna Zark Winter Meeting. The second day of the Tahuna Park Meeting was held in extremely bad weather, which greatly interfered with the success of the gathering. The total receipts in the machine showed a shrinkage of £1928½ as compared with last year's gathering. Nothing of any note occurred except that the Australian gelding Dandy won a race and was protested against for inconsistent running at the Meeting, but the fact of a different rider being up on the horse largely influenced the stewards in dismissing the objection.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following business on

THE NEW ZEALAND CUP

- 1000 to 15 Pearl Diver
- 700 to 42 Shrapnel
- 600 to 30 Kelburne
- 600 to 18 Cure
- 266 to 4 Bombardo
- 200 to 12 Lady Lillian
- 200 to 8 Papero
- 200 to 8 Captain
- 200 to 6 Sea Lion
- 200 to 2 Bulawayo

It is estimated by a turf writer, who has taken the trouble to figure up the receipts and expenditures that the California Jockey Club's profits for the 143 racing days which closed on Thursday of last week will aggregate the enormous sum of 300,000dol. ("says the Breeder and Sportsman"). He says: "While the gate receipts are not public property, it is a certainty that they averaged 1500dol. or more every day. The association gave away in purses and stakes no less than 425,000dol. The revenue from bookmakers and minor privileges footed up that amount, consequently the entire gate receipts were clear to the association, besides the revenue from pool-rooms throughout the country through the Western Union Company. The latter rake-off amounts to thousands of dollars every week."

Betting was nothing like so brisk at the recent meeting at Ellerslie as was the case at the similar fixture last year, when £38,925 was handled. This year the totalisator turnover for the three days reached £28,956, which shows a decrease of £4,997. The shrinkage may be put down to a variety of causes, the chief of which were the indifferent weather and the lengthy inquiry on the second day, when a lot of money was locked up while the protest against Battleaxe was being considered. Messrs H. Hayr and Co. handled the totalisator in their usual capable manner, there not being a semblance of a hitch.



MR. CHUDLEIGH GORRICK, winner of the big Pigeon Shooting Match against Mr D. Fraser.

III, and Messrs Brown and Evan's Little Wonder. The event ultimately went to Jewel Gun, who ran well throughout.

At a social held on Friday evening, it was decided to take steps to constitute a Coursing Association in the Colony, for which purpose a conference will be held in Wellington during the meeting to be held here in August. It was pointed out that had the dates of the Wellington and Dunedin meetings not clashed, the entries to both would have been very much larger, and this clashing would not exist if an association were in existence.

OTAGO.

June 9.

Despite the wintry nature of the weather, last week's meeting of the Dunedin Jockey Club was, taken altogether, a much more successful gathering than last year's fixture, that is to say from a monetary point of view, as the machine receipts showed an increase of £188 more than last year's total. The racing all through was in the majority

vermay Welter, but the field who finished behind him in the race were not a particularly brilliant lot.

Count of Kolmar started twice at the meeting, but was not forward enough to display his true form. He may be seen to better advantage at the Wellington Meeting, as the horse should derive considerable benefit from the racing he received here. Battler, who is a half-brother to the filly, Mr Stead paid 810 guineas for at the last Elderslie yearling sale, won a couple of selling races at the meeting in good style and, although he has run ungenerously in the past, he may pay his way better in future, now that he has got his head to the front a couple of times running.

Word reaches me that Felony, the mare which D. Price was disqualified with at the Easter Meeting of the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club, passed through to Melbourne by this week's boat.

Waikaia, the winner of the first day's hurdles at Wingatui, cost his present owner £20.

Vandyke has been purchased by a patron of R. Ellis's stables.

Echoes of the Week

(By "Ithuriel.")

The new Police Commissioner, Mr Dinie, has arrived at an opportune time, just when the annual licensing meetings are taking place, and he will enjoy the opportunity of observing the part taken in the proceedings by the officers under his control. One may hope that he is a man of broad views, and that he will impress upon his subordinates the propriety of always keeping in mind the chief raison d'être of their existence, namely, the preservation of the peace. The average policeman's practice is to lie low until the peace is broken and then to run in the offenders.

The action of the police in respect of the Bricklayers' Arms and Hobson Hotels is most peculiar, and for once the opposition of William Richardson gains by the comparison. It is a most improper thing that evidence not deemed sufficient to support a case before the Police Court should be led before the Committee with a view to prevent the issue of a license. The testimony of the police in both cases was most flimsy, and if the Committees could be got to give credence to such tales licenses would be reduced to the necessity of barricading their houses and making prisoners of themselves during the continuance of prohibited hours. Or, as an alternative they might vacate the premises and seal up the doors in the presence of the police. The convenience of lodgers and boarders could not be studied at all.

At last the members of the Hospital Inquiry Commission have awoke to the fact that they have been worrying Dr. Collins just a little too much, to the detriment of the patients whose cases he has been obliged to neglect. The Chairman at the end said he did not know why the doctor had been detained so long, and one member suggested that it was in order that he might be made a butt of, whereupon Mr. Bolland, who has more humour than you would suppose, suggested that the Chairman should take his turn as the Aunt Sally. But Mr. Garland has no attic salt in his blood, and all he could retort was, "And you too!" A person capable of such repartee is not fit for the position of Chairman of an amusing body like the Hospital Board.

There were some funny figures in the famous Cotillion at the "Cruelty" Ball, in the Choral Hall last week. But the one that will be chiefly remembered was that in which teams of men and women were driven by members of the respectively opposite sex. They were gorgeously caparisoned with coloured ribbons, and in the excitement of the game they saw nothing ludicrous in it. But it is observable that male members of the teams blush and dodge round the nearest corner when they see one of their fellow criminals approaching.

We in New Zealand are squirming under the effects of the female franchise, and the long-sighted male persons of New South Wales are now looking forward to a time of evil. An occasional writer in the "Mail" says—"There was great enthusiasm in Walgett early in the week. Sir John See, the State Premier, proclaimed that the King had assented to the Woman's Suffrage Bill. Why Sir John should have gone so far to say so, recalls Weller, junior's, wonder as to why the charity school boy, in wading through the alphabet, should have gone through so much to learn so little. And now the women have the vote, what are they going to do with it? With men, universal suffrage has been but a doubtful blessing. It didn't prevent them from putting Hortense's son (never mind his pere) over all that was best in France during twenty years. As to what female franchise will do in the way of regenerating society, it will be time enough to speak some years after the affair gets in full swing."

Freeport, Ill. (U.S.A.), breweries are now selling beer by the pound. This may sound like a joke, but it isn't, says the Freeport "Bulletin." It has long been a sore point with the saloon keepers that the business of the saloons was greatly cut into. A compromise was reached, however, between the saloons and the breweries by which the latter are to be more exact in measuring the beer. It is to be sold by weight instead of measure. One pound, which is about equivalent to a pint, will cost five cents (2½d).

The police at Barnsley, Yorkshire, have been making raids on several so-called working men's clubs, with the result that five have been suspended—three for twelve months, one for six months, and another for three. But inasmuch as an appeal has been lodged, they will be kept open as usual pending the result. In the case of the Carlton Club, which consists of two cottages and boasts of a membership of 422 at 5s per year it was proved that when the police visited it on

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March 7 forty-two persons were found inside, six of whom were drunk. It was held that the club, which was open from 8 a.m. to 10.30 p.m., or half an hour after the licensed houses were closed, as well as at certain hours on Sunday, was nothing more nor less than "a drinking shop." Similar complaints were made against the others. It is pretty well known by this time that under the new Licensing Act all clubs have to be registered, and if they are not conducted properly it is in the power of the magistrates to strike them off the roll.

Usually when we hear of embezzlement by a youthful employee (says the S.M. "Herald"), drink, tobacco, gambling, or horse racing are given as the exciting cause, and all the set moral maxims are applicable. The case of a 20-year-old clerk accused of making false entries and appropriating his employer's funds, which came before the Court last week, should prove most disconcerting to moralists. It was specifically stated that the accused had none of the vices enumerated above. His alleged fall was the consequence of an inordinate passion—shared in common with an eminent New South Wales statesman—for lollies. Should this lead to an agitation to suppress the insidious attractions of the sweet shops?

A total abstainer by the name of Smythers, who lived in a small northern town in Australia, recently went out on his back verandah to get a drink of water, and was fatally shot by unknown parties. We wonder how many more such warnings it will require to prevent men from looking upon the water while it stirreth itself aright in the cup. If the man had kept a demijohn, it would have been inside, and he would not have gone out on the verandah, and if he hadn't been a teetotaler he would probably have been up at the local public-house at the time of the shooting, discussing the Victorian railway strike with the village policeman. Teetotalers are in perpetual danger. Gingerpop and soda-water bottles are bursting all over the country and maiming their hundreds. A teetotaler never knows when he is safe.

Felo de Se, which we've been told,
Is meant for suicide,
Applies to Jones, who caught a cold,
Neglected it, and died;
Carelessness won't make old bones,
Nor health to us secure.
When you've a cold, don't follow Jones,
Take—
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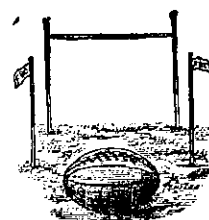
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SATURDAY, JUNE 13.

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BUSINESS:

To Receive Annual Report, Statement of Accounts, Presentation of Prizes, Election of Officers, and General.

G. A. BUTTLE,
Hon. Sec.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The Partnership hitherto existing between us under the style of Laxon, Neill, and Co., has been dissolved by mutual consent, as from the 28th day of February last.

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HANDICAPS.

HAWKE'S BAY J.C. WINTER MEETING.

JUNE 24TH AND 25TH

FIRST DAY.

Table with 2 columns: Race Name, Time/Result. Includes trials steeplechase of 80 sovs. Two miles and a-half.

WINTER HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS. One mile and a furlong.

Table with 2 columns: Race Name, Time/Result. Includes Hack Handicap Hurdles of 60 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.

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Table with 2 columns: Race Name, Time/Result. Includes Hawke's Bay Hurdles of 200 sovs. About two miles.

Table with 2 columns: Race Name, Time/Result. Includes Hunt Club Steeplechase of 50 sovs. About two miles and a-half.

Table with 2 columns: Race Name, Time/Result. Includes Comynian Stakes Handicap of 50 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.

SECOND DAY.

HAWKE'S BAY STEEPLCHASE OF 300 SOVS. About three miles and a-half.

Table with 2 columns: Race Name, Time/Result. Includes Cannongate, Scallywag, Awahuri, Princess of Thule, Pipi, Boller, Bellman, Frost.

NOMINATIONS

CANTERBURY J.C. METROPOLITAN MEETING.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

THE NEW ZEALAND CUP OF 1500 SOVS. Two miles.

Table with 2 columns: Race Name, Time/Result. Includes Sirius, Canaan, Mars, Volley, Bombardo, Kelburn, Roe Shield, Motor, Pearl Diver, Pampero, Bulawayo, Quarryman, Cure, Orloff, Sans Fear, Great Gun, Nell Gwynne, Strathaven.

NAPIER PARK R.C. WINTER MEETING.

JULY 1st.

THE NAPIER STEEPLCHASE. Three miles.

Table with 2 columns: Race Name, Time/Result. Includes Eucharist, Cronje, Frost, Sudden, Straybird.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

JULY 16TH AND 18TH.

WELLINGTON STEEPLCHASE HANDICAP OF 350 SOVS. About three miles.

Table with 2 columns: Race Name, Time/Result. Includes Cronje, Sultana, Frost, Social Pest, Pullack, Haydn.

Turt Results.

NORTH NEW ZEALAND GRAND NATIONAL MEETING.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3.

The A.R.O. were favoured with beautiful weather for the second day's racing in connection with the Grand National Meeting Wednesday being a public holiday, a record attendance was present.

SECOND MAIDEN HURDLE HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS. One mile and three quarters.

Mr L Marshall's ch c Spalpeen, 3yrs, by Go soon—Windmill, 10.7, McIntosh ... 1

Spalpeen won rather better than a length to the good of Up-to-Date, Fencer four lengths away third. Time, 3min 42.5sec. Dividends, £2 16s and 16s.

RANFURLY MAIDEN WELTER HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS. One mile.

Mr J. Harrison's b c Muskerdale, 3yrs, by Musketry—Sunningdale, 10.0, Ryan ... 1

Muskerdale won by the best part of half-a-length from Irish and Ian. Dividends: Muskerdale, £10 7s 6d; Irish, £1 3s 6d; Ian, £1 1s 6d. Time, 1min 54sec.

GRAND NATIONAL HANDICAP HURDLE RACE OF 500 SOVS. Two miles.

Mr F. Watson's b g Battleaxe, aged, by Hotchkiss—Queen Cole, 10.13, Johnston ... 1

Battleaxe won by rather over two lengths from Haydn, who was a similar distance to the good of Tresham, Mars, five lengths away, in fourth place. Time, 4min 7sec. Dividends, £5 3s and £1 15s.

TWINNERS OF THE GREAT NATIONAL HURDLE RACE.

Table with 2 columns: Race Name, Time/Result. Includes 1901—Captain Russell's Cour de Lion, 11.8 ... 4 5/2

TALLY-HO HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE OF 150 SOVS. About three miles.

Mr E. Cecil's b g Nor-west, aged, by Sou'-wester—Betty, 11.4, Wright ... 1

PRINCE OF WALES' HANDICAP OF 300 SOVS. Seven furlongs.

Mr John Chaafe's b m St. Olga, 5yrs, by St. Leger—Satanella, 10.4, Chaafe, jun. ... *

A triple dead heat was declared for first place between St Olga, Paratutu, and Miss Lottie, Cygnet and Green and Gold finishing close up.

SELLING STEEPLCHASE OF 100 SOVS. About three miles.

Mr F. L. Armitage's b g Marine, aged, by Cruiser, 9.7, Wilson ... 1

LADIES' BRACELET HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE OF 50 SOVS. Once round steeplechase course.

Miss E. Rowe's br g Tuni, aged, by Crack-shot—Little Spec, 12.9, Mr G. Paul ... 1

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH.

The third day's racing was brought to a close on Saturday. There was a capital attendance, though the weather was not very promising, but the racing passed off in a most enjoyable manner.

SECOND MAIDEN STEEPLCHASE HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS. About two miles and a-half.

Mr F. L. Armitage's b g Marine, aged, by Cruiser, 11.0, Wilson ... 1

YORK WELTER HANDICAP OF 250 SOVS. One mile.

Mr T. McKay's ch g Putty, 4yrs, by St. Leger—Ellerslie, 10.9, Ryan ... 1

Putty won rather easily by three quarters of a length, Val Rose half-a-length away third. Time, 1min 52.5sec. Dividends, £3 11s and £2 18s.

WINTER HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE OF 250 SOVS. About three miles.

Mr J. Marshall's br g Cannongate, aged, by Cannon—Fishag, 12.12, Higgins ... 1

CAMPBELL HURDLE HANDICAP OF 200 SOVS. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr R. Hannon's b g Meteor, 5yrs, by Mitiora—Lady Sarah, 9.8, Quinton ... 1

THIRD MAIDEN WELTER HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS. Six furlongs.

Messrs R. and E. Duder's b c Black and Gold (late Bugler), 3yrs, by Ourrassier—Hune, 9.7, Buchanan ... 1

HUNTERS' HANDICAP STEEPLCHASE OF 50 SOVS. About two miles.

Mr H. Crowther's b g Aiatere, aged, by Castor—Victoria, 11.0, Mr Deebie ... 1

FAREWELL HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS. Five furlongs.

Mr R. Hannon's b h Numa, 4yrs, by Pinfire, 10.13, Quinton ... 1

DUNEDIN JOCKEY CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

FIRST DAY, JUNE 3RD.

The first day's meeting of the above club took place on Wednesday. The weather was fine but cold, and the attendance very good.

FIRST HURDLES HANDICAP OF 70 SOVS. One mile and three-quarters.

Mr G. Bain's b g Waikais, aged, by Epicure, 9.10, A. McKenzie ... 1

Mr J. Muir's br g Snider, aged, 9.18, Carr ... 2

FIRST HACK HANDICAP OF 40 SOVS. Six furlongs.

Mr J. B. Reid's ch c Bombardo, 3yrs, by Hotchkiss—Valentina, W. Holmes ... 1

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP OF 200 SOVS. One mile and a-half.

Mr J. A. Holmes' ch g Terrapin, 5yrs, by Clanranald—Teredina, 8.5, R. King ... 1

MAIDEN PLATE OF 50 SOVS. One mile.

Mr G. Rutherford's ch g Casque, 3yrs, by Casquet—Sweet Briar, 7.9, Harding ... 1

WINTER WELTER HANDICAP OF 70 SOVS. Seven furlongs.

Mr L. Rutledge's b g Ardnarff, aged, by Fitzhercules—Parvula, 9.6, Derrett ... 1

SELLING RACE OF 40 SOVS. Seven furlongs.

Mr H. Jackson's ch g Battler, 4yrs, by Beadonwell—Britomart, 8.11, Hendry ... 1

TRADESMAN'S HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS. Six furlongs.

Mr H. Friedlander's b m Scylla, 5yrs, by Stepniak—Whirlpool, 9.8, Donovan ... 1

SECOND DAY—JUNE 6TH.

The concluding day of the meeting was held on Saturday in beautiful weather. The attendance was fair.

SECOND HURDLES HANDICAP OF 60 SOVS. One mile and a-half.

Mr S. Sponge's br g Khaki, 6yrs, by Lakeshell—Ouida, 9.2, Coples ... 1

INVERMAY WELTER OF 60 SOVS. Six furlongs.

Mr F. Griffin's ch g St. Denis, aged, by St. Clair—Kathlinda, 11.3, McCombe ... 1

PROVINCIAL HANDICAP OF 150 SOVS. One mile and a-quarter.

Mr E. Gates' br m Lady Lillian, 5yrs, by Phaethon—Lady Zetland, 9.13, Lewis ... 1

NOVEL HANDICAP of 50 sovs. Six furlongs. Mr H. Jackson's oh g Battler, 4yrs, by Beadonwell—Britomart, 9.9, Hendry ... 1

WAIKONGA HANDICAP of 60 sovs. Seven furlongs. Hon. G. McLean's b c Vladimir, 3yrs, by Stepniak—Mist, 8.9, Derrett ... 1

SECOND HACK HANDICAP of 40 sovs. Six furlongs. Mr G. Ruthven's ch g Casque, by Casket—Sweet Briar, 9.7, G. Ruthven ... 1

FAREWELL HANDICAP of 50 sovs. One mile. Mr J. McKay's b m Tugela, aged, by Manawatu—Lignite, 8.0, W McKay ... 1

THE TURF IN ENGLAND. THE MANCHESTER CUP.

The Manchester Cup resulted:—Zimfandel, by Persimmon—Medvia, 1; Clifton Hall, 2; Bachelor's Button, 3.

AUSTRALIAN RACING.

THE ADELAIDE BIRTHDAY CUP.

The Birthday Cup resulted:—Orphan Boy, 1; Avalon, 2; Magda, 3. Seventeen horses started. Orphan Boy won easily by three lengths. Time, 3min 41sec. Dividend, £59 1s.

THE GRAND PRIX DE PARIS.

At the Paris summer meeting on June 7, the following was the result of THE GRAND PRIX DE PARIS of 200,000 francs (8,000sovs), added to a sweepstake of 1,000 francs.

M. Edmond Blane's ch o Quo Vadis, by Winkfield's Pride—Filomena ... 1 M. Edmond Blane's ch c Osius, by Reverend—Choice ... 2

OTAKI RACES.

The following are the results of the Otaki races:—

FLYING HANDICAP.—Ballarat, 1; Opaea, 2; Siandra, 3. Scratched—Rouble, Waipai, Apprentice, Gold Dredge. A good race. Dividends, £4 8s and £1 12s.

HACK HURDLES.—Dick Turpin, 1; In-the-Van, 2; Testator, 3. Scratched—Dauber, Pangaroa, Haukaka. Won all the way. Dividends, £5 9s and £3 1s.

BAUKAWA CUP.—Gold Dredge, 1; Rubin, 2; Plaidie, 3. Scratched—Shrapnell Shell, Regulation, Pareora. A splendid race. Dividends, £5 2s and £3 14s.

OTAKI HANDICAP.—Hamua, 1; Hatley, 2; Stampede, 3. Scratched—Opaea, Dauphina. Won easily. Dividends, £3 18s and £1 19s.

MAIDEN PLATE.—Australasia, 1; Park Shot, 2; Sylvania, 3. Scratched—Dauphina, Gansier, Machine, Cotton, Position. Won by two lengths. Dividends, £4 15s and £4 10s.

BANGIURU HANDICAP.—San Froid 1; Exmoor, 2; Regulation, 3. Scratched—Laureate, Mongonui, Blackwing. Dividends, £10 11s and 16s.

BIRTHDAY WELTER.—Position, 1; Tambourina, 2; Detonator, 3. Scratched—Waimoe, Kohupapa, Mourner, Catpaw, Australasia, Voleto, Maureen, Park Shot. A good race. Dividends, £3 2s and £5 1s.

The sum put through the totalisator was £9,260.

SECOND DAY.

The following are the results of the second day's racing:—

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP.—Ballarat, 1; Silver Star, 2; Siandra, 3. Scratched—Hatley, Valma, Endeavour. Won by two lengths. Dividends, £3 16s and £6 6s.

HVIA HANDICAP.—Shrapnell Shell, 1; Regulation, 2; Gold Dust, 3. Scratched—Sanfoin, Betsy. Won by a third of a length. Dividends, £3 18s and £3 1s.

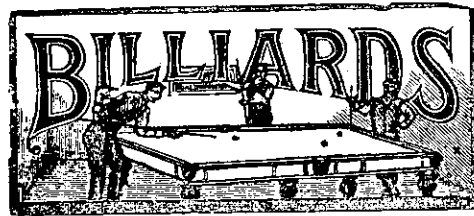
HURDLES HANDICAP.—Rags, 1; Dick Turpin, 2; Beau Ideal, 3. A great finish. Won by half-a-length. Dividends, £2 13s and 11s.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP.—Valma, 1; Waireka, 2; Australasia, 3. Scratched—Scrip, Catpaw. Won easily. Dividends, £13 6s and £2 16s.

RAILWAY HANDICAP.—Shrapnell Shell, 1; Ostiak, 2; Kidbrook, 3. Scratched—Regulation, Betsy, Romanoff. Won comfortably by two lengths. Dividends, £3 18s and 13s.

ORAU WELTER HANDICAP.—Pareora, 1; Hatley, 2; Stampede, 3. Scratched—Karoo, Kohupapa. Won easily. Dividends, £4 9s and 19s.

FINAL HACK SCURRY.—Park Shot, 1; Notos, 2; Sergius, 3. Dividends, £2 11s and £1 5s.



There was a somewhat curious result in a game the other day in London. W. Cook was conceding B. Elphick a start of one game in a game of five hundred up.

At the Hotel Arcadia, Sydney, last week, C. Memmott, of Queensland, and J. Smith played an exhibition match, the last-named having a start of 250 in 750 Memmott won by 73, his principal break being 153.

Fancy the champion Dawson being beaten in a game by over 5000 points, yet that is how Edward Diggle dealt it out to him the other day.

In that interesting novel, "A Woman of Wiles," the following passage occurs:—"When I play a game at billiards, I like my opponent to pot the white if he thinks he can leave me a double baulk after it.

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THE BIG PIGEON MATCH.

MR C. GORRICK V. MR D. FRASER.

The long-talked-of pigeon match between Mr C. H. Gorrick, of Sydney, and Mr D. Fraser, of Christchurch, took place at the Ellerslie Gun Club's grounds, on Monday last.

It appears that this deft was noticed by the Colonial Ammunition Company, who immediately offered to back Mr Fraser, but they stipulated that the match must be shot from 33 yards, and that they would forego the concession of 1 yard offered by Mr Gorrick, explaining that Mr Fraser would shoot better from this mark, owing to the close shooting of his gun.

The match just over created a great amount of interest, and quite three hundred spectators were present to witness the contest. Gorrick led off, and ran up a break of 45 kills, but the 46th bird, although smashed up with both barrels, struggled to the boundary, and was gathered not six feet over the line.

Mr Gorrick established a New Zealand record by killing 97 out of 100; and it might be mentioned that had the boundary been 80 yards instead of 60 yards, Mr Gorrick would have equalled Mr Eales' record of 99 out of 600, as 99 of Mr Gorrick's birds were retrieved, only one escaping.

The birds were an exceptionally strong lot, and were picked for the match, which makes the scores of both shooters all the more creditable. Mr Fraser scored 90 kills, which left Mr Gorrick a winner by 7 birds.

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HUNTING WITHOUT THE GUN.

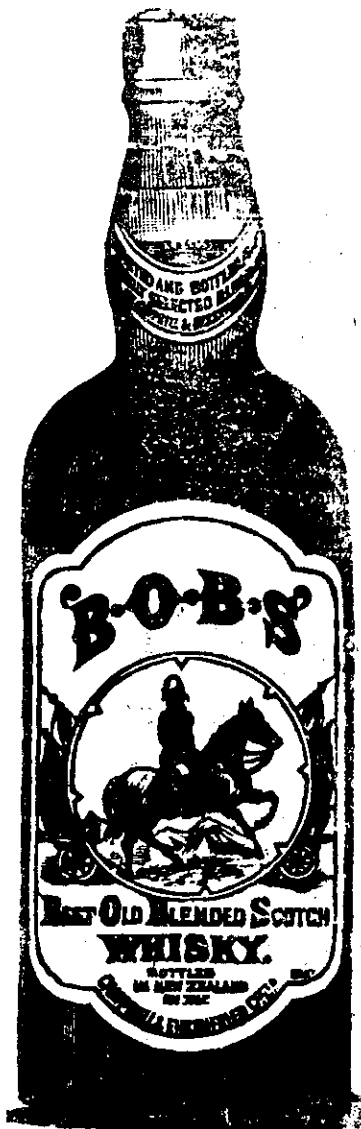
To go on a wild goose hunt without a gun would seem a very singular proceeding anywhere, except in the Falkland Islands; but there such a weapon is not necessary, as the young men and boys use an equally effective projectile called the bird bolas, which is made of the knuckle-bones of cattle.

A sportsman thus describes the method employed in taking wild fowl with the bolas. A young goose hunter crawled slowly along between the tussocks, occasionally raising upon his hands and knees to glance cautiously at the big white geese which floated on the lake.

It was difficult work stalking game in this way, as the nearer the bolas thrower

approached the lake the softer the ground became. Step by step he crawled, crouching low, until, peering through the tussock grass, he found himself within 150 feet of the flock. Between him and the game was a large cluster of grass weeds, which he finally reached.

To the latter the young hunter devoted himself, and now stood leisurely swinging the two balls around his head, with a slightly upward angle. Faster they flew, until they finally disappeared from sight; and then, the air being filled with geese, he released the ball in his hand, and the remarkable weapon, with its three balls widely stretched in opposite directions, yet whirling violently round, went whistling into the air.



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A fifteen hand horse is five feet high, and its body is two and a-half feet from the ground; therefore, in order to clear a fence four and a-half feet high, the horse would have to raise its body only two feet.

Now, if you lower these jumps so that the horse may not have to rise at all to clear them, you actually make them dangerous.

In some of the old courses they have done away with the wall, the bank, the board fence, etc., in their stead remain about eighteen inches to two feet of the old obstacle, surmounted by a foot and a-half of earth and a lot of brush.

This recalls the story told a celebrated English gentleman rider, "Doggy" Smith, who was asked by one of the stewards at Sandown Park, after a steeplechase in which he had ridden, how he liked the course.

"PROTECTING THE PUBLIC INTEREST?"

The following article entitled "Fleeing the Public," which appears in the "Manawatu Times" is well worth reproducing:—Apart altogether from the question of whether the sport of horse racing per se, makes for the moral good of the community or otherwise, there can be no question that, looked from a broadminded and impartial standpoint, the rules and customs that at present govern the game are open to the severest criticism.

So far from this being the case at present, the public are in almost the first to suffer when any foul riding, dispute, protest, or disqualification occurs. It is a well known fact that "arranged" races are frequently run; that it is the practice of some owners to start horses for the sole purpose of working down their weight; and that at meetings nowadays the question is not "Can a horse win?" but "Is he after it?"

The most glaring instance of "taking the public down" which could be cited in connection with racing, was furnished by the Ashburton Club stewards at their recent meeting. In the Ashburton Stakes Pallas carrying 10st, was made favourite, and won easily.

This is only a sample of the treatment the public receive at the hands of the clubs whose existence by their support they make possible. Until clubs place the public in such a position that they lose no money except that backing losers, they will never receive unanimous co-operation and goodwill that is the great essential to the success of the sport.



Another chapter in the long pending litigation involving the ownership of Sun Pointer, son of the famous Star Pointer, is now developing in the Superior Court at Augusta, Me. Already \$15,000 has been spent in litigation over the question of ownership.

The victory of Velox in the Pony Handicap at Plumpton Park last week was very popular (says a Southern writer). The game little Vancleve gelding has shown us some fine performances, and his wins are always well received.

A splendid picture of Ribbonwood, the New Zealand's Champion Pacer, is reproduced in the San Francisco "Breeder and Sportsman" just to hand.

The Otago horseman, A. Pringle, steered the winner of four out of the seven races decided in the opening day of the Tahuna Park Trotting Club's Winter Meeting.

Acting on behalf of the Trotting Association, the stewards of the Tahuna Park Club have asked Mr J. Jeffs, well known in trotting and racing circles, to proceed to Melbourne, with a view of identifying Phoebe, alleged to be Nelly W., winner of several races in Canterbury a couple of seasons ago.

The most talked about horse at Pleasanton this year (says the "Breeder and Sportsman"), is Monroe Salisbury's big pacer Mush by Lottery Ticket 2,214, son of Dexter Prince and Emma Nutwood. Perhaps his peculiar name has something to do with it, but his wonderful speed has been the talk of the track and visiting horsemen all spring.

THE NEW ZEALAND TROTTER ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Trotting Association held at Christchurch last week, it was resolved that the Wellington Trotting Club be disaffiliated from the Association, and the Wairau Trotting Club be recommended to the Colonial Secretary for the available totalisator license. The action of the Forbury Park Racing Club in fining T. O'Connor £5 for writing an insulting letter to the secretary was endorsed.

for ringing-in at Tahuna Park and other meetings; that the Australian Trotting Club be requested to consider the position of the late secretary, W. J. Beckett, in issuing a license and certificate to H. Beckett in the name of Mills; that this association recommends that W. J. Beckett be disqualified for his share in the proceedings and that this association refuses to recognise registration or other papers signed by the said W. J. Beckett.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA TROTTER CLUB'S MEETING.

The South Wairarapa Trotting Club's Race Meeting at Greytown was a splendid success. The fields were very large, and the racing excellent. The track was rather heavy. The results are:—

MAIDEN TROT. One mile.—Peter, 1; Oakfield, 2; Blue Speck, 3. Eight started. Dividends, £1 9s and £1 16s. No time taken.

MOROA TROTTER HANDICAP. One mile.—Sunol, 1; Leda, 2; Ploughboy, 3. Thirteen started. Dividends, £2 19s and £3 6s. Time, 2min 52sec.

KEMPTON PARK TROTTER HANDICAP. Two miles.—Blue Speck, 1; Sierra, 2; Perewiti, 3. Thirteen started. Dividends, £17 16s and £2 5s. Time, 5min 44sec.

PONY TROTTER HANDICAP. One mile.—Leda, 1; Roney II., 2; Captain Speck, 3. Six started. Dividends, £1 4s and £1 17s. Time, 2min 47sec.

BIRTHDAY TROTTER HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.—Perewiti, 1; Sunol, 2; Heather Dew, 3. Ten started. Dividends, £2 17s and 19s. Time, 3min 59sec.

WAIRARAPA TROTTER HANDICAP. One mile and a-half.—Blue Speck, 1; Merry, 2; Sierra, 3. Seventeen started. Dividends, £8 12s and £9 6s. Time, 4min 14sec.

PRESIDENT'S TROTTER HANDICAP. One mile.—Peri Huon, 1; Sierra, 2; Peter, 3. Dividends, £3 4s and £1 9s. Time, 2min 38sec. The totalisator investments amounted to £1818.

TAHUNA PARK TROTTER MEETING.

The Tahuna Park Trotting Club Meeting concluded on Saturday in very cold weather, several showers of cold, sleety rain falling. The track was a sea of mud. The sum of £1820 was put through the machine. The shrinkage on the meeting is £1828. The results are as follows:—

ADVANCE HANDICAP of 30sovs. One mile and a-half.—Hazel, scratch, 1; Crevice, 11sec, 2; Miracle Jack, 20sec, 3. Time, 4min 8sec. Dividends, £3 8s and £1 4s.

RANFURLY PONY HANDICAP of 20 sovs. One mile.—Ned, 1; Aquinas, 2; Forward, 3. Time, 3min 2sec. Dividends, £5 14s and £1 12s.

OTAGO HANDICAP of 40sovs. One mile and a-half.—Jim-Jam, 14sec, 1; Rexie, scratch, 2; Fleigher, 12sec, 2. Time, 2min 15sec. Dividends, £3 2s and £1 4s.

PROGRESSIVE HANDICAP of 40 sovs. Two miles.—Frisco, scratch, 1; Sandow, scratch, 2; Larrikin, 18sec, 3. Time, 6min 15sec. Dividend, £32 12s.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP of 50sovs. Two miles.—Booby, 20sec, 1; Candidate, scratch, 2; Blithe Child, 10sec, 3. Dividend, £2 2s.

WINTER OATS HANDICAP of 35 sovs. Two miles.—Jim-Jam, 14sec, 1; Yankee Doodle, 14sec, 2; Yeoman, 15 sec, 3. Time, 5min 35sec. Dividends, £3 18s and £1 18s.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP of 35sovs. One mile.—Dandy, 22sec, 1; Yankee Doodle, 6sec, 2; Little Frank, 12sec, 3. Time, 3min 3sec. Dividend, £1 14s. A protest for alleged inconsistent running was dismissed.

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THE LICENSING MEETINGS.

The result of the annual meetings of the various licensing committees throughout the colony have not been such as to call for any extraordinary comment. The committees, on the whole, even in those places where the administration of licensing affairs has been placed (most improperly) in the hands of partisans, have shown a clear disposition to do justice. In Dunedin, where reduction was carried (and over which sweeps at present a wave of most uncommon righteousness), certain drastic "reforms" are to accompany the partial suppression of the trade. The barmaid is to go, and with her the second bar, but beyond inflicting hardship upon a generally respectable class of young women, it is hard to see what this "reform" will effect.

In Bruce and Newtown (Wellington) where no-license votes were carried to be afterwards upset on petition, the committees have seen fit to arrogate to themselves the powers of the Legislature, and to refuse to grant renewals. An appeal to the Supreme Court must follow, with a possibly of fresh legislation in the background, but the proceedings point very conclusively to the propriety of removing the licensing law administration from popular control, which means the control of party, and securing absolute impartiality. It will be noted with satisfaction that the Premier evidently intends to move in this direction.

In Port Chalmers and Ashburton the experiences of Clutha are about to be repeated. The residents will not be deprived of liquor, only they will consume it in their homes instead of in the hotels, but the unfortunate travelling public will have to go dry or seek the consolation offered by the sly grog-seller. Which leads one to ask why Sir Joseph Ward should have so eagerly capitulated in the matter of the railway refreshment room. The uses of this institution might surely be confined to travellers without much trouble. But it is one of the puzzles, that the present Government, which has shown such a courageous front to nearly all the elements opposing it, should have so readily kow-towed to the frenetic prohibitionist.

In Auckland the Trade have no complaint to make regarding committees, who have acted, apparently, on business principles, but they have a serious grievance against the police. The slur cast upon every hotel by the unchanging formula in the police report, "fairly well conducted," is not only undeserved but most improper. Police "suspicion" is no justification for condemning anything, and to flaunt it as the police do is most offensive. We do not think any of the houses have earned the description referred to, while in the case of the leading residential hotels the expression is a gratuitous insult, not only to the proprietors, but to the large body of the public who patronise them. The time is ripe for reform in this connection. The inspection of hotels should be placed in the hands of experts, as factories and other things are, and relieved of the stigma of police espionage, which, chiefly because it imparts a flavour of criminality into the business, is so largely taken advantage of by the procurers of the teetotal party.

It will have been observed that the ten o'clock license is now general in this Province. The last places to fall in with this rule are Devonport and Northcote. In some other places eleven o'clock has been retained, but this is a matter of small importance compared with the huge injustice that has been wrought by the operation of no-license and reduction votes. But reaction will come, and come soon; of that we are assured. The people of New Zealand will not consent to be classed as children and agree to eat and drink according to the ideas of a few fanatics.

TEETOTALLERS O' THE SPREE.

The Prohibition votaries are just now engaging in what, in their exuberance, they call "rallies." The term may be taken to mean a sort of hysterical conferences, though in some countries a "rally" signifies a "spree." The difference is trifling, and it is quite certain that intoxication may be induced without recourse to alcohol. Teetotal drunkenness is, moreover, a much worse, a much more degrading type of inebriety than that brought on by beer. Both kinds are to be deprecated, but at the worst it may be said of the last-mentioned that it is not incompatible with generous sentiments, while the heart of the professional prohibitionist is cold as ice.

Even the jokes of the prohibitionist are chilly. He has a little rhyme which states that whereas the teetotaler wants

There is a mournful evidence of the degeneracy that follows from total abstinence in the statement made by the Chairman of the No-License Conference at Newton, Mr Wesley Spragg, that Mr William Richardson is deserving of honour. Mr Spragg has made himself conspicuous on several occasions by his intemperate denunciation of the Trade, but we had up to last week credited him with ideals. Alas, there is nothing ideal about Richardson, and as for Mr Spragg now—well, a man is known by the company he keeps.

That may be, but one would not take the 82-year-old judge to be always in 'total abstainer senses,' especially when he is so erratic as to give a little boy seven years for arson, and a few weeks afterwards to let a full-grown man go scot free for a similar offence; not to speak of allowing on the other hand, his high court and position to be brought into disrepute by a fanatic like Billy Richardson, who tickled the Judge up and brow-beat him all he knew.—Both 'total abstainers.' What a recommendation to be sure."

It is understood that the Rob Roy Hotel, Freeman's Bay, has changed hands, and that a transfer of the license from Mr Regan will shortly be applied for. Mr Regan is one of the oldest hotelkeepers in Auckland, and has continuously conducted the Rob Roy for almost as long a period as Mr Kidd was in the Commercial.

Trade Topics

An hotelkeeper in the South has been fined for serving with whiskey milk not obtained from a registered dairy. He kept a cow.

The Grey Lynn Committee decided to close the Arch Hill Hotel, and to grant a renewal to the Eden Vine. By the terms of the Act, reduction having been carried, one of the two houses in the district had to be closed, and the matter had been practically arranged with the owners. It is understood that Mrs Dempsey, of the Arch Hill Hotel, will be compensated. The owners of both houses are the Campbell-Ehrenfried Company.

"It is becoming quite 'the thing' in high circles to drink the fresh vintages of Australia in preference to old ones of France," says the "Distilleries, Brewers, and Spirit Merchants' Magazine." "And the very fact that the taste in wine has fluctuated with change of fashion ought to be of good augury to our colonial wine. There is no reason why the remarkable progress made in the improvement of the Australian vineyards should not be indefinitely extended, or why in a few years the Mother Country should not obtain almost the whole of her wine from her own colonies. Australia has done wonders."

John Heinrich Gattsche, a well-known brewer of Palmerston North (N.Z.), is taking out patent rights for improvements in boilers, or boiler pans, used in breweries, soapworks, and other places of manufacture.

A very pleasant ceremony took place at the Commercial Hotel, Auckland, on the eve of the departure of Mr and Mrs Kidd. At a dinner to the staff, occasion was taken to present an address to the host and hostess, expressive of the esteem in which they were held by their employees, to whom they had always been not only considerate but generous. Mrs Kidd was presented with a very handsome dressing case as a memento of very pleasant days. Mr Kidd very feelingly replied.

Mr Chas. Cress, proprietor of the Occidental Hotel, Masterton, has, on the advice of his medical adviser, decided to retire from business for a short period, and has sold his interest in the Occidental to Mr O'Meara. Mr Cress will visit the Hot Springs for a few weeks.

Says an English trade paper:—The Liberal leaders mean to oppose to the end any Compensation Bill, as well as any endeavour to restrain the hands of the licensing justices. So we know what to expect from that quarter! Sir Wilfrid Lawson propounds a paradox—but, then, one never expected anything but jokes (more or less good or bad) from Sir Wilfrid. He says: "The only way in which the nation can successfully ward off this latest raid on its property is by sticking to it that not a halfpenny of public money shall be paid to people who have made money by selling drink, and to whom it is now proposed to pay money because they do not sell drink." Now I should like to put to Sir Wilfrid, an owner of something over 8,000 acres of land, this query: Suppose, by the action of an arbitrary body of Socialists, his property was selected for confiscation, and the landlord class robbed, as we are being robbed; how would he, in such a case, regard the opinion "that not a halfpenny of public money shall be paid to people who have made money by letting land, and to whom it is proposed to pay money because they are prevented from letting land"?



MR. S. J. ATKINS,
successor to Mr Alfred Kidd at the Commercial Hotel.

to destroy spiders' webs, the Trade is desirous of educating flies. This must be a capital pleasantry for those who take alcoholic refreshment in moderation, and who have heretofore believed that they had a perfect right to drink what they pleased. It is not a new joke either, for the spiders and flies of the no-license humorist are just the rogues and fools of older philosophers.

But teetotalers go a little further, and infer the existence of a third division, which not having the attributes of the others must of necessity be angelic, and in this they modestly class themselves. Yet they are not exclusive or bigoted, for they hold that spiders and flies can be converted into angels by Acts of Parliament, and that there is plenty of room in the heaven where they dwell. May the gods protect us from such a "heaven," filled with slanderers and backbiters, and that worst of all possible things, the "self-righteous!"

The Franklin Licensing Committee, which exercises jurisdiction over the country between Pukekohe and Ngaruawahia, has decided not to grant conditional licenses in the district, but permission may be given for rooms in licensed houses to be used for banquets after 10 o'clock, provided that no liquor is served during prohibited hours. It is time the Premier's reform arrived!

At the meeting of the Waitemata Licensing Committee, a license was granted to the new Flagstaff Hotel, to be henceforth known as "The Esplanade," at Devonport. Mrs Lindsay, the outgoing licensee, applied for a license for the old premises conducted by her, and opposed the transfer, on the ground chiefly that the owners had refused to take over her furniture, but the application was not entertained.

Frank Mackenzie gets this rather good one off in the "Northern Luminary":—"Judge Conolly enlightened the Court the other day, by stating he had been a total abstainer for over thirty years."

MR S. J. ATKINS.

The new proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, so long conducted by Mr and Mrs Alfred Kidd, is Mr Samuel J. Atkins, whose portrait is given on this page. Mr Atkins is well and favourably known in Auckland, having been for three years manager of the Working Men's Club, an institution that owes a great deal to his careful and experienced direction. Since then he has been, for about three and a-half years' licensee of the Royal Mail Hotel (Crosbie's) at Paeroa. Mr Atkins is a native of London, and was brought up to the licensed victualling trade. He was engaged in some of the best houses in the great metropolis, and had considerable experience in the shipping trade. He came to the Colonies in 1886, and was for some time in the Otago Province and on the coast. Mr Atkins seems to have been cut out for the business to which he has now succeeded, and in his hands the Commercial is certain to maintain its high standard. No changes have been made in the staff, Mr Atkins proceeding on the principle of "letting well alone."

THE LICENSING LAW.

JUST VIEWS OF THE PREMIER.

The Premier, in the course of a speech at Hokitika on Saturday night, dealt with the question of the licensing laws. He said that serious defects in the existing law had been discovered. It had been found that, owing to irregularities, elections had been declared void, and no provision was made under which parties could submit the matter again to the people. In this respect matters had to remain as they were for three years, notwithstanding the fact that the people by their votes had resolved on a change. It was no easy matter to be solved. The licensing poll had to be taken simultaneously with the general elections. If they were separated only those directly interested would vote, the conditions would be different, and the same number of votes would not be polled. The will of the people should not be set aside through neglect or willfulness of a returning officer. This matter would have to be dealt with, and the law amended. The Premier referred to anomalies in respect to the decisions on the Port Chalmers licensing petitions. He said that what took place there disclosed grounds for legislation. Fair play demanded that opportunity should be given to holders of licenses to have their petitions heard. Then, again, they had licensing committees who were arrogating to themselves rights never contemplated by the Legislature, such as refusing licenses because in their opinion the decisions of the magistrates were wrong, or because they did not think there should be the same number of licenses as at present. No licensing committee has such powers granted by the Legislature. The Legislature had given such powers alone to the people, who determined this question at the ballot-boxes. The suggestions of the Dunedin Licensing Committee in respect of counter lunches did not tend to promote their cause. The Legislature contemplated the law being fairly and reasonably administered and interpreted. It was not certain whether definite proposals would be brought down this session, but if there was interference with the liberty of the subject, or undue interference with the rights of property, the Legislature must not hesitate to do its duty. The Premier thought that partisan licensing committees were a great mistake. The tribunal should be administrative and impartial. To go to extremes was a mistake. He was firmly of opinion that elective licensing committees were a thing of the past. In his opinion magistrates were the proper persons to administer the licensing laws. For breaches of licensing laws the licensees had to appear before magistrates. He would not confine it to one magistrate, as he only advocated a Bench of magistrates who would form a licensing committee in any given licensing district. By this means friction would be avoided, they would obviate partly strife of elections, and additional expenses would be avoided. He had all along been in favour of national option. Once the people decided on the main issue, administration should be placed under a man who would act impartially, and do justice to both parties. He was not certain whether the question would be finally dealt with this session. Both parties might probably bring in amending measures, but in cases where the will of the people was prevented from being given effect it would be his duty as Prime Minister to introduce legislation preventing wrong being done.

AUSTRALIAN WINE.

Consumers of Australian wine will be relieved by the following information extracted from a Sydney weekly.—It is interesting to learn from the Minister for Agriculture, Mr Kidd, that so far the application of the provisions of the Wine Adulteration Act has not revealed a large amount of adulteration in the wines sold in the retail establishments of Sydney. During the last few weeks 73 samples of wine purchased in a number of those places have been submitted to careful analysis, and excepting in two or three instances they were found to be free from those foreign matters, the use of which is prohibited by the Act. Mr Kidd states that this result is exceedingly gratifying, as it does not support the wholesale condemnation passed some time ago on our wines on the ground that a great many of them are adulterated. The Minister admits that it is too early yet to form an opinion as to the general character of the wine sold to the public. It is quite possible that future analysis may reveal a different state of affairs from that disclosed in the treatment of the 73 samples already dealt with. It is the intention of the department to extend the analysis of

wines to be sold in the wholesale establishments in Sydney, after which attention will be directed to wines before they have left the hands of the vigneron. To this end samples will be obtained from the vineyards. The officers of the Agricultural Department are hopeful the knowledge that samples of wine may be taken at any time for analysis will have the effect of impressing upon vigneron and wine manufacturers the necessity of turning out an article free from adulteration.

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THE TRADE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

(Capetown Correspondent of the "L.V. Gazette.")

It has been some time since I have contributed to your columns, but the regulations of martial law have obliged me to keep my tongue quiet. Apart from the overhauling which even private letters from up-country had to undergo, there was the fear lest any criticisms in your paper might bring trouble upon licensed victuallers who least deserved it. Not that the restrictions dealt hardly with a class willing to work under regulations dictated by the military (who brought grist to their mills), and made on behalf of the force and the public welfare. The military are no enemies to the Trade, and if teetotal friends would only act as fairly, and recognise with us that it is only the abuse of alcohol which should be checked, it would be better for all parties concerned. One item which I really meant to mention in my letter of a fortnight ago, but crowded out, referred to the manners of some of our brethren, I hope not many of them, in Johannesburg. Surely the temperance advocates would have yelled with delight at the

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evinced by a pugilistic waiter at an hotel in that golden city. He "chucked out" a troublesome inebriate, but he "chucked" so hard that the poor fellow knocked his head on the steps, and was unkind enough to depart from the realms of gold to those of nectar and ambrosia. This was black-listing carried to the ad absurdum point. Perhaps your sapient legislators would like this recipe to be followed at home? Anyway, the judge and jury in the Transvaal did not think so, and the energetic temperance reformer who sought to get rid of the "undesirable" got ten years' hard labour. Quite right, too! There is a medium in all things. But I really believe that if the Farnham justices and other lights had had the trying of that barman he would have been sent away with a benediction and a bonus.

But I really want to satisfy the curiosity of your readers as to what I meant in my last letter by the expression "Local Snobtion at Prohibitory Road." Well, this is the little story.

A few miles north or south of the Zambesi (locality no consequence) there is a rising township. Near by dwelt a Government official, and poor but honest aspirants to a place in "Sassiety" started to build, buy, or let houses in the vicinity. All classes of tradesmen saw their opening, and, of course, the innkeeper and the wine merchant saw theirs. Not so much the wine merchant, however, for he called for orders and delivered goods about the neighbourhood to the tune of thirty carts and waggons per week. Pretty good that for a self-righteous community? The temperance party took alarm. An individual who had invested in a house took alarm also, and when a bottle-store license was applied for there was excitement. A public meeting was held. The great man took the chair. Said he was a moderate drinker (in fact, he imported his own drop of mountain dew), but objected to bottle stores and hotels as not respectable. A landed gentleman whose property did not promise to become a suitable refreshment centre (being too far off the main road) followed suit. Father of family followed, saying he could bring his bottle of whisky from town, and "do it on his lone," in the bosom of his family, whose members did not like him to stay away and play billiards. Of course, he did not say that if he played billiards he would only have about a couple of glasses, and not a bottle. Then followed harrowing speeches of temperance advocates who depicted—there! I've no time to repeat the old familiar talk. But all licenses were refused, and so it went on every half-year, the parties to the unholy alliance being:—

1. The local magnate.
2. A gentleman who was forced to serve five years on the Breakwater for not accounting for some thousands of pounds he had charge of as manager of a building society.
3. Small speculators who were persuaded to think that any license in their vicinity would do them mischief.
4. Wives who were afraid that their husbands would stop out every night of the week, utterly oblivious to the fact that they were only too thankful to get home to sleep if household affairs would only let them.
5. Finally, the temperance party, who adroitly joined together the various elements.

So far so good, or so bad, just as you please to take it. A club, more than

one club, was started, and flourished. But the climax has only just come, though nobody seems to have thought of it. It remained to a Hebrew gentleman to solve all the trouble. Nobody now wants a license, and nobody will oppose them, because they cannot without altering the law. It was certainly rough on the aforesaid parties to receive, even before the licensing court was assembled, a circular from a bottle-store keeper actually established in their midst. He had simply taken out a wholesale dealer's license. Of course, he could not supply less than one dozen, but, as he took pains to tell his astonished neighbours, the law allowed that the best part of that dozen might be only table beer, the rest might be whisky, wine, Cape spirits, or any other intoxicating beverage. He could make up a dozen in any way you pleased and deliver the case. As for the lonely bachelor or the boardinghouse resident, he has his season ticket to the near town, and he would rather spend his time there, in any case, than in the society of his landlady and her more or less fair daughters.

But, oh! the humbug of it all. Oh! Prohibitory Road!

ALCOHOL AS FOOD—THE QUESTION SETTLED.

The Annals of the Pasteur Institute have settled this much-vexed question for ever and a day. In last December's volume is to be found the results of a long series of experiments recorded. Dr. Duclaux, director of the Pasteur Institute, proved that guinea-pigs could be kept alive by injections of alcohol alone. Dr. Chauveau, substituting for the vile body of Dr. Duclaux's experiment that of man himself, devised a cage in which an observer could ensconce himself, surrounded by thermometers, dynamometers, spirometers, and all the latest apparatus for testing heat, strength, and energy, and could thus establish experimentally the effect of different foods upon his own system.—London "Academy," of January 17, continues the story, which the "Bulletin," Sydney, reports on its "Red Page" in the April 18 issue:—"The usual American millionaire, it appears, was found to endow the scheme, and several such machines were erected in the laboratory of an American University. In these, three students, trained in observation, two of whom had been total abstainers from their youth,

were shut up for a considerable period, and were fed on a varied diet of meat, farinaceous substances, vegetables, sugar, and water, until something like a normal standard of nutrition, as evidenced by temperature, energy of grip, and the like was attained. Then certain parts of the meat and sugar ration were withdrawn, and its presumed equivalent in alcohol was substituted. The result... was to completely upset the confident assumptions of the total abstinence theory. No loss whatever of weight, of heat, or strength, followed the substitution of alcohol for other forms of food. The experiments were varied, checked, and controlled in every way possible. The subjects, one of whom was a Canadian, one an American, and one a Swede, were made to spend part of their imprisonment in repose, part in violent gymnastics; the substitution of alcohol for other foods was made, sometimes gradually, and sometimes abruptly; but the effect produced remained always the same.

Mr "Jimmy" Lowther, M.P., boasts that he has never owned a public-house in his life, nor a share of any sort or kind or any interests in connection with any branch of the licensing Trade. He therefore maintains that he occupies quite an independent position, and at the annual dinner of the Isle of Thanet Licensed Victuallers' Association, held at the Hotel Arcadian, Margate, to which he was an invited guest, he told the members assembled that he had stuck up for their rights and property not out of love for any particular trade, but because he felt the privileges of the community at large were at stake. It is gratifying to find that the hon. member recognises the plain and palpable fact that Parliament must come to the rescue of the Trade, and if he and his friends in the House of Commons will only help the Government to pass Sir William Hart Dyke's Bill through the present session, the injustice which has been meted out to the Trade by those "dressed in a little brief authority" will, at any rate, be stopped for some time to come. What the licensing magistrates must be taught is that capital invested in any particular industry—licensed or otherwise—must be safeguarded, subject, of course, to the conditions imposed upon the particular industry.—("L.V. Gazette.")

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THE ENGLISH TRADE VICTORY.

THE ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

The Prohibition reformers, who even up to the eleventh hour professed to believe that the House of Commons would decline to discountenance the evil practice which has insinuated itself into the Licensing Tribunals of this country, received a terrible awakening at the end of April, when the House, by an overwhelming majority of two to one, pledged itself to the principle of compensation. Neither the Government nor the Trade could have hoped for a more decisive expression of opinion—neither, indeed, expected so much. But it must be remembered that it was the spirit of Mr Butcher's Bill, and not the details, that was on its trial, and while the supporters of the measure never experienced any difficulty in recognising its purport, its opponents would appear to be still confused as to the real aim of its movers. The "Daily Chronicle" frankly acknowledges that the Bill turns entirely upon the question of compensation; but the "Morning Leader" regards this "insidiously-worded measure" as a hypocritically conceived, but entirely successful attempt to put a check upon the "action of those magistrates who have so recently begun to realise and act up to their grave responsibilities in connection with the necessary reduction of publicans' licenses." The vital object of the Bill is to do justice to a necessary, specially supervised, and unfairly treated section of the community. Directly, it sanctions the granting of compensation to publicans who have been refused the renewal of their licenses without having been guilty of misconduct in their business; and if, indirectly, it serves "not merely to paralyse but extinguish the discretion of the licensing magistrates," the House decided by a majority of 138 that justice must be done even at the evanishment of the much-abused magisterial authority. If it comes to a question between extinguishing the power of the justices in licensing matters or eliminating the Trade, the country will speedily convince the Legis-

lature on which foot the sacrificial boot must be placed. It is to be regretted that Parliament should have been compelled to censure an important and influential body of gentlemen for obstinately exceeding their duties to the extent of inflicting unwarrantable hardship, but the administration of a corrective could no longer be postponed. A gross injustice was being perpetrated; a wholesale spoliation of valuable interests was threatened; and no Government at any period since the adoption of the franchise could have suffered it to continue and remain in office.

Much of the resistance that was offered to Mr Butcher's Bill on the occasion of its second reading emanated from the quarters from which it was expected; but more than once in the course of debate inconsistencies were revealed and admissions were made by politicians occupying seats on the Opposition benches, which must be accepted as gratifying evidences of the difficulty that honourable members experienced in blindly supporting the perpetuation of an indefensible and unjust state of affairs. The friends of the Trade were prepared for the vigorous denunciation of Mr Whittaker, and the characteristic utterances of Sir Wilfrid Lawson, but even their colleagues must have realised with dismay how little impression their opposition made upon the House. There was as much disapproval of many of its provisions expressed by speakers who were determined to vote for the measure as by those who were going into the Lobby against it; but while the Opposition cavilled at its points and criticised its details, the Government, by the mouths of Mr Long and Mr Balfour, pointed out that the division only called for an opinion upon the main purpose of the Bill; and Mr Chamberlain, with his customary conciseness, declared that those who were in favour of compensation and voted against the measure were neither fish, flesh, fowl, nor red herring. Dr. Hutchinson, the newly-elected member for Rye, pathetically confessed the quandary in which he found himself. He had promised the publicans and their partisans in his constituency that he would vote for compensation, but he could not find it in his heart to give his support to this particular Bill; Mr Asquith, on the

other hand, was in an even worse plight, for while he was bound by a pledge given to a temperance deputation to vote against this Bill, he was not opposed to the principle of compensation, provided that the grant was disbursed under the name of a "solatium." The publican in the eyes of the law, Mr Asquith insisted, has no property in his license, and this technical objection was met by Mr Balfour's contemptuous rejoinder that, whatever a license may be in the eyes of the law, it is taxed as property, rated as property, and bought and sold as property. Mr Asquith's further contention that the Bill infringes a principle of public policy by fettering the freedom of the justices, or in other words by restricting their forfeitures of licenses to the limit of the funds provided for the payment of compensation, was also logically countered by Mr Balfour, who pointed out that unlimited confiscation could only be compensated out of an unlimited purse, and he asked the honourable gentleman if he was prepared with a scheme for raising the necessary funds for the purpose.— ("L.V. Gazette.")

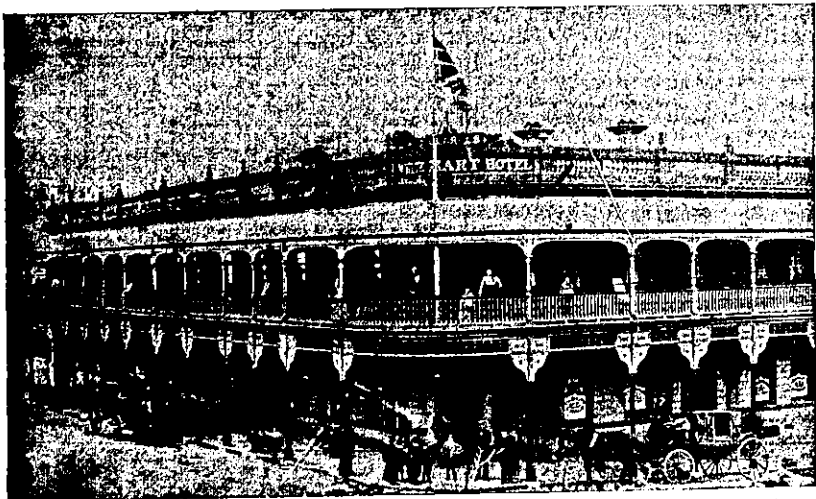
THE TOURIST TRAFFIC

STRUGGLES OF A PUBLICAN.

The following is the sworn statement in bankruptcy made by Mr T. H. Glass, licensee of the Terrace Hotel, Taupo:— "I took possession of the Terrace Hotel, Taupo, about two years ago. Prior to then I had been in business as a publican at Port Ahuriri for some six years. The Terrace Hotel property which I took over consisted of a long Government leasehold with buildings thereon, in addition to which I bought all the furniture, cattle, stock-in-trade, etc., on the place. The price for the lot came to £2830. I paid out of my own money nearly £600 in cash. I gave Mr McKinley, the vendor, a mortgage over the property for £950, and a Mr Chadwick a mortgage for £800, and for the balance took over bills drawn by Mr McKinley in favour of Messrs Ellison and Duncan,

amounting to about £480. These were renewed from time to time, and now form part of my indebtedness to Messrs Ellison and Duncan of £900, to secure which they hold a bill of sale over the furniture. Owing to the representations made to me by various people as to the business to be done at Taupo I expected a good tourist season, but was disappointed, the season being admittedly a very bad one. I continued to struggle on, hoping that the following season would prove better and recoup me, but it proved worse than the first. I began to find that I was too heavily handicapped to carry on further, so I decided to file, more especially as the mortgagee had taken possession under his mortgage security. There is little or no business doing during the winter months at the hotel, while interest and expenses are running up, and a good or bad season makes the difference, I might almost say, between prosperity and bankruptcy. In addition to the above, the tourist business for some reason or another seems to be diverted from Taupo and Napier. A few years ago special and other coaches were passing between Napier and Rotorua almost daily, but now a special is practically unheard of, and the ordinary weekly service carries little more than the mails. Nearly all the tourist traffic goes from Rotorua to Tokaanu, and from thence to Wanganui and Wellington, or round New Plymouth to Auckland, thus avoiding Taupo and Napier. I am now absolutely penniless, having lost all my money and given up to the Assignee all my property, and regret that I am not in a position to make an offer to my creditors. I attended faithfully to the business and did my utmost to make it a success, but nearly every month I was there the expenditure was greater than the receipts."

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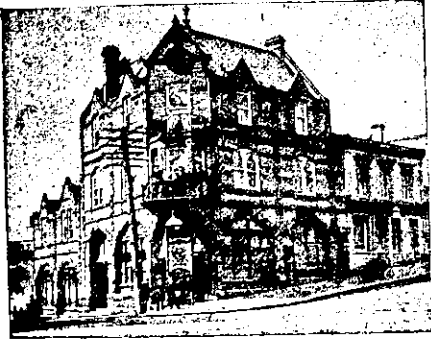
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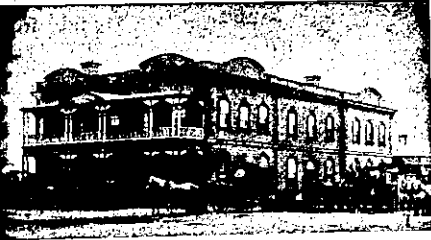
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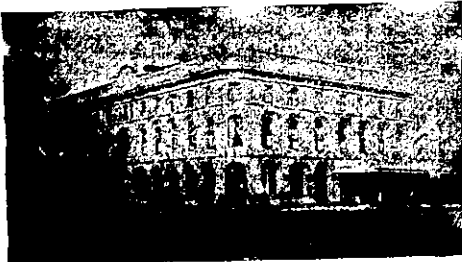
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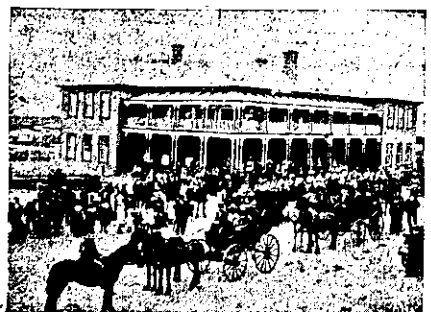
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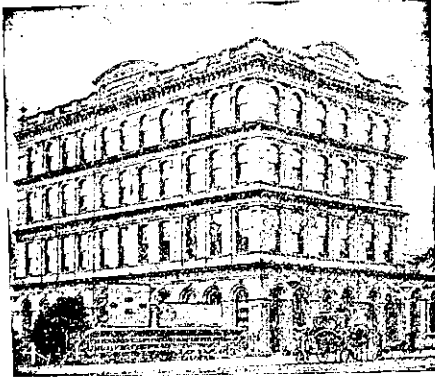
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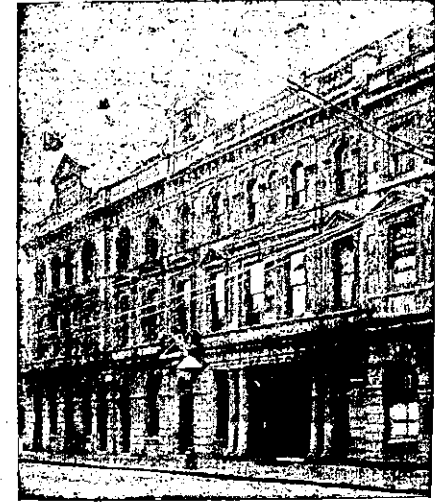
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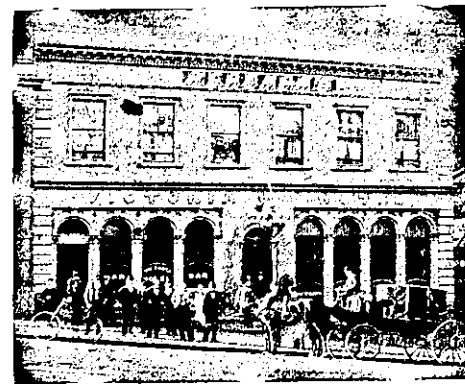
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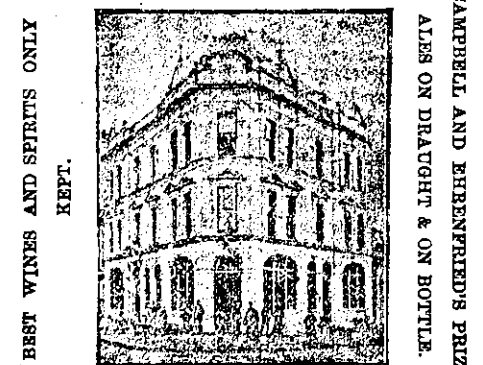


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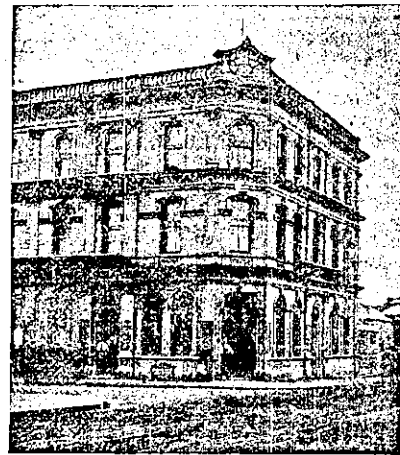


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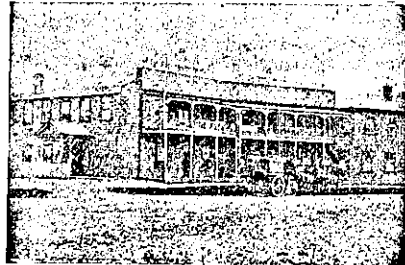
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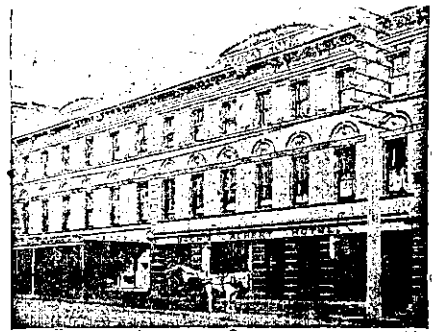
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 First-class Accommodation for the Travelling
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Visitors will find their comforts provided for in an up-to-date style

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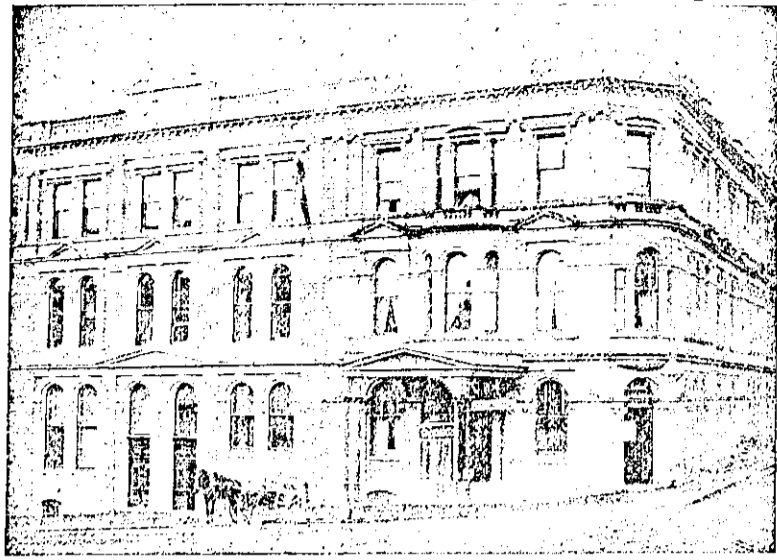
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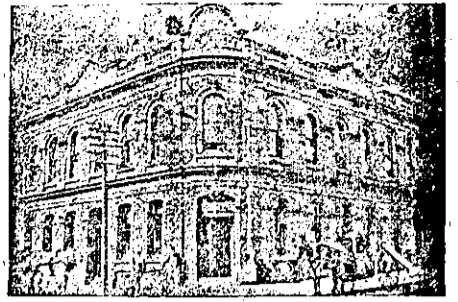
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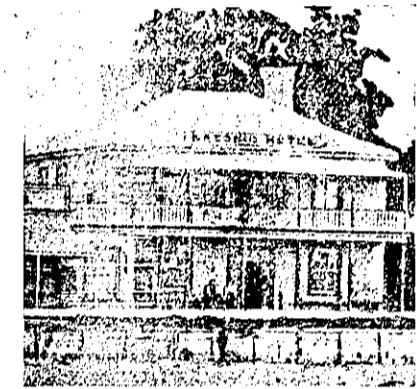
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Best Brands of Wines and Spirits kept.
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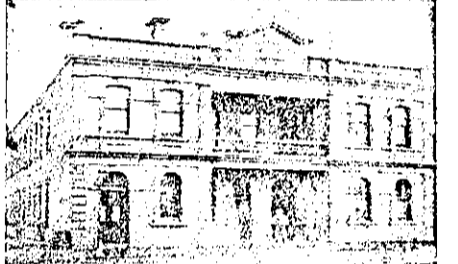
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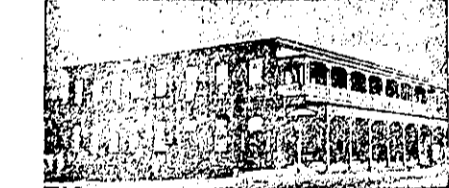
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This fine House, just re-built in brick and furnished in up-to-date style, now offers unrivalled accommodation to the travelling public.
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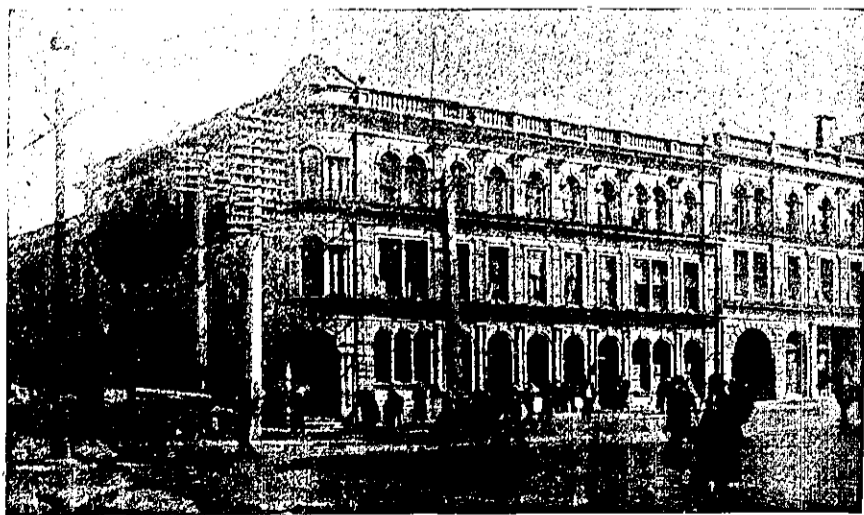
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Close to the Wharf and Railway Station.
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Every Convenience, combined with Civility and Comfort, for Country Visitors and Boarders.

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Large and Roomy Hotel, situated opposite Alexandra Park, on the Epsom Road.

Every Convenience for Visitors and Boarders.

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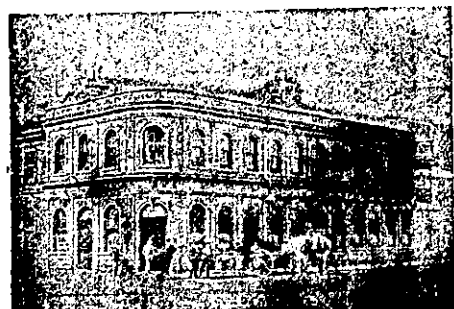
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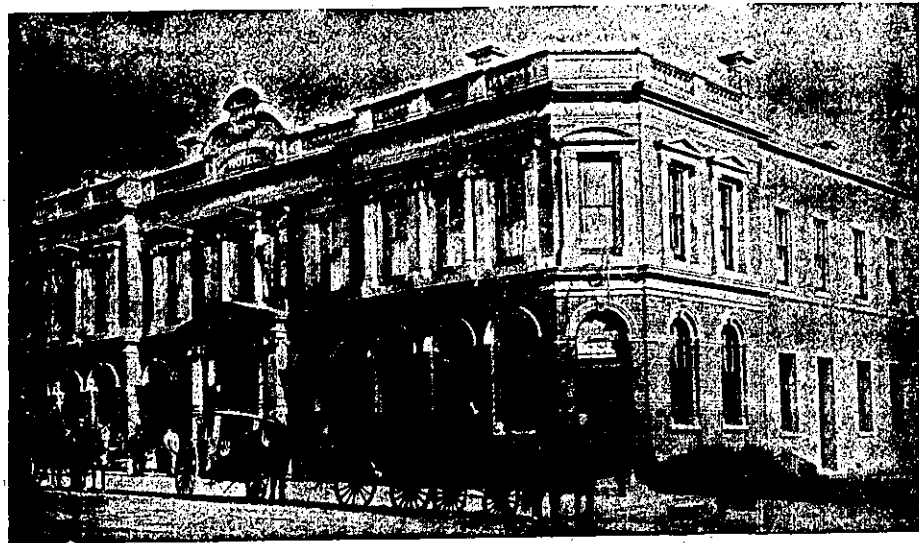
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MRS. J. McCULLOUGH (late of the Harbour View Hotel, Raglan) has taken over the above well-known Hotel. Country Visitors will find in it splendid accommodation and an excellent table. The bedrooms are large and airy, and the Hotel possesses one of the finest Billiard Rooms in Auckland. The Hotel has been completely renovated, and is fitted with all modern conveniences. Hot and cold baths, private bar, comfortable sitting-rooms, etc., etc.

Charges Moderate.



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Five minutes' walk from the Post Office.

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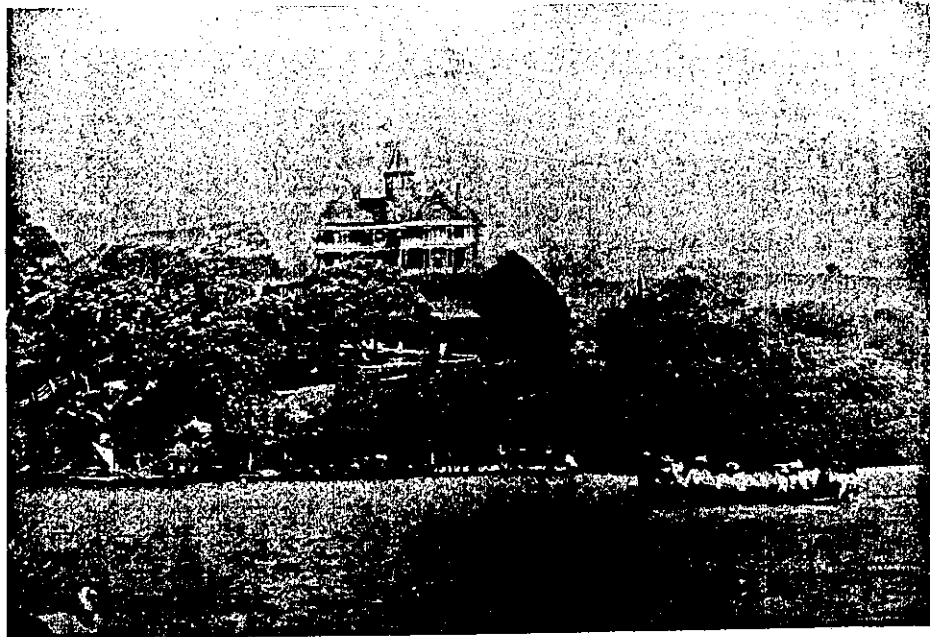
This well-known Hotel has been thoroughly Renovated and Re-furnished throughout. Every Modern Comfort and Convenience for Tourists, Travellers and Families.

FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD TABLE.

WINES AND SPIRITS OF THE BEST BRANDS ONLY.

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QUEEN'S HOTEL (Corner of Symond Street and Khyber Pass)

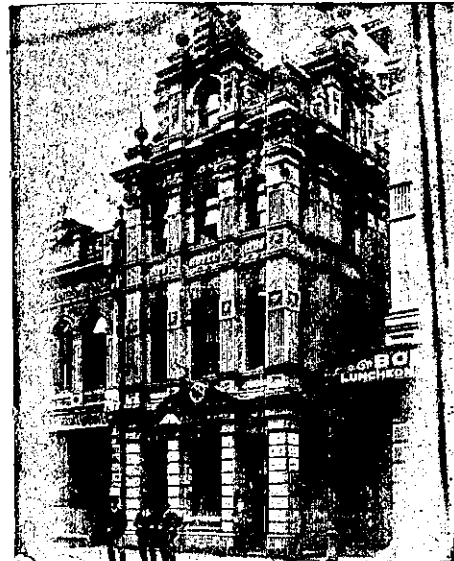
Mr VICTOR CORNAGA begs to announce to his friends and the public generally that he has taken over this old-established and popular Hotel. The Hotel is being renovated and re-furnished throughout, and will be found replete with all modern and up-to-date conveniences.

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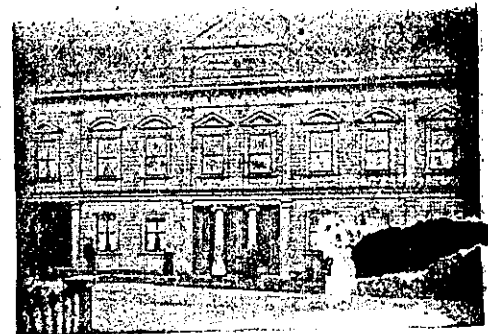
CITY CLUB HOTEL, SHORTLAND-STREET, AUCKLAND.

M. WALSH, PROPRIETOR

WELLINGTON PROVINCE.

TELEGRAPH HOTEL, OTAKI.

Mr J. Woods, sen., having taken over the above well-known hostelry, hopes by strict attention to business, and by keeping only the best brands of Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc., to merit a fair share of the public support. Bathroom with Hot and Cold Water laid on. Owners of horses and Trainers can obtain ample paddocking and loose boxes. J. WOODS, SENR., Proprietor.



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DAN GILLESPIE having purchased the lease and goodwill of the above favourite hostelry, invites his old and new friends to give a look in at the old curiosities, which are always being added to, and now present a show worth a visit. Wines, Ales and Spirits of the best brands. Open Invitation to all.

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Patrons can rely on being supplied with all leading Brands of Whiskies, Wines and Brandy. Special feature: First-class luncheon from 12 o'clock to 2 p.m. for One ... Upstairs and dining-room under supervision of Mrs Devine. Up-to-date Billiard Room, under capable management. W. DEVINE (Late of Marton Hotel) ... Proprietor.

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Ask for what you want and you will get it. If not in Stock, you will be told so. T. L. SMITH ... Proprietor
Late of Lyttelton and Christchurch).

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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 A1. Town Hall for theatrical and other performances, recently enlarged and improved. 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."

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Best Beer, Wines, and Spirits Only Kept.
GOOD ACCOMMODATION.
Special Attention given to Theatre-goers during the intervals.
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AN UP-TO-DATE HOUSE. Excellent Accommodation. Liquors of Special Quality and in Great Variety. H. PIPER ... PROPRIETOR

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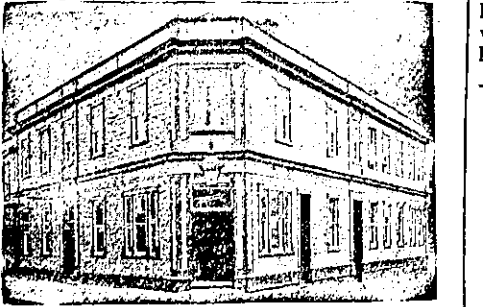
PROVINCIAL HOTEL, CLIVE SQUARE, NAPIER.

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. The Billiard Room is the Best in the District, fitted up with two first-class tables, and under the charge of a competent marker. Best Brands of Wines, Spirits etc., Only Kept.



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THE SPORTING HOUSE OF NAPIER. Now under entirely new Management. EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION. LIBERAL TABLES. BEST LIQUORS. G. H. MUEHLSEIN ... Proprietor



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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. PELLOW ... PROPRIETOR

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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.

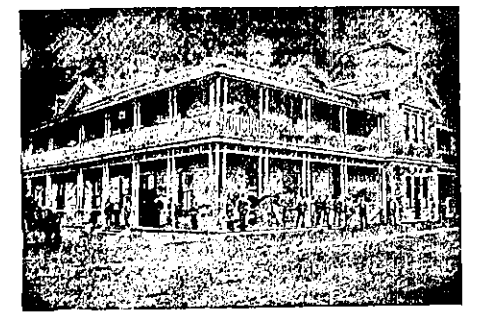
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A. ELLINGHAM (Late of Stortford Lodge Hotel),

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. Telephone Communication between Napier and Hastings. All Telegrams carefully attended to.

ALF. ELLINGHAM ... Proprietor.



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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.

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

S. CHARLTON, PROPRIETOR.

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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. Rob-john's Prize 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

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(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 53.

TARANAKI PROVINCE

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, STRATFORD.

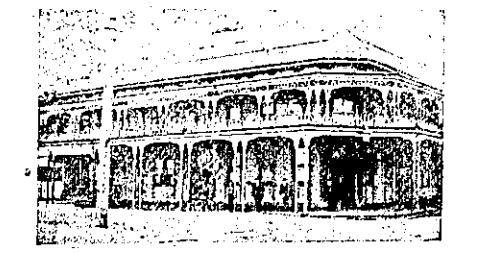
BEST OF ACCOMMODATION AT A VERY MODERATE RATE. HOT AND COLD BATHS. EXCELLENT TABLE KEPT. ALL LIQUORS AT SPEIGHT'S XXX ALES ON DRAUGHT. Ample Stabling. GEORGE DAVISON (late of Canterbury) ... Proprietor

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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.

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(Corner of High and Princes Streets), MRS A. MAGUIRE ... PROPRIETRESS. 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.



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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.

THE TROCADERO 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 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. ... PROPRIETOR

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B. T. BENNETT Proprietor.

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

CENTRAL HOTEL, REMONT 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.

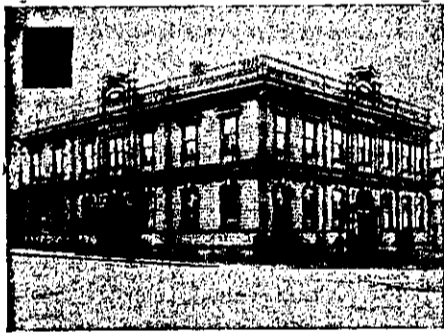
The best brands of Ales, Wines, and Spirits kept in stock. Billiard Room fitted up with one of Alcock's best Tables. Good Stabling and Paddock ng.

MASONIC HOTEL, Bedford Street, Patea.

Mrs. KEANE Proprietress. Mrs. KEANE 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 138. Telephone 84.

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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 289.

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

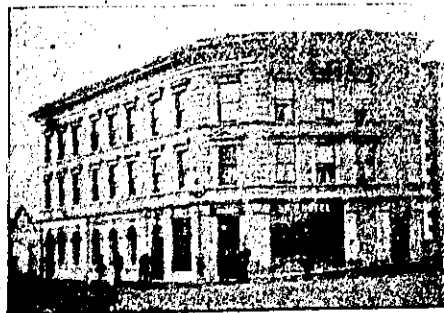
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This Hotel has been renovated throughout, and now offers excellent Accommodation to the Travelling Public. Local and XXXX Beer at 7/13 0/1 Tap. Walker's Special Whisky on Draught. Sample Rooms in connection with premises.

JOHN DOBE Proprietor.

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WILLIAM TOBIN

Has Leased the above Hotel, and will be glad to Receive Friends and Visitors to Timaru. First-class Accommodation. Well-appointed Billiard Rooms, Hot and Cold Water Baths. The Best Brands of Spirits and Ale in Stock. Terms Reasonable.

WM. TOBIN Proprietor.

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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

THE IMPERIAL, FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL HOTEL, PRINCES-STREET, SOUTH, DUNEDIN.

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

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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: 1/2 Lunch from 12 to 2 o'clock. Hot, cold, and shower baths. The very best of Wines, Ales, and Spirits supplied.

GRIDIRON HOTEL, PRINCES-STREET, SOUTH, DUNEDIN.

This popular and centrally-situated Hotel has been renovated from floor to ceiling, and refurnished throughout with the newest and most up-to-date furniture. Suites of rooms for families. Charges strictly moderate.

Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths. The very best of Wines, Ales, and Spirits supplied. A Night Porter in attendance. Accommodation for over One Hundred Guests. L. CLANCY Proprietor.

NELSON.

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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.

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. Bargent.

The Hotel has been thoroughly Renovated and all the Rooms are being Re-fitted in modern style. No effort will be spared to make all visitors thoroughly comfortable.

BLLENHEIM.

MASONIC HOTEL, BLLENHEIM.

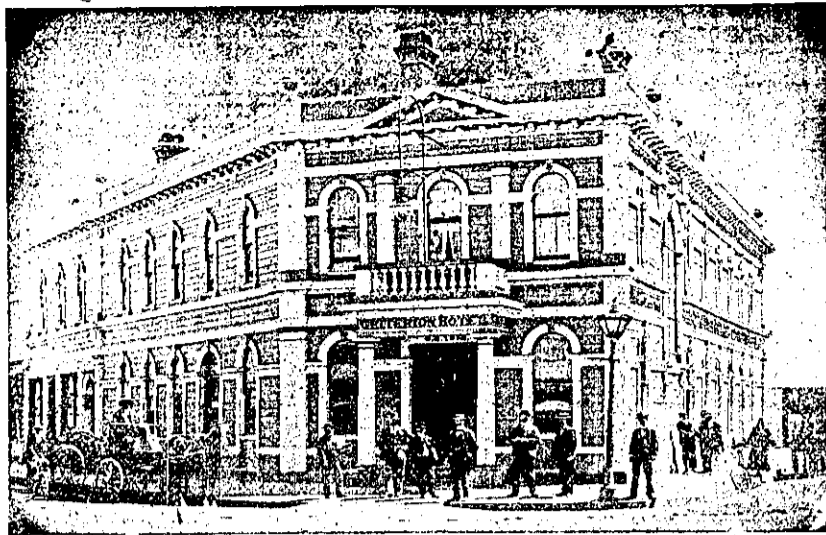
Is Central, Popular, and Convenient; does Commercial Business; has Splendid Appointments; Hot and Cold Baths; one of Alcock's Match Tables; and is the House selected by the N.Z.O.T. Club. MODERATE TARIFF. J. PENNEY Proprietor.

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The Accommodation throughout is all that can be desired. Excellent Cuisine and Dining Room Appointments. Wines, Spirits, and Ales defy competition. Hot, Cold, and Crescent Shower Baths.

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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.

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.

HOKITIKA.

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL, WHARF STREET, HOKITIKA.

Centrally and conveniently situated, offering the best accommodation at a moderate tariff. Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc., of the best quality procurable. Cuisine excellent, under the personal supervision of Mrs Woolhouse.

TARIFF—5/- per diem, £1 1/- per week.

Mrs N. M. WOOLHOUSE, PROPRIETRESS.

PICTON.

FEDERAL HOTEL, PICTON, N.Z.

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

THE Building is entirely New and of brick, 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.

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C. DARVILL (late of Foxton) Proprietor.

FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION FOR TRAVELLERS & FAMILIES.

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Close to Railway Station, Post Office and Wharf. Letters and Telegrams promptly attended to.

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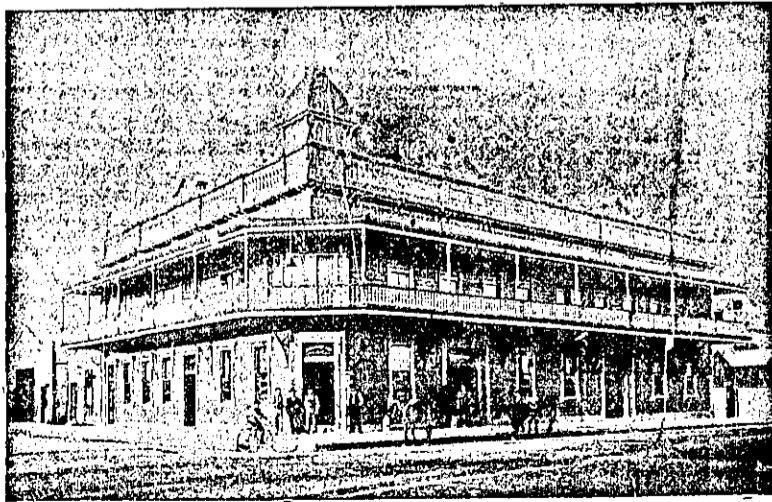
EMPIRE HOTEL, WESTPORT.

H. McMASTER Proprietor. (Late Chief Steward White Star Line and N.Z. Shipping Company). Recently Refurnished and Renovated throughout. This Hotel will be found to offer every Modern convenience to Commercial Travellers and Visitors. Night Porter kept. Cuisine a Speciality. Two Alcock's Billiard Tables. Six Sample Rooms, Good Stabling.



GRAND HOTEL, PALMERSTON STREET, WESTPORT.

H. NAHR Proprietor.



THE GISBORNE HOTEL,

Corner of CHILDER'S 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.