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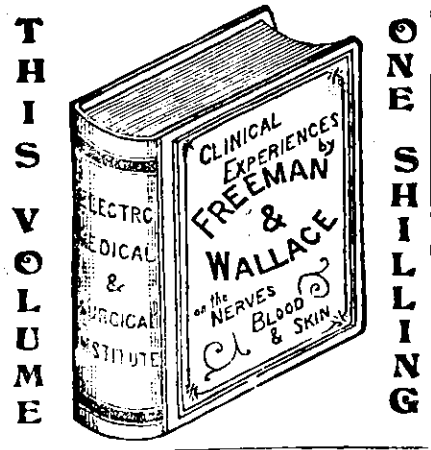
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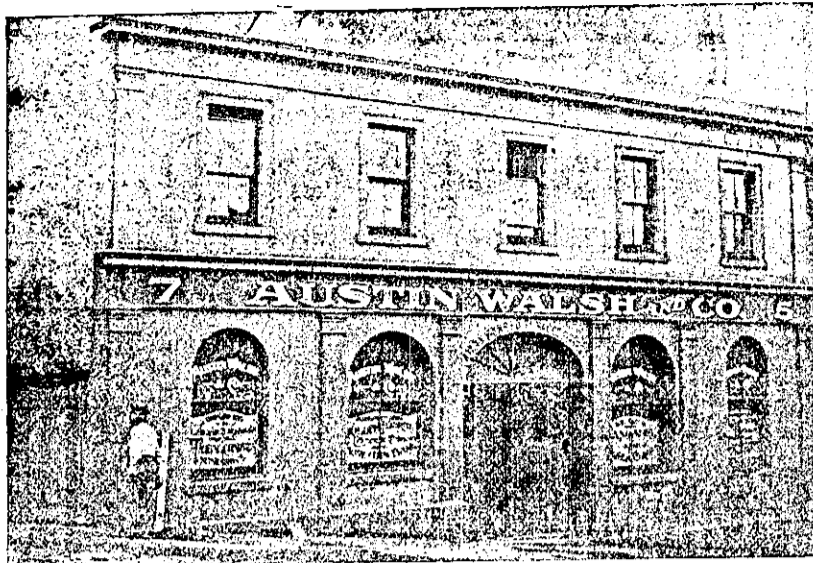
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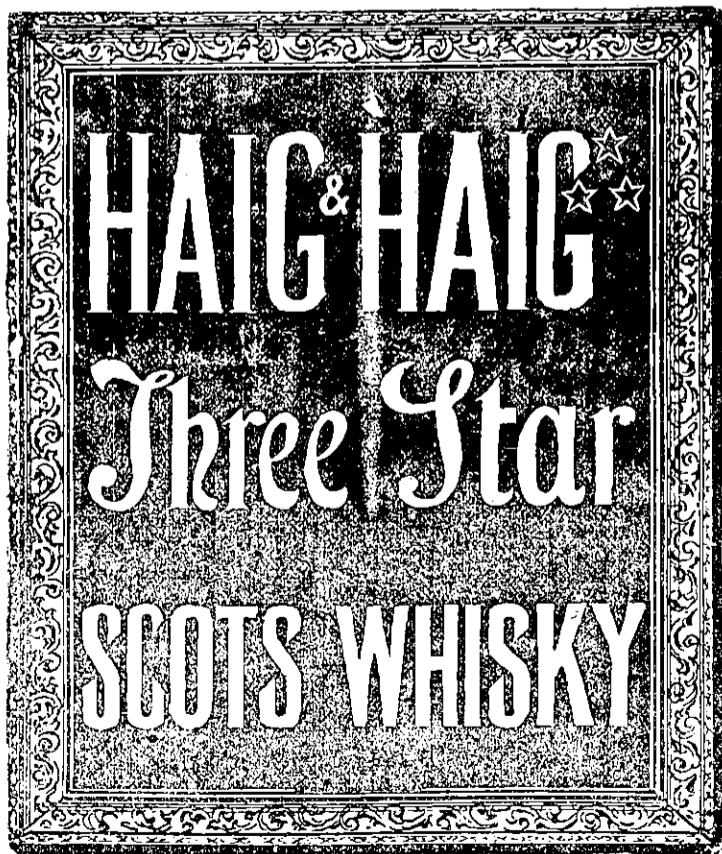
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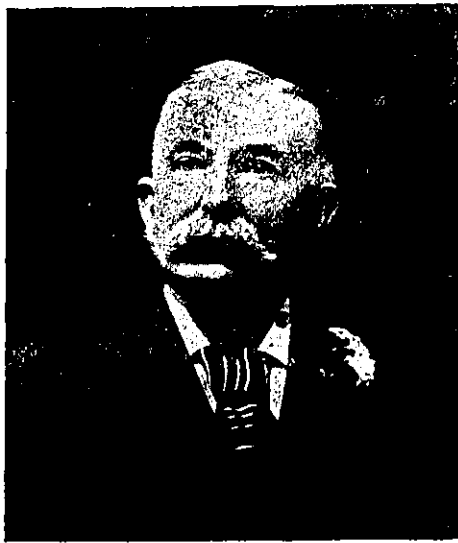
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ling enthusiasts will remember the young  
Italian, Porta, who spent seven years in  
Australia and New Zealand as a profes-  
sional cyclist. He is now living in Pied-  
mont, North Italy, and has recently been  
engaged as 'interpreter' to some English  
and colonial mining engineers in that dis-  
trict." When he arrived in Australia with  
Bill Martin he could not speak a word of  
English.

Before the advent of the pneumatic tire  
one of the troubles that constantly wor-  
ried the tourist was the breakage of  
spokes. Nowadays this occurs so rarely  
that the matter is never considered. It is  
only through accident that the wheels are  
damaged in this respect, when the means  
of repairs are most simple. In the early  
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hub, there usually was trouble, owing to  
their being broken off short just outside  
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the deep cutting of the screw-thread. To-  
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The flat flanges allow of being pierced,  
through which are passed the butt-ended  
spokes, the tension being effected by nip-  
ples (previously passed through the rim),  
screwing on to the ends.

Henri Contenet, of Paris, who towards  
the end of last season surprised the cyc-  
ling public by riding the remarkable dis-  
tance of 48 miles 718 yards in the hour,  
looks like carrying all before him in mid-  
dle distance contests this year. His re-  
cord so far is an exceedingly good one,  
having met and defeated such well-known  
pacer specialists as J. Nelson, J. Michael,  
E. Bouhours, T. Linton, T. Hall, J. Gou-  
goltz, Dussot, and Dangla; in fact, out of  
the eight races he has competed in he has  
won seven, and lost the eighth through a  
puncture. It, therefore, looks as if Con-  
tenet will be the first rider to cover the  
coveted fifty miles in the hour. His con-  
sistent riding is, no doubt, due to the  
careful and regular way of living all the  
year round, and continual practice (twice  
every day), behind his faithful pacer. He  
first came into prominence last year, after  
Tom Linton met with his bad smash up  
at Leipsic, Contenet then securing Marius  
Thos as pacemaker, and since that time  
(August) he has gradually worked his way  
to the top of the tree. He is 27 years of  
age, very unassuming, married, and a po-  
pular favourite wherever he goes.

The League of New South Wales Wheel-  
men seem to be anything but a happy  
family, and a regular battle royal has  
been proceeding. At the Council meeting  
of the League Mr Branagan, who was late-  
ly deposed by the Council from the posi-  
tion of secretary because he disagreed with  
the members as to the heavy charge made  
for services rendered in timing, etc., a  
race against the record, was cited to ap-  
pear before the Council to show cause why  
he should not be dealt with under Rule 23  
—"The Council shall have power to fine,  
suspend, or expel any member guilty of

conduct detrimental to the interests of the  
League." He did not attend, but the  
Council dealt with him in his absence, and  
decided to expel him as a member of the  
League. Mr Austin (treasurer) was in-  
structed to take legal proceedings for the  
recovery of all books and papers of the  
League.

Mr Branagan was by no means disposed  
to quietly submit to the indignity offered,  
and called a general meeting of the Le-  
ague, at which over one hundred were pre-  
sent.

The point was at once raised by mem-  
bers of the Council that the meeting was  
illegal (says "The Referee") not being  
called by requisition through the Council  
and being brought together by Mr Bran-  
agan, whom the Council had deposed.

The chairman (several having refused to  
act in that capacity) ruled that the meet-  
ing was in order. The members of the  
Council and their supporters, and forty  
altogether retired from the meeting. To  
the seventy who remained behind, Mr  
Branagan read letters from Narrandera,  
Armidale, Glen Innes, Eskbank, Lithgow,  
Gunnedah, and Braidwood Clubs, con-  
demning the Council re the removal of the  
secretary (who was elected by the whole  
of the members of the State), and the ac-  
tion which brought on the abandonment of  
the Goulburn road race.

After a little discussion, during which  
Mr J. Craig, vice-president of the Tam-  
worth Club, and Mr Sullivan, who spoke  
for Wagga, Junee, and Coolamon Clubs,  
condemned the Council, Mr Remfrey (Aus-  
tralian Club, Sydney) moved, and Mr E.  
Wells (president Newcastle Club) seconded:  
"That, in view of the recent unconstitu-  
tional action of the Council in reference to  
the secretaryship of the League, the Coun-  
cil does not retain the confidence of the  
members." The motion was carried un-  
animously, the scrutineers announcing the  
number of voters as sixty-five. Meanwhile  
the Council and their following were hold-  
ing another meeting dealing with the new  
Constitution. The Branagan meeting now  
joined them.

Mr Remfrey suggested that instead of  
adopting a new Constitution, the League  
go back to the initial one, under which it  
had enjoyed so much prosperity.

Subsequently, after some disorder and a  
declaration by a country member that his  
club was utterly disgusted with the doings  
of the Council, Mr Yates (Lithgow) mov-  
ed, and Mr Remfrey seconded, and it was  
carried by a large majority, "That the  
proposed new Constitution be no longer  
debated or considered."

The meeting then broke up.

The London General Omnibus Company  
has just acquired a specially-designed  
motor omnibus, of American make, which  
is expected to be running in a few weeks.  
If the experiment proves satisfactory the  
company is prepared, it is said, to substi-  
tute mechanically-propelled vehicles for the  
whole of the present horse-drawn stage  
coaches, and, as about 1500 will be requir-  
ed, there is some fine business in prospect  
for the car-builders." The article then  
goes on to show that the advantages of  
the change will be manifold. The motor  
takes up less room per passenger carried  
than the present horse-drawn vehicles; it  
will keep the streets cleaner, and the air  
less noisome. An opinion is also given  
that "the introduction of the motors  
ought to put a check upon the growth of  
tramways, which, however well laid, are a  
constant source of danger and inconveni-  
ence to all other users of the roads."



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(By "Gillie.")

A giant skate caught in Riverton Bay (Southland) last week measured 4ft 6in across and 8ft 6in from tip of tail to snout. Its weight was over 2cwt.

Hawks are very numerous on the Wai-mate Plains, and are destroying fowls, hares, and game birds. It is suggested that the local bodies should offer a few pence for every hawk killed by settlers.

The Australian team for Bisley is now on the way home in the P. and O. liner Oriental.

Should the Australians manage to win the Palma trophy, which they will shoot for as well as the Kolapore Cup, England, America and Canada would have to send teams out to Australia if they wished to compete for it next year.

Some excellent shooting was done last week in the big competition promoted by the Ellerslie Gun Club. The day proved not altogether too favourable, being rather showery, while the light was indifferent. Some photographs taken on the ground appear in this issue. Mr Fraser was in exceptionally good form, killing with the first barrel all ten birds with his No. 1 nomination, and nine out of ten with his No. 2 nomination. Mr Gorrick shot brilliantly with his second nomination, killing ten birds straight, both these gentlemen being on the 33 yards mark. Messrs C. Chevannes (of Wanganui), "Hollis," J. Williamson, G. R. Bloomfield, and A. Julian all did great execution, and these gentlemen divided the stake.

The scores of the seven competitors who tied for the prize, together with the order of their shooting—the figure 1 indicating the use of one barrel only, and the figure 2 both barrels—and handicaps, are as follows:—

D. Fraser, 33yds	1111111111	(first nom.)	10
C. H. Gorrick, 33yds	1111111111	(second nom.)	10
C. Chevannes, 31yds	111112121	(second nom.)	10
Hollis, 28yds	1121112221	(second nom.)	10
J. Williamson, 28yds	1111111112	(second nom.)	10
G. R. Bloomfield, 27yds	1111221111	(first nom.)	10
A. Julian, 25yds	1111211112	(second nom.)	10

The results obtained by other competitors were as follows:—H. Rowland (handicap 31yds), nine of ten birds in the first nomination, four of six in the second; M. Roseingrave (30yds), two of four, and eight of ten; F. Seccombe (30yds), five of seven, and four of six; Webley (assumed name, 25yds), nine of ten, and three of five; G. Peach (24yds), one of three; J. Allen (24yds), one of three; F. J. Storey (23yds), eight of ten, and five of seven; H. Schmeidel (23yds), one of three; W. H. Hazard (22yds), eight of ten.

During the Monte Carlo season, which recently closed, Donald McIntosh, the Australian champion, won £846 in stakes, including second prize in the Grand Prix du Casino, and eleven other events. Most of the English shots who were at Monte Carlo went to the big annual shoot at Florence in May, where a Grand Prix, of £800 was shot, but the result is not to hand. During the present month a big shooting season opens at Aix le Bains, which lasts until August 10. On the 20th and 21st inst. a Grand Prix Handicap, of £400, is to be shot. "Mac" may have a cut in at that.

The winner of the first prize in the King's at Bisley this year may have the large sum of £500 to receive. In addition to the £250 given by the National Rifle Association, a prominent firm of gun makers in England has promised to give a similar sum should the prize be won with one of its rifles. Should one of the Australian team manage to win—and there are more unlikely things—he would do more than pay his expenses this trip.



The annual meeting of the Auckland Bowling Club was held in the pavilion, Grafton Road, on Thursday, Mr W. Lambert being in the chair.

The secretary (Mr G. A. Buttle) read the annual report, which congratulated the members on the increased prosperity of the club. References were made to the opening of the green for play at the beginning of November; the Northern Bowling Association tournament at Palmerston North, the Easter tournament, special meetings, inter-club and club matches. The championship fell to Mr J. V. Dingle. The following were the matches played and the results:—Club cup and championship, Mr J. V. Dingle; runner-up P. Oliphant. Subscription pairs: J. W. Jones, W. Lyons. President and vice-presidents' prize, full rink: A. J. Denniston, J. W. Jones, W. B. Tait, J. V. Dingle; ditto, second prize, W. Coleman, A. Jowitt, W. Gorrie, T. A. Crawford. Ehrenfried-Ross trophy: J. R. Hooper. Geo. Main memorial prize, full rink: P. Oliphant, F. W. Coombes, J. R. Hooper, James Carlaw. Geo. Main trophy: J. M. Mennie (cup), J. V. Dingle (second prize). W. Elliot's trophy: C. Arnold, J. R. Hooper. A. A. White's trophy: J. R. Hooper, G. A. Buttle, H. P. Huddleston; second prize, A. Hosking, J. Carlaw. W. Ledingham's prize: Dr. Hooper. Stewart Dawson's prize: G. A. Buttle. Equitable Life Insurance Society: G. M. Handcock. Wingate, Burns and Co. (second prize): W. Elliott. First year's players: F. W. Coombes. Consolation prize: J. Gilmour. With the opening of the season nineteen new members were nominated, and the whole of these were elected. The club had lost two or three members through resignation owing to removal to other districts. Several improvements had been made, and further improvements would be undertaken. The resignation of the secretaryship by Mr W. Elliot was received with regret, and the thanks of the members were due to Mr Elliot for his able services during two years of office. Mr G. A.

Buttle had been appointed to the vacancy. Owing to the protracted illness of the treasurer, Mr James Carlaw, Mr R. Cameron had been appointed assistant treasurer. The committee asked members to pass votes of thanks to the ladies who provided afternoon tea on several occasions during the season; to the members and others who so liberally donated the handsome prizes, to the caretaker, and to the press.

The assistant treasurer (Mr Cameron) presented the annual statement of accounts, which showed receipts amounting to £478 18s, expenditure £342 18s, leaving a credit balance of £136. The club's assets were valued at £2005 17s 7d, and, after deducting liabilities, there was a surplus balance of £1167 1s 10d.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr W. Lambert; vice-presidents, Messrs Wm. Culpan and William Elliot; treasurer, Mr James Carlaw; secretary, Mr G. A. Buttle; auditor, Mr Easton; general committee, Messrs Gorrie, Thornes, Mennie, Cameron, Myers, and Tudehope.

A certain amount of dissatisfaction was expressed at the manner in which the teams for the ordinary afternoon matches were drawn for, and it was decided to appoint a match committee to attend to this matter. There is some new blood at the head of affairs now, some of the former committee having dropped out.

The application of the Auckland Lawn Tennis Club for a lease of the tennis lawns might well have been agreed to. The position of the Tennis Club in this respect has been most unsatisfactory for years past, and as a lot of money had been paid for rent, the tennis people were entitled to more consideration.

The members of the Rocky Nook Bowling Club held a social in the Kingsland Wesleyan schoolroom last week, when prizes donated by Messrs Hodgson, Whitham, Kayes, Ballin, Bouskill and Veale were presented to the winners:—Club championship, Mr Bouskill; handicap singles, Mr Rathbone; first year's players, Mr Butler; fixed jack competition, drawing, Mr Bouskill, driving, Mr Bouskill, drawing, Mr Haselden; pairs, W. Cooper, H. C. Haselden; club fours G. Fletcher, F. Ellisdon, Manson, Hodgson (skip).

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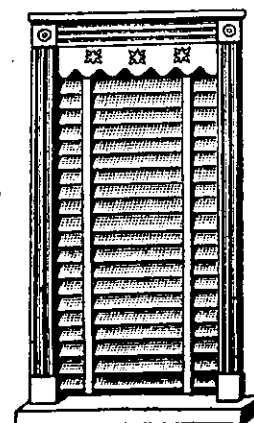
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A highly ingenious patent, which was originally secured in Paris by M. Vinsot, is a device by which horses can be operated upon with the utmost safety, and with a total absence of any injury to the animal, which at present often occurs through its struggles to rise. Mr Bordeaux, the well-known veterinary surgeon of Moonee Ponds, Victoria, has brought the invention out to Melbourne. It is really a sort of operating table, and is made of iron, being so constructed as to be available either for a small pony or draught horse. The horse is placed in a species of crush, which is suspended by means of pivots on two stands. The horse is raised by a broad sling, and his legs securely fastened with green hide padded hobbles to a chain which runs across the bottom of the machine. A padded slide goes under the horse when a lever brings him to a horizontal position resting on the slide. When thus secured the horse is quite incapable of hurting himself or the operator.

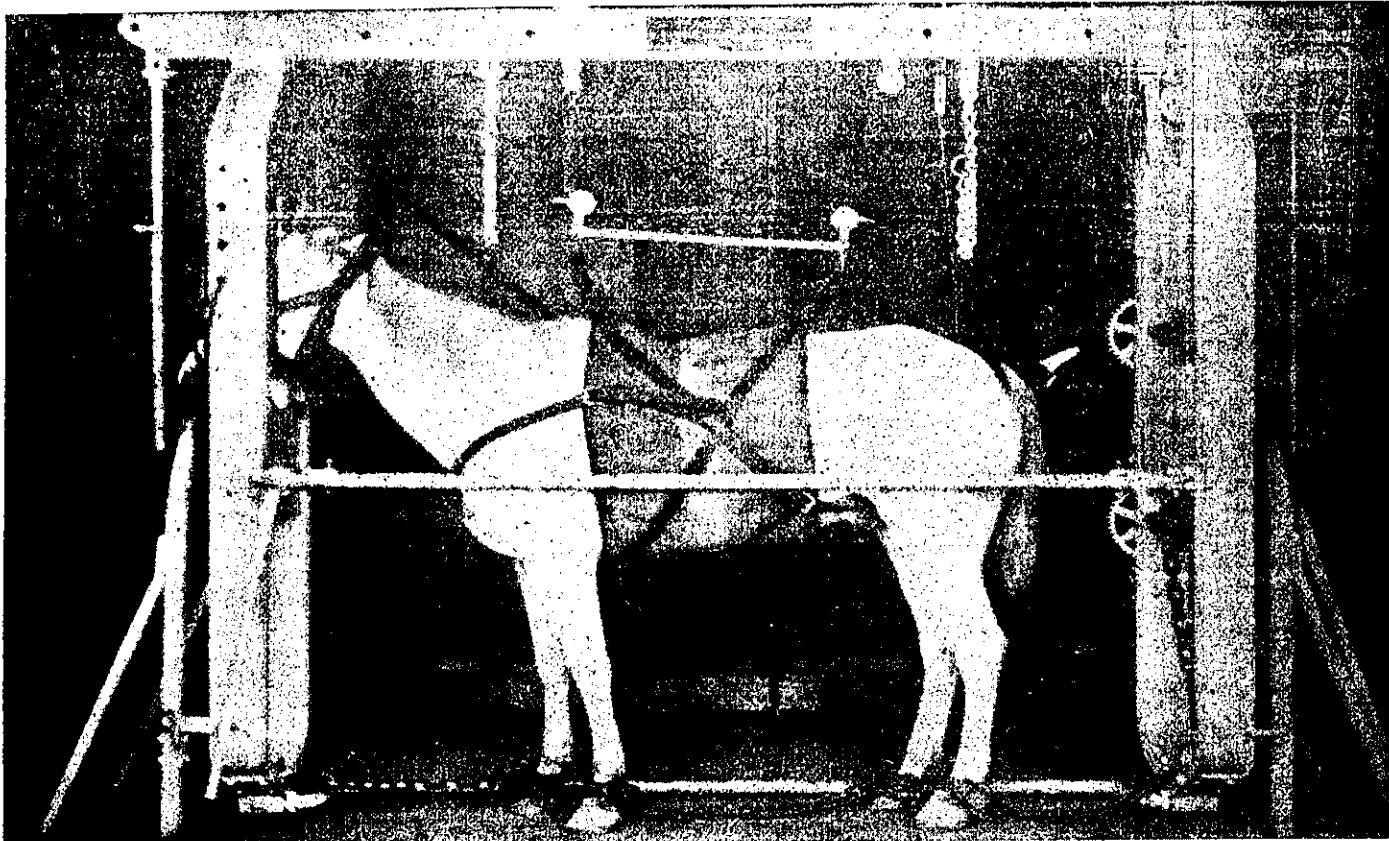
It is not difficult to see the advantage of the machine, for there is no risk of broken limbs, and the surgeon has entire command of his subject. The photographs on this page show very completely the apparatus and the method adopted for bringing the horse into a horizontal position. Already all the leading veterinary establishments in Europe and America have adopted the new idea, which, indeed, seems bound to be universally used by people whose business is the care of the horse.

**A USEFUL INVENTION.**

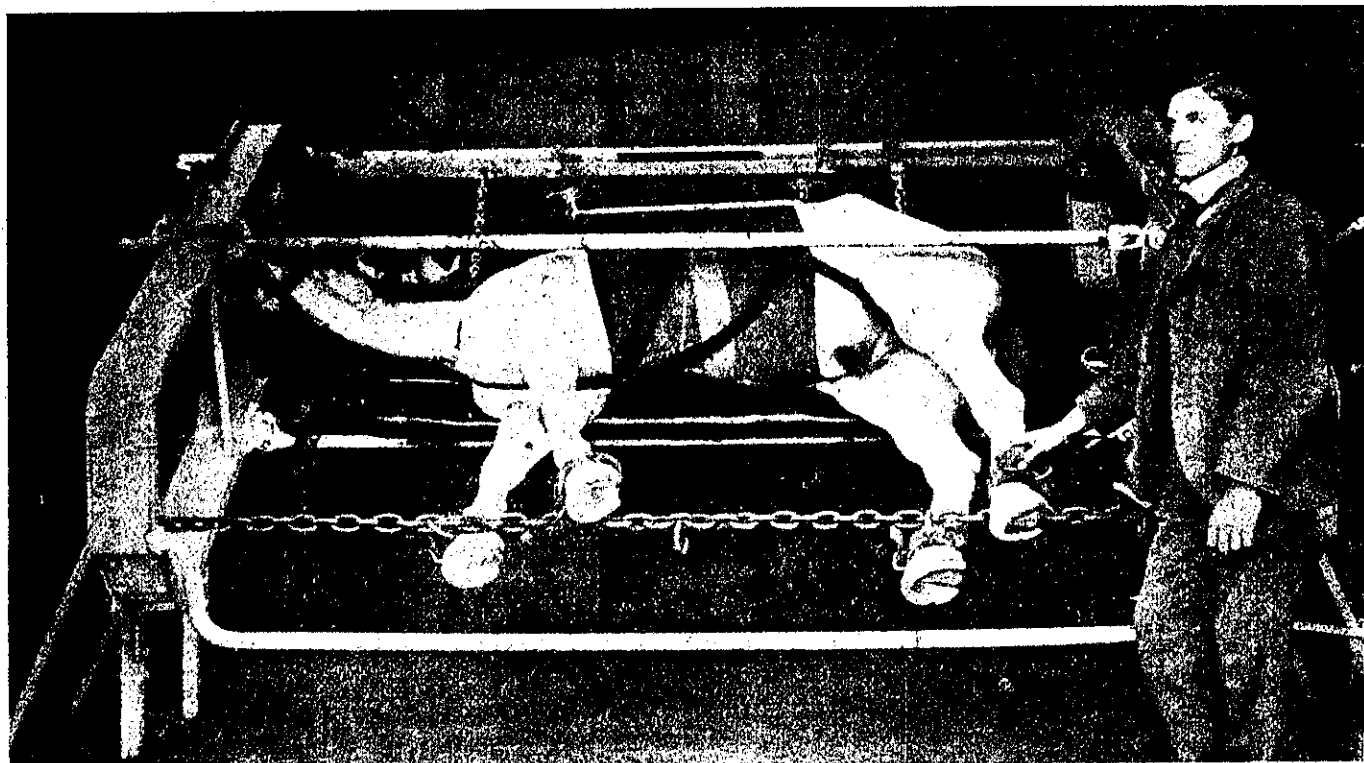
It has always been a matter of surprise that with so many inventions constantly being registered, the great majority of which are of no earthly use to mankind, no one has devised a plan whereby horses could be shod with nailless shoes. However, there is much truth in that hoary adage that everything comes to the man who waits, and at last it would appear that a method has been found. Mr W. Brady, of Te Puke, has taken out a patent for an improved horse shoe, which, if what its inventor claims for it is true, will quite revolutionise the methods at present adopted by smiths. Like many other patents from which immense fortunes have been derived, the idea is simplicity itself, and one is inclined to marvel why it was not tried before. The shoe is of specially manufactured steel, and is simply fitted over the hoof and the back open portion of the shoe tightened and the thing is done. Mr Brady has shown his invention to several of our foremost horseowners, who have one and all expressed themselves in terms of warm approval. Mr Donnelly, the well-known Hawke's Bay sportsman, was much impressed with the merits of the new shoe. There is no doubt whatever that if the horses themselves could be consulted in the matter their vote would be solid in favour of the nailless shoe, which, indeed, is such an improvement on the present method that it seems quite probable it may ultimately be universally adopted.

In accordance with expectations the voting at Lord's negated the proposed alterations in the laws of cricket by which the width of the wicket shall be increased from 8in to 9in; 21 members voted in favour of the innovation and 199 against. The necessary two-thirds majority therefore not being obtained the proposition was declared lost. It was almost universally felt that no sufficient case had been made out to justify the change, and the strong opposition exhibited in many quarters showed that there was no general desire for the alteration. Mr A. G. Steel, K.C., the president of the M.C.C., in proposing the alteration, told the meeting that wherever three or four cricketers were gathered to discuss cricket reform unanimity was impossible. He elicited a roar of laughter by announcing that as Melbourne had desired the alteration, Sydney had, of course, objected. Lord Harris having seconded the proposition, Mr W. E. Denison opened the attack by declaring that so far as could be judged the majority of both first and second-class counties, and the great majority, also, of ordinary clubs, opposed to the change, which was also strongly discountenanced in Sydney, America, and South Africa. Mr Denzil Onslow, taking the same side, pointed out that the over had been increased from four to five balls in order to save time, but, on the otherhand, the tea interval still existed, and in a three-day match wasted quite an hour. Finally, he brought out the great point that widening the wicket would entail slower batting, whereas all that was wanted was bright and good all-round cricket. The proposition was then put to the vote, and failed to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority.

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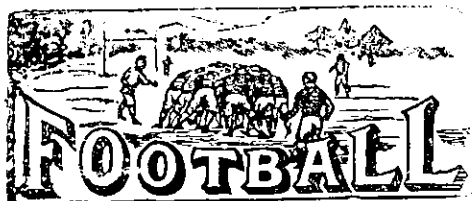
The horse is shown securely hobbled and fixed in the machine.



This shows the method adopted of allowing the horse to rest easily on the slide.



Mr Bordeaux ready to operate upon the horse.



(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.

As the weather was exceptionally bright and fine, a large number of spectators journeyed to Alexandra Park to witness the matches played there.

The Selection Committee of the Wellington, Canterbury, and Otago Unions have submitted the names of the players deemed eligible for inclusion in the New Zealand team for Australia to the governing body, and the selection will be made next Saturday by the four provincial representatives appointed for that purpose at a meeting to be held in Wellington. The names of the Wellington candidates are:—Wellington: Fullback, Wrigley; three-quarter, Orr; five-eighths, Wallace; forwards, Cross, Calnan, Dodd, Watkins, McAnally, and J. Spenser. Canterbury: D. McGregor, E. D. Rice, J. Lavery, M. E. Wood, A. Harvey, J. Roddick, R. J. Cooke, B. Fanning, and A. Brunson. Otago: Backs, Stalker and Duncan; forwards, Porteous, Hobson, Given, Stewart, Fenwick, and Leyden. Mr F. S. Murray will in all probability submit the names of eight or nine Aucklanders, and twelve or fifteen others will be recommended by various other unions, including Wanganui, Wairarapa, Southland, and Nelson, so that the selectors should have ample material at their disposal from which to choose a very powerful side. Judging by reports from Australia the New Zealand selectors will have to pick a weighty, fast, and dashing forward division if the successes of 1884, 1893, and 1897 are to be repeated. Forward play has made considerable progress of late years on the other side, the "Referee" being of opinion that the game has been improved out of all recognition. Should this be the case some very close games may have to be recorded.

## NEWTON V. GRAFTON.

Grafton met Newton on No. 1 Ground. Mr A. Campbell had control of the game as referee. Newton won the toss, and elected to play with the wind and sun behind them. Grafton kicked off, and play hovered about the half-way line until King kicked out in Newton's 25. From the throw-in McKenzie got the ball, and sprinting down the field, passed to Kiernan, who grounded the leather after the whistle had blown for a knock-on. Lewis and W. Heath then came to the Red and White's aid, and dribbled the leather into Grafton's 25, where Roberts got away, only to be stopped by McKenzie. Newton then put in a fine forward rush, carrying the ball over Grafton's line, where McGregor forced. The Red and White's again dashed the leather into their opponent's 25, and Kiernan relieved by punting into touch. "Dick" McGregor put in a couple of neat runs, but owing to the Newton backs' strong defence was unable to score. Newton's forwards then dribbled over the line, and Grafton were relieved by forcing. For the next few minutes give and take play followed. King then punted out in Newton's territory. The Red and White backs again put in some nice passing runs, but were stopped by Kelly, who dribbled the leather into safer quarters. For some time Newton kept the ball in their opponents' half, until McKenzie relieved by punting out. Roberts then had an unsuccessful pot at goal, and McKenzie forced. The Red and Whites then rallied, and making a brilliant rush carried the leather over Grafton's line, where McKenzie again forced. Soon after time called for the first spell, without score on either side.

On resuming play, McKenzie got away, and with a brilliant kick sent the ball into Newton's 25, where play stayed until Long, heading the Red and Whites, carried the ball out. Some very fast play followed about half-way, and Roberts getting the ball made a short run, and punted into touch in Grafton's 25. Pillinger then came to the front and dribbled the ball out. Newton then lost one of their three-quarters. Roberts being hurt had to go off the field, and Brasch came on to take his place. Soon after Kiernan got away, and having a clear field looked very like scoring when Murray overtook and upset him. McGregor got the leather from a scrum and passed to McKenzie, who dashed through the opposing backs and scored

between the posts. Huddleston's kick was charged down. (Grafton 3, Newton 0). Grafton's backs then had several chances to score but failed. Newton was then penalised, and Eaton had an unsuccessful shot at goal. King then put in some nice kicks. Soon after Newton was awarded a free kick, and Murray sent the ball over the line, where Grafton forced. Fast play followed, but no further score was made, this leaving Grafton the winners by three points to nil.

## NOTES.

The teams were very evenly matched. The Grafton men, if anything, were more clever with their feet. The game was fast throughout, and hardly fought.

McKenzie, the Grafton centre three-quarter, was in splendid form, and received great applause for his clever play, especially for the try he scored, which was got by a brilliant dodgy run.

Dick McGregor played his usual sound game, and was of great use to his team in both attack and defence work.

Lewis was conspicuous for his work among the Newton forwards.

The game was, however, to a large extent marred by the amount of off-side play which both teams indulged in. Perhaps the worst offender in this respect was Kelly, but several others were nearly as bad. The number of free kicks awarded by Mr Campbell for this breach of the rules must have been almost a record.

## CITY V. NORTH SHORE.

City had a very easy win over North Shore on Saturday, fairly outclassing

by six points to three. Absolum and Stuckey showed exceedingly good work for the winners, while Hancock and Twiname were the pick of the Parnell men.

## SECOND FIFTEENS.

Newton won from Grafton by default. City beat North Shore by nine to nil.

## THIRD FIFTEENS.

City A won from Parnell by default.

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

St. John's I. (nine) beat Prince Albert I. (nil).

St. John's II. (46) beat Prince Albert II. (nil).

Grammar School I. (five) beat King's College I. (nil).

Grammar School II. (27) beat King's College II. (nil).

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS MATCHES.

## A Grade.

Nelson-street (five) beat Parnell (three). Beresford-street and Napier-street played a draw (no score).

Richmond Road (three) beat Ponsonby (nil).

Wellesley-street (nineteen) beat Mount Eden (nil).

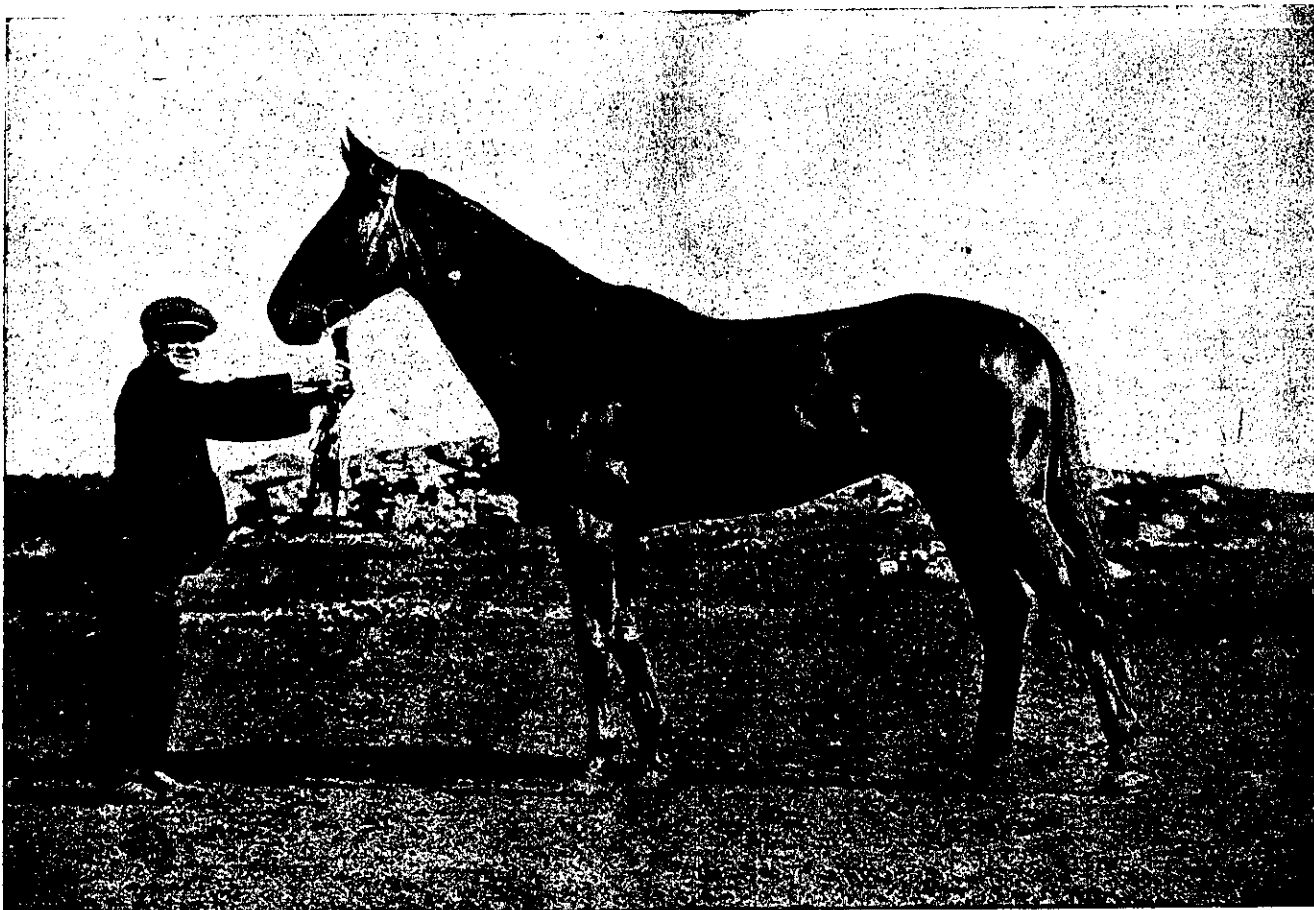
## B Grade.

Chapel-street v. Ellerslie: Not played. Bayfield (twenty-one) beat Mount Roskill (nil).

number of hours which I occupied at school at 'punt about,' which consisted in taking drop-kicks in leisure half-hours. I found the use of all this training when, after leaving school I became a candidate for international football. My object in writing this is to urge on all football players at our public schools to cultivate the art of drop-kicking with both feet. I am satisfied that after 33 years' experience, partly practical and partly theoretical, of Rugby football, that there is no surer way of getting your international cup than by cultivating at school the art of dropping with either foot. A man who can kick moderately well with either foot, can kick moderately well with either foot, and can thus make a certainty of getting his drop equally well while running either to the right or the left, is much more valuable in a team than one who can drop-kick magnificently only when running in one of these two directions. If he has to stop and turn before kicking, his chance is often lost, unless he is such an exceptionally fast runner that he can outrun anyone opposed to him, and who can do this in an international match against picked runners?" The writer's remarks should be taken to heart by players here. How often it happens that a goal from the field may win a match, and nothing demoralises an opposing team so quickly. It seems a lost art so far as Aucklanders are concerned.

## ASSOCIATION.

Grafton and North Shore played a very even game on the Devonport ground, each side scoring two goals. G. Dacre twice shot goals for North Shore, while Wright



Mr F. Watson's b g BATTLEAXE, by Hotchkiss—Queen Cole. Winner of the Grand National Hurdle Race, at Ellerslie.

them from the very outset. Asher was responsible for two tries, Gladding for two, while Nicholson, Scott, and George secured one each. Scott was very successful with his goal kicking, for out of seven attempts he on five occasions piloted the oval across the bar. North Shore's sole score was a penalty goal by Yeoland. The outsiders played a very plucky game all through, and on more than one occasion came within an ace of scoring. As always seems to be the case, Asher showed the most brilliant play on the winning side. Of the others Gladding, Tyler, and Magee appeared most conspicuous. Judging by their performances to date, the City team looks to have a big mortgage on the Premiership.

## SUBURBS V. PARNELL.

The two weakest teams in the competition this season appear to be Suburbs and Parnell, so that when they met on Saturday there was some speculation as to who would prove superior. It cannot be said that the play shown was of a particularly attractive nature. Parnell were the first to score through the carelessness of a Suburbs player, who omitted to force when it was quite easy for him to do so, Hancock racing up and touching down instead. This was Parnell's first try for the season. Suburbs soon rallied, and a nice passing rush by Stuckey, Grey, and Absolum gave the latter a chance which he promptly availed himself of, but his subsequent kick at goal was poor. This he repeated exactly shortly afterwards, and as no further scoring was done Suburbs won their first match of the season

Newmarket won from Wellesley-street by default.

## A v. B Grade.

Onchunga and Remuera played a draw (no score).

At Christchurch, on Saturday, the weather was beautifully fine, but the ground heavy, for football. Albion ten points (two goals) beat Christchurch, three points (a try); Sydenham, twelve points (a goal, a potted goal, and a try), beat Canterbury College, nil; Linwood, thirty-six points (six goals, two tries), beat Lyttelton, nil; Merivale, fourteen points (a goal, two penalty goals, and a try), beat Old Boys, ten points (two goals). The first round of the championship is now completed, and Albion lead with six points, Sydenham following with five and a-half, and Christchurch coming third, with five.

On Saturday, at Dunedin, Alhambra and Southern played a drawn game, neither side scoring; Kaikorai, fifteen, beat University, three; Dunedin, fourteen, beat Pirates, nil; Zingari-Richmond, nine, beat Union, nil.

An "Old International" writes as follows to an English paper:—"This is the second year within recent times in which the England v. Scotland match has been won by a dropped goal. Drop-kicking, as opposed to punting, is the beauty of the Rugby game from the spectators' point of view. At our public schools I suppose that drop-kicking is still cultivated. I should be sorry to call to mind the exact

and Bradstock returned the compliment on behalf of Grafton. For the local side local side Glazier, Dacre and Buddle did excellently, while for Grafton, Bradstock, Goldie, Bond, and Wright were conspicuous. Both teams, however, worked hard all through, and there was but little to choose between the individual players.

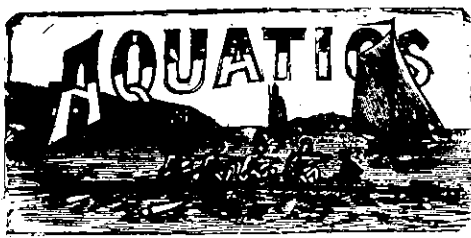
Grafton B could make no sort of head-way against Y.M.C.A. in the match on the Domain on Saturday, and were simply outplayed in every department of the game. Y.M.C.A. ran up a total of 20 goals to nil before time was called.

## A "DEMON" DISEASE.

JUDGING by the sufferings of some unfortunate people Rheumatism is a demon from the lower regions. It revels in the writhings of its victims, and is remorseless in its attacks. The excess uric acid in the system poisons the blood, and is the immediate cause of Rheumatism, Gout, Sciatica, and kindred complaints. The only way to get rid of these diseases is to get rid of the cause, and that is accomplished by taking "Rheumo," the great solvent of uric acid, the positive antidote for this poison. Rheumo seeks out the affected parts, and immediately begins the work of curing. Rheumo is a medicine and not a liniment. Rheumo conquers Rheumatism.

Stocked in Auckland by H. King, chemist, Queen-street; J. M. Jefferson, chemist, Queen-street, and Upper Symond, street; J. W. Robinson, chemist, Parnell; Graves Aicken, chemist, Queen-street; and sold by chemists and storekeepers at 2s 6d and 4s 6d per bottle.





(By "The Reefer.")

The Reliance has been built by a syndicate of nine members of the New York Yacht Club. They are: Judge E. H. Garry, one of the directors of the United States Steel Company; Clement A. Griscom, of Philadelphia, president of the International Mercantile Marine Company; Henry Walters, of Baltimore, president of the Atlantic Coast Line; Cornelius Vanderbilt, of New York; P. A. Widener, of Philadelphia; William Rockefeller, of New York, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company; James J. Hill, of St. Paul, president of the Great Northern Railroad Company; Norman B. Ream, of Chicago; and W. B. Leeds, of Pittsburg.

Many widely divergent statements have been made as to the cost of a cutter such as Shamrock or Columbia, and we have seen it mentioned (says the London "Field") that one of these large cutters cannot be built for less than £50,000. This is, of course, a considerable exaggeration, but there is no doubt that owners do pay very extravagant prices for racing yachts. According to "Bell's Life," in 1829, the 127-ton cutter Lulworth cost Mr Weld £14,000, or as much as £110 per ton, and we doubt if this price has ever been exceeded. Lord Belfast and Mr Weld in the first half of the century entered into keen competition for racing honours, and each spent no less than £30,000 in the construction of yachts during their years of rivalry, which, as Mr Montague Guest recalls in his "Memorials of the Royal Yacht Squadron," were closed by the building of Louisa and Alarm. In 1901 the cutter Independence was built in America for the purpose of defending the America Cup, and cost approximately £100 per ton. This is a very fair estimate of the complete cost of the latest type of Cup challenger and defender. Their tonnage by yacht measurement varies from about 260 to 270 tons, and the cost varies slightly, according to the materials used in construction and the dimensions. The yacht Independence was a very expensively built vessel, and the cost of hull, etc., was certainly not less than the average for the other America Cup yachts. The original contract for the vessel, rigged, was £15,000; extra work on hull, rigging, and spars £8500; sails, including two mainsails at £600 each, wire rope, etc., £0000; general equipment, including a working steam launch, £2000; outfitting, clothes for crew, etc., £1500; and sundries, inclusive of commission to the designer, £2000—total £26,000. The cost of running the yacht for the season, maintenance, repairs, stowage, wages, racing money, provisions, and general expenses was £15,000. Thus, if we say that the complete cost of building a Cup challenger is £100 per ton, and the expense of running her is another £60 per ton, we shall have an idea of the expenditure required to bring a vessel to the starting line in a race for the America Cup.

The annual eight-oar race between the Universities of Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide took place on the Parramatta River on Saturday week. There was a desperate struggle for two miles, the Sydney and Melbourne crews rowing almost level for a long way. Then, however, Sydney gradually edged away, and won rather easily by five lengths, Adelaide being beaten off. Sydney has now won nine times, Melbourne on five occasions, and Adelaide twice.

A cable received during the week states that the America Cup challenger, Shamrock III., arrived at New York on Monday. She made the trip across in seventeen days, which is under the average. No doubt Shamrock was towed by Sir Thomas Lipton's steam yacht Erin for part of the trip, the new regulations allowing this to be done. As the race does not eventuate till August 20, the Britisher will have two months before her to get thoroughly tuned up. The result of her trials with Shamrock II. will be awaited with interest.

Whoever would be "Cock o' the walk"  
Must open his mouth and crow it loud,  
For whispers and mutters are plainly  
not talk,  
And very soon lost in a crowd,  
We take special care that we may be  
heard,  
Our knowledge we cannot immure,  
For bad coughs and colds the stuff  
that's preferred,  
Is Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

## GOLF.

The latest improvement in the putter line comes from America. It is an aluminium club, somewhat oval in shape, with the shaft inserted into the top of the head. The Club is now very popular in America and the old country. Both Travis and Douglas, the two champion amateur players in United States of America, use it, and claim that it has greatly improved their putting. The patentee is Findley S. Douglas, one time amateur champion. He has given it the name of the Schenectaddy putter.

Messrs John Ball, H. H. Hilton, Graham, and some other Liverpool golfers have had a trip to Cannes, at the invitation of H.I.H. the Grand Duke Michael of Russia. They enjoyed it very much. H. L. Doherty, the tennis champion, was playing for Cannes, and beat his opponent, W. Ryder Richardson. H. I. Whigham, ex-amateur champion of America, also played for Cannes, and beat his opponent, in responding for the visitors, said, amongst other things:—"Mr Whigham, as as they all knew, had spread the game north, south, east, and west, and not long since he had been playing over links in Persia, where the hazards were chiefly

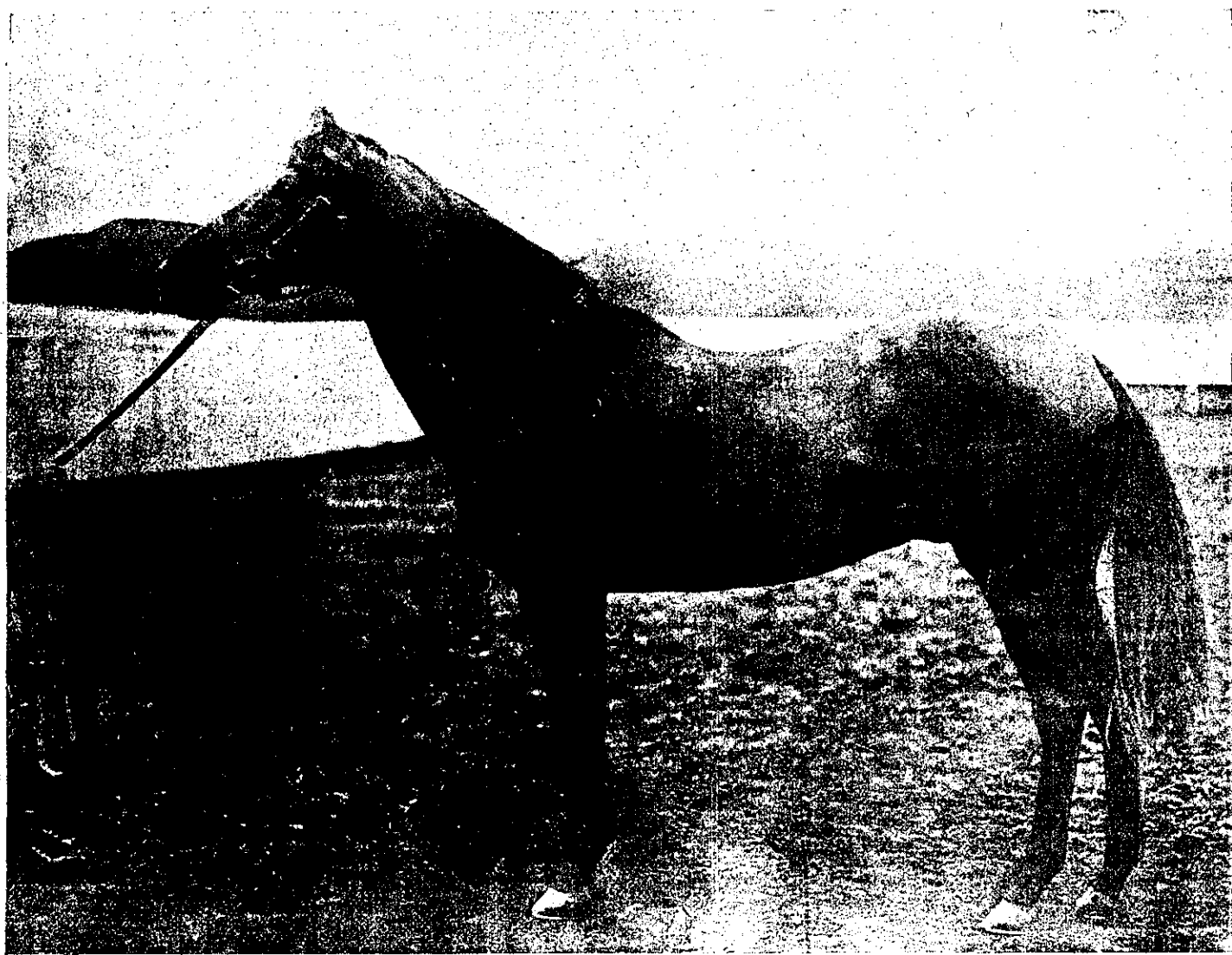
There was a large number of players in evidence on the Cornwall links on Saturday. The constant wet weather experienced during the week did not appear to have affected the ground in any way, the porous nature of the soil allowing the water to get away quickly.

A foursomes handicap was played, Messrs. C. Rhodes and R. H. Carr proving the winners with a gross score of 101, their handicaps of 14 leaving them the nett total of 87. Messrs. R. Horton and D. McCormick, with a handicap of 21, W. Colbeck and H. Pelli, handicap 2, and C. Heather and W. Heather, handicap 17, tied for second place with a nett score of 93 strokes. Next in order came Messrs. J. W. Hull and J. R. Sykes, 95; E. Horton and E. Anderson, 95; J. R. Reed and Dr. Coates, 97; J. Burns and E. Dargaville, 97; E. Turner and C. Pollen, 97; J. R. Hooper and Dr. Gordon, 97; C. Gillies and A. Aitkin, 99; Rev. McWilliam and L. E. Mair, 102; Rev. C. Tisdall and W. Bruce, 105; P. Upton and R. Horton, 109;

for the vacancies on the committee caused by the retirement by rotation of the Hon. Alfred Lyttleton, K.C., Mr J. Shuter, Mr A. N. Hornby, and the Hon. F. S. Jackson were Mr A. G. Steel, K.C. (the retiring president), the Earl of Lichfield, Major W. E. Hardy, and Mr F. H. E. Cunliffe.

Hargreaves, the professional bowler with the English Team in New Zealand, accomplished a fine bowling performance on his return. He played for Warwickshire against Surrey the day after his arrival; and in the second innings obtained nine wickets for thirty-five runs, which is one of the best bowling feats witnessed at the Oval for some years. In the whole match he secured fifteen wickets for seventy-six runs, and this against such a strong batting team as Surrey.

Writing in the London "Sportsman" of his recent tour in New Zealand, Mr Warner says:—"Our record is a brilliant one, but we were always immensely superior to our opponents, even the New Zealand Eleven being no match for us. . . . The fielding was generally very fair, and occasionally brilliant, while the whole side worked together splendidly both on and off



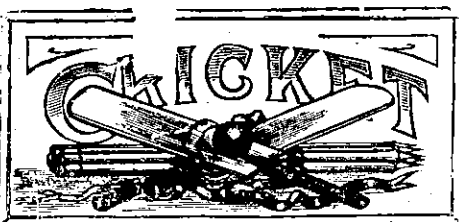
SIRE OF THE SEASON.—No. 1.

SEATON DELAVAL, by Melton—Rosedale. The property of Messrs L. D. and N. A. Nathn.

formed out of the ruins of Nebuchadnezzar's palace. One member of his own team had even carried the game further afield, for when formerly occupying an important diplomatic position as Consul for the Sandwich Islands, he introduced the game there, and the Queen of Honolulu was so interested that he understood she and the Consul had a game together, which she greatly enjoyed.

The May meeting of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrew's was to be held on May 6. At this meeting it was to be decided whether the Haskell ball was to be barred or not, so we will have the result in a fortnight. Concerning this ball, "Golf Illustrated" says:—"A feature of the hold which the rubber-cored ball has taken at St. Andrew's is the great number of players there now using horn-faces in their wooden clubs. It is claimed for this idea that it adds still more distance to the drive when used in conjunction with the rubber-cored balls."

Alec. Herd, the open champion, gives some useful hints on iron play, finishing with:—"I always play my iron and mashie shots with rigid arms, letting the wrists work slightly as I swing up and down. I keep my body steady, making the arms do the turning of the body, and following well through. I push my right arm straight after the ball."



In the Notts v. Leicestershire match, at Nottingham on May 25, 26, 27, Notts lost seven wickets for 739, William and John Gunn putting on 376 for the third wicket. W. Gunn made 189, and J. Gunn 294. The latter is the left-hand bowler, who was a member of Maclaren's team, and is a nephew of William Gunn.

The Marylebone Cricket Club's annual report shows that in 1902 there were 4847 members, an increase of 74, of whom 4125 paid, 403 were life members, and 317 abroad. Mention was made of the Cricketers' National War Fund, which realised £2290 19s 7d. The total turnover of the club in 1902 was upwards of £26,000. The refreshment department was worked at a loss of some £1200. The entrance fees and subscriptions to the club were £13,056 5s 3d, against £12,821 in 1901. The nominees

the field. There were too many matches against odds, and a little too much travelling and rushing about from place to place, but we had a delightful time, and the hospitality we received was everywhere unbounded. . . . The Wellington Club will live in our memory, for we were made to feel absolutely at home there during both our visits to Wellington, and the hospitality we received from everyone, and more especially from our hosts, Dr. Collins, Mr Bell, Mr Coates and Mr Simpson, was lavish. . . . We had, indeed, a magnificent send-off, and one which made a great impression on us, but it was only a repetition of the kindness and good feeling which has been extended to us throughout the colony. . . ."

What happened to Jones? who knows?  
Perhaps 'twas a cold in his nose,  
Or maybe a cough, which he couldn't  
shake off,  
And denied him the joy of repose.  
Quite likely he both did endure,  
Which him to his room did immure,  
Till a friend said one day, Drive your  
chills all away  
With—  
Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.



[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 18 to 21—Willoughby and Gesch

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE, AUCKLAND

June 15 to 27—J. C. Williamson's Company  
 July 21 to August 5—Hawtreys 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 17 to July 3—Musgrove Company  
 July 11 to 25—J. C. Williamson  
 September 9 to 29—American Musical Comedy Company  
 October 30 to November 13—J. C. Williamson  
 November 18 to 21—Willoughby-Gesch  
 November 28 to December 12—J. C. Williamson  
 December 23 to January 23—Anderson's Dramatic Co.

THEATRE ROYAL, CHRISTCHURCH

June 13 to 18—Hawtreys Comedy Company  
 July 27 to August 4—Williamson's Opera Company  
 August 5 to 16—Christchurch Amateurs  
 Sept. 29 to October 7—American Comedy Company

PRINCESS THEATRE, DUNEDIN

August 6 to 15—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 8 and 4—J. C. Williams  
 August 22 to 25—Hawtreys 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. Williams

THEATRE ROYAL, NEW PLYMOUTH.

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

THE POLLARD OPERA COMPANY.

Mr W. O'Sullivan writes me from Capetown, on May 12:—"A line or two just to let you know how the Company are getting on in South Africa. We opened on May 4, after a delightful trip in the Persic. 'Djin Djin' was the opening production, and the people were simply delighted with it. Though it was raining the most part of the first week, the amount taken for admission at the doors amounted over £1200. Not a bad week! and with very strong opposition, including Mr Edwards' English Company, with the New Zealand old favourite 'The Belle of New York,' and two American Comedy Companies, Fillis' Circus, and various smaller shows. The takings so far this week are still up to the standard of the previous week. We had a great night last week, an Australian and New Zealand night. Among the audience were Mr Simpson and Mr Airy, both of Auckland. We expect to run 'Djin-Djin' about three weeks here, and as many months in Johannesburg, a fine city from all accounts. The weather this week is simply delightful. I have met quite a number of New Zealanders and Australians at the Cape."

AN ACTRESS' BLACK BABY.

I have had some very curious incidents happen to me (says Mrs Brown-Potter in the latest "M.A.P."), and some very amusing ones.

Once in Capetown I was playing "Frou-Frou." There were two carpenters engaged at the theatre, one a white man and the other a black man. The white man allowed his little child to play "the child" in the piece. One day it went home from the rehearsal with a violent cold.

That night I, as the wife of a jealous husband, had, as usual, to place the child in his arms; being rather hurried, and the wings being dark, I snatched up the child standing there, rushed on to the stage, placed the child in his arms, and he held it, face towards the audience, high above his head, saying, "You, you at all events are mine!" It is a thrilling situation, but, to Mr Kyrie Bellew's amazement the child was greeted with a roar of laughter, which soon became perfectly hysterical.

Lowering the child to see what was the matter, he discovered to his horror that it was a negro, pot-black! The other carpenter had sent his child to take the place of the white one absent through illness. It turned a tragedy into a screaming farce—for the populace, at all events; it was far from being a farce to us, for we had to abandon the piece altogether through our South African tour.



PRINCIPALS OF "ARE YOU A MASON?" COMPANY.

Miss Bertha Rossow, who made her debut in Australia with Madame Janet Patey some 13 years ago, goes to South Africa as soprano to the Wolff-Hollmann Concert Party.

Veteran John L. Toole celebrated his seventy-third birthday last month.

Madame Marchesi, the famous Parisian singing teacher, charges £14 4s a month for lesson in class, but if a pupil takes half an hour daily the fee is £30 for that period. At the latter rate, adding the rate of living as economically as possible, the singer cannot manage on less than £40 per month.

My Christchurch correspondent writes:—"The ancient Theatre Royal has been given over to darkness and locked doors since the Rickards' Company departed for fresh fields, but the Majeronis promise to pay us another visit about the end of the current month, when we hope to see "Jealousy." Then on July 13 the Hawtreys Company are due to play a return season, and later on in the same month the Williamson Dramatic Company will bob up serenely at the Theatre Royal. Oh, and a leading member of the Christchurch Amateur Dramatic Company, Mr J. Woods, to wit, tells me that the the aforesaid combination (which has booked the Royal for ten nights at Grand National time) is going to astonish the natives with one or two pieces now in active rehearsal, including the famous "Jane," which, of course, as you know, is a farcical comedy of the most excruciatingly funny description. I am sure I wish the Christchurch Amateur Dramatic Company a most successful season. Mr Macdermott, of Cooper and Macdermott's clever Biograph Show, writes me from Dunedin to say that they have been having a grand season in the Southern metropolis, and, in fact, repeating their Christchurch success. Mr Macdermott reminds me that he and his partner hail from Auckland, and asks me to give him a line in the 'Review,' which is very popular with the profesh right through this island."

Miss Pattie Browne recently sent a telegram to the management of the Duke of York's Theatre, saying she would be unable to play that morning, as she had urgent business to attend to. It turned out that the business was "extra special"—being matrimony. Miss Browne was that morning married to a member of the Stock Exchange; but she appeared the same evening, and sustained with her usual drollery and skill her part of Tweenie in "The Admirable Crichton."

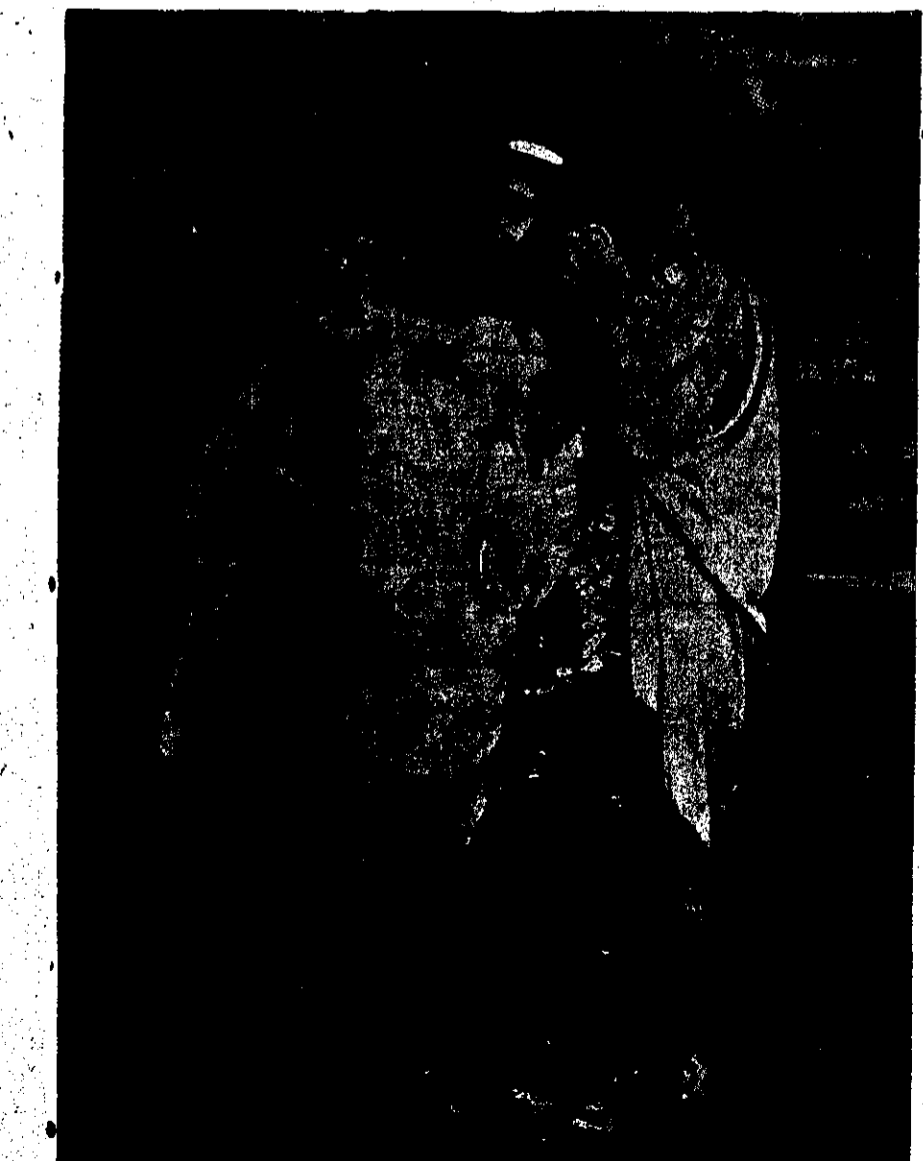
The Brough Company have finally disbanded. "Of the future movements of Mr and Mrs Brough," Mr Hamilton says, "nothing whatever will be settled until they have reached London, and had a good solid holiday. Mr Brough has some idea of going to America, but nothing is in any way fixed. The statements which have appeared in several Australian papers about their returning to this country are entirely without foundation. The Broughs will never appear in Australia again. This is absolutely certain."

My Wellington correspondent writes, under date June 11th, that Rickards' Vaudeville Coy. are doing good business at the Opera House. Jacques Inaudi, the mental marvel, closed his season last Friday and Messrs Seeley and West, a musical sketch team of a very high order, took his place. The act of Seeley and West is undoubtedly very fine, their array of instruments being many and varied, and each is played with a correctness that stamps them with the hallmark of musician. Geo. W. Hunter, comedian, makes his final bow on Friday, and will be replaced by Hill and Silvalney, a daring bicycle team. Wallace Brownlow, Sam Houldsworth, Olive, Eileen Capel and others form an attractive bill. Bert Bradley and Miss Florrie Barnes also join the Coy. this week. Dix's Gaiety Coy. are keeping their end up at the Theatre Royal this week, being conundrum week. A price of one guinea is to be given for the best answer to the conundrum, "Why is the Theatre Royal the most popular playhouse in New Zealand?"

The announcement is made that Tomaso Salvini, the great Italian actor, is going to retire from the stage. To many people (says the "Westminster Gazette") the news that he is still treading the boards will come with a strange surprise, for Salvini is now an old man of 74. Old playgoers will remember his visit to London in 1875, when he played Othello, the Gladiator and "Hamlet" at Drury Lane. It was a pleasant little triumph for Salvini. The actor concludes an allusion in his autobiography to his English visit with this little note of romance: "I left behind in London many genial acquaintances and enduring friendships, besides a sincere affection for a young orphan girl, who became my wife in the course of that year."

Fuller's Entertainers are drawing good houses at the Choral Hall, and the show is as good as its predecessors. Geo. Musgrove's new English Comedy Coy. are to open the Opera House on Wednesday next with "Sweet Nell of Old Drury." The booking office opened this morning, and the seats sold like hot cakes. The only thing that seems to gall the people is the "early door" imposition, for which Mr Rickards has been a big sufferer this season, and the people will not have it.

"Were Shakespeare to be more widely read in the boudoir and the drawing-room," Mr Beerbohm Tree said in an interesting speech at Stratford-on-Avon recently, "I verily believe that the good woman would come into fashion once again. The tiresome woman finds no place in Shakespeare. Even Lady Macbeth was heroic in her criminal devotion to her spouse. Cleopatra came nearest, perhaps, to the restless female of to-day, but even she was great in 'immortal longings' of her eternal femininity."



Talma, photo.  
 MISS CYNTHIA BROOKE, as Hernia, Mr NORMAN PARTRIDGE, as Lysander.  
 In "A Midsummer Night's Dream," at the Princess' Theatre, Melbourne.

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

"ARE YOU A MASON?"

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You a Mason?" is said to have broke up the Australian drought; with us it ought to check the development of the influenza, which is due about this time.

THE MUSGROVE COMPANY.

The "Sweet Nell" Company concluded their season at Auckland on Saturday, and proceeded the same night to Wellington, where they opened last evening. The concluding bill-of-fare consisted of "A Royal Rival," which was distinguished by the magnificent acting of Mr Harcourt Beatty as Don Caesar, and the amusing burlesque, "A Pantomime Rehearsal." There was a bumper farewell house, and the principals were repeatedly called before the curtain. The season, on the whole, was most successful, and will doubtless induce Mr Musgrove to send us more of the same excellent fare.

CITY HALL.

The new company of Vaudeville Entertainers, organised by Mr Walter Rivers, opened at the City Hall on Saturday night to a good house, and provided a bill-of-fare that was, on the whole, appreciated. Unfortunately, Mr Rivers himself, who is, of course, the mainstay of the show, was unable to be present, owing to his having been called away on urgent business, but he is announced to appear on Saturday next. Much of the talent is local, and shows strong indications of improving, while the balance is good of its kind. Competitions and prize-giving are advertised, and the entertainment ought to "go."

AN OLD-TIME FAVOURITE.

New Zealand playgoers of the 'Seventies will remember Miss Clara Stephenson, who was leading lady in the homely drama of those days with George Collier, Lancelot Booth, Burford (her husband) and others. I have a vivid recollection of seeing her play "Lady Audley" in the old Prince of Wales' Theatre (since known as the Brunswick Mart) Queen Street, Auckland, about 1873. Miss Stephenson now runs a small fruit shop at Rockhampton.

From "Pasquin's" notes I gather that Mr Cooper, late of the Fitzmaurice-Gill Company, has become engaged to Miss Kate Gair, now with the Majeronis. Mr J. N. Brown, formerly conductor for the Fullers, is now in West Australia. He is becoming popular as a song writer. O. P. Heggie, who played the Messenger in "Mars," is on the point of leaving for Philadelphia.

I learn by private note from Sydney that Mr Harry Musgrove, brother to George of that ilk, and for more than fifteen years associated with the Williamson and Musgrove firm, has entered into business in the New South Wales capital in conjunction with Mr W. F. Elkington, as musical, dramatic, and literary agents. They ought to know something about the lines they have undertaken. Mr Elkington has himself a rather pretty turn for verse.



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

Mr Charles Blake, of the Fitzmaurice Gill Company, writes from Wellington:—"Just a line to let you know we open for certain on July 4, in a newly-purchased piece, entitled 'The Prodigal Parson,' one of the prettiest dramas yet seen in the colony. It is beautifully mounted with scenery all new from the brush of Will Diamond. I am sure the Auckland public will not be disappointed. The second production is a grand military and spectacular drama, 'The French Spy,' also purchased from Charlie Holloway, and the sole property of Miss Fitzmaurice Gill. Others to follow in quick succession are 'Nancy and Her Sailor' and 'Shadows of a Great City.'"

Rawei, the Maori lecturer, is touring Queensland. At latest he was appearing at the Rockhampton Theatre Royal.

T. A. South, the veteran actor, is said to be an inmate of the Dunwich Hospital (Q.).

All theatricals before departing from the State of Queensland are mulct in a 10s a head poll tax.

Mr Charles McMahon has had an offer to pilot a Yankee minstrel company through the colonies.

Lovers of true music will be delighted to hear that the Westminster Abbey Concert Company, now appearing in Australia, purpose paying a return visit to this colony.

There will be quite an American invasion of the Australian stage shortly. Drama, opera, and burlesque will be the fare supplied by our American cousins.

Herbert Fleming talks of bringing the Hungarian Military Boys Band to Australia. They were showing in March last at Petermaritzburg.

Miss Ascoli, who was "The Winking Girl" with the Willoughby-Geach Comedy Company, is in private life the wife of Mr Harry Hill, who plays the Lord Chief Justice of England in "Sweet Nell of Old Drury."

It is reported that grand opera will be again produced in Australia next year by Mr Musgrove, when in addition to English artists, a new departure will be made by the engagement of several American ones of repute. Wagnerian operas will be a feature of the season.

Mr C. B. Westmacott, manager of the "Sweet Nell" Company, and his second in command, Mr O'Brien, made themselves very popular during the season by their unflinching courtesy. Mr Musgrove has been fortunate in the selection of these two gentlemen.

Mr "Bob" Courtneidge, in talking about Shakespearean drama in England, says some capital revivals of the bard's plays have been staged at Manchester Queen's. "Henry VIII." has just had a good run, and the manager, Mr Flanagan, intends staging "Richard III." next year.

Australians will be glad to learn that Mr Arthur Deane, as leading baritone of the Carl Rosa Company, recently created the part of Gerard in Giordano's opera, "Andre Chenier," the period of which is France during the French Revolution.

Mr Frank Weathersby has disposed of the Australasian rights of a new drama, "The Painted Woman" (by the author of "The Favourite") to William Anderson for early production.



MR LAWRENCE HANRAY  
Of the "Are You a Mason?" Company.

The "Sydney Morning Herald," in its notice of Mr Frank Thornton's revival of "Facing the Music" says:—"Amongst the newcomers very good work was done by Mr Frank Hawthorne as the Rev. John Smith, curate of St. Andrew's, in which he was artistically careful not to exaggerate familiar clerical peculiarities."

Mr J. F. Sheridan, the immortal "Widow O'Brien," was to open in Melbourne on Saturday in "The Lady Slavey."

Messrs Bennett and Weston, the well-known theatrical and advertising agents, have removed from His Majesty's Arcade to No. 6, Mercantile Chambers, Queen-street, Auckland.

STAGE DOOR NOTES.

Miss Ethel Knight Mollison, the leading lady in "Are You a Mason?" is a handsome young Canadian, having been born at St. John, New Brunswick. She was educated at Dulwich, near London, and before going on the stage studied painting for three years at the South Kensington Art Schools.

Miss Olga Beatts-Kingston is a daughter of the late William Beatty-Kingston, a leading London journalist, for many years connected with the "Daily Telegraph."

Mr Geo. Giddens, who in "Are You a Mason?" plays the part which he created in London, will also probably be seen in another of his original characters during the season, as the management contemplate putting on "Oh, What a Night."

Mr Charles Carter, who is known all over the colonies as tenor in the Pollard Opera Company, is now in London for a course of study at the Royal Academy of Music. He has had several flattering offers of good operatic engagements, but has resisted all temptations that would interfere with the career that he has now marked out for himself.

The name of the man who takes the part of the up-to-date Sandow in the "Circus Girl" is James Kelly, who used to be a plice constable at Bendigo (Victoria). He stands 7ft. 1in. in his stockings.



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### REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

Entries for some of the big future events of the Wellington Racing Club close with Mr J. F. Clark, the secretary, on Tuesday, June 30, at 10 p.m. These are the Wellington Stakes, of 400 sovs to be run at the Summer Meeting of 1905; the North Island Challenge Stakes, of 400 sovs to be decided at the Autumn Meeting 1905; the New Zealand St. Leger Stakes, of 400 sovs. to be run at the Autumn Meeting, 1906.

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.O Winter Meeting will be declared on June 26. Acceptances must be made to Mr M. G. Naasmith by July 3. The fixture will come off on July 9 and 10.

### RACING CALENDAR

NEW ZEALAND.

#### FIXTURES

June 24 and 25—Hawke's Bay J.C. Winter  
July 9 and 10—Gisborne R.C  
July 16 and 18—Wellington R.C. Winter  
Nov. 7—C.J.C. Metropolitan. New Zealand Cup

#### NOMINATIONS.

July 13—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 3—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 18, 1903

### THE SIMILARITY OF RACING COLORS

It is greatly to be desired that during the interval which will now elapse before racing is resumed, something may be done to re-arrange the colors which as at present worn are little short of farcical. It must be taken for granted that the chief, if not the only, reason why colors are worn at all by jockeys is to enable them to be easily recognisable by the judge, the stewards, and the general public. There is no possible fault to be found with the custom, certainly a picturesque one, always provided that colors are so arranged as to make it an easy matter to differentiate the various competitors in a race. Is this always done, however? It would unfortunately appear not to be the case. Take for instance the last race meeting held at Ellerslie. There we find Mr J. George's colours described as all black and majenta sash, Mr R. Hynes' as black jacket, maroon sash and cap, Mr M. Hogan's as black jacket red sash, and black cap. Now, after a single shower of rain has wetted the silk it is practically an impossibility to distinguish maroon from majenta or red. One might do it if they were allowed to sit down and consider the matter, but to pick them out when the wearers are racing past at full speed is indeed another matter altogether. Then again there is Mr F. Watson's blue jacket and amber cap, and Mr J. Donald's blue jacket and yellow cap. Quite a number of horses were running with jockeys up whose colours were exactly similar with the exception of the cap. This should not be allowed, for in the extremely probable contingency of the rider's cap coming off during a race there would be simply nothing left for the judge to tell them by. There is plenty for this official to do in watching a close finish without making his task harder by allowing such very fine distinctions of colours to be worn by the competing horsemen.

This matter has been exercising the minds of racegoers on the other side of the Tasman Sea, and that progressive body, the Australian Jockey Club, has determined to grapple with the difficulty, and has adopted a recommendation by a sub-committee appointed for the purpose. This states that in future all caps must be of one colour; all stars, hoops, sashes, braces, diamonds, and armbands must be at least four inches wide; facings, cuffs, collars, pipings, seams, braids, and vertical halves will not be allowed; fifteen colours only will be allowed to be used, viz., white, black, brown, dark blue, pale blue, green, grey, tartan, maroon, red, pink, orange, yellow, purple, and lilac; the nomenclature of these fifteen sample colours must be adopted in all jackets and caps; that letters be sent to all owners interested to bring them within these regulations, and the sub-committee be allowed to continue sitting to adjust any discrepancies that may arise, and to deal with all applications for new colours; that any registered owners of colours now on the list, where they do not conflict with these regulations, except in the name of the shade of colour, may retain the same, but the nomenclature laid down must be adhered to.

There can be no shadow of doubt that racing, colours throughout New Zealand are in urgent need of alteration or regulation, and some such scheme as that now being tried by the governing body in New South Wales might well be adopted. Of the colours mentioned two might well be eliminated, namely, maroon and orange, for if the bands are at all narrow they strongly resemble red and yellow. It is a subject well worth the attention of the Racing Conference, instead of being a help to the racegoer, in many instances, only serves to make confusion worse confounded.

## Sporting Topics

On the Thursday of the Newmarket Spring Meeting the race for the Peel Handicap was run twice owing to the fact that on the first occasion it had been run over the wrong distance, and the judge was fined £20 for going to the wrong winning post.

The Carbine horse Lord Carbine dropped dead on April 30 while exercising at Lambourn. Lord Carbine was four years old, and last season won four of the races in which he took part, his successes including the Lewes Handicap and the Grand Prix d'Ostende.

There are sixteen youngsters at the Cambria Park Stud Farm, some of them exceedingly promising looking young thoroughbreds. There are also thirty-one mares in foal at the same farm.

Mr Joseph Chadwick, the well-known sporting scribe, has been appointed handicapper for the Geraldine Racing Club. No doubt the good work done by him for the Wellington Racing Club has impressed the committee of the Geraldine Club.

The Auckland Cup winner, Siege Gun, appears among the list of entries for the Melbourne Cup. The son of Hotchkiss and Frailty has been nominated by Mr F. McGrath, who has also entered the Pilgrim's Progress mare Felicitous.

I notice among the nominations for the rich Maribyrnong Plate, which is run at the Spring Meeting of the V.R.C., Mr John Marshall's newly acquired brown filly by Haut Br on from Necklet appears. Aucklanders would be very pleased to see the popular "all black" carried to victory in the big five furlongs race.

The Sultan of Johore has three nominations in the Maribyrnong Plate, 1903, the Ascot Vale Stakes, V.R.C. Derby, 1904, and St. Leger, 1905. They are a bay colt by Carlyon—Brown Alice, a bay colt by Thunderbolt—Tuberosa, and a bay gelding by The Admiral—Glee. His only nomination in the Melbourne Cup is the four-year-old bay gelding Rapid Pilgrim, by Pilgrim's Progress—Lady Bevys.

As was generally expected would be the case, the South Auckland Racing Club has approved of the recommendations re appointing a sole handicapper for the country clubs. The other suggestions of the Conference of Country Clubs in the Auckland Province have also been adopted. The Whatawhata Club has also approved of the various recommendations, and it seems almost certain that the other clubs interested will follow suit. There can be no doubt whatever that one man as handicapper, who could attend the meetings, would give far more satisfaction than the present method, and I feel sure that before long this very sensible suggestion by the Conference will be acted upon.

Rock Sand, who has won the two great classic events, Two Thousand Guineas and Derby, in England this season, has had a particularly brilliant career. As a two-year-old, out of seven starts he only once suffered defeat, when he ran third to Flotsam and Mead in the Middle Park Plate. Auckland is fortunate in the possession of a horse bred very much like this year's Derby winner. The Cambria Park Stud Company's sire Cyrenian to a very large extent possesses the same blood, as he is by St. Simon out of Daisy Chain by Springfield. Rock Sand is by Sainfoin by Springfield, out of Roquebrune by St. Simon. Rock Sand is simply saturated with Stockwell blood as Sainfoin's sire is a grandson, and his dam a granddaughter, while Roquebrune's sire, St. Simon, is out of St. Angela by a half-brother to Stockwell, and Roquebrune's granddam was a Stockwell mare. Cyrenian has almost exactly similar blood in his veins, so that this handsome young stallion is bred on the most successful lines in England today.

Among the members of the London Stock Exchange there must be some more than useful exponents of the "heel and toe" game. Five miles and a-half an hour for fifty-two miles is "jolly good" walking! The Stock Exchange walk to Brighton produced ninety-two competitors. They started soon after six o'clock in the morning, and the first to arrive at his destination was Mr E. Broad, whose time was a second over nine hours and a-half. Six others followed him within twenty minutes. It is said that over £10,000 changed hands over the event. Having lived for some years at Brighton, I know the route very well, and can appreciate the excellent performance recorded by Mr Broad. There are some pretty stiff pinches in the South Downs to be negotiated before the famous watering place is reached.

Handicaps for the Melbourne Cup are due to make their appearance on Monday, June 29.

Awahuri had sufficiently recovered from the injury he received in contesting the Great Northern Steeplechase to be able to leave for his home yesterday. Gilnockie went South by the same steamer.

The many friends of Mr A. Drake, the well-known proprietor of the Metropolitan Hotel, will be glad to hear of the success of that gentleman's son in the States. Mr E. Drake has cabled to his father that he has passed the final examination in dentistry at the Pennsylvania University, Philadelphia, and that the degree of D.D.L. has been conferred upon him. Such a successful result of much study and hard work is indeed something to be proud of.

Mr E. Blanc's colt Vinicius, who, the cable informs us, ran second to Rock Sand in the Derby, won the Poule d'Essai-Poulaine (equivalent to the Two Thousand Guineas) in a canter on April 26, beating eight opponents. Vinicius started an even money favourite.

W. Lane, when the last English mail left, was leading Watts by eight in the list of winning jockeys, his score so far this season being twenty-six. Halsey holds third position.

The best mare in France at present is La Camargo, five years, a daughter of Childwick and Belle et Bonne, and a descendant of the famous Plaisanterie. She has won £25,760 in prizes, and as she is perfectly sound, is likely to add to that amount before she retires. She is not a good-looking mare, but can sprint and stay.

The American jockey E. Ames, who has done a good deal of travelling since he was last in Australia, is again in Sydney, and no doubt will shortly be seen in the saddle. He has been in South Africa and India recently.

The action brought by a Melbourne journalist against the Sultan of Johore for payment for services rendered was dismissed, on the ground that a foreign potentate could not be sued. The case created a certain amount of interest in Melbourne owing to the defendant's position.

When in 1874 Aldrich won a sensational City and Suburban, Lord Vivian ("Hook and-eye Vivian," so called on account of his facial peculiarities) was warned in the land of dreams that an animal named Teacher was to win the Epsom race. After finding that no such name appeared among the list of entrants most people would have given it up; but his lordship was of a persistent turn of mind, and buttonholed sporting friends to ask for a solution of the enigma. On the day of the race he met Lord Rosebery on the course, and propounded the riddle to him. "My horse Aldrich was formerly called Teacher," replied the Earl, "but I can hardly advise you to back him." The pertinacious one was not to be balked, however, but, going into the ring, took 1000 to 40 twice, and had the satisfaction of seeing the beautiful colours of "the Primrose Earl" got home after a tremendous finish.

The position of the English Jockey Club—the "Turf Parliament," as it is called, though the title seems a misnomer, as the members are never addicted to speaking—differs materially from that of bodies which have become the object of popular clamour (says the "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette"). The man in the street knows little or nothing of the Jockey Club, and cares less; and the racing man, content with the food the "Calendar" provides, is prone to pass it by as a mysterious organisation which occasionally suspends wicked riders and passes curious bye-laws, and is presumed to be guided by a code of rules which no man, unless he desired to embrace the fate of Laocoon, would like to enmesh himself in. The flavour of antiquity hangs about the Jockey Club, and because its decisions are limited in their scope and extent, nobody has troubled much about them. They do not affect the masses, and the natural awe of the Englishman for something which is very ancient has prevented him from getting either excited or very much interested in a self-elected and autonomous body, whose composition and functions he utterly fails to understand. New blood is urgently needed as members of the Jockey Club. We are in fact moving times, and racing is beset by diligent enemies. Should it ever have to fight for existence, its defence should be undertaken by a virile and zealous body. There is no place for the somnolent watchman in our modern civilisation. On the Turf, as in our streets, the days of Tom and Jerry are over.

If Gold Spur had won the Flying Handicap at Oamaru, instead of being beaten by a neck by Red Gauntlet, he would have won the double Flying and Waitaki Handicaps three times. The son of Rubezahl pulled it off in 1900, and repeated it last season.

Some very high-class stallions have been nominated for the Australian Jockey Club's newly revived Sires Produce Stakes. The principal contributor is Mr H. C. White, of Havilah, who has nominated four—Skopes (imp.), Louis XIII. (imp.), Impetus (imp.), and the Carbine horse Clarion. Mr S. Hordern has put in Haut Brion (imp.) and Gossoon (imp.), and Mr James Thompson has nominated Lochiel and Grafton (imp.), while Messrs Brown, of Metto Farm are represented by Fressing Cup (imp.) and Sir Foote (imp.). The other stallions nominated are:—Mr H. T. Smith's Fortunatus (imp.), by St. Froquin; Mr S. L. West's Definition, by Lochiel; Mr Pat Osborne's Oral (imp.), by Merry Hampton; Mr J. R. Smith's Gaulus, by Gozo; Mr John Lee's Amberite, by Carbine; Mr W. H. Mate's Schimmel, by Gossoon; Mr Charles Baldwin's Havoc, by Nordenfeldt; Mr R. H. Dangar's Positano (imp.), by St. Simon; Mr Francis Foy's Voyou (imp.), Bendigo; Mr Frank Reynold's Medalion, by Nordenfeldt; and Mr J. V. Smith's Wallace, by Carbine.

In this issue will be found an advertisement giving full particulars of four of the rich stakes which the Wellington Racing Club will bring off later on. These comprise the Welesley Stakes, of 400sovs, for two-year-olds (present foals), and the Wellington Stakes, of 400sovs, for two and three-year-olds (present foals and yearlings). They will be run at the Summer Meeting of 1903, over four and five furlongs respectively. The North Island Challenge Stakes, of 400sovs, a weight-for-age race for all ages run at the Autumn Meeting, 1903, is included, as also is the New Zealand St. Leger Stakes of 400sovs for three year-olds (present foals) run at the Autumn Meeting, 1903. Entries for these four events close with Mr J. P. Clark, the secretary, on Friday, June 30, at 10 p.m. It is worth pointing out that as an extra inducement to owners, the Wellington Racing Club has raised each of the stakes from £300 to £400. It is greatly to be hoped that owners possessing young stock will nominate freely. Auckland is such a centre for breeding thoroughbreds that when the lists close I hope it will be found that the response to the Southern Club's invitation has been a very liberal one.

The Melbourne Cup closed with 169 nominations, or only one below the number received last year. Class is well represented, every horse of any note in the Commonwealth being included; but again the New Zealanders have failed to patronise the meeting, and the absence of Aldilles, Cruciform and other of our cracks is matter for regret. Seeing that Cruciform and Orloff have been nominated for the Epsom and Metropolitan, to be run at Randwick in the spring, it seems as if New Zealand owners have become disheartened at the harsh treatment meted out to them by Victorian handicappers in the past, and had resolved to eschew this State. As usual, New South Wales and South Australia have sent their best, and Queensland and Tasmania are ably represented. Mr Menzies will have no easy task to bring the 169 competitors together!

Now that entries have closed for "the two Cups," sanguine punters will set themselves to the trifling task of "picking the double," even before the weights are declared. Signs and portents of even the least logical character will as usual be seized upon with avidity, and accepted as talismanic indications of the royal road to fortune. How's this for one? The first horse in the published list of Caulfield Cup entries was Abundance, and of Melbourne Cup entries, Bewitcher! A and B are the first two letters in the alphabet, therefore why shouldn't Abundance and Bewitcher be the first two horses in the two Cups? I have known people to back less pretentious horses on no more solid grounds!

The entries for the Caulfield Cup number 163, and for the Melbourne Cup 169, and the well-known writer, "Javelin," calculates that there are 27,547 different combinations, each of which may be the winning double. The principle of handicapping is to equalise the chances of all horses engaged in a race. If all possessed equal chances in the two Cups, the legitimate odds against picking the double would be 27,546 to 1. With this word of encouragement, punters ought to sail in confidently!

Here is one of the same writer's amusing "Pepper and Salt" stories—"The proprietor of a restaurant in a sporting centre was in constant trouble with servants. Cooks, waiters, and even sculler maids, were continually wasting time talking "horse," studying handicaps, and endeavoring to pick winners. Having occasion to advertise for a cook, he mentioned his grievance to one of the applicants, who said, "Oh, racing don't trouble me! I never go to a meeting, and don't know one horse from another! You needn't worry about me on that

score, boss." That being satisfactory, the man was engaged, and all went well for a week or so. One day the proprietor, being short handed, was taking some of the orders for meals himself, and going to the speaking tube which communicated with the kitchen, he called out, "Calves' head one!" The voice of the new cook promptly came back—"Damn it! That's just my usual luck! What was second and third?"

The "Special Commissioner" writes in the London "Sportsman," in a chat on breeding, that, while close inbreeding is doubtless the scheme on which you can establish a type out of more or less chaotic elements, it by no means follows that equally close inbreeding should be resorted to when once the type is established, for the simple reason that families do not retain their potency for many generations unless refreshed by outcrosses. All our bloodstock is a good deal inbred already—far too much so, in my opinion—for Whalebone and Blacklock have almost wiped out the other male lines which are so successful elsewhere; and while I can well believe that if a Cleveland Bay mare were mated with St. Simon, the produce—if a filly—might in due course be mated with him quite successfully, the very heterogeneous elements of the Cleveland mare forming an amply sufficient buttress against delicacy or any other trouble. I should think it madness to mate St. Simon with any daughter of his from a thoroughbred mare, unless, indeed, that mare were crammed with blood which is practically dead in this country. When breeding has been carried to a certain point of success it is absolutely necessary to take in outcrosses to prevent degeneration, though there is no reason why one principal idea—for example, Diomed—should not be maintained. As for St. Simon, I should clearly like to see some of the best Australian mares put to him in the last season of his life—mares by Carbine, Trenton, Nordenfeldt, and the like—for the very surest possible line has been supplied by Bill of Portland, Haut Brion, Grafton, and Sout (in New Zealand) that the combination of Galopin with Australian mares is invincible. If the Duke of Portland could bring home, say, La Carabine and Wakeful, he would enable St. Simon to do his best possible by way of finale.

A unique performance was done by the well-known amateur jockeys, Messrs Frank Blomfield and W. E. White, at the Upper Hunter picnic meeting held at Musselbrook last week, says the "Sydney Mail." There were thirteen races on the programme, and Mr Blomfield rode the winners of eight of them, while Mr White succeeded in capturing the other five.

The world's record for five furlongs was broken during the course of the Epsom Spring Meeting last month. In the Great Surrey Handicap Master Willie, with 9st 7lb in the saddle, ran the distance in 56 2-5sec—marvellous time, even admitting that the course is one of the easiest in England. Prior to this race the five furlongs record was held by the Americans. At Morris Park, New York, on a straight track, partly downhill, Maid Marian ran five furlongs in 56 1/2 sec on October 9, 1894.

Johnny Reiff, who was ruled off in France last year, changed his mind about remaining in retirement until his case was settled by the French authorities. He applied recently to the Western Jockey Club for a license to ride, and his application was dealt with favourably. Reiff is now busily engaged on the Chicago tracks. He does most of the riding for the Corrigan stable.

The winter racing season in San Francisco has come to an end. It is referred to as the most successful season in the history of the California Jockey Club. There were one hundred and fifty days of the sport, and during all that time the attendance was good. Each racegoer paid a dollar and a-half admission every day he attended the meeting, and on ordinary days the weather had little to do with the attendance. There seemed to be as big a crowd on hand when it was raining cats and dogs as when the skies were blue and the sun was shining. During the meeting the New California Jockey Club distributed 425,000 dollars in stakes. W. B. Jennings, whose colt Krishna won the California Futurity, heads the list with over 27,000 dollars to his credit.

Waiwera is not to be sent to Victoria, and the scratching pen has been put through his name for both the big hurdle race and steeplechase to be run at the V.R.C. Grand National Meeting. It would seem that he is one of those horses who are regarded by handicappers as a good deal better than is really the case. Judging by Waiwera's wretched display in Auckland, he would have little chance, even with the minimum weight, so that I am not at all surprised to find he is not to cross the Tasman Sea.

Some one in New York professes to have received information that King Edward will be represented in the World's Fair Handicap, the 50,000dol. race which is to be the feature of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition meeting at St. Louis in 1904. The New Yorker who was giving out this information says: "With the promising son of the great Persimmon King Edward hopes to win the big event. The King has not yet announced his acceptance of the invitation tendered him by the Exhibition Commissioners, but he will do so within the next few weeks. He referred the invitation to his trainer, Richard Marsh, with instructions to see whether a good string could be got together. His acceptance was provisional on the reply submitted by Marsh. The latter went at once to Sandringham, made a careful examination of the flyers there, and calculated their chances after a year of development. Returning he told the King that there were already in sight enough good horses to make a redoubtable string a certainty, and that with the son of Persimmon, the first horse that ever carried King Edward's colours to victory in a Derby, he thought he could guarantee to win the World's Fair Handicap. The information was highly gratifying to the Royal sportsman. According to Marsh, he expressed the liveliest satisfaction, and announced his willingness to spend any amount of money so that on his first appearance in America as a candidate for turf honours he should make a worthy showing. Marsh was ordered to gradually get things in shape for the proposed invasion, and to concentrate attention on the training of all promising youngsters now at Sandringham." Worded as it is (says the American correspondent to the Sydney "Referee"), and coming in the shape it does, the above sounds like the iridescent dream of a dilapidated dope fiend. Still, there may be a glimmer of probability in it. If so, something with an official swing to it should be heard shortly.

A correspondent who has seen a good deal of racing in England and Australia writes to "Milroy" of the Sydney Mail, to support the idea of restricting two-year-olds to race under selling conditions from October till the A.J.C. summer meeting. He holds with us that owners will not risk a likely two-year-old in a selling race, and therefore if this rule was in operation all over Australia, the best would not be run off their legs in the first half of the season. Should the authorities at any time move in this direction with a view of curtailing two-year-old racing, my correspondent suggests that any surplus over the selling price should not go to the club, as hitherto, but should be divided between the owner of the winner and the owner of the second horse. Though opposed to the old principle of selling races, by which the clubs calmly gathered in the surplus money over the selling price, a few owners and trainers to whom I have spoken on the subject agree with the correspondent's ideas. Under these conditions owners would have an opportunity of picking up the cost of a moderate and passing it on, and if there were good money in the market for the horse a fair share of it would go into his pocket instead of going towards swelling the profits of the race club.

Writing of selling races reminds the same writer of many barefaced rams and some amusing sequels in connection with them. In days gone by one could run a Carbine at some of the Melbourne suburban racing tracks without fear of losing him if the owner arranged with the racecourse proprietor not to claim the stake. I remember a first-class handicapper, a horse with whom his party expected to win a Newmarket, winning a little £25 selling race at a Melbourne proprietary meeting, now happily dead. The horse was entered to be sold for £25, and was promptly knocked down to the owner at the upset price, though there were gamblers present who would have given £2000 for him if there were any chances of it being sold. This little dodge did not deceive the handicapper, as expected, for instead of getting in somewhere near the limit in the Newmarket it was allotted 8st, much to the disgust of all concerned. According to an exchange a case on all fours with this was reported from New Orleans (U.S.) some years back. A smart filly won a selling race, but before any of the sharps around the ring made a bid the auctioneer disposed of her in the following cool manner: He said, "Now, look here, gentlemen, there's a filly by Great Tom out of one of the most no-account mares 'hat was ever foaled. She's entered to be sold at 300dol., but if you look at that off fore leg you'll see she's likely to break down at any time, and carrying more'n 90lb. breaks her heart. When I think of it, I don't believe there's anyone here can afford to keep a filly like this over the winter, so I'll just knock her down to the owner, who, I dare say, will do his best for her."



The success of St. Simon on Trenton or any other Musket blood has been so often demonstrated in Australia that it was bound to be repeated here as soon as opportunity offered (says the Sportsman), and in this connection I notice the victory of Cinders at Phoenix Park on Thursday. Cinders is by Florizel II. out of the famous little Trenton mare, Cinder Ellen, who will long be remembered in Australia, and in India, too, as having won galloway races, and also big events against all sizes. Cinders is her first foal.

The battle between the partisans of the flag and gate method of starting is still raging in the Old Country. A correspondent of the London Sportsman writes of it as follows:—"When the starting-gate was first proposed, it was understood that the primary object was to ensure punctuality, if not precision, and by so doing relieve the general public from the suspense and discomfort inseparable from delays at the post. After patient and costly experience, the great British public—sound judges where practical common sense is involved—told us at Epsom last Tuesday, by the vociferous acclamation with which they greeted the resurrection of the flag, that the starting-gate has, in their opinion, failed to provide either punctuality or precision. The horses themselves have long ago given us their opinion, which they reiterate at half-hour intervals during an afternoon's racing. Trainers have decided for themselves that it is neither practical nor reliable, for not one of them will make use of it as a means of starting private trials. It only, therefore, remains for owners—who have, I presume, some small voice in the matter—to ask the Stewards of the Jockey Club (whose self-denial and loyal devotion to the general welfare of the Turf is, and ever has been, undoubted) whether the time has not arrived for some reconsideration of a subject of such paramount importance?" Epsom is the celebrated convincing ground where the course is not even correctly marked off, so that it seems quite fitting to find the out-of-date flag system still in vogue.

The greatest selling plater in history is the celebrated Hampton. In the early part of his career he was a mere plater, but after falling into the hands of John Nigh'ingall, he developed into the best stayer in England. For the Epsom trainer he won the Great Metropolitan, Goodwood Stakes, Goodwood Cup, Doncaster Cup, Northumberland Plate, and the Epsom Gold Cup. In the race last mentioned he beat the French horse Verneuil, who shortly afterwards won the Ascot Gold Cup and Stakes. Hampton was tried over hurdles, and proved himself an adept at the game. His best race in this branch was for the Grand International Hurdle Race, in which he ran second.

The Grand Prix de Paris last year was worth £10,461 and this year would be quite as much, so that it ranks as the most richly-endowed race in the world for three-year-olds. The winner, Quo Vadis, though he fulfils the conditions of the race by being foaled on French soil, comes of direct British descent, for his sire, Winkfield's Pride, was bred in Ireland, and is by Winkfield—son of Barcalaine—while his dam, Filomena, was bred in England by Lord Calthorpe, and is by Petrarch from Hawthorndale, by Kettledrum from Lady Alice Hawthorn, by Newminster. Filomena, who had been stinted to St. Serf, was purchased by M. E. Blanc, at the Newmarket sales, 1898, for 1,020 guineas, and Winkfield's Pride was also secured in that year by the French sportsman. As there were no less than four hundred and seventy-eight nominations for the race, M. Edmond Blanc scored a veritable triumph when his horses filled the first three places.

Morrel, who years ago was a noted pugilist, later on a cricketer, and finished as a Methodist preacher, died recently at Nottingham at the age of 103. Eighty-three years ago he fought a man named Brown, and was so punished that he was blind for three days.

The latest in the way of starting machines was given trial at St. Louis (America) last month, and worked very well. This is the Carr machine, consisting of series of padded sections which are worked on hinges and have parallel arms, flank high separating each horse from its neighbour. These, as well as the main machine, in the rear of each horse are heavily padded, so that the animal cannot injure itself. In these padded sections a horse cannot kick or be kicked, nor can it swerve on any horse as under the present system in use. A horse in the Carr gate cannot back nor get "hung" in any webbing, because the webbing in front of each horse is only about four feet wide, breast high, perfectly taut and parted in the middle at the electric signal, each part instantly disappearing into the pockets at the ends of each section ring. There is absolutely nothing to "hang" on, the single strip of webbing being instantly drawn out of the way.

In the year of Altissidora's St. Leger seventeen animals came out to run. After eight false starts the temptation to gamble became irresistible, and one adventurous speculator laid 100 to 20 against the ninth start being successful. He won his money, and converted into a "double" by laying 100 to 30 against the tenth attempt. Yet a certain section of the press are still howling against the use of the starting gate. We ought to let them have Mr O'Connor for a few months and he might be able to convince the sceptics.

## Inter-Provincial.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

### CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, June 17.

Defiance, a National Hurdle Race winner, was out with the hounds last week. Defiance won a hurdle race at Winslow, a week or two ago, after which he was bought by Mr H. Brown, owner of Roller.

I notice several newspaper writers have stated that Seaton Delaval is without a representative in this year's New Zealand Cup. What about Lavalette? Is he not a son of Seaton Delaval. Leonore is also a daughter of Seaton Delaval.

Goldenmere and Dirk each failed to get a place in their races at the Oamaru Meeting. The former was made favourite for the Waitaki Handicap, won by Goldspur, while Dirk received most of the public money on the first race of the meeting.

I notice that several papers have lately given Whirlwind as a dam of Seylla, but the mare's dam is Whirlpool.

Among the hunters out with the Canterbury hounds last week were Harkaway, Dugald, Agitator, Te Kooti, Mainstay, and Dun Brown.

South Canterbury promises to be strongly represented in the Hunters' Hurdle Races at the National Meeting. There are, I believe more horses out qualifying for jumping events at the National Meeting this year than in any previous year. Among those qualifying are some really good horses that have won races on the flat.

Rowlock is doing good jumping work at Riccarton. Rowlock was always a capable jumper.

Sultana was sent a couple of rounds the other morning over the hurdles in front of the stand and the fences at the back of the course. This horse is doing well.

Slow Tom is doing steady work, with a spin over hurdles now and again, and he jumps well.

Social Pest is going along in his work nicely, but so far he has not been pushed. Zealous was given a spin over hurdles during the week, and shaped well for a novice. Social Pest accompanied the Nelson mare, who should make a good racer.

Catherine Gordon is another hurdle race novice. This mare jumped half-a-dozen hurdles during a gallop last Friday, and got through her task fairly well.

Benzoin, who is doing easy pacing, is entered for the sprint events at the Wellington Winter Meeting. Windwhistle, Bombardo, Slow Tom, Social Pest, Dirk, Goldenmere, Sultana, and Pipi make up entries from Canterbury at the same meeting.

### HAWKE'S BAY.

Napier, June 16.

At the Park course this morning Oracle, Inspan, and Talune had a trial over a mile and three-quarters over the hurdles, Inspan pulling off after going a short distance. Talune, when leading Oracle by ten lengths up to the last jump, fell. Oracle, who finished by himself, was bleeding pretty freely from the nose.

Kohupapa and Opal had a six furlongs go, the former having the best of it. Urutonga (full sister to Boreas), Colletos, the Captain Webb—Lady Florin gelding, and First Foot traversed the same distance, Urutonga finishing in front on sufferance, with First Foot second.

Great Shot and Eclair did long half pace work. Frost did the circuit three times at half-pace. Pilmer's aspirant for jumping honors in the hunter events went three times round, and Bushwacker and Robin Adair did steady work.

As the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club races are drawing near, the number of touts and onlookers each morning is becoming

more numerous. This being a jumping morning, saw quite a large number out. The tracks and course proper have never looked so well at this time of the year, and if the rain keeps off it will be very fast going for Wednesday week.

"Jerry" Coghlan is busy with the steeplechase fences, which he is building in his usual first-class style. This year the water jump in front of the stand will be done away with, and replaced by a good substantial brush fence.

Jim Munn was the first out this morning with Kahuwai, and a very handsome colt by Gold Reef from a full sister to Brooklet and The Brook. This pair on the plough gallop were restricted to a couple of rounds at a good strong half-pace. Kahuwai is improving very fast.

Quira, in the same stable, did some serviceable work three times round the plough finishing the last half-mile fast.

Ontario and a mare out of Mystery galloped three furlongs, and finished together.

White Squall, and a half-brother to Baldie, spurred half-a-mile. White Squall seemed to have all the best of it at the finish.

Waireka (Tate) and Sloightear (Woolley) were given a mile on the grass gallop over three fences. They both jumped well, and finished together. The latter mare has got over a slight injury she received to her knee the other day.

Defoe, Ogle, and Evening were tried together over one circuit of the plough. Defoe, on the outside, had all the best of a good gallop, finishing strong, with Evening beaten off.

A couple of Gooseman's two-year-olds, Tattle (Mahaki—Whisper filly) and Preadland (Wonderland—Mystery colt) spurred three furlongs, finishing together.

Roseshoot alone on the outside of the course proper, galloped once round with a light weight up, and finished in a very determined style. This horse is looking and going very well.

Melodeon, Cobra, and Kowhete were restricted to slow pacing three times round, as was The Gryphon, Garnet, Hokowhatu, Starshoot, and Modesty.

Eland, on the course proper, galloped four furlongs in fine style, running it in good time. Minerva and A.B.N. in company jumped off once round with two light-weights up. The first-named won at the finish by about a length, both all out. Tradewind (Watt) alone jumped twice round the grass gallop over six hurdles, running a good sound pace all the way, and jumping faultlessly.

Eucharist (Peterson), Counterbine (Mr Marshall), and Cronje (Hutchison) in company were sent out over the schooling fences. This was the most interesting go of the morning. Eucharist only went once round, but was pulling very hard, and had a lot the best of the go. Counterbine went on with Cronje the next round, and then Cronje went on alone for the third round. All three horses fenced very well.

Meteor, in charge of Quinton, arrived from Auckland by the Tarawera last night. The gelding left for Hastings this afternoon.

### WELLINGTON.

June 15.

Satisfactory nominations have been received for the W.R.C. Winter Steeplechase Meeting, the chasers include Gobo, Hadyn, Nor'West, Social Pest, Scallywag, Frost, and Straybird, whilst Battleaxe, Waiwera, Haydn, Meteor, Merryboy, Social Pest, and lesser lights should provide good contests at Hutt Park on the 16th and 17th of July next. Weights are due on July 6th.

The nominations for Wellington are a marked contrast to those received by the Hawke's Bay and Wanganui Jockey Clubs, at one time considered the greatest steeplechasing centres in the Colony; the figures being—Wellington, for thir-

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for a drink in the first place—A morning bracer—A tonic that makes the day's work easier. It is more, it is a medicine. It works on the Kidneys, Bowels and Stomach. It goes straight to the places that need help.

## WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS

teen handicap events, 332 nominations; Wanganui, for thirteen handicaps, 295 nominations; Hawke's Bay, for thirteen handicaps, 205 nominations.

Mr D. Thomson has placed his steeplechaser Scallywag in the hands of H. Fletcher to train for his engagements. The horse will undergo his preparation on the Porirua beach, where Black Dust, The Guard, Gobo, and other good ones have been trained.

Ballarat, the Otaki double winner, has been taken home by her owner from W. Davis, and will be wintered at Maukauri Awatu.

Kowhai has been in easy work since Wanganui, and has freshened up considerably. A. McConnon will, during the absence of Thomas in South Africa, ride for Davis' stable.

Telford Bros. have removed from the Hutt to Hawera. Stepson, the Stepniak—Britomarte colt remains in their charge. As they are careful men, they will no doubt increase their string ere long.

The prospects of the Hawke's Bay Meeting do not look over bright. From one cause and another the field for the principal events will be small. Pipi will be a certain starter, and with an attenuated field will be hard to beat. Battleaxe and Tauhai are fancied here for the hurdle event.

Mr A. Rore, the owner of the Merry England mare Hinekoa, intends giving her a trial over hurdles. This mare has size, and her victory at Nelson and Marlborough are evidence that she can both gallop fast and carry weight. She should hold her own in any company over the sticks.

The descendants of that genuine mare Dudu were in evidence of late. Shrapnel Shell secured a double win at Otaki, whilst his half-brother (by Lakeshill) Kharki, after running prominently for the greater part of the Hurdle race on the first day, had an easy win on the second day. A visitor to the meeting informs me that Kharki will be heard of in better company later on.

The owner of Hydrant accompanied by his solicitor, attended the Monthly Committee Meeting of the C.J.C., and asked that the disqualification of the horse be re-considered. The application was however refused, and an appeal to the Conference is contemplated.

### OTAGO.

June 17.

With the conclusion of the Annual Winter Meeting held by the North Otago Jockey Club last week, the curtain was rung down on racing this season as far as the South Island is concerned, as with the exception of one or two hunt club meetings our field glasses can be put in lavender until the saddling up bell rings at Riccarton in August next. Last week's gathering at the White City was not the least enjoyable attended by your Otago correspondent during the just dead season, and with the exception of the Riverton and Winton Meetings he has attended every meeting of note held between Riccarton and Invercargill during the season.

The Riverton and Winton Meetings clash with the principal meetings held at Riccarton, but one is, however, in duty bound to attend the New Zealand Cup Autumn and National fixtures, to witness the form displayed by the cracks of the year who may be found bearing silk at Riccarton, and also to make the acquaintance of the juvenile aristocrats who make their debut in the Welcome Stakes and other races for youngsters.

Some very interesting racing was witnessed at Oamaru, and the totalisator receipts for the meeting compared favourably with previous totals. Red Gauntlet, who raced with more determi-

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PALMER TYRES.



nation than I have ever previously seen him display, won a race each day, and had he not been badly left in the Waitaki he would have undoubtedly been returned the winner instead of being beaten on a neck by Gold Spur. The Lochiel colt was protested against on the grounds of alleged inconsistent running after he won the Flying Handicap on the first day, but those who are capable of judging a race quite concurred with the decision of the Stewards in dismissing the protest.

Fighting Mac, the aged gelding by Vanguard, won the principal race on the first day, after a good race with Antigone, St. Elma, and Red Gauntlet.

Sir G. Clifford had two representatives running at the meeting, in Dirk and Goldenmere. Sir George was present on the second day of the meeting, but, although Goldenmere was sent out favourite for the Waitaki Handicap, his colours failed to catch the judge's eye in any of the races.

Despite the fact that all the handicaps at the recent Oamaru Meeting were compiled on the welter weight scale, one rider put up 20lb overweight in one of the races.

H. Emerson takes Beauclere in hand again this week, and the Fiske gelding Bellini also goes into Emerson's stable.

One of the races run at the Oamaru Meeting last week appeared to be honestly contested by the field engaged in it but it is said that those who knew most were going for the gloves on one, as it was understood that the balance of the field would not seriously menace the favourite ones. Unfortunately, the selected horse was running out of his distance, and fading away to nothing failed to find a place at the finish. A few similar experiences should teach owners to embroider on their colours the legend, "honesty is the best policy."

Sir Geo. Clifford, by racing some of his horses at Timaru, Ashburton, and Oamaru during the just closed season, has set an example which some of the other leading owners of the South Island would do well to imitate.

It is said that the reason that one of the horses engaged in the second day's Selling Race at Oamaru did not start was because a flattering offer for the horse was made to the owner, and the latter becoming afraid of losing his steed, at once withdrew him from the race, which was all the pretending purchaser wanted. Gold Spur, through being beaten by a neck in the Flying Handicap at Oamaru last week by Red Gauntlet, just missed landing the double Flying and Waitaki Handicap three times. In 1900 the Rubezahl gelding scored his first double, and repeated the dual win last season, and just missed landing it again last week. Prior to winning the C.J.C. Great Easter in 1897, Gold Spur ran second to Telemeter in the Flying at Oamaru, and afterwards won his first Waitaki Handicap with 9st 2lb on his back.

W. Brown was a few years back considered one of the smartest horsemen in the Colony in getting a horse off the mark, and the manner in which he handled his mounts at Oamaru last week showed he still possesses the knack of stealing a march on his opponents at the fall of the flag.

At Oamaru last week a well-known trainer was seriously thinking of investing a sovereign on Phactonitis in the



C. W. Fuller, Photo.

Mr. CHEVANNES, the crack Wanganui shot, at the Ellerslie Gun Club Meeting.

Winter Handicap, but meeting the jockey who rode the horse in one of his races at the recent Dunedin Meeting, asked his opinion, and was informed that the horse had not a thousand to one chance in the race. When the dividend of £18 12s was hoisted, there was one exceedingly angry person on the racecourse, who vowed he'd be so and so'ed, and such and such'ed before he asks another jockey's opinion about a horse.

The Stewards of the Oamaru Jockey Club at last week's meeting occupied alternately a crow's nest at the post of the straight, and although it is impossible to state how far their presence influenced the racing, it must be stated that the sport during the two days bore a very healthy appearance.

The Forbury Park Racing Club have decided that the terms for a lease of the Park asked by the Forbury Park Coy. are not such as they would care to accept, and the land co. have accepted the Club's offer at a rental of £50 per racing day for next season. The terms were £300 for the first year, £450 for the next, and £550 for the third year. In addition the land Co. wished to reserve the right of letting the inside of Park for football, coursing, etc.

Canteen was put into active commission at the latter end of last week, and after his spell is in a fine healthy condition to be prepared for next season's campaign. All the Dunedin owned horses who claim engagements in the New Zealand Cup are now in work.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following business on

THE NEW ZEALAND CUP

- 800 to 47 Wairiki
- 500 to 20 Black Reynard
- 500 to 15 Mars
- 300 to 12 Cannie Chiel
- 300 to 9 Sea Lion
- 200 to 12 Lady Lillian
- 200 to 10 Kelburne
- 200 to 10 Quarryman
- 200 to 2 Secret Society
- 150 to 6 Pampero

Mr Robert Cleland reports the following business on the

NEW ZEALAND CUP

- 500 to 15 Cure
- 500 to 7½ Bensoin
- 200 to 14 Wairiki
- 500 to 30 Shrapnel
- 100 to 4 Canteen
- 500 to 5 Bulawayo

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

In reply to "Martin," the date of Fred Archer's death was November 8, 1886. The famous horseman had been wasting to ride at a nearly impossible weight, and it broke his health down so much as to affect his reason. In a fit of temporary insanity he ended his own life.

Echoes of the Week.

(By "Ithuriel.")

The citizens' ball in honour of the Governor and Lady Ranfurly on Tuesday night was a huge success. It was representative of many classes, and not inclusive of any, ior, contrary to expectations, ie did not affect the attendance at His Majesty's Theatre, where all parts of the auditorium were again crowded to witness the adventures of the two wicked family men who pretend to be Masons. There were some lovely dresses at the ball, and generally the aims of the people who attend such functions were attained. Had the gathering been more in the nature of a popular compliment to vice-royalty, and less a vehicle for the exhibition of human vanity, the result, possibly, would have been the same. So that there is no occasion for tears.

The attempt to enforce an old Philadelphia law of 1794 raises some interesting questions. This curious act, which was supposed to have become obsolete, not only forbids any husband to kiss his wife, and any mother to kiss her child on the Sabbath day or day of fasting, but no beast of burden, man servant or maid servant is to be called upon to do any manner of labour on the Sabbath. No one is permitted to travel, cook victuals, shave, or "otherwise defile" the Sabbath day. No one on that day may run or walk in his garden, or indulge in worldly conversation on the public roads. It is a curious comment on this old act that, according to the police report, there are now in Philadelphia 1200 resorts in which liquor is sold on Sunday, and thirty-four dancing resorts open on that day, and doing a flourishing business. O! the good old times!

As a general rule actors are not wanting in courage, but the pluck of the mummer that brought the house upstanding at an American town some days ago was but one remove from rashness. He advanced hurriedly to the footlights and assured the audience that the performance would have to terminate abruptly as a wire had arrived that a United States war vessel had gone down with all hands. As many of the people in front of him were connected with the sea or had relatives afloat, there was natural consternation. At last a bald man behind the orchestral bassoon asked what vessel it was. There were tears in his voice, as he had a-couple of sons on the wave. When the answer came, "The sub-marine Holland," there was a moment's pause, and then a noise like that of many horses running to battle as the crowd surged towards the stage. Of course the farceur was some blocks away before the mob got over the footlights, but had he been in a Western town some distance from the Rockies he'd have been punctuated with bullets before reaching the wings.



C. W. Fuller, Photo.

At the Big Pigeon Match. Watching one of the crack performers.

If "Woomera," of the Australasian occasionally resorts to his imagination for his facts, he has an excellent memory to rely upon for his jokes. Here is a fine sample:—When Mark Twain visited Australia, a Creswick doctor was preparing to take a trip to Ballarat to hear the great humorist, when he encountered an old Scotch acquaintance about to come into the surgery for an hour's talk. "Whaur were ye goin'?" asked the visitor. "I'm off to Ballarat to hear Mark Twain," replied the doctor. "An' who's he?" asked the visitor. The doctor looked hard at him for a moment. Then, being satisfied that he was in earnest, said, "Don't you know? He's General Booth's advance agent. You'd better come down with me." The visitor agreed, and together they travelled to Ballarat, and listened to Mark Twain telling all his funniest stories. Forgetful of his joke, and enthusiastic over the lecturer, the doctor turned to his Scotch companion as they left the hall, and asked delightedly, "Well, what do you think of him?" "A-weel!" was the answer, "I dinna know much about the beliefs o' the Salvation Army. But it seems to me that he's no sound in doctrine."

The annual dinner of the Auckland branch of the Journalists' Institute took place at the Royal Hotel on Saturday evening, and passed off, as all such assemblies should in these enlightened days, with the utmost decorum. Several of the speakers had almost succeeded in reaching that point where a little humour would have been generously accepted as sort of counterpoise to the solidity of the exordium, when they were warned that time was limited, the licensee not having an extension of time for the occasion. Similarly the singing, and even the recitations, were the pale cast of thought, because ten o'clock is too early for the jocular spirit to take the floor. They somehow managed these things much better in the good old times. The one feature in the entertainment which affords no ground for regret was that supplied by Mr Isaac's cook, for the dinner was A.1. A good word is also owing to Mr Alderton, who generously gave a case of his champagne, but, for reasons already stated, the wine was not given a fair opportunity to display its merits.

The Hospital Inquiry agony is over, and the members must have all heaved a deep sigh of relief, for, except to two or three who had an axe to grind, the whole business has been a weariness of the flesh. What the inquiry has revealed is not at all clear. It certainly has proved that the Board is not up to the work it is supposed to do, and also that there should be an executive with unchallengeable authority. A strong chairman, with knowledge, force of character, and the necessary leisure, would fill the bill, and form a point d'appui for both the regular and honorary staffs, but in the absence of this ideal there must always be friction of some sort, and the patients will suffer. Nothing is so difficult as to exclude the spirit of Bumble from charitable institutions, and Bumbledom is death.

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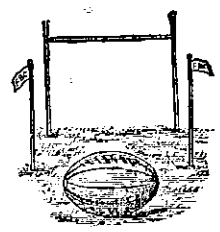
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PARNELL v. NEWTON.

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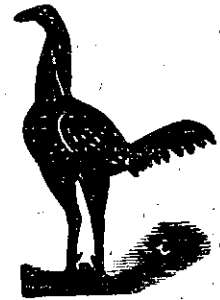
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HAWKE'S BAY J.C. WINTER MEETING.

JUNE 24TH AND 25TH.

FIRST DAY.

TRIAL STEEPCHASE OF 80 SOVS. Two miles and a-half.

Table with columns for horse names and weights (st lb) for the Trial Steepchase.

WINTER HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS. One mile and a-half.

Table with columns for horse names and weights for the Winter Handicap.

HACK HANDICAP HURDLES OF 60 SOVS. One mile and three-quarters.

Table with columns for horse names and weights for the Hack Handicap.

HAWKE'S BAY HURDLES OF 200 SOVS. About two miles.

Table with columns for horse names and weights for the Hawke's Bay Hurdles.

HUNT CLUB STEEPCHASE OF 50 SOVS. About two miles and a-half.

Table with columns for horse names and weights for the Hunt Club Steepchase.

CORINTHIAN STAKES HANDICAP OF 50 SOVS. One mile and a-quarter.

Table with columns for horse names and weights for the Corinthian Stakes Handicap.

SECOND DAY.

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

Table with columns for horse names and weights for the Hawke's Bay Steepchase.

NOMINATIONS

CANTERBURY J.C. METROPOLITAN MEETING.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

THE NEW ZEALAND CUP OF 1500 SOVS. Two miles.

Table listing nominations for the New Zealand Cup, including names like Sirius, Ringman, Black Reynard, etc.

NAPIER PARK R.C. WINTER MEETING.

JULY 1ST.

THE NAPIER STEEPCHASE. Three miles.

Table listing nominations for the Napier Steepchase.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

JULY 16TH AND 18TH.

WELLINGTON STEEPCHASE HANDICAP OF 350 SOVS. About three miles.

Table listing nominations for the Wellington Steepchase Handicap.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

JULY 9TH AND 10TH.

FI ST DAY, THURSDAY, JULY 9TH.

FIRST HURDLES—Levant, Kanaka, Master Model, Straybird, the Gryphon, Lady Raven, Morpeth, Marine, Comfort.

PARK STEEPCHASE.—Kanaka, Straybird, Hylas, Cronje, The Pullack, Marine, Master Model.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Croupier, Craftsman, Tauhei, Nukurau, Hinetauparaki, Morpeth, Ia, Creusot, Soultina, Romany Girl, Argyll Hiki, Mongonui, Pinepinetekura, Minerve, Borax.

WINTER OATS HANDICAP.—Minerve, Borax, Croupier, Nukurau Craftsman, Hinetauparaki, Morpeth, Creusot, Ballyneety, Oracles, Hiki, Lady Raven, Mongonui, Pinepinetekura.

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY, JULY 10TH.

SECOND HURDLES.—Levant, Kanaka, Master Model, Straybird, the Gryphon, Craftsman, Morpeth, Marine, Comfort, Lady Raven.

THE HAPAPA STEEPCHASE.—Kanaka, Hylas, Straybird, Cronje, The Pullack, Marine, Master Model.

WAIKANA R HANDICAP.—Minerve, Croupier, Borax, Tauhei, Nukurau, Craftsman, Morpeth, Hinetauparaki, Creusot, Ia, Ballyneety, Soultina, Romany Girl, Hiki, Mongonui, Pinepinetekura, Argyll.

FINAL HANDICAP.—Minerve, Borax, Argyll, Croupier, Craeknell, Nukurau, Craftsman, Hiki, Hinetauparaki, Morpeth, Creusot, Ballyneety, Oracle, Romany Girl, Lady Raven, Mongonui, Pinepinetekura.

AUSTRALIAN RACING.

THE CAULFIELD CUP OF 3,000 SOVS. One and a-half miles.

(To be run October 18th.)

Large table listing names of horses and jockeys for the Caulfield Cup and other Australian races.

MELBOURNE CUP.

(To be run November 8th.)

A Handicap Sweepstakes of 500 sovs each, 5ft., or 2 sovs only if declared to the Secretary of the V.R.C. of the A.J.C. of the S.A.J.C. of the C.J.U. or of the A.B.C., respectively, before 4 p.m. on Monday, 10th August, with 500 sovs added. Second horse to receive 1,000 and the third 500 sovs out of the stake. After the declaration of the weights for this race, the winner of any handicap flat race of the value of 100 sovs to carry 5lb extra; of 200 sovs 7lb extra; of 500 sovs or upwards, 10lb extra; provided that the winner of the A.J.C. or V.R.C. Derby of 1903 shall carry in this race not less than—colt or gelding, 7.6; filly, 7.1. Two miles.

Table listing names of horses and jockeys for the Melbourne Cup.

Table listing names of horses and jockeys for various races.

Turt Results.

NORTH OTAGO JOCKEY CLUB'S MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The first day of the North Otago Jockey Club's meeting was held on Thursday. The weather was cold and the course heavy. The attendance was fair. The sum of £1,800 was put through the machine. The results were:—

WINTER HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Table listing results for the Winter Handicap.

Eight others started. Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 23sec. Dividends, £18 12s and 17s.

REDCASTLE TROT. Two miles.

Table listing results for the Redcastle Trot.

Six others started. Won by six lengths. Time, 5min 56sec. Dividends, £3 6s and £1 8s.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP. Six furlongs.

Table listing results for the President's Handicap.

Other starter—St. Elma. Won by a neck after a good race. Time, 1min 22sec. Dividend, £4 8s.

HACK SELLING. One mile.

Table listing results for Hack Selling.

Other starter—Summer Rose. Won easily. Time, 1min 54sec. Dividend, £1 18s.

ELDEBLESIE HANDICAP. Seven furlongs.

Table listing results for the Eldeblesie Handicap.

Other starter—St. Ronald, who broke a blood vessel, and pulled up. Won by three-quarters of a length. Time, 1min 39sec. Dividend, £1 10s.

TOKARITI TROT. Once round.

Table listing results for the Tokariti Trot.

Other starter—Wilkes. Won by two lengths. Time, 3min 4sec. Dividends, £2 14s and £3 15s.

FLYING HANDICAP. Five furlongs.

Table listing results for the Flying Handicap.

Three others started. Won by a length. Time, 1min 7 1-5th sec. Dividend, £5.

SECOND DAY.

The weather was better for the second day's racing, but the going was still heavy. The sum of £2,472 went through the totalisator. The results were:—

BELFIELD HANDICAP.

Table listing results for the Belfield Handicap.

Other starter—Avoca. Time, 1min 23sec. Dividend, £3 4s.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP.

Table listing results for the Stewards' Handicap.

Time, 53 2-5th sec. Dividends, £5 8s and 14s.

HACK SELLING RACE.

Table listing results for the Hack Selling Race.

Time, 1min 55 1-5th sec. Dividend, £2 10s. Almanac was bought in by the owner for £25.

HENDERSON MEMORIAL HANDICAP.

Table listing results for the Henderson Memorial Handicap.

These were the only starters. Time, 1min 37 2 5th sec. Dividend, £1 18s.

TRADESMEN'S HANDICAP.

Table listing results for the Tradesmen's Handicap.

Scratched—St. Ronald and Fighting Mac. Time, 1min 23sec. Dividend, £3 18s.

CLIFTON HANDICAP TROT.

Table listing results for the Clifton Handicap Trot.

All started. Time, 4min 3sec. Dividends, £4 4s and £2 6s.

WAITAKI HANDICAP.

Table listing results for the Waitaki Handicap.

All started. Time, 1min 6 2-5th sec. Dividends, £6 2s and 18s.



FIXTURES.

New Zealand Metropolitan T.C.—August 8, 12, and 14. Vincent J.C. (four trotting events), January 1 and 2.

A trotting match, fifty-two miles, in saddle, took place in South Australia recently, the winner covering the distance in four and a-half hours.

Mr P. Selig, President of the New Zealand Trotting Association, is at present on a holiday visit to Sydney.

Mr C. H. Fitzgerald's horses, Peri Huon and Durbar, have gone to Christchurch to Mr C. Piper. Both are sterling performers, and the enterprise of Mr Fitzgerald in bringing his horses over from Australia has been rewarded by both scoring a win, which in every case has been received with acclamation by the general public for their straight and consistent going.

The New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club have fixed August 8, 12, and 14 for their Spring Meeting.

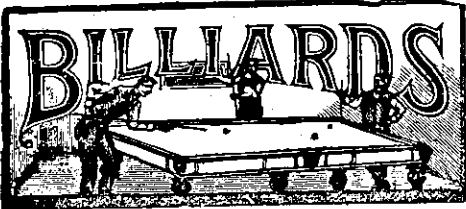
Mr T. Yarr, of Lincoln, is going out of the trotting business, and has decided to sell his trotters, amongst which are:—Monte Carlo, 4min 46 2-5sec; Victory, 5min 8sec, by Vanclve; Xerxes, 5min 23 sec, by Del Paso; Linwood, 5min 26sec, by Blackwood Abdallah; Rosetta, 5min 22sec, by Rothschild; The Boatman, 2min 33sec, by Wilkin; Naughty Girl, 2min 26 sec; Ruggles, 2min 38sec.

Sailor Boy II, who won the Pony Trot at Kensington (N.S.W.) last month, is said to be over thirty years of age. He was bred by the Maoris in the Wellington district.

Among the new rules and amendments to rules of the New Zealand Trotting Association which will come up for consideration at the New Zealand Trotting Conference, to be held in Christchurch, the Auckland Trotting Club suggestions are:—Rule 12: Delete the word "seven" in the third line, and insert "three." Add after the word "given" in the fourth line, the following:—"In the case of an appeal where the totalisator money is impounded, a meeting or special meeting to consider such appeal shall be held by the Association within seven days of the receipt of the necessary intimation and documents." Rule 20: Delete the words "considered frivolous" in the third line, and substitute "dismissed." Add to Rule "Should an appeal be considered frivolous, the Association is hereby empowered to fine the applicant in a sum not exceeding £50." Rule 92: Insert after "£5," in the fourth line, the words "which shall be forfeited if the objection is dismissed." Rule 126: Delete "2s 6d," in the seventh line, and insert "5s." Add to Rule, "A certificate of registration, giving full description of the horse registered, shall be sent to the owner of such horse when the registration is completed." The above rules and alterations have been fully discussed by the Auckland Trotting Club, and are recommended by them to be in the interest of trotting generally.

Football is to be encouraged in, or, rather, introduced into, the French army. The young French soldier hitherto has been practically a stranger to outdoor sports. All he has had to do when on leave for the day has been to wander about the streets of his garrison town or sit sipping syrups—when it is not absinth—at a cafe. He is now being taught to appreciate football. The game has so well caught on in the few regiments which have learnt it that colonels all over the country are thinking of providing their men with the means of playing it. The little soldiers, in their red trousers and grey flannel shirts, look rather funny when learning the mysteries of dribbling and the scrimmage. But if they do somewhat lack sinew and weight, they have plenty of agility, swiftness, and go. The chief difficulty experienced by colonels anxious to develop a love of the king of winter games among their men is the question of ways and means. An original scheme is now afoot for providing the necessary equipment for football to as many regiments as possible. A sort of benefit Association match is to be played between an English scratch team and a French eleven. The proceedings of the takings at the gates will be entirely devoted to buying the requisite "leather," goalposts, etc., for Proupiou footballers. The match ought to draw a considerable sum of money, as the English team will, be a strong one, including several ex-internationals.





The ex-English champion arrived in Melbourne last Wednesday from his West Australian tour. According to an announcement in the "Argus," he will make his first public appearance in the Southern capital with Memmott, at the Athenaeum Hall, on Monday week, June 22, in a game of 9000 up, conceding the Queenslander a third of the game—a start which should produce a fairly interesting finish. The exhibition will take place on a table specially manufactured for the occasion by Messrs Alcock and Co., under whose auspices the game is being given.

The final game of the English Billiard Association's professional handicap was won by W. Eagles, who defeated S. W. Nicholls by 54 points. The affair was a big success, most of the English markers of prominence taking part in it.

The first round of the tournament for members of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron has been completed. In Class A, T. Alexander beat Coombes, 250-224; A. H. Witham beat Stewart, 250-243; P. F. Battley beat Bockhart, 250-249; J. W. Winks beat Froude, 250-238; C. Richardson beat S. Smith, 250-221; V. Choyce beat C. Conolly, 250-229; H. Sand beat Cossar, 250-218; A. Donald beat E. Horton, 250-233; C. Buddle beat Upton, 250-220; S. Somerfield beat Harvey, 250-238.

In Class B, T. Buddle beat Wright by 41 points; R. H. Bourke beat Wallace by 45 points; H. A. Marriner beat Enderby by 5 points; S. Hutchinson beat H. Wiseman by 81 points; G. Lennox beat Bourke by 46 points; W. George beat Klette by 141 points; J. Caldwell beat Bagnall by 11 points; E. Conolly beat Lelievre by 8 points. Much interest is being taken in the tournament by the members of the Squadron.



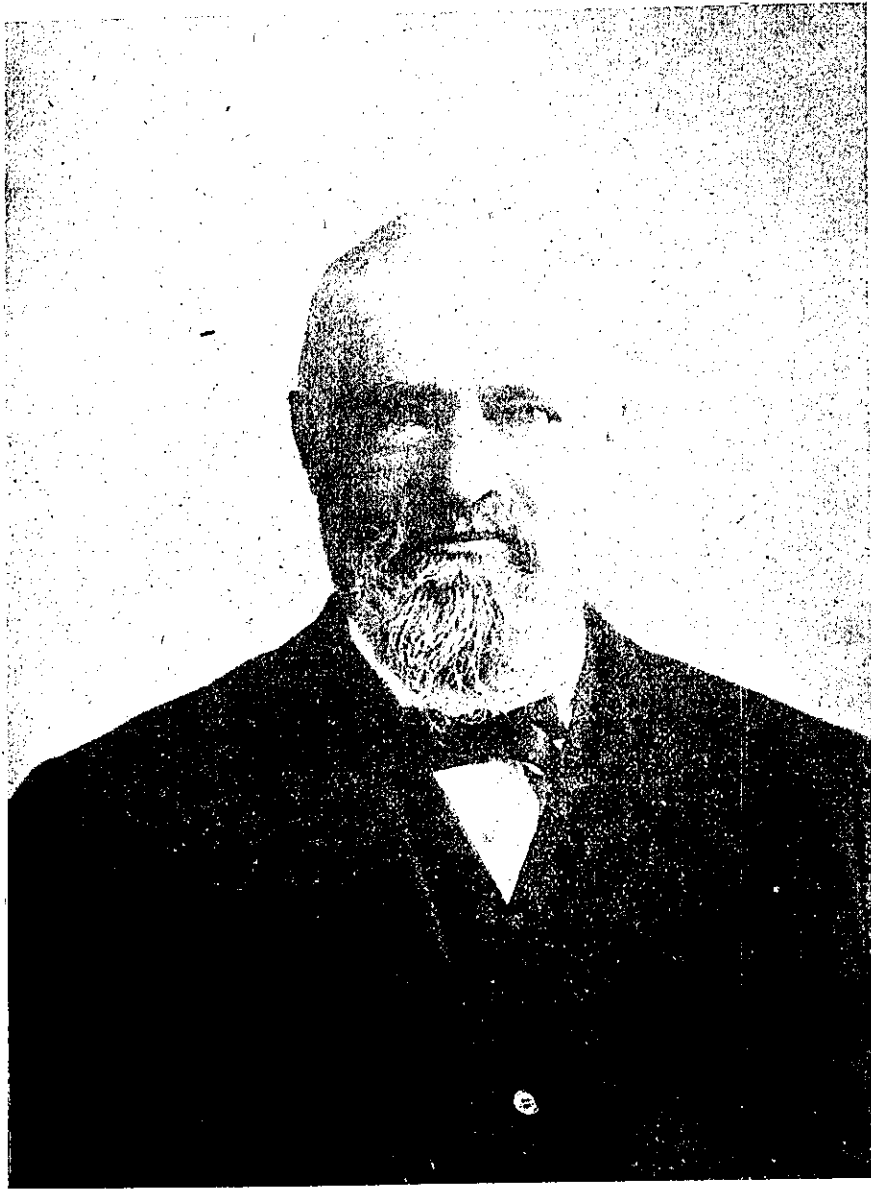
(By "The Judge.")

"The Field" reports that there is reason to believe that His Majesty the King will take up a nomination for the Newmarket Champion Puppy Stakes, to be run for next December. Fifty-eight nominations had been applied for last April.

Mr J. H. Rosseter's imported greyhound Fortuna Favente died yesterday at Pasha Kennels, near Ocean View (says the S.F. "Call" of May 9). He succumbed to old age, although he seemed full of life and animation. Fortuna Favente was bred by the Messrs Pawcett in England, and was by Herschel-Fair Future. There were seven puppies in the litter, which is pronounced the most remarkable ever whelped. Included in it were Fearless Foot Fearless Footsteps, twice winner of the Waterloo; Fabulous Fortune, which won the Cup in 1895, and First Fortune, another sensational performer. Fortuna Favente was runner-up for the Cup in 1894, being beaten by Thoughtless Beauty. In the same litter was the dam of Father Flint, which won the Cup this year.

Mr J. Mitchell gave every satisfaction as judge at the recent Wellington meeting (writes "Go-bye," in the "Mail"). Mr Mitchell acts as judge at Dunedin and Oamaru this month. He informed me that this would be his last season in the box—there is more fun in being an owner than an official. A Petone owner, after his nomination had been defeated, showed very bad form in questioning the decision of the judge. He stated that he would not again enter under the same judge. One of the win, tie, or wrangle brigade, I suppose.

Mr H. W. Davies, secretary to the Wellington and Suburban Coursing Club, is convening a meeting of delegates of clubs, to be held in Wellington during the third week in August, when the club's next meeting will be decided—to form a New Zealand Coursing Association.



THE LATE MR ALFRED BUCKLAND.

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A very old landmark in the history of Auckland has been removed by the death of Mr Alfred Buckland, head and founder of the firm of Alfred Buckland and Sons, auctioneers, and stock and station agents. The firm has been carrying on the principal business in their line ever since the necessity for such an enterprise existed, and the senior partner has been at the helm from the first day, half-a-century ago, until, virtually, the day of his death. The story of Mr Buckland's life and business would form no very incomplete record of the history of the settlement of the Province, and the origin and growth of many of our institutions. Mr Buckland was not a public man, but he took an active interest in all commercial affairs, banking, insurance, shipping, and mining, and found his recreation in the larger forms of sport. He was a successful breeder of racing stock, and in somewhat earlier days his colours were conspicuous at local race meetings. His interest in the turf was always keen, and he gave up a large amount of time that could ill be spared to matters affecting the management. He was President of the Auckland Racing Club, and filled the post of steward for a long succession of years, his name and presence being, with that of others, a guarantee of the purity of local turf affairs. He was also a staunch supporter of the hunt. In conjunction with the late Mr Every Maclean, he laid the foundation of the Pakuranga pack. He was President of the Hunt Club until a short time ago, and never relaxed the keen interest he manifested in its welfare. The natural infirmities of advancing years constrained him to withdraw of late from active participation in sports, but his valuable advice was often sought and obtained by those who had taken his place. Mr Buckland will live in the memory of all who love sport for its wholesome and humanising qualities, while a wider circle will remember him as a fine type of citizen and pioneer colonist.

There were few better known men in sporting circles in Melbourne than Mr Charles F. Glasscock, who died at his residence, Parkville, a few days ago. He had been ailing some time with a painful internal complaint, and his death had been expected for some days. He was a son of the late Mr George Glasscock, and one of the proprietors of Kirk's Bazaar. Mr Glasscock's colours were well known on the turf, and he won several good races—principally jumping events. He confined his attention principally, however, to the shipping of horses to India, Singapore, and South Africa,

and he was generally recognised as one of the smartest and most reliable of the army of Australian buyers of horses for foreign markets. No frequenter of Kirk's Bazaar was ever better liked than "Tot" Glasscock, and people in search of horses knew that they could thoroughly rely on his integrity and judgment in any selection he might make for them. At the time of his death Mr Glasscock was only forty-two years of age, and some time before Mr George Glasscock's death "Tot" was his right-hand man at Kirk's Bazaar. The funeral took place on Thursday, at the Melbourne General Cemetery, and was attended by a very large number of racing men and others. At the grave-side were representatives from the V.R.C., V.A.T.C., and all the suburban racing clubs. Wreaths were sent from all parts of the state, as well as from persons who were away in Adelaide for the forthcoming race meeting.

When a selling race winner in England shows any form at all the owner has to pay heavily if he wishes to prevent the connection from being severed. Such a case occurred a few weeks ago at Newmarket. There were thirteen starters in the Maiden Two-year-old Race, of 150 sovs, in which the selling prices ranged from nil to £300. An unnamed two-year-old colt, by Kilwarlin from Tay, who was entered to be sold for £100, led all the way, and won easily; but as he went out unbacked, his owner soon fell out of the bidding, and the youngster realised 700 guineas. The surplus, 600 guineas, was divided between the owner of the second horse and the race fund.

M. Edmond Blanc, the breeder and owner of the Derby candidate, Vinicius, is indisputably one of the greatest stud masters in the world. Mr J. B. Hoggan's establishment in California shelters a large number of mares and other breeding stock, but for combined quality and size it would be difficult to match M. Blanc's stud. His chief farm is the Haras de Jardy, near Paris, and his other establishments include the Haras de Chataigneraie, Haras de la Cille, St. Cloud, and Haras de Vancresson. M. Blanc is known to all the sporting world as the purchaser of the great Flying Fox for the record price of 37,500 guineas, and this big outlay is proving a sound business speculation, Flying Fox's subscription list filling without the slightest difficulty each season at a fee of 400 guineas. It may interest breeders to know that among M. Blanc's present batch of yearlings there is a bay colt named Val d'Or, a son of Flying Fox Wandora, by Bruce, the dam of the crack Vinicius.

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**AUTUMN MEETING, 1906.**  
**NEW ZEALAND ST. LEGER STAKES,**  
Of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs from stake. For three-year-olds (present foals). Weight-for-age. By subscription of 6 sovs, unless forfeit is declared and paid as follows, viz.:—1 sov if struck out before the first Monday in June, 1905; 3 sovs if struck out before the first Monday in December, 1905. All horses remaining in after that date must pay the subscription of 6 sovs on a day to be named shortly before the race. One mile and three-quarters.

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# THE RING.

The New Zealand Boxing Championships, held in Christchurch, proved a great success. The "Press" gives the following particulars of the Finals:—

**Light-weights—Final:** T. Gofton (9st 8lb). In the opening of the first round Oliver did much of the leading, Gofton returning well, and hitting with judgment. Oliver's defence was good, but the result of his ducking tactics was not always favourable. Once or twice Gofton was confined to the corner, but got skilfully out. Towards the end of the round there was some clinching, and just on time Gofton administered heavy punishment on his opponent. Oliver led in the opening of the second round, but Gofton's judgment resulted in his opponent receiving some telling blows on the body and face. Half-way through Oliver made a rush at his opponent, sending him against a post, and followed up the advantage. In the final round both contestants warmed up. Oliver delivered some good blows, some, however, falling short. In the latter part of the round, Gofton had all the best of it, and amidst great applause was declared champion.

**Feather-weights—Final:** J. Watson (8st 18lb) met A. Jones (8st 10lb). Jones opened strongly, Watson responding with spirit, both getting telling blows in. Towards the end of the round a well-judged blow by Jones almost sent his opponent to the ropes. A warm exchange of blows occurred just on time, when Watson showed signs of the punishment he had received. The second round opened with a hot exchange of blows, followed by some sparring. Jones then drove him on to the ropes. From this on to the end of the round Jones did most of the leading, and punished his opponent severely. Watson, however, took his punishment well and pluckily. Early in the final Jones, who opened strongly, again got Watson near the ropes, and he fell. Soon afterwards Watson was again in the same position, and almost before he could recover Jones got several telling blows home. Just before time was called Jones again knocked his opponent down. Jones was declared champion amidst loud applause.

**Middle-weights—Final:** F. Nash (11st 2lb) met H. Shields (10st 6lb). Shields opened, and some fast work ensued, Nash getting in effective blows. Shields did most of the leading during the round. In the opening of the next round a fast rush by Nash almost sent his opponent to the ropes. Both fought with much judgment. Nash made the pace very willing during this round, and again almost rushed Shields on to the ropes. Shields, however, succeeded in placing a number of good body blows. The third round was a fairly equal fight, Shields doing the greater portion of the leading. At its conclusion the umpire ordered another round. Nash opened, Shields responding briskly, but towards the end of the round, Nash fighting with judgment, got a number of hard blows home. Nash was declared champion, and was loudly applauded.

**Heavy-weights—Final:** C. Neill (12st) met C. R. Cumming (12st). Neill opened strongly, and got his opponent cornered early in the round. Cumming made some show at meeting his opponent's science, but after going round the ring found himself cornered again. Neill got in some effective work, and about half-way through the round, with a well-placed blow, sent Cumming against the ropes, through which he partially fell, and appeared stunned. He failed to stand up, and was counted out. Neill, in the brief period afforded him, showed the possession of good boxing knowledge and sound judgment. Very early in the contest it was apparent that Cumming, who was far from being in condition, was outmatched.

The officials under whose control the Championships were fought, and whose energy and enthusiasm largely contributed to the success of the meeting, were as follows:—Referee, Major R. A. Chaffey; umpires, Messrs P. Campbell and H. E. Marsh; time-keepers, Messrs A. Gundersen and J. F. Wachsmann; Association seconds, Messrs F. A. Hornibrook and E. Shelton; stewards, Messrs C. T. Aschman, J. F. Grierson, F. E. Hyman, and F. W. Johnston.

At the Lyceum Hall, at Adelaide, the boxing contest for a side bet of £50 and the light-weight championship of South Australia created extraordinary interest. The contestants were "Cocker" Tweedie, of Sydney, and James Hiscutt, of Broken Hill. Mr J. Carr was timekeeper, and announced that Hiscutt's weight was 9st 4lb, and Tweedie's 9st 10lb. In the first round Hiscutt drove his opponent on to the ropes, and hit him vigorously about the face and head, which Tweedie returned with a sharp blow on the Barrier man's jaw. The end came in the second round. Hiscutt, who seemed to recognise the necessity of getting his opponent early, if at all, succeeded in breaking right through his defence, dealing him blow after blow on the face. Tweedie went down four times, and on the fifth time he was counted out, utterly bewildered and beaten.

## RACING A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

Through the months of December and January, 1803, says "A. F. M." in the "Field" there appears to have been little frost or snow; at any rate, the sporting events arranged for those months, according to the chroniclers of the times, seem to have been got through without interruption and so things apparently continued throughout the winter. Hunting, coursing and shooting, were the popular diversions, the racehorse being in enjoyment of idleness, as steeplechasing, as now conducted under the National Hunt rules, was unknown. The race meetings under the English Jockey Club rules which took place in the season of 1803 were indeed small in number, when compared with those arranged for the present year; in fact the only names of important stakes that existed a century ago are Derby, Oaks, St. Leger, the July Stakes at Newmarket, the Stakes and Cup at Doncaster, and a minor event like the Earl of Ochester's Welter in the Chester programme. The racing seasons of 1803, however, when closely examined, does not appear to have been of a very sensational character. Of the classic winners, Sir H. Williamson's Derby hero Ditto, by Sir Peter, stands out boldly as an own brother to the celebrated Walton. Then Remembrancer, for Lord Strathmore, did the unprecedented feat at Doncaster, of winning the St. Leger, Doncaster Cup and Stakes in the same week. Yet the names of neither of these horses figured subsequently as successful sires. Nor was the year 1803 noticeable for the foaling of celebrities; indeed, the most important feature that I can trace is that Whitelock, the father of the famous Blacklock, was born that year; so was the daughter of Gohanna and Flaxineila, who, seven years later gave us by Dick Andrews the well-known sire Tramp.

With regard to the various meetings held in 1803, it is surprising to find how few there are of that date that now retain their old-fashioned racetracks. At the present time Newmarket Heath is much the same for racing. The Roodee track is as circular as ever at Ochester, and York still sticks to its kuavemire, although of late obstacles have been put in the way of the committee. Epsom's famous downs are as of old; Ascot Heath is only slightly altered; and Goodwood as of yore, is "Glorious Goodwood." Brighton (in 1803 called Brighthelmston) yet favours its Race Hill Lewes its Southdowns, Warwick its Swan Meadows, Lincoln its Carlholm Salisbury its present drive from the town, Worcester its Pithoroff, Doncaster its Town Moor, Carlisle its Swifts, Northampton its Common Pontefract its park, and Beverley and Oatcrik Bridge their present quarters. Of the above the only two centres where two or more meetings were held in the season of 1803 were York and Newmarket. As is now the case the former held its racing in spring and autumn, Newmarket had six fixtures, one less than now, and the titles of the races have practically been preserved, a Second July being quite a recent institution.

Considerably over a hundred years ago meetings like Newmarket, Ascot, Epsom, York, and Doncaster flourished, but Goodwood was merely in its infancy, and in 1803 two days arranged in April were evidently fixed to end the Sussex hunting season, for the programme was made up principally of matches and stakes for hunters and horses bred in the country. Newmarket a century ago was without doubt the chief spot for horse racing, and what the place was like in 1803 may be gathered from a work evidently published that year called the "Beauties of England and Wales." This book tells of the place as being "long celebrated in the annals of horsemanship, for its extensive heath, which, in the neighbourhood of the town, has been formed into one of the finest racetracks in the kingdom." Then, after mentioning the historic fact of James I., Charles II., and other Monarchs being in residence there, the story of Newmarket runs on:—

"The idea of racing there was the improving the breed of horses, which, to a certain degree, induced the Legislature to encourage this species of gambling, and even the Throne seems to patronise its continuance, for, in addition to the plates given by the nobility, the King himself gives one or two every year. The chief part of the town is in Suffolk, but the whole of the racecourse, on whose attractive charms its support chiefly depends, is in Cambridgeshire. Most of the houses are modern and well built, and many of them have been erected as residences for the nobility and private gentlemen who attend the races, and are extremely handsome. Two of the coffee houses are very conveniently furnished for the use of the betters, when they meet to ratify agreements or settle matches. Billiard and other rooms are also prepared for the reception of those gentlemen who prefer games of skill or hazard to the more boisterous diversions of the Turf, and excellent accommodation for visitors may be found in the numerous inns with which the town is provided. The houses are chiefly disposed in one long street."

The writer winds up his story by recording that the residents of the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire town all told numbered 1792. Sylvanus, in his "Bye Lanes and Downs of England," fifty years ago, suggests an increased number of inhabitants and more excitement on his first visit to the place, but of all that has been said or written in either of the books mentioned there is one thing certain that with all its increased population and what still more modern innovations, the racecourse remains intact. It is pleasing, with modern stands and "up-to-date" course comforts complete, that the Heath itself, as was the case a century ago, designated the finest and fairest racecourse in the world, is still at the disposal and receives the patronage of Royalty and the nobility.

Epsom races in 1803 started on Wednesday, May 25, and extended to Saturday. The Derby was run on the second day, and is described in the "Sporting Magazine" as affording an almost unprecedented display of "sporting brilliancy":

"And the road must have been a great sight in those days. The people are said to have come from the metropolis and the surrounding country in equipage of every construction. The phaetonic whips with their different beautiful sets of bays, blacks, and pyeballs, evidently displayed a desire to out Herod Herod in the dexterity of their driving, and the repeated enjoyment of 'hair-breadth scapes' seemed to be the utmost object of the charioting ambition."

Post-coaches, sociable chases, gigs, chairs, buggies, taxed carts were the names of the vehicles upon the road and the pedestrians were said to have been never equalled upon the downs of "Surry." Only a fifty pounds of four miles' heats was on the programme, and this had thrice to be run. Mr Forth's Revenge, ridden by the owner, after being fourth in the first heat, won the next two, and this is recorded to have afforded greater sport to the multitude than the Derby itself. To the latter there were only thirty-four subscribers, and the six starters ill-repaid the general expectations. Ditto, the winner, it seems, was named by Lord G. H. Cavendish, and "he took the lead at starting, about three lengths, which in running he easily increased to six, and came in with that advantage; the third was the same distance behind the second, who, like Ditto, was by St. Peter, and the fourth (Mr Watson's Dreadnought) not at all nearer the third (Sir F. Standish's brother to Stamford)." The chronicler of these facts said they "constituted a kind of desponding chasm in the countenance of those who were numerously called upon to pay seven or eight times the sum they had expected to receive; in fact, those who conceived themselves in the secret lost their money, and to a considerable amount."

Ditto's Derby Day, like many others, does not appear to have been free from accidents; on the contrary, they seem to have been very numerous. It is recorded that between the heats for the Fifty Pound Plate two gentlemen, when riding in the direct line of the course, in opposite directions, the chests of the horses came into contact with such dreadful velocity that one was killed on the spot, and the other having his shoulder dislocated a period was put to its existence likewise. In returning from the downs a horse ran away with a chair, in which were a lady and gentlemen, and for a time threatened most dreadful consequences, but the driver, with a degree of temper and judicious determination, keeping from the road entirely upon the new down arable land for about a mile and a-half, happily brought him up with no other injury than a single fracture of a single trace. In the road between Epsom and Merton no less than three horses lay breathing their last, in ample proof of juvenile folly and inhuman expedition. The course on the Oaks Day (Friday) was described as being again covered with a profusion of company, but not so numerous or variegated as on the Wednesday. Seven ran, and in the result the winner, Sir T. Gascoign's Theophania, a sister to Symmetry, was thought little of. Buxle, however, rode the winner.

Lord Milner has given importers and breeders to understand that the English hackney stallion is not wanted in South Africa. From this it is easy to see that he at least has profited by the lessons taught by the late war, at the opening of which the War Office sent out men to fight on half-bred coaches. The hackney is without doubt a valuable horse in his place, and his place is in harness. He also goes well in saddle around a park for an hour or so a day, but when asked to gallop for a mile or two after a lot of Boers, or away from them, he is likely to lay down and stay down. It is the pace that kills the hackney. Doubtless if well fed he would dawdle along all day at an easy pace for about a week, but to do so would need the care and attention of a racehorse. It has been an article of faith with the English for some years that the broad-beamed cob with 9in. of bone under the knee is the proper horse to ride, but when they went Boer hunting they found their broad-beamed cob was useless, and that one weedy, well-bred pony was worth a pad-dockfull of them. Some years ago army buyers would purchase nothing but great larruping showy horses of the hackney and Cleveland Bay type for the cavalry, and all the crack cavalry regiments that went out to the Cape at the opening of the war were mounted on these squashy-hearted over-fed brutes. The faith of the War Office in these big, falsly hybrids received a severe strain in March, 1900, when the cabled account of the battle of Driefontein reached London, and told the world that "when the enemy fled the horses of the Australian cavalry were alone able to pursue." In a previous engagement it is recorded that General French's horses gave out after a 20-miles' of a flanking movement, and were unable to act at the very moment when the Boers might have been closed in; yet the War Office authorities refused to believe that the fault lay with their cavalry horses. The history of the march of the relief column to Kimberley tells us that the English cavalry horses collapsed, and died all along the line, while the horses of the Australian cavalry, forming the advance screen, went through from start to finish, and had go enough left in them to carry their riders back to Magersfontein to take part in the discomfiture of Cronje. Lord Milner was on the spot, and knows all these things, and while he, or such men as he is in power in South Africa the hackney, or any other harness breed, is not likely to be encouraged as a sire of remounts. In his place as before remarked, the hackney is a useful horse, and so is the Clydesdale and Suffolk Punch, but when in the saddle they are very much out of place, and it is satisfactory to note that there is at least one man in the British service that has the courage to give the case-hardened cranks of the War Office a set back by ostracising their pet breed from the Government stud farms in South Africa.

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# THE LICENSED VICTUALLERS

## THE BARMAID QUESTION.

There is no use blinking the fact that one of the main arguments relied upon by the Teetotal Party in their campaign against the barmaid is based on the alleged fact that the calling provides a short cut to immorality. The argument, like many others against the licensing trade, is used by people who are entirely ignorant of the matter, and constitutes a foul unpardonable slander on a class of young women who are just as much entitled to respect as the wives and daughters of the cowards that assail them. The people of this colony are not all tipplers, any more than they are all water drinkers; there is, happily for the welfare of the State and the future of humanity, a solid and substantial majority of the male population who practice the golden maxim, and we unhesitatingly affirm that the testimony of this majority, the members of which know that whereof they speak, would almost unanimously be cast in repudiation of the slander above noted.

Nevertheless, some of the mud thrown has stuck, and we find certain licensing committees making it a condition of the renewal of licenses that barmaids shall not be employed. This action is not only unjust and silly and generally contemptible for its own sake, but it is actually in contravention of the law. The Act does not prohibit the employment of women in bars, and when the committees arrogate to themselves the powers of the Legislature it is time that Parliament stepped in and made a change. The committees must not magnify their office. They are not appointed to act as censors of the morals of the community, but merely to administer a specific statute, and if they overstep their duty they must be restrained. But we fear that the only possible way of reforming consists in abolishing them. Wherever the majority of the committee is composed of prohibitionists it follows that such committee is destitute of the primary judicial element, namely, impartiality, and as, under the existing order, with a wide female franchise and a diminishing sense of justice, teetotal committeemen threaten to become, comparatively speaking, a permanent institution, wisdom suggests that the order should be changed.

If the committee system is to be retained there should be attached a qualification for membership. No one should be eligible who belongs to any teetotal organisation, on the one hand, or who has, on the other, any direct interest in the Trade. Men of the intemperate character of some of the leaders of the no-license movement are just as much out of place on the licensing bench as an habitual drunkard would be.

## WOMEN WITH COMMON SENSE.

The women of this Colony are not all content to accept as truth all that comes from the mouth of the prohibition parson and stump orator. It will be remembered that when the Premier visited Kawhia the other day, a deputation representing the women residents in that part of the King Country, waited upon him in connection with the sly-grog horror. They pointed out that the illicit traffic could only be effectually eradicated by the introduction of a properly controlled trade, and expressed a desire that the State should undertake the business. About the details of the subject we need not worry, but the fact

is clear that these good women, like all honest persons of both sexes, recognise the evils of the shebeen system, and also the impossibility of putting it down by the police. But the W.C.T.U., those saints without logic, were shocked, and at once wrote an affectionately reproving epistle to their Laodicean sisters at Kawhia, begging them to have nothing to do with the dreadful drink in any shape or form, but to keep sound in the prohibition goose. To this letter a reply has been sent, much more courteous in tone than the W.C. Temperance persons had any right to expect, but sufficiently crushing nevertheless. The writer is Mrs D'Arcy Hamilton, wife of the native schoolmaster, the lady who had the courage to propose the health of Mr Lang, M.H.R. at the Premier's banquet. She says:—"As spokeswoman of the deputation that interviewed the Premier concerning the sale of sly-grog at Kawhia, I have been asked by them to reply to your letter on the subject. If you do not already know, Kawhia and the King Country generally are, and have been for 15 or 16 years, virtually prohibited districts, and surely that time is sufficient to prove the success or failure of the existing law. As time goes on and this place—because we refer more to Kawhia—becomes more thickly populated, the existing state of affairs certainly appeals to us residents as anything but a success, and instead of prohibition obtaining as the increased demand for liquor goes on, the increase of supply becomes greater. The idea of controlling the natural desires of a depraved humanity by Act of Parliament seems to us an impossibility, at any rate in a satisfactory manner. Extreme prohibitionists are inclined to be rabid, and we think a medium course is better. Extreme measures are seldom advisable in any department. If prohibition could be general throughout the whole of New Zealand it might be possible for the law to be enforced in the King Country, and we should be with you with all our hearts; but where licenses are granted freely in adjoining districts it is worse than useless. The British mind resents such nice distinctions."

But Mrs Hamilton is only a woman after all and a little optimistic, and allows her fancy to run away with her. The publichouse once obtained, she thinks it would instantly banish the sly-grog fiend, just as St. Patrick put all the reptiles in Ireland to rout, and that thereafter the institution could be run on ideal lines.

"We considered," she proceeds, "that a State-controlled house, where the person managing it would be a salaried servant of the Government, like a postmaster, a teacher, or a policeman is, and would have absolutely no interest in whether he sold a thimbleful or a hog'shead, and would have nothing to gain, but much to lose by encouraging the unfortunates who require drink to take more than was good for them—a house where men would not be supplied with comfortable rooms kept open till late hours to keep them from their homes, but an open bar, where all on the street might see them; where no liquor could be obtained except by stamps procured, say, from the local post office; where the person managing could supply temperance refreshments at reasonable prices, and thus increase his salary, making the temptation to use strong drink less. We consider that Kawhia is a most suitable place to try such an experiment, and under a steady, reliable person we consider it would be a success."

To which we beg to say, and we know something about the subject, that the King Country is not populated by angels, and that if the residents, natives or European, have to apply to the local postmaster for permission to get a drink, they will prefer the method now in vogue. What is wanted in the King Country, and what will be there some of these days, is hotels amenable to the ordinary provisions of the law. There is no other way to stop the illegal traffic. As to the whining about our want of faith with the natives, to whom we promised that no grog should be permitted to enter their sacred territory, Mrs Hamilton has some enlightened remarks to make. She says:—"With regard to breaking faith with a semi-civilised race, we may say that at present the semi-civilised persons are very prominent among the law-breakers, and make too good a living by this illicit

trade to favour a hotel of any sort or under any control. It was said at a meeting the other day that if a petition against prohibition and one for were taken round the natives for signature the bulk of them would sign both. The majority of them have little or no mind on the subject, and, with the exception of a few old Maoris who are grieved to see the younger ones abusing drink, the average Maori has no choice, whether his liquor is licit or illicit, so long as he gets it." Moreover, it would be just as sensible to oppose a change of treatment in the case of a person first suspected of typhoid, but afterwards found to be suffering from a broken leg, as it is to maintain in the face of facts, that the police, and the informer, and the gaol can prevent the Maori from killing himself by the consumption of bad liquor. We do not share the hope expressed in the concluding paragraph of Mrs Hamilton's letter that the W.C. Temperance folk may "relinquish their extreme measures to use their influence to rectify a most abasing evil," but we have every confidence in the ultimate victory of good sense in the minds of the people at large.

## Trade Topics

Mr Charles Heidsieck compares the present season in the champagne district as very similar to that of 1892, and hopes for a coming vintage equal in quality.

What is known as the British National Drink Bill, compiled by a well-known teetotaler, has been published for the year 1902, the total amount expended being put at £179,500,000. This is, of course (remarks a contemporary) a vast sum of money—not actual, but estimated only—and the basis on which it has been calculated has been raised this year, the change making a difference of no less than some two or three millions lower than in 1901. Nearly one-quarter of the total bill—that is, rather more than 40 millions sterling—is paid to the Government as taxation, and thus the real expenditure on alcoholic liquor does not at any rate exceed 66s per head. Is this really so very excessive? The "bill" for any article of general consumption among a large population must amount to a huge sum. Thus, if each one of us consumed a penny egg and a pennyworth of milk daily, the cost would reach a total of no less than £130,000,000 a year. Again, our expenditure on fares for railway passengers and goods amounts to about 50s a head, or over £100,000,000 a year, though, of course, a very large percentage of the population hardly travel by rail at all.

A Parliamentary return issued recently shows that in the year 1902, 16,437,414 gallons of wine were imported in casks, and 2,045,342 gallons in bottles. From Spain we got 4,117,394 gallons of wine. Portugal sent us 3,942,679 gallons. Only 68,262 gallons of Madera found their way to the British market. From France we imported 3,611,565 gallons. Germany supplied 560,248 gallons. It will be a surprise to many to learn that from Holland came 558,446 gallons of wine. Of Italian wines, which are apparently growing in popularity, 329,365 gallons were sent to us. It is pleasing to see that Australia stands fourth on the list of imports, the quantity of wine coming from the colony being 988,391 gallons. —(English Exchange.)

A correspondent, who signs himself "Unionist," writes to the "Gisborne Times":—"Sir,—Does the closing of licensed houses at ten o'clock apply to gentlemen's clubs as well as hotels? Or is it only the working man that is to be deprived of his drink after ten? I can do without my beer under ordinary circumstances, but if one gets to a meeting and gets dry figures to worry his brain all the evening, it is hard lines if he cannot get a shandy-gaff to quench his thirst, while his wealthy friend can get all he wants whenever he likes to ask for it."

Sergeant Siddels, in his police report to the Licensing Committee at Gisborne, referred to Sunday trading in the following terms:—"The fact cannot be disguised that there is too much Sunday drinking in town and country hotels. I cannot understand why certain licensees should lay themselves out to defy the law. It certainly is not fair to the trade as a whole, for those who keep the law and run their houses in a respectable manner have to suffer for the misdoings of their more unscrupulous fellow-licensees. In Gisborne there is not a shadow of an excuse for illegal trading, as I am certain that every licensee within the borough can keep to the law and do a

most profitable business. If one and all made up their minds to sell to none on a Sunday there would be no trouble, and no person could be offended. Surely licensees do not think they can go on breaking the law with impunity. It is a difficult matter to catch a Sunday trader red-handed, and for that reason some licensees persist in running the risk, but those who do, I am inclined to think, are unaware of the provisions contained in section 76 of the Licensing Act, 1881. That section provides that the Licensing Committee can, at any quarterly meeting, put an end to a license if the house is conducted in an improper manner." Here again we have the attempt to make an assertion take the place of evidence, a course we have more than once known to be most unfair and improper.

"It is reported in Sydney," telegraphs "The Age" representative there, "that the leading brewery companies of New South Wales have 'cornered' Tasmanian hops until 1906." Mr Parker, manager of the Carlton Brewery, seen with regard to the matter yesterday, said he had not heard of it, though there had been rumours to that effect for some time past. These rumours had arisen through the efforts of the growers of Showbridge hops in Tasmania to make contracts for three or four years ahead. The Carlton Brewery, he says, at the beginning of the season purchased the crop of two of the best gardens in the island, and refused to buy ahead. Though New South Wales breweries may have "cornered" the hops of Tasmania for three or four years, it will, he adds, make no difference to the Victorian breweries, because New Zealand and Californian hops can be bought at the same price. Then, Victorian hops have improved so much in quality of late years that the local breweries buy them readily. Carlton Brewery having this year taken more Victorian than Tasmanian hops. The growers in Victoria and Tasmania are, he says, making such good profits that there should soon be a large increase in the area under hops in this State.

The Dunedin "Star" says:—"It will be remembered that at the meeting of the Licensing Committee on Monday the elective members emphatically expressed their intention to make the issue of each license conditional on the willingness of the applicant to restrict the sale of liquor to a single bar. We learn, as the result of special inquiries, that all the applicants to whom this requisition practically applies—that is to say, all who have lately had more than one bar in their hotels—have decided to accept the decision without demur. Indeed, in some cases the hotelkeepers are not waiting (as they might) until July 1, but have already taken steps to make the necessary alterations. It is just as well that the matter should be settled in this willing, or at least acquiescent, fashion. What other course could the applicants adopt? it will perhaps be asked. Probably none of a permanently effective kind; still, there were rumours that some sort of resistance might be attempted, in view of the Stipendiary Magistrate's half-implied doubt as to the legality of the position taken up by his colleagues on the Licensing Bench. But section 63 of the Licensing Act appears to give the Committee almost unlimited powers of discretion; and, besides, in the present state of public opinion, publicans would be ill-advised to adopt a pugnacious attitude towards the judicial representatives of the people.

The numerous alterations that have been made in the British Hotel, Queen street, conduce greatly to the convenience and comfort of customers. Mr Buxton has made the house the popular place of call during the intervals at His Majesty's Theatre, and deserves the large and increasing patronage bestowed on him.

A million gallons of whisky at the Ardgowan Distillery, Greenock, took fire. The burning spirit ran into the streets and sewers, destroying a flour mill and extending the fire to the lower quarters of the town. Escaping gas from a sewer exploded in a private house, seven persons being killed and six injured. The damage is estimated at £100,000.

The resources of the new Royal Hotel, Auckland, under the capable direction of Host Percy Isaac, were in evidence on Saturday night, on the occasion of the annual dinner of the Journalists' Institute. The spread was a most excellent one in all respects, and the attendance was all that could be desired. The Royal may well claim to be one of the finest and best conducted houses in the colony.

At the annual meeting of the South Australian Vine Growers' Association recently, the president's report stated that the year's vintage was a full one, the approximate being 2,500,000 gallons. The exports for 1902 represented 846,681 gallons, an increase of 281,953 gallons. Of this increase 206,165 gallons went to the United Kingdom, while the balance went nearly all in inter-State trade.



**MR SEDDON FURTHER EXPLAINS.**

**THE ISITT VIEW.**

Speaking on the liquor question to a "Wellington Times" representative, on Monday, Mr Seddon repeated that the committee should not arrogate to themselves the powers which are vested in the Legislature alone. "And not only that," he continued, "but they make themselves ridiculous, especially when, as in the case of the Dunedin Committee, the Chairman has afterwards publicly and officially stated that the law would not support the Committee in what it had indicated it was about to do."

"Has the Government finally decided yet as to whether it will bring in any liquor legislation during the session?" "Now, you are asking too much," said Mr. Seddon. "All the Ministers are here now, and full meetings of the Cabinet will be the order for the week. The action of the Government may be precipitated or otherwise by the actions of the Committees. At all events, it is the duty of the Government, as well as of Parliament, to see that the existing law is adhered to, and if any amendment is required to make it perfect, I think the people of Port Chalmers should not be denied the right of having their petition heard through the mistake of a magistrate. There seems to be a missing link in the law in respect to the situation in Bruce and Newtown. As this matter is before the law courts you will excuse me not saying anything further."

The Rev. F. W. Isitt, interviewed by the "Wellington Post," says that the Premier's suggestions for substituting magistrates for elective licensing committees, and for colonial in place of local option, will be determinedly opposed by the Prohibition party. If he persists the Premier will meet with such solid and energetic political opposition as he never hitherto contemplated.

**"COMPENSATION" IN ENGLAND.**

The Birmingham Brewers' Association, at a meeting held last month, decided to withdraw from the scheme of license surrender, which has been carried out in conjunction with the magistrates. The resolution sets forth that the members "are unanimously of opinion that the views recently expressed by Mr Arthur Chamberlain on the Licensing Question are directly opposed to the principles of equity and justice; that the surrender scheme as expounded by him offers no final solution of the licensing difficulty, and, therefore, they now feel compelled to do all in their power to secure Parliamentary protection."

Mr Lawson Walton has evolved a compensation scheme which, while it may tend to get over the insurance problem (says the London Trade organ), still has the wrongful element of robbing the Peters of the Trade in order to pay the Pauls. The idea is that the wrongful cancellation of licenses shall only be done once in every seven years, and then only as regards a given proportion, fixity of tenure for each term of seven years being given to those that are left. Thus, if one-tenth of the existing licenses were extinguished after seven years, each licensee during the term would have to contribute to a common fund one-seventieth of the value of his license. For the second seven years we should have nine licenses where there were originally ten, so each licensee would be mulcted at the rate of one-sixty-third per annum. The third term would increase the yearly contribution to one-fifty-seventh, the fourth to one-fiftieth, and so on, rising each term, until we should arrive at the reductio ad absurdum of the one man left providing his own compensation! And all the while the wronged Trade, robbed for what the advocates for reduction call a public benefit, would have to pay by way of a private wrong!

Owing to the adverse reports presented by Constable McGilp and Dr. Magill (there is a curious similarity in the names) the Waikato Licensing Committee have postponed consideration of the applications for renewal of the Cambridge hotel licenses pending inspection. No fault is found with the conduct of the houses, though there is the usual expression of suspicion, but the buildings are declared to be old, worm-eaten, and otherwise unsatisfactory. From personal knowledge we are convinced that the complaints are much exaggerated, and we would again point out how unfair it is to expect that owners of licensed property should spend large sums of money until the question of compensation has been settled in an honest and equitable way.

Mr A. A. Stewart, who has resumed the proprietorship of that favourite hostelry, the Windsor Castle, in Parnell, has already effected many changes that will be appreciated by the patrons of the House. Mr Stewart knows the trade as well as most people, having got a good grounding under his father, who is very favourably remembered as licensee of the Thames Hotel.

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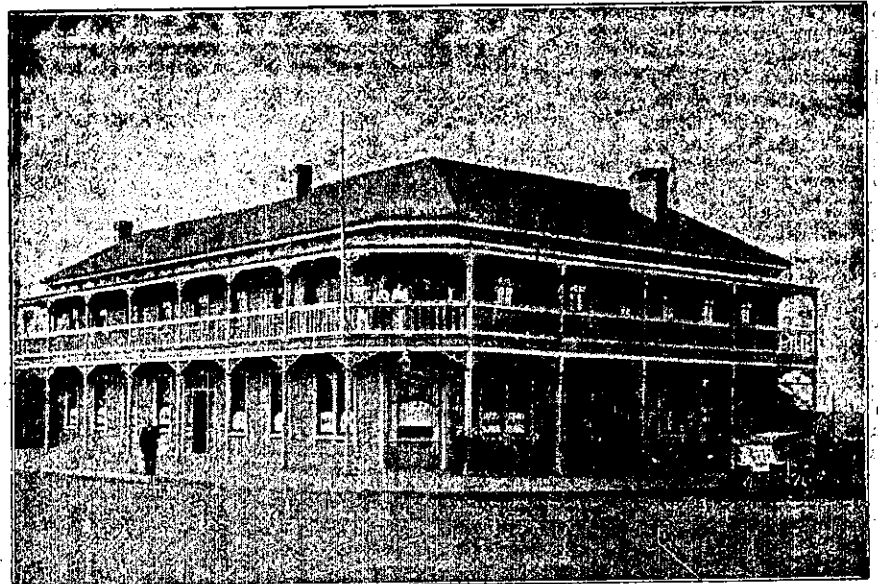
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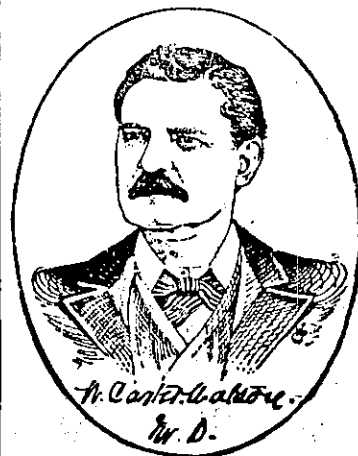
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COMPENSATION IN ENGLAND.

THE BILL IN COMMONS.

The principle of compensation for the confiscation of licenses was affirmed in the House of Commons on April 24 by a majority of two to one—266 to 193.

The vote was on the second reading of Mr Butcher's Bill to create a trade compensation fund for the non-renewal of licenses, and Mr Balfour, Mr Chamberlain, and Mr Walter Long emphatically urged the House to support the Bill for the sake of the principle it embodied.

Mr Butcher opened the debate by explaining the details of his Bill. To destroy property without compensation was in many cases an action more worthy of a band of marauders than of a civilised State.

Compensation should be paid for the fair value of the house and the goodwill, and the money for this purpose should be provided out of contributions from the trade assisted by Exchequer grants from the direct taxation of liquor.

The rejection of the Bill was moved by Mr Whittaker, who said that the Government themselves had admitted that there were too many publichouses, and they increased the temptations to drunkenness. There was no legal claim to compensation, and the licenseholder was reminded of the risk that he ran every year when he applied for renewal.

Then up got that doughty knight of temperance, Sir Wilfrid Lawson, and everyone cheered to see the old warrior in his place again. "As a new member," he began, and the House shouted with laughter, for it was nearly half a century ago that Sir W. Lawson made his maiden speech—"I have been down at Camborae defending the integrity and independence of British Magistrates, and my return is Cambourne's answer to the Prime Minister's bullying of the Bench."

The liquor trade, he added, were putting a pistol at the head of the Government, with a demand for their life or the money of the country. "Who wouldn't like to save his skin by getting someone else's money?" asked Sir Wilfrid.

A still livelier speech came from Dr. Hutchinson, the new Liberal member for Rye, who declared that he had been sent there pledged to vote for compensation, and begged someone, amid the laughter of the House, to tell him what to do, for the Bill seemed to him as fantastic

an arrangement as trying to stop the tides.

Dr. Hutchinson was more than once greeted with cries of "Order!" for addressing the House as "gentlemen." He apologised, remarking, amid renewed laughter, that it was most difficult for a new member to remember that there was one thing he must never call members of the House, and that was "gentlemen."

Mr Walter Long opened fire by declaring that as the Bill affirmed the principle of compensation, the Government could not ask members not to support it. Immemorial custom, he declared, had given a right of property in a license, which should not be taken away without compensation.

Mr Asquith replied that the Opposition refused to be tied to this issue. The case of Sharpe v. Wakefield, he declared, had made it plain that the law gave the justices full discretion.

He suggested that the survivors should give a solatium from the increased value of their licenses to those who were deprived of their holdings. But he denounced the Bill as it stood as limiting the discretion of the magistrates by the amount of compensation fund.

Mr Balfour made great play of the word "solatium." "The right hon. gentleman," he said, "is going to vote against the Bill because he dislikes the word solatium. He does not know on which side of the fence he is. Perhaps the hon. member for Camborne," he said, turning to Sir W. Lawson, "is satisfied with the term solatium."

"I won't have anything to do with 'solatium,'" cried Sir Wilfrid, and the House roared with delight.

Mr Balfour concluded by once more giving his support to compensation.

Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman said that the Opposition would vote against the Bill because it limited the discretion of the magistrates. The Prime Minister's speeches, he said, were a skit on the magistrates of the country.

Then came Mr Chamberlain, crystallising the debate in a sentence. "It is the practice on second reading," he said, "to deal with the main principle of a Bill. Those who vote against it will vote against compensation, and those who advocate a solatium and do so, are neither fish, fowl, nor good red herring."

And the second reading was thereupon carried by a majority of 133—just the number of those who voted against it.

THE OLD CURE WORKING.

("Civis" in "The Witness.")

The cure for prohibition is—prohibition. This theorem has already been demonstrated in America; in New Zealand as yet it is only getting itself on to the blackboard—the diagram of it, so to speak; for the practical working out we must be allowed our own time. Speaking for Dunedin, I consider that Dunedin has made a fair beginning. Our new Licensing Committee, armed with "the will of the people"—lethal weapon!—does not, as Mr Isitt kindly explains, "want to kill anybody." For this degree of consideration let us be duly thankful. The publican, it may be, would remark to Mr Isitt, by way of reply,

You may take my life  
When you do take the means whereby I live.

But publicans are not to answer back. They may not claim a hearing, whether by counsel or otherwise. Their hash is settled and their potato cooked before even the Committee comes into court. This method of suppression by summary process jars rather on our English liking for fair play. Similar doings in England by what Mr Seddon would call a "partizan" bench have provoked from the Government a threat of intervention. I quote from the "Pall Mall Gazette," April 4:—

"They feel it, said Mr Long, 'an intolerable condition of things' that honest and respectable men should be robbed of their living in the interests of a theory which takes much for granted and in some instances becomes simply fanatical. It may be perfectly true, as Lord Peel maintains in 'The Times,' that in some cases the removal of licenses can be effected without injustice. But, on the other hand, we have seen at Birmingham and elsewhere the spirit in which some magistrates are prepared to use their sweeping jurisdiction, and that constitutes a menace to the security of justice and property which no impartial onlooker can ignore. The call for intervention is both imperative and pressing."

In this country there will be no intervention; I do not even desire that there should be. In making themselves odious as fast as may be, the Licensing Committees are doing very well; let them

alone. On this principle I welcome their determination to abolish the "counter lunch," a form of repast which, so far as is known, neither intoxicates nor invites to gluttony, yet for some reason occult is held obnoxious by our Dunedin prohibitionists. All right; let them run their rig; the better the pace the sooner through.

In the course of his report to the Licensing Committee at Napier, Police Inspector Macdonald said:—"It has recently been reported to me that possibly the hotelkeepers are sometimes wrongly blamed for the appearance from time to time of persons on Sunday mornings under the influence of liquor, when it is suggested that the liquor was obtained at the Working Men's Club, and not at hotels. At present I am not in a position to say whether or not there is any truth in the suggestion, but in the future attention will be given to the matter with the view of definite information. Instructions have been issued to this effect."

The local Public Health Committee of Battersea have selected the Licensed Victuallers' Trade for a series of inquisitorial questions, which (says the L.V. Gazette) may safely be left unanswered. Among other impertinences, they want to know:

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Number of inmates in the house, specifying the number of adults and children.

Number of males and females employed in the business.

Is the house clean? Is it damp? Is it in good repair?

Condition of the roof, cistern, yard. Is much of the yard unpaved.

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Is the water supply of the bars drawn from the mains?

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MR BALFOUR AND THE TETOTAL CRANKS.

Since the British Prime Minister made his memorable pronouncement in favour of compensation and against the wholesale closing of public-houses by the licensing benches, he has been smothered with protests in the form of memorials from the ultra "temperance" organisations.

The memorialists of the London Auxiliary of the United Kingdom Alliance, after expressing their "surprise and regret" at the First Minister of the Crown's reply to the deputation of liquor trade representatives, and their disapproval of his views on the subject of compensation, proceed to point out that because "the liquor trade is, in its nature and effects, of an exceptional character," its members have no right to complain of "exceptional risk of non-continuance;" and, after lamenting that the best legal regulations or the wisest administration is powerless to deprive the liquor traffic of "that injurious tendency which issues in so much deplorable misery, vice, and crime," conclude with the hope that "on mature reflection" Mr Balfour will "perceive it to be contrary to all precedent and to the public welfare to discourage the justices in their salutary task of promoting public sobriety by the exercise of their discretionary power over the grant and renewal of licenses."

pense of the surviving licensees—who may find themselves among the dispossessed in the following year!—and they stipulate further that the scheme shall neither give the publican any further security of interests than he now possesses, nor curtail in any way the power and discretion of the magistrates, nor put "any obstacle in the way of future temperance reform when public opinion renders further progress possible."

We ("L.V. Gazette") have yet to learn that public opinion is favourable to the recent attempt to deprive the publican of his livelihood at the whim or discretion of professed tetotal Benches; and we would point out to the C.E.T.S. that the existing public indignation, inspired by the Trade and stimulated by statesmen, churchmen, and prominent economists, is all directed to restrict the abuse of magisterial discretion and ensure to licensees some measure of security and some immunity from unbridled persecution. The Jesuitical policy of the Good Templars, which advocates the doing of evil that good may ensue, is foreign to English principle and practice; and the argument that public sobriety is promoted by illegal confiscation of property is not only fallacious, but is as unpopular as is the tetotal conclusion that the man who is foolish enough or criminally-minded enough to venture his capital and industry in the licensed industry puts himself beyond the pale of reasonable consideration.

During the proceedings of the Napier Licensing Committee some commotion was caused in the corridor of the Courthouse when the decision of the committee in regard to one of the hotels was communicated to a well-known licensee's wife, who went into hysterics. Her weeping rather disturbed the proceedings for a time.

THE PREMIER AND THE TRADE.

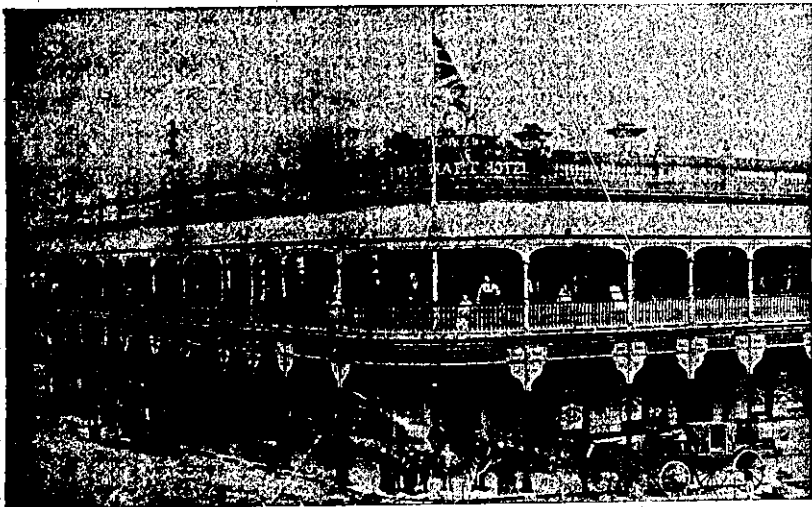
Dealing with the recent utterances of the Premier at Hokitika, the New Zealand "Mail" says:—

"Admitting for the sake of argument that the public has a perfect right to control the trade in alcoholic beverages, then it must not do a wrong to any individual by the exercise of that right. It is here that the existing legislation is, it seems to us, most defective. Both public and publican are partners, so to speak, in the liquor trade. The public takes its dividend beforehand, in the shape of a license fee, and the publican has to sell in order to pay that dividend and earn a living out of the business. The public invited the publican to enter into the partnership. It stipulated for specific conditions, and set its minions, the police, the law, and the Magistracy to see that these conditions were well and faithfully fulfilled. If the publican did not spend money in erecting a fine building he would not be taken into partnership, and if he failed to run his business according to stringent conditions, even in a magnificent house built purposely for the trade, the partnership would be dissolved, and the loss would be his entirely. Even if he fulfilled all the conditions imposed upon him and the servants of the public could find no fault in him, there was no guarantee that the publican's interest in a public business would be secured to him. Indeed, the Legislature gave the public the right of making the publican a bankrupt, and made no provision for the slightest consideration being extended to him in the event of his being ruined legally, but most unrighteously. If the public is entrusted with the making or marring of any business, surely it ought to be obligatory on the public to share in the loss as well as in the profit. The Premier says that if there is undue interference with individual liberty, and the rights of property, the Legislature must not hesitate to do its duty. There has for years been abundant evidence of undue interference in both respects, yet the Legislature has failed to safeguard the one or protect the other. The Government must now invite it to repair the omission."

CHAIN LIGHTNING.

The London "Daily Telegraph" is responsible for the following, given on the authority of a Government official:—"In one year over three millions of gallons of the foulest spirit—only fit for methylation—were imported from Germany, of which two-thirds, costing from 5d to 11d a gallon, were admittedly used for drinking. It is only from abroad that this miserable, destructive stuff is imported. In this country a spirit is distilled from damaged Indian corn, or from decomposed molasses, the dregs of the sugar refineries, which is mixed with the real thing and sold across the counter as 'genuine Scotch' or 'Irish.' Very often not more than one cask of real Scotch or Irish goes to make up the blend; the rest, in any proportion that the blender likes—thirty, forty, or fifty casks—being composed of this fiery stuff." "There is something radically and reformably wrong," says the "Telegraph," "when a Government official can tell us of the following case, of which he had direct cognisance. 'Spirit of a very low class,' he says, 'made in England, was warehoused in a Government warehouse in Scotland, and there simply coloured (not a drop of Scotch added), made up into small pocket-flasks, and then labelled 'Fine old Scotch.' But this was not all. A chemist's certificate of analysis was affixed, vouching for its mellowness and all the other good qualities which it did not possess. It was then sent out to one of our colonies to a publican, who receives periodical consignments, I believe, up to this day.'"

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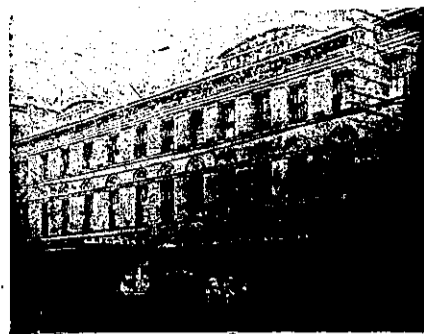
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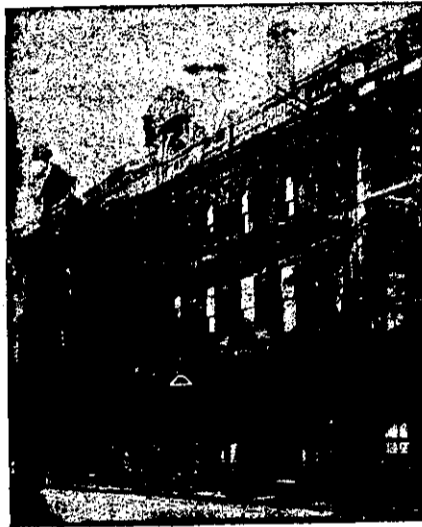
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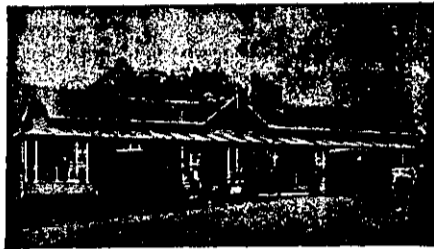
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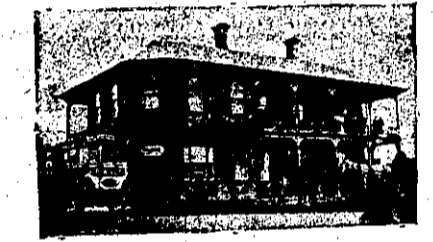
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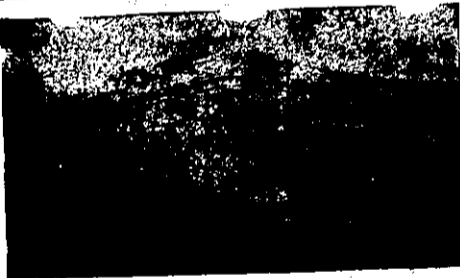
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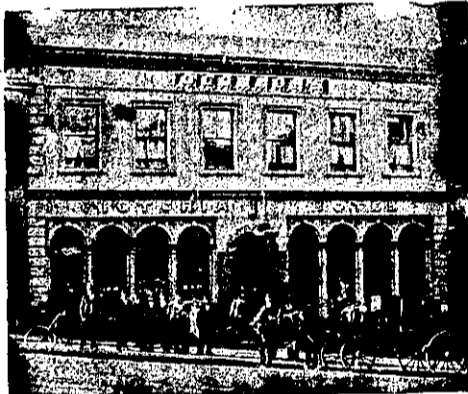
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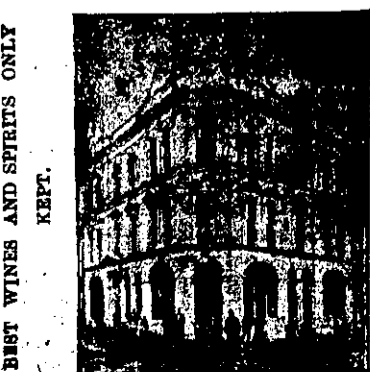
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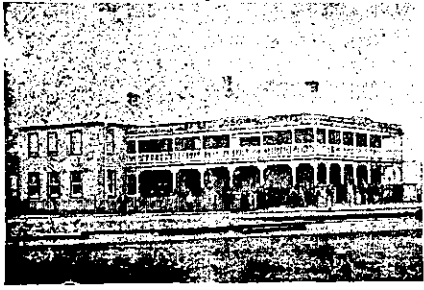
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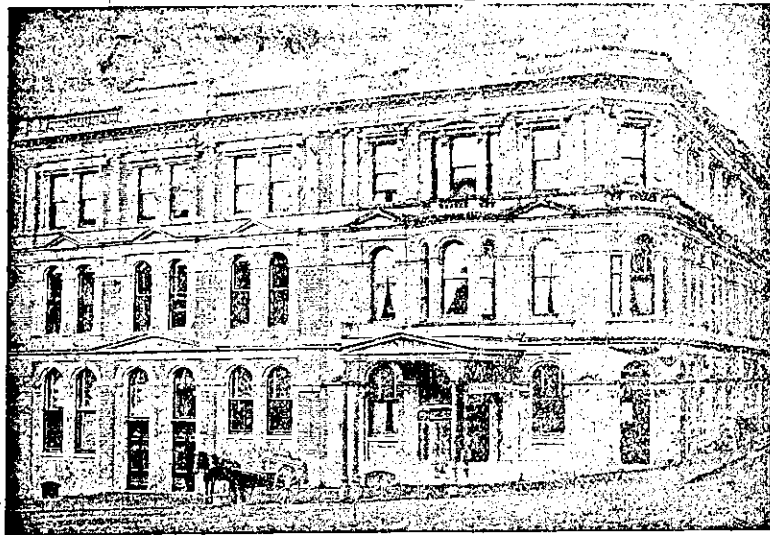
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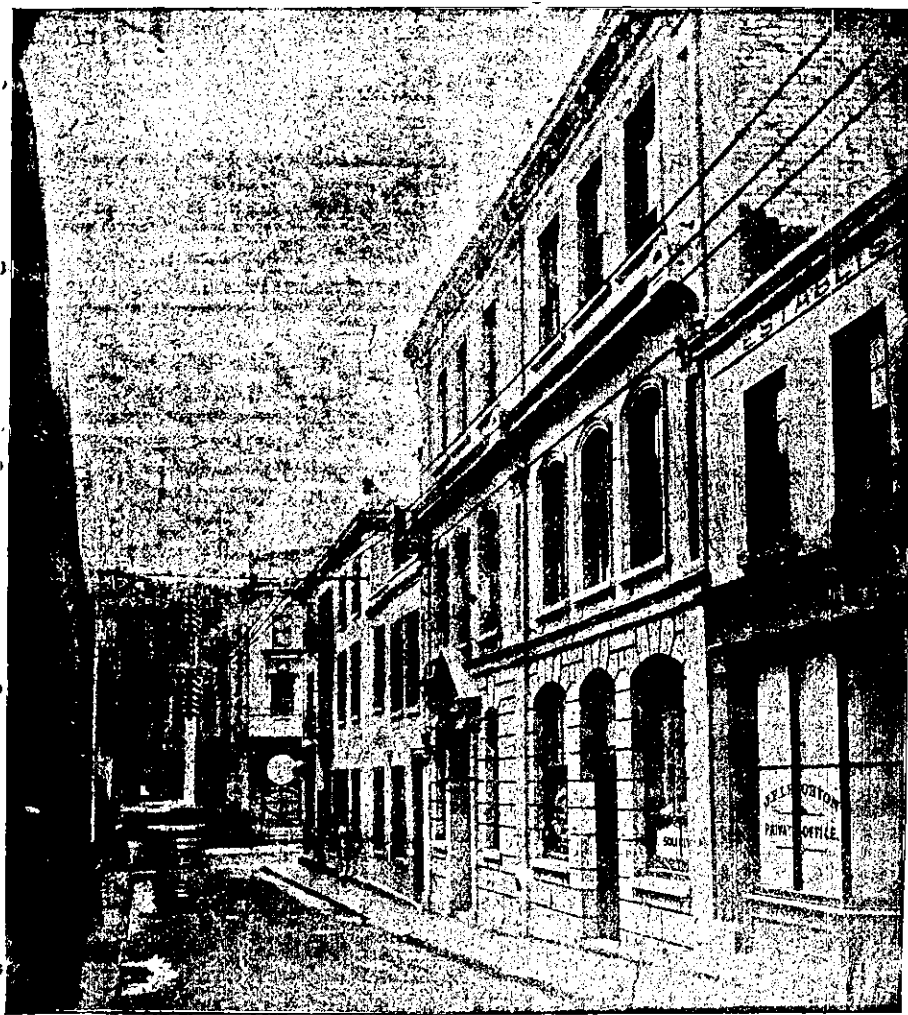
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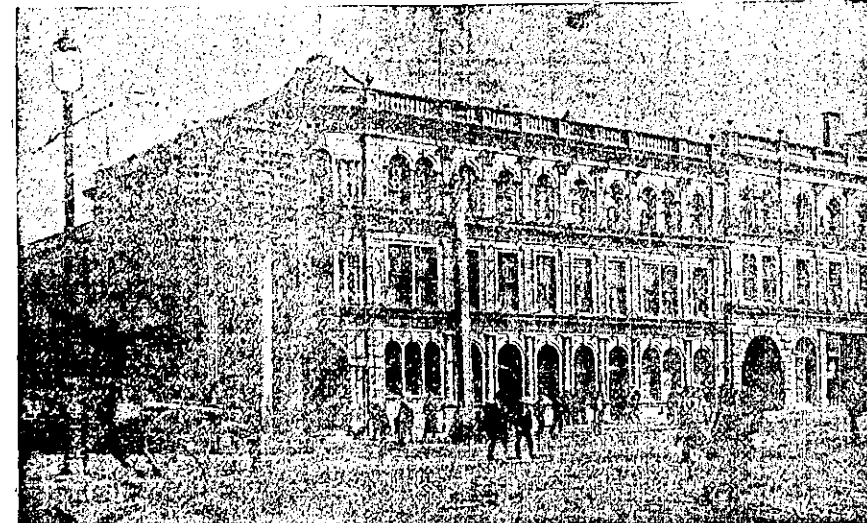
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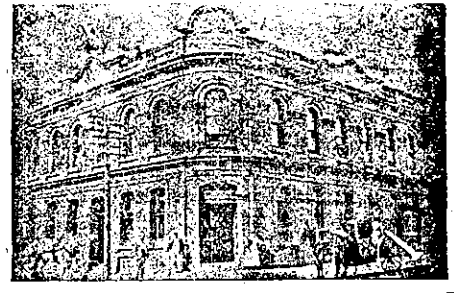
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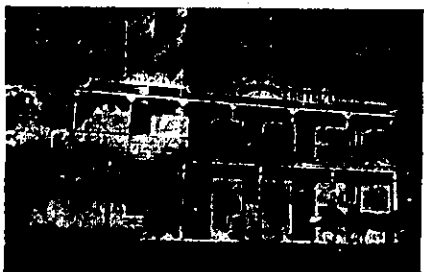
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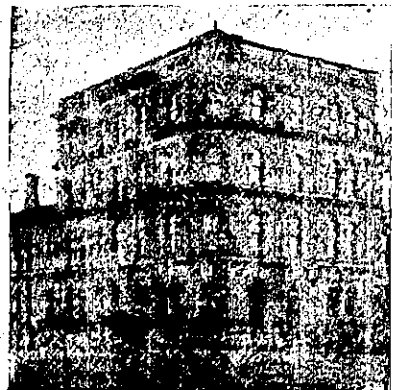
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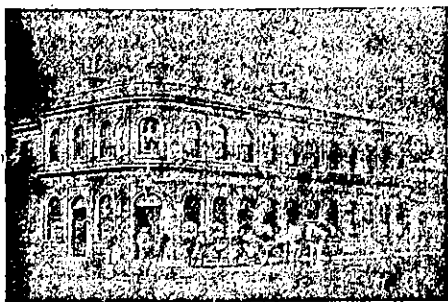
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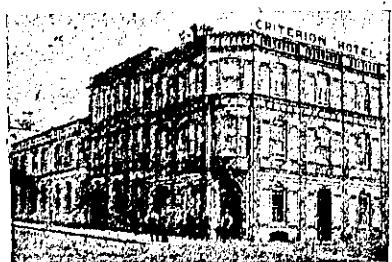
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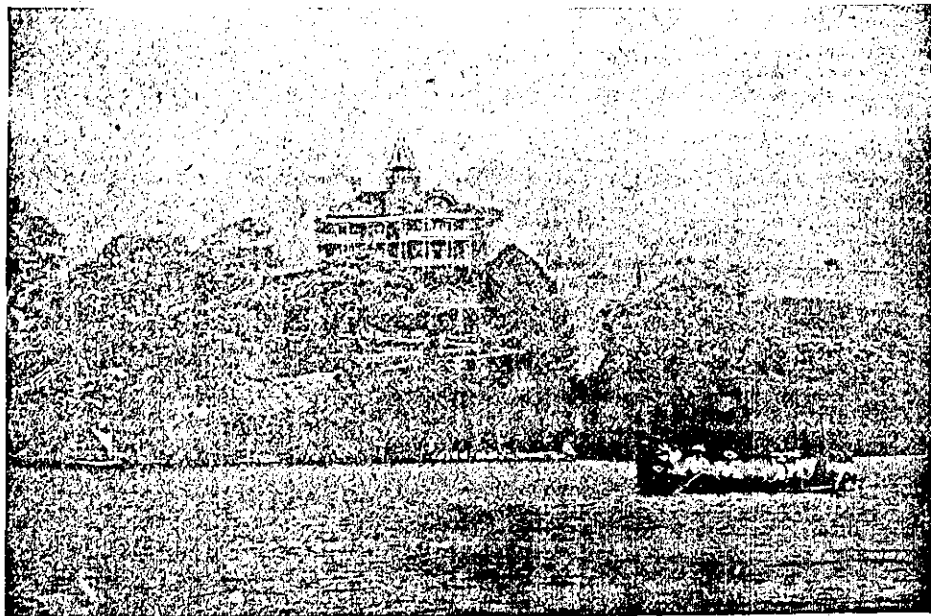
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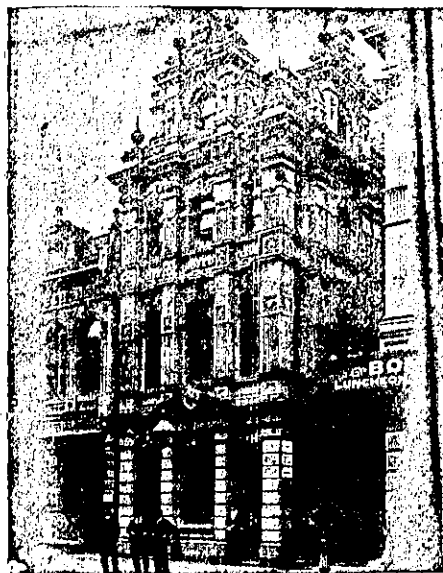
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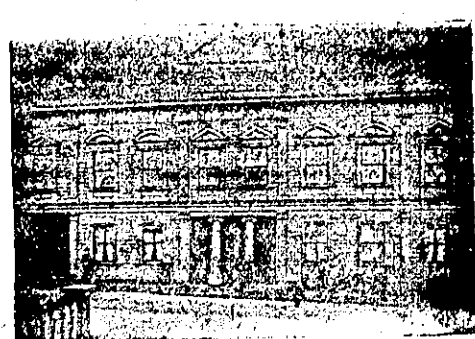
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JOHN SIMPSON.....PROPRIETOR

RAILWAY HOTEL, LOWER HUTT (Three Minutes from Railway Station, and close to the Bellvue Gardens.)

Good Fishing and Shooting to be had within easy distance. Tariff Reasonable. Billiards. Speight's Beer, and Choiceest Wines and Spirits. Excellent Stabling and Paddocking. J. CLULOW, Proprietor.

SHEPHERD'S ARMS HOTEL, TINAKORI ROAD, WELLINGTON.

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.

THE ARROW HOTEL, Willis Street, Wellington.

E. C. CHUTE, late of the Temuka Hotel, has taken over the above well-known Hotel, and trusts by keeping only the Best Brands of Liquor, and giving the Best Accommodation to merit a share of their support. First-class Table. Hot and Cold Shower Baths. Letters and Telegrams Promptly Attended to.

B. C. CHUTE.....Proprietor.

PRINCESS HOTEL, MOLESWORTH-STREET, WELLINGTON.

F. BROGAN.....Proprietor. EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION FOR TRAVELLERS AND PERMANENT BOARDERS. Within five minutes' walk of both Wairarapa and Manawatu Railway Stations. Best of Wines, Ales and Spirits only kept.

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The appointed house for the Commercial Travellers and Warehousemen's Association, Wellington, also, Cook's Tourist Travellers. All Appointments up-to-date.

A. C. SCRIMGEOUR.....Proprietor

FOXTON FAMILY HOTEL, FOXTON

Excellent Accommodation for the Travelling Public a Moderate Tariff. Best Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc. Good Billiard Table. Ample Stabling and Paddocking. Coaches run twice daily to Shannon.

ANDREW LAING (late of Dannevirke).....Proprietor



WELLINGTON—Continued.

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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. Hotel lighted with Electric Light throughout. Spacious and Well lighted Sample Rooms.

S. J. GIBBONS ... Proprietor.

CENTRAL HOTEL, OTAKI.

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T. MESSITER ... Proprietor.

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Ask for what you want and you will get it. If not in Stock, you will be told so.

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This Palatial Hotel is now Complete and Open for the Reception of Visitors.

120-CAPACIOUS ROOMS-120 SUPERBLY FURNISHED THROUGHOUT

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Excellent Accommodation. Liquors of Special Quality and in Great Variety.

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

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

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WINE, SPIRITS & BEER of the Best Quality only. GOOD STABLES. Large Number of Loose Boxes.

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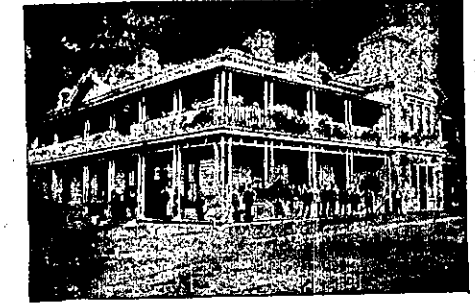
A. ELLINGHAM (Late of Stortford Lodge Hotel),

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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.

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

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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.

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

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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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WINE, 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.

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RED HOUSE HOTEL, DEVON-STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH.

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

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

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

PARKER & CO... PROPRIETOR

TARANAKI HOTEL, BROUGHAM-STREET NEW PLYMOUTH.

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

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GRAND CENTRAL COFFEE PALACE AND RESTAURANT,

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

The kitchen is under an Experienced Chef

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

ARROWSMITH... Proprietor

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THE BEST OF ACCOMMODATION FOR TRAVELLERS AND VISITORS.

Six Eeomy Loose Boxes and Six Stalls. First-class Paddocking. The Best Brands of Ales, Wines, and Spirits.

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B. T. BENNETT Proprietor.

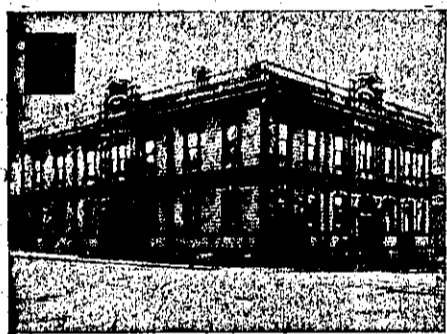
RAILWAY HOTEL, HAWERA

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

CENTRAL HOTEL, EGMONT STREET, PATEA. L. HINTZE, Proprietor (late of Masonic Hotel, Wanganui). L.H. desires to notify the residents of Patea and surrounding districts, that he has taken over the above popular Hotel, where he will be happy to welcome old friends and make new ones. The best brands of Ales, Wines, and Spirits kept in stock. Billiard Room fitted up with one of Alcock's best Tables. Good Stabling and Paddock nr.

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 188. Telephone 84.

THE NEW COMMERCIAL HOTEL, WANGANUI. Excellent Accommodation for Tourists and Travellers. Best brands of Wines and Spirits kept in stock. DUNEDIN BEER ALWAYS ON TAP. Half-minute's walk from River Steamers. Telephone 289. A. SUMMERS Proprietor.

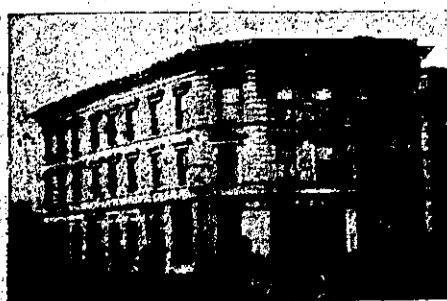
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THE TOURIST'S HOTEL. Choicest Wines, Spirits and Cigars. Night Porter kept. Cook's Coupons Accepted. Write or wire for rooms to J. S. PALMER, Proprietor.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, WAVERLEY.

THE COMMERCIAL HOUSE OF WAVERLEY. EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, CUISINE AND LIQUORS. CHAS. HARRISON Proprietor. (Late of New Plymouth and Levin.)

TIMARU.



STOP AT SHIP HOTEL, TIMARU. One minute from Railway Station and Wharf. Excellent Cuisine and Dining Room appointments. Wines, Spirits, and Ales defy competition. Hot, Cold, and Crescent Shower Baths. Tariff Strictly Moderate.

CLUB HOTEL, TIMARU.

This Hotel has been renovated throughout, and now offers excellent Accommodation to the Travelling Public. Local and XXXX Beer always on 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.

DUNEDIN.

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

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

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

BLLENHEIM.

MASONIC HOTEL, BLLENHEIM

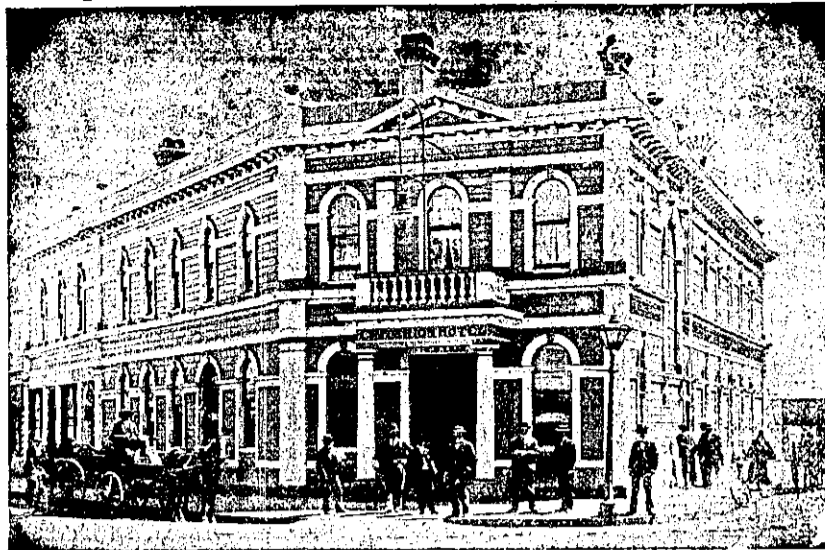
Is Central, Popular, and Convenient; does a Commercial Business; has Splendid Appointments; Hot and Cold Baths; one of Alcock's Match Tables; and is the House selected by the N.Z.C.T. Club. MODERATE TARIFF. J. PENNEY Proprietor.

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ROXBOROUGH'S RAILWAY HOTEL, BROADWAY REEFTON.

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. Tariff Strictly Moderate.

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UNDER VICE-REGAL PATRONAGE.

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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, WEARF 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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FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATION FOR TRAVELLERS & FAMILIES.



TERMINUS HOTEL, PICTON. HARRY BRADY, PROPRIETOR.

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 100 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.

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