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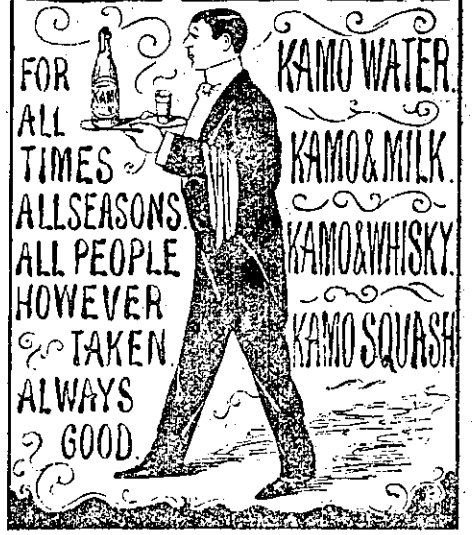
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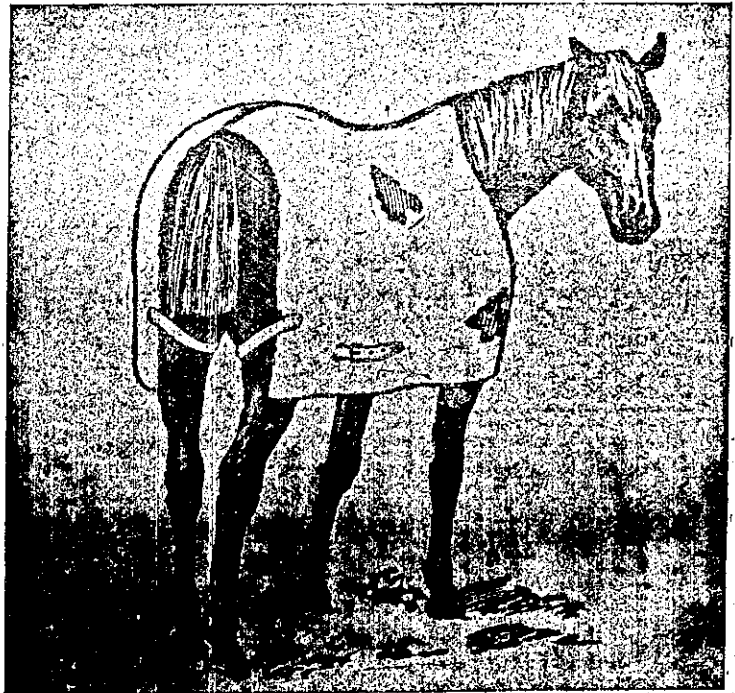
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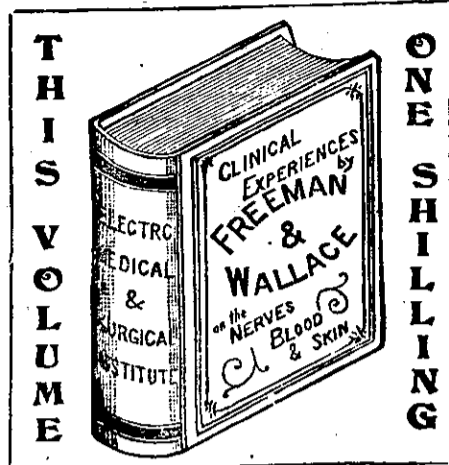
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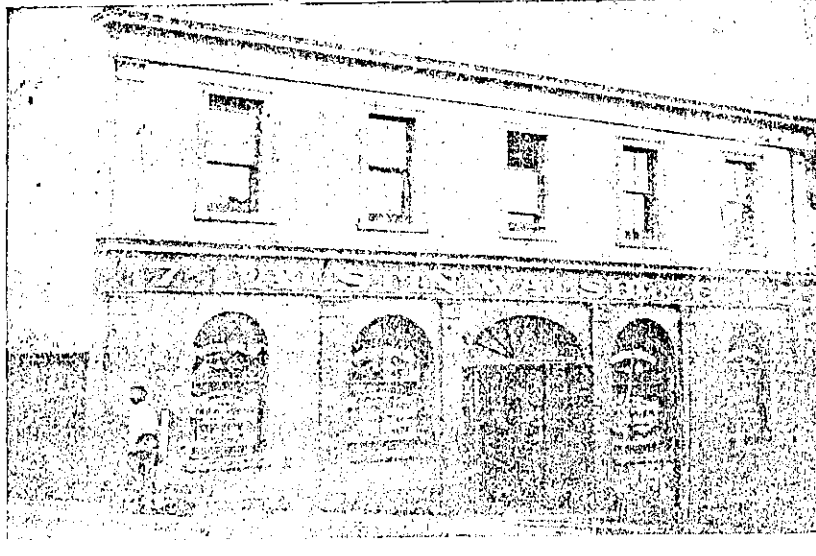
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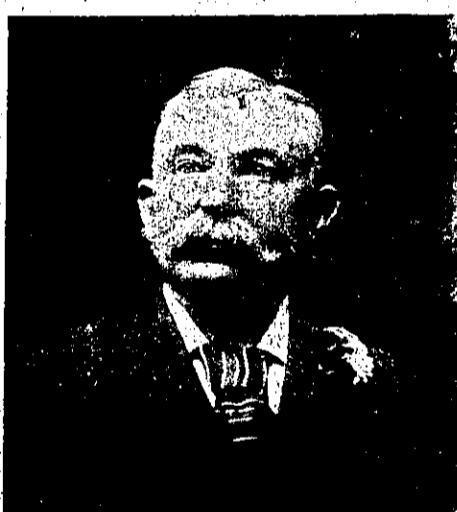
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first lady's bicycle manufactured in Amer-
ica the National Museum at Washington
has completed a collection of velocipedes
and bicycles embracing, it is said, every
distinct pattern that has ever been made.
It begins with the old "celeriferie" of
1800, and ends with one of the latest
gasolene motor bicycles. It is claimed to
be the most complete collection extant.

The League of Victorian Wheelmen has
1037 members, the biggest roll of any other
cycling body in Australia. The club
has assets amounting to £10,541, and it
is considered to be the wealthiest institu-
tion of its kind in the world.

Jimmy Michael was to have commenced
his German tour at Madgebourg on April
26, but while training behind Reimers at
the Friedenau track, Berlin, a few days
before, he met with a very serious spill.
He was just finishing a five-mile trial
when the pneumatic tyre on his front
wheel burst, and got entangled in the
wheel, bringing him down head first on to
the cement. It was at once seen that the
midget was in a critical condition, and
he was carefully removed to the nearest
hospital, where he remained unconscious
some two hours. Besides being very badly
cut about the arms, legs, and chest, he re-
ceived a serious blow on the head.

The Governor of the State of Pennsyl-
vania has signed a bill prohibiting six-
day competitions, and provides fines rang-
ing from £20 to £2000, or imprisonment,
for anyone managing or participating in
any athletic exhibition or contest in which
any of the competitors is permitted to ap-
pear for more than twelve hours a day. A
similar law is in operation in the State of
New York.

When a cyclist tries conclusions with a
horse, it is the former who generally gets
the worst of the collision. It has, how-
ever, been left for a Russian to claim,
though at a heavy cost, the credit of hav-
ing knocked over a horse in fair impact.
This happened at Newport, Monmouth,
where a Russian-German shoemaker, a no-
vice at bicycling, lost control of his bi-
cycle down a steep hill in the town. His
feet had slipped from the pedals, and with
his legs stuck out on each side of the ma-
chine he sped helplessly down the hill
while two policemen who had seen him
coming, did their best to clear the road
of the traffic, so as to give him some
chance of saving himself. Unhappily, how-
ever, his bicycle took him into a cab-
stand. He rode straight into one of the
horses and knocked it over on its side,
escaping without serious injury, but
wrecking his machine. The horse was not
much hurt. It does not appear whether or
not the bicycle was fitted with a brake,
but the offence, viewed in the light of
the danger which it caused, was not unduly
punished by a fine of a guinea.

An enterprising English automobile pa-
per has decided to have a large captive
balloon suspended over the figure 8 course
of the Gordon-Bennett Cup race, from a
convenient point, so as to command an
extensive view of the route. The balloon
will be 36ft in diameter, and will contain
21,000 cubic feet of gas, and carry three
passengers. So that the spectators can
follow the progress of the twelve compet-
ing cars, it has been decided by the En-
glish Automobile Club that the three En-
glish cars will be painted green (out of
compliment to Ireland), the American cars
will be red, the French blue, and the Ger-
man white. The racecourse is splendidly
adapted from a sight-seeing standpoint, as
owing to its peculiar shape the competi-
tors will pass one given point eight times.
Particulars of S. F. Edge's (holder of
the Cup) car are now to hand. The car is
a Napier, English-made throughout, with
four cylinders giving 30 nominal horse-
power, with four speeds and a reverse. The
frame is of pressed steel and wood, the
weight of the car complete being 17½cwt,
or 2½cwt under the limit of 1000 kilos,
which the conditions of the race enforce.
The wheel base is 7ft 10in, with 34in
wheels fitted with 3½-Dunlop motor tyres.

The rider just taking to cycling is fre-
quently heard to complain of the hard
work involved in driving a cycle and the
"dead-tired" feeling which comes over
his legs after a spin of some fifteen or
twenty miles. To those we would give a
word of encouragement and a little ad-
vice as to how best to overcome the feel-
ing of weariness. In the first place, every
novice experiences the same feeling; it is
simply the sudden employment of muscles
that have previously lain dormant, and
which naturally ache when first put to
work. The best thing to do when first
taking up cycling is to ride short dis-
tances frequently, gradually increasing
the journeys to fifteen or twenty miles at
a stretch. There is always a tendency to
overdo cycling, and against this the no-
vice must guard. If a day's journey of
eighty or hundred miles is to be taken
the rider should get fit by taking evening
runs of about twenty miles. Runs of this
distance for a week or two before the
longer journey will put the rider in good
condition.

The prizes in connection with the
Timaru to Christchurch Road Race, pro-
moted by the Dunlop Company are first
prize, Swift cycle; second prize, £6 6s;
third prize, £3 3s; fastest time prize,
£18 18s. The winner of the last-named
prize is to represent this colony in the
great Warrnambool to Melbourne Road
Race, which takes place on August 22,
1903.

Lucian Lesna, who raced in Australia a
few years back, it is said, intends having
a try for the world's 24 hours' track re-
cord during the coming season. Whether
he will succeed remains to be seen, but
Lesna always seems to have more than
his share of bad luck when on record
jaunts. Three motor cycles, with 14 and
18 horse-power engines, will be at his ser-
vice should he decide to start. The record
stands at present to the credit of A. E.
Walters, who, at Paris, in 1900, rode 634
miles 774 yards.

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(By "Gillie.")

That the Kaiser of Germany is an enthusiastic, all-round sportsman is well-known, a favourite diversion being field shooting, and it is said when afield he always smokes a favourite pipe, which is described as follows:—"The tube is of mahaleb or cherry wood, the mouthpiece of horn, the bowl of meerschaum, covered with fine basket work. On the centre of the bowl is a capercaillie of silver sitting on a branch. In the gizzard of a capercaillie small pebbles are found, which the bird has swallowed with its food, and which through the action of the stomach have been peculiarly polished. A great number of these tiny pebbles have been used for making the head and wings of the capercaillie on the Kaiser's pipe. Underneath the bowl is the initial 'W.'"

Among the schemes recently brought to public notice in the line of opportunities for securing sudden wealth, is that of the "shark fishing syndicate," of Havana. It is unique in design, and there are perhaps "glorious possibilities" connected with it, therefore, sceptics should avoid drawing comparisons with land sharks, etc., bearing in mind the records of sea fishing extraordinary such as the one of olden times, where the angler "bailed his hook with dragons' tails and sat on a rock and bobbed for whales."

When vernal winds begin to blow,
And vines turn green upon the wall,
Despite the scientists, I know
We're Adam's children, after all.
We must have had one father, who
Gave way each springtime to the wish
To drop the work he had to do
And sneak away somewhere and fish.

Mr Claude Bell, a Blenheim angler, during the recent season caught sixty-nine trout weighing 632½ lb. Thirty of these fish weighed 10 lb. or over, the largest being 18½ lb. Altogether this is a splendid record for one season.

Says an exchange:—"The true sportsman is an enthusiastic naturalist. The amount of game he secures is of minor importance. The tramp across stubble and sedge; boating through marshy waterways bordered by tangled rushes and swaying reeds; roaming in the silence and shade of vine-clad woods; the genial companionship of a fellow sportsman; the excellent and intelligent work of the dogs and the opportunity to lay aside the cares and strife of business and factory, and heartily enjoy recreation in the fresh air, all contribute toward the infinite pleasure the sportsman derives from an outing with dog and gun."

Mr C. H. Chavannes intends going across to Australia to compete in the big championship shoots there in August, and it is just possible that Mr Fraser may decide to make the trip. Mr Chavannes, who has been competing in pigeon matches in New Zealand and Australia for the best part of twenty years, talks of retiring after his visit to Australia.

A £100 stake is to be fired for at Hastings on June 23. Mr Gorrick has a nomination, and intends to compete, as do Mr Fraser and Mr Chavannes. As the match will take place after our going to press, we shall not be able to announce the result in this issue, but hope to give our readers a full and detailed account next week.

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The annual meeting of the Ponsonby Bowling Club was held in the club's pavilion last week, Mr A. Littler presiding over a very large attendance. At a later stage Mr J. Dickenson took the chair on being elected a vice-president. The secretary (Mr J. Veale) read the annual report, which stated that the club had had a very successful season, and that there was an increased membership, there being now 111 full members, and five hon. members. Right through the season the attendance had been large, on most Saturdays the whole green being required. Reference was made to the great improvement in the surrounding of the ground. A croquet lawn had been provided for the ladies, and it was hoped that a croquet club would be formed before the opening of next season. Thanks were recorded to members and others who had assisted the club in various ways, and to donors of prizes. Dealing with the past season's play the report stated that their representatives did very well at Palmerston, though not successful in bringing back the championship. Reference was made to the local tournament and club and inter-club matches. Financially the club was in a good position, there being in hand a balance of £22 0s 6d. Of the mortgage £100 had been paid. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. The chairman (Mr Littler) congratulated the members upon having had such a successful year, and took occasion to also congratulate the members upon the large attendance upon such a night. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr J. Kirker; vice-presidents, Messrs J. Dickenson and T. Brown; hon. secretary, Mr J. Veale (re-elected); treasurer, Mr T. Ussher; committee, Messrs Ross, Buchanan, Arneil, and Jones; auditor, Mr J. Newall; green superintendent, Mr M. Casey; delegates to the Auckland Bowling Association, Messrs Stichbury, Buchanan, Arneil and Kirker; selector, Mr Arneil

The following games were played on the Newmarket Bowling Club's winter green on Saturday afternoon:—
No 1 Rink: M. Casey, McGregor, Airey, Thornes (skip), 18, v. Gorman, Vaughan, Crawford, H. Kent (skip), 15.
No. 2 Rink: Ussher, Major Pirie, C. G. Laurie, Ledingham (skip), 18, v. Jones, Roynane, Cahill, Dingle (skip), 23.
No. 3 Rink: Kilgour, Haselden, W. G. Fletcher (skip), 14, v. S. Coldicutt, Butts, Spreckley (skip), 16.

HOCKEY.

The Auckland Hockey Association made a start with their inter-club matches on Saturday last, with the following results:—

SENIORS.

AUCKLAND V. UNIVERSITY.

Auckland and University met, and after a good game victory rested with the Auckland team by six goals to nil. In the first spell Auckland scored two goals, and the game was fairly even, but in the second spell the winners had much the best of the play, and put on another four goals. Mr S. Ruddock held the whistle, and gave every satisfaction to both teams.

UNITED A. V. UNITED B.

United A and United B played on the club's ground at Remuera, the match resulting in a win for the A team by six goals to one. For the victors, Court, Whyte, Brown, Slirrip, and Thornes, in the back division, played with great combination. For the losers, the most noticeable were Dinnison, Reid, Hesketh, Rose, and G. Whyte.

JUNIORS.

Auckland A and University B played on the latter club's ground, Remuera, the match resulting in a win for Auckland by five goals to nil. Eastgate (three) and Landon (two) were the scorers for Auckland.

The United v. Auckland match was played on United's ground, and resulted in an easy win for United by four to nil. Goals were scored by Dinnison, Corbett, Kenny, and Cleave.

The Wapiti Hockey Club held a good practice match, when the A forwards and B backs beat the B forwards and A backs by eight goals to two.

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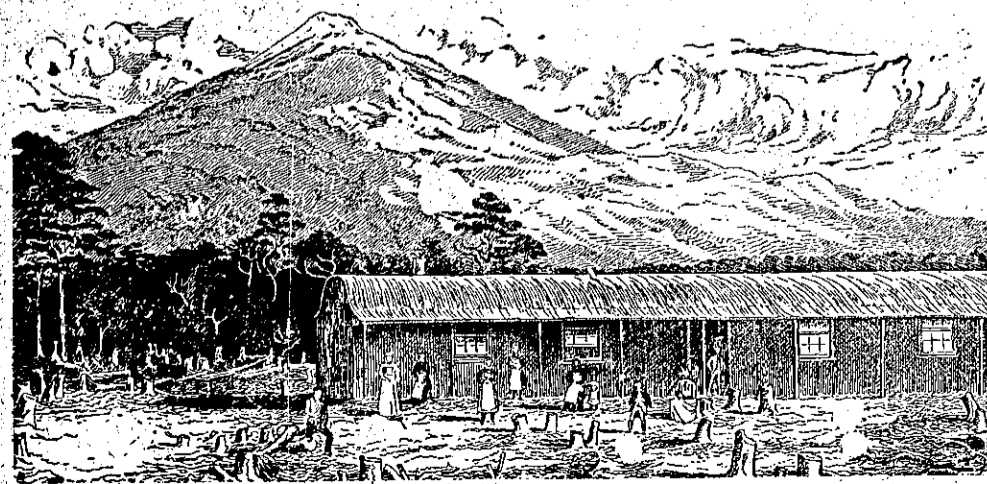
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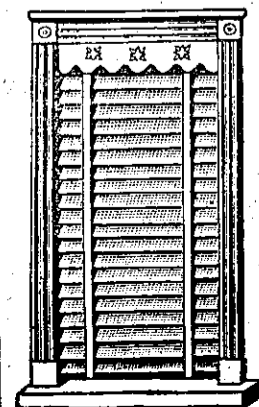
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(By "Scrutator.")

The following are the fixtures for the New Zealand Representative Team:—

- 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.

AUCKLAND RUGBY UNION.

FIRST ROUND COMPLETED.

CITY LEADING FOR THE CUP.

The first round of the competition for championship honours for 1903 was concluded on Saturday afternoon, when all three first-grade Rugby matches were played at Alexandra Park, the meeting between Grafton and Ponsonby on No. 1 ground attracting a large attendance. The game was stubbornly contested, and ended in a win for Grafton by eight points to three. On the No. 2 ground City beat Suburbs by twenty-two points to nil, and on the No. 3 ground Newton defeated Parnell by thirteen points to nil. City now hold a lead for the Cup, having won five of the six matches played, the remaining game, that against Newton, played at the opening of the season, resulting in a draw.

PONSONBY V. GRAFTON.

Ponsonby and Grafton met on No. 1 ground. Mr Katters had charge of the game as referee. Grafton won the toss, and Ponsonby kicked off. Loose play followed, the blue and blacks pressing their opponents down the line. A passing run by Kiernan, McKenzie, McGregor and King took the leather into Ponsonby's 25. King looked very like scoring before being collared by Usher. Soon after Ponsonby was penalised, and Huddleston had a shot at goal, and the ball striking the upright bounced into play. The Grafton backs then put in a neat passing run, McKenzie kicking out near Ponsonby's 25 flag. Huddleston had another unsuccessful shot at goal, from a penalty, and Ponsonby again forced. A few minutes later Kiernan marked, and Luckie again failed to score. Laing picked up the leather from the loose play that followed, and passed to D. McGregor, who transferred to McKenzie, and Robinson in his turn receiving the ball dashed down the field, and fell on the leather before he was over the line. Following the kick-off Ponsonby rallied, and with a sweeping rush carried the leather into their opponents territory. From a scrum near the line Lendrum got possession, and dashed over the line, scoring the first try for Ponsonby. Francis failed to convert. (Ponsonby 3, Grafton 0). A succession of rushes by the Ponsonbyites kept the leather in Grafton 25. Kiernan then relieved by a free kick. Soon after McKenzie marked and punted over to Lendrum, who sprinted up the field, and sent the ball out into Grafton 25. Grafton then forced. A few minutes later the bell rang, terminating the first spell.

From the kick-off it was to be seen that Grafton was making a more determined attack. With a forward rush they sent the ball out into Ponsonby 25. Give and take play then followed. Soon after Lendrum made a fine run, and kicked the leather over the Grafton line, where Matheson relieved by kicking the ball over the dead-ball line. The Blue and Blacks headed by Doran, then dribbled into Grafton 25. A succession of free kicks enabled Grafton to transfer the leather into safer quarters. Soon after Kiernan picked up and ran right through the Ponsonby backs, scoring for Grafton. Cullen failed to register a goal. (Grafton 3, Ponsonby 3). For the next few minutes Grafton kept the ball in their opponents territory. Polson then relieved by forcing. A passing run by Kiernan, McKenzie, and King took the play into Ponsonby 25. Not long after D. McGregor dashed over the line and grounded the ball between the posts. King took the kick and landed a neat goal. (Grafton 8, Ponsonby 3). Time was called soon after with no addition to the score.

NEWTON V. PARNELL.

(Newton 13, Parnell nil.)

Newton and Parnell met for the first time this season on No. 3 ground. The match was a very interesting one, and resulted in an easy win for Newton by 13 points to nil. Soon after the start W.

Heath registered Newton's first try, which Eaton converted: Newton 5, Parnell nil. A little later J. Heath, by a really brilliant piece of work, scored, Eaton failing to add the major points: Newton 8, Parnell nil. Parnell got on a good passing run from an opening by Smith, the Maroons nearly scoring. Shera got a run in from Parnell's 25, and dodging several of his opponents was thrown out of touch. A lot of line-out play followed. Rowe saved Newton from the pressure, and Pillenger was also prominent. H. Rowe made a pretty run to the corner flag. Brash got over the line, but lost the ball, and Parnell forced. G. Murray made a run, and passed to Eaton, who, however, lost the ball. The latter made another opening, and passed to Long, the latter transferring to Heath, who was collared in time to avert a score. Parnell had to force again a little later from a long kick by Brasl. Rallying a little Parnell got on two good runs, headed by Twiname, but both failed, and the Maroons were again on the defensive. Pillenger started a rush, and passed to Long, who beat three or four men, and scored cleverly between the posts, Eaton converting: Newton 13, Parnell nil. The game ended without further score, Parnell rallying from time to time, but without avail. Mr Knox had charge of the game as referee.

CITY V. SUBURBS.

(City 22, Suburbs nil.)

On No. 2 ground City met and defeated Suburbs, after a one-sided game. Mr Blakey had charge of the whistle.

The Red and Blacks got quickly to work from the kick-off. After a little play at centre Asher took the oval on the bounce

ness the second meeting this season between Rovers and Native Rose. The match was the best of the season, being both fast and willing, and when the bell rang Native Rose were the victors by 3 points to nil. In the first spell Native Rose had the best of the game, but in the second half Rovers had decidedly the upper hand, and pressed their opponents repeatedly, Native Rose having to save several times. Rovers kicked off, and play was very open for a time. A splendid passing run was put in by Native Rose backs, and play was in Rovers' quarter. Here Graham picked up smartly, and, eluding the opposing backs, got over and scored, but the attempt at goal failed. Play ensued on the Rovers' side half-way. In the second spell a forward rush by Rovers took play to Natives' quarter, but Price was the means of relieving, and the ball was sent out at Rovers' corner flag. They relieved and took play back, Keating showing prominently. Rovers kept the play close to Natives' lines for some time, but Thompson eventually got the ball away by a long kick, and for most of the time play was in the centre. Near the end, however, Rovers pressed, and Natives saved several times. No other score was made, however, and Natives were the winners of a well-contested match. Mr Polham, of Auckland, acted as referee, and his decisions gave entire satisfaction.

The first junior match, Rovers II. v. Turua, resulted in a win for the former by 18 points to 3. Reed, Lawson, and Newland each scored tries.

In the second juniors True Blues beat Rovers III. by 6 points to nil. Adams and Hindman each scored tries for the winning team.

and a try), beat Old Boys, nil. Albion won from Lyttelton by default. At Dunedin, on Saturday, University (twelve) beat Southern (five), Kaitorai (twelve) beat Union (nil), Zingari (three) beat Dunedin (nil), Alhambra (fourteen) beat Pirates (nil).

THE NEW ZEALAND TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA.

The four representatives appointed by the New Zealand Rugby Union to select twenty-two players to represent the colony in the tour of New South Wales, and Queensland have chosen the following players:—Backs: R. McGregor, Asher, and Kiernan (Auckland); Wallace (Wellington); D. McGregor, Wood, and Harvey (Canterbury); Stalker and Duncan (Otago); Stead (Southland). Forwards: Tyler, D. Gallagher, Nicholson, and Long (Auckland); Armstrong, Udy, and McMinn (Wairarapa); J. Spencer (Wellington); Cook and Fanning (Canterbury); Porteous and Given (Otago).

ROTORUA UNION MATCHES.

The third series of Cup matches in the second round of the Rotorua Rugby Union competition were played on Saturday. City met Whakarewarewa, and won by twenty-seven points to nil. Kahukura beat Arawa by eleven points to eight.

SECOND FIFTEENS.

City won from Suburbs by default. Parnell beat Newton by eight points to nil. Ponsonby won from Grafton by default.



C. W. Fuller, Photo

A Scrum.—Ponsonby v. Grafton.

PAEROA UNION MATCHES.

The Rugby Union contest last Saturday was between West and Suburbs, and resulted in a win for the former by six points to nil. Tries were scored by Casley and J. Silcock. Mr Power, of Waiohonga, acted as referee.

The schoolboys' match was between True Blues and Black Rose, the latter winning by nine points to nil. Tries were secured by J. Shaw (two) and McArthur.

HAMILTON UNION MATCHES.

In the Hamilton Rugby Union senior competition, on Saturday, the No. 1 team defeated Suburbs by eleven points to seven. For the winners, tries were scored by T. Moore, G. Moore, and A. Evans, one being converted by Hughes. For Suburbs, Roach scored a try, and Livingstone potted a goal from the field. The junior match was drawn, the teams being Suburbs and No. 1 second fifteen. There was no score.

SOUTHERN CUP MATCHES.

At Wellington, on Saturday, Old Boys and Wellington drew (twenty-two points each), Ponoka beat Oriental by five points to nil, and Melrose beat Athletics by eleven points to nil.

At Christchurch, on Saturday, Linwood nine points (goal from a try and a mark), beat Christchurch, three points (a try); Sydenham, five points (a goal from a try), beat Merivale, four points (potted goal); Canterbury College, twelve points (a goal from a try, goal from a mark,

THIRD FIFTEENS.

Ponsonby A won from Grafton by default. City A beat Suburbs by twelve points to three. Parnell B won from Ponsonby B by default.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS' MATCHES.

King's College I. beat Prince Albert College I. by twelve points to nil. St. John's College I. beat Grammar School I. by three points to nil. King's College II. beat Prince Albert College II. by thirty-six points to nil. Grammar School II. beat St. John's College II. by twelve points to nil.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS' COMPETITIONS.

A Grade. Nelson-street beat Beresford-street by six points to nil. Parnell beat Richmond Road by eighteen points to three. Wellesley-street beat Napier-street by default.

B Grade.

Bayfield beat Remuera by three points to nil. Newmarket beat Ellerslie by eleven points to nil. Chapel-street beat Mount Roskill by fourteen to nil.

from a long kick, and cleverly beating three men scored in a good position. Scott converted. (City 5, Suburbs nil.) The game was confined to the forwards for quite a spell. Suburbs rallied, and their vanguard got into City's 25, the Red and Blacks forcing from a long kick. City's forwards got together, and worked back to Suburbs' territory, where Asher scored from a passing run by the back division. He nearly scored, but was penalised for holding the ball. City continued on the aggressive, and after a sturdy defence on the part of Suburbs. Young passed out from a scrum near goal, and transferred to George, who in turn passed to Gladding, on the wing. The latter scored a rather easy try. Scott failed to convert, the wind spoiling a good attempt. (City 8, Suburbs nil.) City's forwards rushed through shortly after, and Morrin scored near the goal. Scott added the major points. (City 13, Suburbs nil.) Within a few minutes the Red and Blacks again got a dribbling run on, and W. Tyler scored. Scott made a good attempt, but failed to convert. (City 16, Suburbs nil.)

About a-quarter of an hour after the opening of the second spell City's attack was effective. George took the ball on the bounce, near goal, and dashed over, scoring a neat try. Scott failed to convert. (City 19, Suburbs nil.) Asher made an opening, and the backs got a run on. Gladding scoring a nice try. Scott made a poor attempt. (City 22, Suburbs nil.) The whistle sounded at this stage.

THAMES UNION MATCHES.

There was an excellent attendance at Parawai last Saturday afternoon, to wit-

A NEW FOOTBALL GROUND.

For some time past the Management Committee of the Auckland Rugby Union have been on the lookout for a new football ground. Mr C. E. MacCormick, secretary to the Union, received a letter from the Assets Realisation Board, agreeing to sell part of an estate at the Three Kings, in the Mount Roskill district, consisting of 43 acres for £70 an acre. The members of the Management Committee of the Union are unanimously in favour of accepting the offer, and all that is required to complete the purchase is the formal ratification of the ground trustees, which may be regarded as sure to be forthcoming. The ground is a fine level property, and being within a convenient distance of the tramline, will admirably suit the purpose for which it will be used.

SOUTHERN TOUR OF THE AUCKLAND TEAM.

At a meeting of the Management Committee of the Auckland Rugby Union the dates were arranged for the Southern tour of the Auckland representative team, as under:—Leave Auckland, via East Coast, Saturday, August 29; Play Hawke's Bay, Monday, 31; Wellington, Saturday, September 5; Southland, Wednesday, September 9; Otago, Saturday, September 12; South Canterbury, Wednesday, September 16; Canterbury, Saturday, September 19; Taranaki, Thursday, September 24. These dates are subject to the acceptance of the Southern unions interested.

The inter-union match, Auckland v. Thames, will be played on August 15.

ASSOCIATION.

TABERNAACLE V. GRAFTON A.

This match was played on the No. 2 ground, resulting, after a hard game, in a win for Tabernacle by three goals to two. Grafton played only ten men, and shortly after the start lost Bradstock, who was injured by Clark fouling him. Mr W. Cowan had charge of the whistle.

North Shore Club played a team from H.M.s. Phoebé. A very evenly-contested game resulted, both sides scoring four goals.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Y.M.C.A. v. North Shore: Y.M.C.A. proved the victors by two goals to one. Pitt-street Methodist v. Varsity: This match resulted in a win for the Pitt-street team, who scored three goals to Varsity's one.

School Match: The school match, Tabernacle v. North Shore, resulted in an easy win for Tabernacle by four goals to nil.

LACROSSE.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES.

The championship matches under the auspices of the New Zealand Lacrosse Association were continued on Saturday afternoon in the Auckland Domain. Considerable interest was manifested in the contest between the Suburbs and the Eden and Epsom teams, the former winning by the majority of five goals, against their opponents' one. In the other contest, City A had no difficulty in defeating their clubmates, City B's. Afternoon tea was supplied by the lady patrons of the association.

SUBURBS V. EDEN AND EPSOM.

This game was played on No. 1 ground, Mr. P. White acting as referee. From the opening face off, by the agency of Stewart, play was carried to the attack. Sayers accepting sent to A. Walton, whom Burke checked, and play went back to centre. Richardson broke away, passing to Fairburn. Preston had the best of the face, and gave Walton an opening holding. Fairburn secured, and making an opening sent to Philson, who, cleverly dodging past Nolan, landed an unmistakable goal. From centre Richardson dashed away to attack. Bartlett received and sent to Fairburn, from whom it went to Brassey. The latter drawing point gave Philson a good opening, and another goal resulted from the clever passing of the Suburbs' forwards. Change ends. From mid-field Stewart carried play into Suburbs' 25. Walton securing had a shot.



AUCKLAND CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of delegates to the Auckland Cricket Association was held in the rooms of the Amateur Sports Club last week. Mr C. Hemery (vice-president) was in the chair. In addition to the delegates there were quite a number of interested cricketers present. The business was the consideration of the report of the sub-committee re the introduction of district scheme for cricket next season. Considerable discussion ensued, and when the resolution in favour of the scheme was put to the meeting it was carried unanimously. The proposed boundaries were adopted, with the exception of the Eden and Ponsonby boundaries, which were referred back to the committee for readjustment on minor points. The University Club representatives asked to be accepted as a district, but the application met with refusal. A committee, consisting of the sub-committee on districts and the Management Committee of the Association, was appointed to go into the question of the alteration of rules, and report to a meeting of the Association to be held at an early date.

Stanbury has been doing regular practice lately. It is reported that he is preparing with a view to attempting to regain the championship.

The technical classes of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron have commenced in the clubrooms. Extra branches will be inaugurated next winter. The number of yachtsmen that have joined the classes shows that these lectures will be fully appreciated.

Mr C. Bailey, jun., is making good progress with the schooner yacht for Sir Rupert Clarke, of Melbourne. The keel is a fine piece of ironbark, as well as the stern post, whilst the stem is a beautiful natural crook pohutakawa. The framing is well forward, and the boat ought to be well in frame within the next few weeks.

Speedwell, the smart 24-footer, built by Mr C. Bailey, jun., for Mr W. A. Wilkinson, of the North Shore, and which was purchased this year by Mr M. A. Jenny, has again changed hands, she having just been purchased by Messrs Thompson Brothers, of Ponsonby. In the hands of these aquatic enthusiasts the little clipper will no doubt be heard of during the next season.

THE AMERICA CUP.

The great Yachting Race of the times, the "America Cup," is the absorbing talk just now in Aquatic circles. The "Scientific American" to hand by the mail this week, has a very interesting



C. W. Fuller, Photo.

A Word from the Referee.—Ponsonby v. Grafton.



A. Shrubbs, the English champion, still continues in fine form, his last performance previous to his win in the Ten Miles Championship being at the Sorbiton sports on April 18, where he won the Two Miles Handicap off the scratch mark as he liked, in the smart time of 9min 37 sec, only 6.2-5sec off the grass record for the same distance, which stands to the credit of W. G. George. With anyone to push him he would have probably made new figures. At the same meeting C. H. Jupp showed good form, winning the 120 Yards Race from scratch in 12 3-5sec.

The champion axeman of the world, T. Pettitt, of Tasmania, is at present visiting New Zealand, and intends to promote an active interest in chopping competitions in this colony. With that idea, as well as for purposes of business, he proposes to visit all the sawmill and bush districts. The champion, who is only 25 years of age, has been competing in matches for the past seven years.

"Harrier," who writes for the "Australasian," gives it as his opinion that the next Australasian championship meeting will commence at Melbourne on or about January 26, 1904.

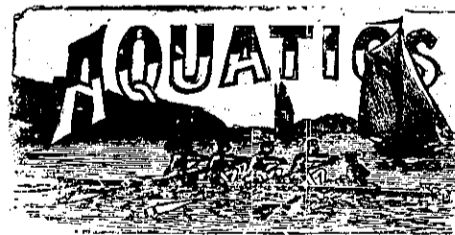
Claude Hiorns, the well-known Canterbury sprinter, after spending upwards of a year in Sydney, has returned to his home in Christchurch.

Hicks stopped and returned to centre, where Richardson picked up and dodged away to the attack. Hicks, who was playing with great vigour, defied first home's effort to bustle through, and sent play back to mid-field. Half time.

On the resumption of play Stewart once more brought to attack, sending to Sayers, who passed along to Walton. Burke stopped further efforts on the part of his opponents, by securing, and his long throw found the Suburbs' forwards in possession. Fairburn, until well checked by Brown, was appearing dangerous, but the latter sent back to Stewart, who, rushing straight through, had a shot, which Hicks easily accounted for. Change ends. Braithwaite, who was playing first home, changed places with Nolan at point and though the latter succeeded in scoring almost immediately on his arrival, the Suburbs' attack were equally busy, for, ere time was called, three more goals were scored, the conclusion of play the score stood: Suburbs, five goals; Eden and Epsom, one goal.

It is not at all unlikely that a team of Victorian players will visit Tasmania this season for the purpose of establishing the game in the little island.

The Managing Council of the New Zealand Lacrosse Association have decided to hold a Lacrosse Sports Meeting in the Domain on Saturday, July 4, with a view to arousing public interest in lacrosse locally. To the meeting the public are invited free of charge, the Association bearing all expenses in connection. A good race programme has been prepared, the entries closing to-night. A good afternoon's sport may be looked forward to.



(By "The Reefer.")

The annual smoke concert of the Auckland Rowing Club was held in the Masonic Hall, Princes-street, last week, and was one of the most successful functions the club has ever held. There was a large gathering of the members and their friends, and Mr W. Coleman (president) occupied the chair, supported by Dr. Reid (captain), and Messrs John Reid, Leo Myers, F. E. N. Crombie, A. Kohn, and several other vice-presidents. A very pleasant evening was spent. The trophies won during the season were presented during the evening, and a choice programme of songs and musical items was arranged by the committee.

George Towns has not given an answer to Richard Tresidder, who has challenged him to row for the championship and £500 a side. He may be able shortly to do so (writes "Trident," in the "Sydney Mail"), but at present his domestic and business ties make it inconvenient for him to go into such a course of training as he knows would be necessary to fit him to meet so good a rival as Tresidder.

account of the first trial race of the Cup defender, "Reliance," when she so decidedly beat the veteran "Columbia." The race was sailed in a perfectly smooth sea, and a breeze that varied from a knot or two per hour to a maximum strength of about eight or ten; and, therefore, the conditions were the very best possible for a boat with the broad and shoal body, and great sail spread of "Reliance." The course consisted of an 11-knot leg down the Long Island shore, with the wind over the starboard quarter. A mile reach across the Sound, with the wind over the port quarter; and a beat of 11 miles for home. The greatest surprise of the day was furnished in the first leg, when, with a wind that averaged about 8 knots in strength, and never exceeded 6 or 7 knots, "Reliance" drew away very rapidly from "Columbia," gaining at an average rate of 40 seconds per mile. It was supposed that in spite of her much larger sail spread ("Columbia" having 13,200 square feet), the greater weight and larger wetted surface of "Reliance" would cause her to show about the same drifting qualities as the smaller boat; but as it was, she beat "Columbia" about as badly as "Constitution" used to beat her two years ago under like weather conditions. After jibing round the first mark, "Reliance" heeled down to a freshening breeze, until her lee-rail was well under, and proceeded to show something of the well-known reaching ability of the scow type. Her waterline lengthened some 5 of 6 feet forward and drew out for fully 25 feet under the long counter; and considering that the yacht for the first mile of the 8-mile leg must have been going fully 14 to 14½ knots an

hour, she made remarkably little disturbance of the water. There was no perceptible drag, and the bow and stern waves were extremely light for a boat of that size moving at such high speed. On this leg she beat "Columbia" 1min and 80sec, or at the rate of half-a-minute a mile. It is possible that some time may have been lost by "Columbia," because of the fact that while "Reliance" carried her jib in addition to her balloon jib topsail and staysail, the older boat did not use her jib over a considerable part of the distance; but even if allowance be made for this fact, the performance of the new boat was most remarkable. It was expected that when sheets were flattened in for the final thrash to windward, the great ability of "Columbia" on the point of sailing would show itself, and that she would, at least, hold the big boat safe, if she did not cut down some of her lead; but, again to the surprise of the yachting "sharps," "Reliance" continued to pull away from her badly beaten competitor, and on the 11-mile beat she gained 4 minutes and 23 seconds, which is equal to a gain of about 24 seconds per mile, the speed of "Reliance" being a trifle over 10 knots per hour. In the broad reach over the 3-mile log of the course, "Reliance"

and 12 tons more net tonnage than that boat. Reliance's gross tonnage is greater by 40 tons than that of the Shamrock I., and greater by 46.23 tons than that of the Shamrock II. Reliance does not look the big vessel she is when resting on the water. Her topmast is skyscraping. There is much that is novel in her fittings, but conspicuous are the two steering wheels. One is forward of the wheelbox and the other aft of it. Her designer has evidently tried to guard against accidents so far as her steering gear is concerned.

The well-known schooner Rainbow has recently been sold to a German syndicate, and will in future be known as the Hamburg, and the huge Gleniffer has been converted into a three-master.

A couple of weeks ago a Maclean sculler named Philip issued a challenge to R. Tresidder for a match on the Maclean River. To this Tresidder replied that he was willing to make a match, provided it was decided on the Hunter or Parramatta Rivers. Philip's backers, however, are not agreeable to this suggestion, and now state that they will allow Tresidder something for expenses if he will row on the Maclean.



(By "The Judge.")

Some little time ago a couple of excellent offers were made by prominent sportsmen, in Messrs S. Green and P. Lamb, to the N.S.W. National Coursing Association, the officials of which were indeed grateful. Now another has to be reported. Mr R. Coombes intimated at a meeting of the committee that Mr H. V. Foy had become a member of the association, and, furthermore, had promised to give £100 towards the Challenge Stakes next year. Things in the coursing line are certainly booming in New South Wales.

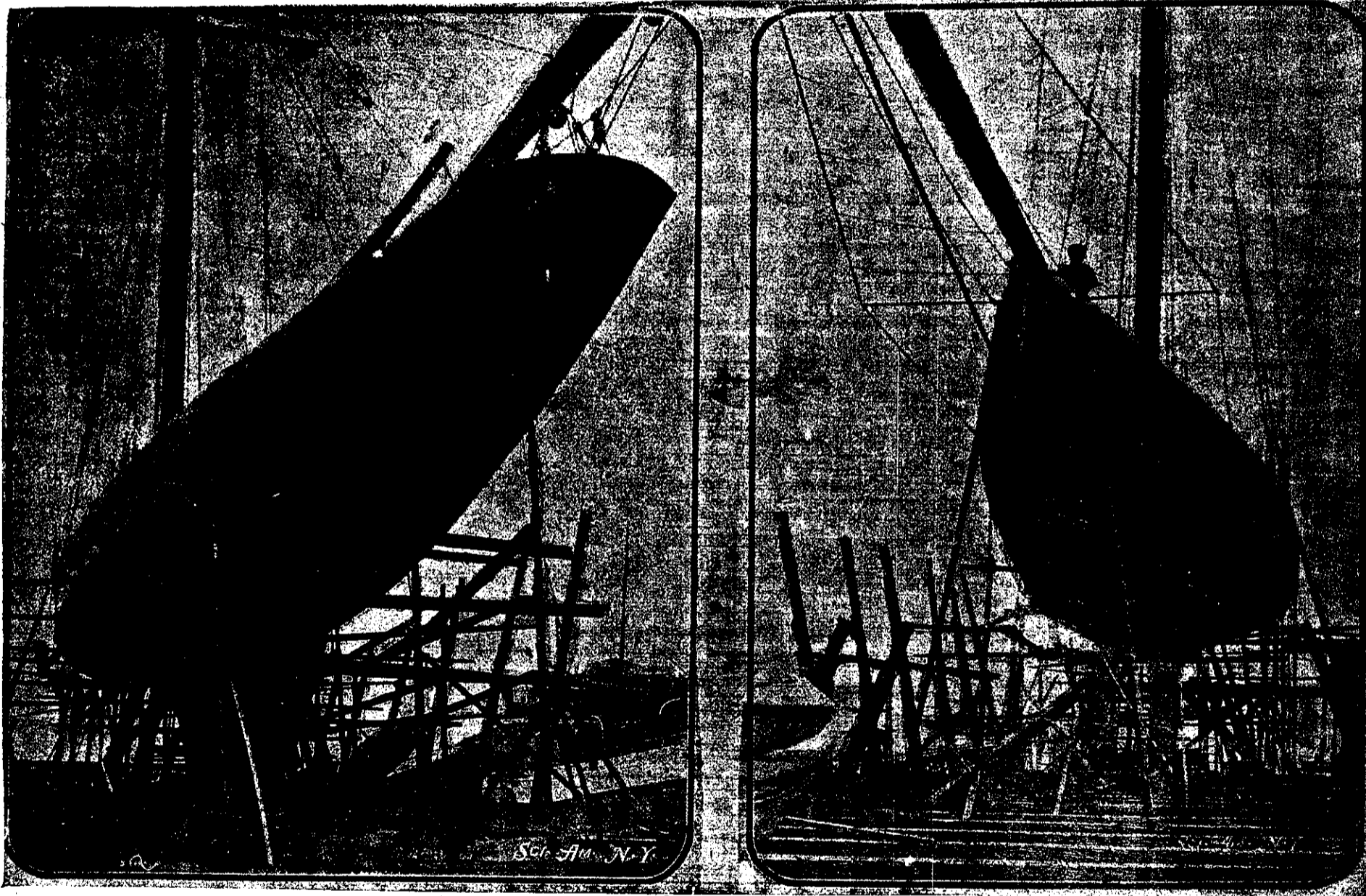
The draw has been declared by the committee for the ladies' championship, as under—Miss Richardson v. Miss N. Young, Miss Young v. Miss R. Skeet, Miss Willis v. Miss C. Willis, Mrs Richardson v. Mrs Coates, Miss Brooks v. Miss H. Wells, Miss Priestly v. Miss Wells.

As the Australian Golf Championship is to be held at Adelaide this year, it is hardly likely that New Zealand will be represented, the distance to be travelled and the time that would be occupied being a serious drawback for golfers on this side.

FLEET FOOTED DOGS.

The estimates made regarding the speed of various breeds of dogs are in most instances unauthenticated, and too often bear evidence of exaggeration, but statements from practical, reliable observers are always acceptable.

Marvelous endurance is shown by little fox terriers, who follow their masters patiently for hours while the latter are riding on bicycles or in carriages, says Monsieur Rusolier, a French scientist, and even greater endurance is shown by cer-



Stern view, showing the great overhang. Reproduced by "Scientific American."

Bow view, showing the great breadth, and shoal body of the yacht. The "RELIANCE" in dry dock.

averaged 13.2 knots per hour; and it is certain that if the breeze had held at the strength which it had in the first mile of this log, the new yacht would have shown a considerable higher average speed than that."

Judging from the above report, the new Cup defender will be the fastest boat the American side have turned out, and the "Shamrock III. will have to be very fast indeed to obtain the coveted "Cup," and further news of competition will be eagerly awaited.

The views reproduced of the Cup defender, "Reliance," were taken when she was hauled out to clean for this race. The most surprising feature is the extreme breadth and shoalness of the forebody, the yacht showing up extremely shallow and flat from the forward waterline to the heel.

Reliance has been assigned her official number and signal letters by the United States Bureau of Navigation, and with their publication the gross and net tonnages of the yacht are given. The gross tonnage of the Reliance is 175 and the net tonnage 140. These figures tell the story in part of the yacht's great size. Her gross tonnage exceeds that of Columbia by 80 tons, and her net tonnage by 22 tons. She has 16 tons more gross tonnage than the Constitution,

PROPOSED NATIVE DISPLAY.

A meeting of the committee of the Anniversary Regatta was held in the Waitemata Hotel on Monday afternoon, at which the president, Mr J. H. Witheford, M.H.R., presided, there being a full attendance of members.

The chairman said that, with a desire to make the anniversary regatta of 1904 as great a success as possible, and to endeavour to make it of an intercolonial character, he had sent a telegram to the Premier, Sir J. G. Ward, and Hon. J. Carroll for their patronage and assistance in regard to railway concessions and Maori attendance to help to make the next Auckland annual regatta an event of colonial importance to draw visitors from all parts of the colony and Australia. Replies had been received from each promising to give the matter their full attention.

It was resolved to make a further application to the Auckland Harbour Board re a donation to the funds of the regatta, and to inform the Board that the letter sent to the Board at its last meeting by Mr Witheford was quite in accordance with the wishes of the committee. It was decided to hold another meeting of the committee on July 2.

Mr H. W. Davies, secretary of 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, to form a New Zealand Coursing Association.

The Wellington Coursing Club intend giving a £100 stake, to be decided on August 26, 28, and 29 next, providing eighty dogs make the second payment, in the event of which £100 is guaranteed to the winner in addition to a cup valued at 10 guineas. The first payment of 10s is due on July 6, and the full payments amount to £3.

GOLF.

The following draws and handicaps by the Cambridge Golf Club have been declared for Messrs E. Porter and Co.'s trophies:—Dr. Roberts (8) v. A. Richardson (10), R. J. Roberts (9) v. C. Coates (10), W. F. Buckland (9) v. W. R. C. Walker (8), S. Coates (scratch) v. T. J. Lea (5), H. W. Price (8) v. W. M. Coates (scratch) v. M. V. Dixon (5), E. C. Clarke (a bye, 8).

tain wild animals that are akin to dogs. Thus the wolf can run between fifty and sixty miles in one night, and an Arctic fox can do quite as well, if not better. Nansen met one of these foxes on the ice at a point more than seventy miles north-west of the Sanikow territory, which is 480 miles from the Asiatic coast. Eskimo and Siberian dogs can travel forty-five miles on the ice in five hours, and there is one case on record in which a team of Eskimo dogs travelled six and a-half miles in 28 minutes.

According to Monsieur Rusolier, the speed of the shepherd dogs and those used in hunting ranges from ten to fifteen yards a second. English setters and pointers hunt at the rate of eighteen to nineteen miles an hour, and they can maintain this speed for at least two hours. Foxhounds are extraordinarily swift, as is proved by the fact that a dog of this breed once beat a thoroughbred horse, covering four miles in six and a-half minutes, which was at the rate of nearly eighteen yards a second. Greyhounds are the swiftest of all four-footed creatures. English greyhounds, which are carefully selected, and which are used for coursing, are able to cover at full gallop a space between eighteen and twenty three yards every second.



[By Comus.]

BOOKINGS.

OPERA HOUSE, AUCKLAND

June 27 to July 10—Harry Rickards Co.
 July 15 to 18—Mark Hambourg Concert Company
 August 10 to 20—Sheridan Comedy Company
 September 8 to 26—F. Duval's American Company
 October 30 to November 13—J. C. Williamson
 November 16 to 21—Willoughby and Geach

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE, AUCKLAND

June 15 to 27—J. C. Williamson's Company
 July 21 to August 5—Hawtrey Comedy Company
 August 8 to 26—G. Stephenson's American Attractions
 September 13 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 8—Musgrove Company
 July 11 to 25—J. C. Williamson
 September 2 to 29—American Musical Comedy Company
 October 30 to November 13—J. C. Williamson
 November 23 to December 12—J. C. Williamson
 December 23 to January 23—Anderson's Dramatic Co.

THEATRE ROYAL, CHRISTCHURCH

July 13 to 18—Hawtrey Comedy Company
 July 27 to August 4—Williamson's Opera Company
 August 5 to 16—Christchurch Amateurs
 Sept. 23 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 30 and July 1—Mark Hambourg Company
 July 8 and 4—J. C. Williamson
 August 22 to 26—Hawtrey Company
 September 3 to 10—J. Sheridan Company
 October 14 to 16—American Comedy Company
 November 19 and 20—Taylor-Carrington Company
 December 13 and 19—J. C. Williamson

OPERA HOUSE, HAWERA

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

THEATRE ROYAL, NEW PLYMOUTH

June 24 and 25—Richard's Company
 June 29 and 30—J. C. Williamson
 August 15 and 17—Hawtrey Company
 September 16 and 17—J. F. Sheridan
 October 22 and 23—American Musical Comedy Company (pencilled)
 October 27, 28, and 29—G. Musgrove
 November 27 and 28—Willoughby-Geach Company
 December—Show dates Taylor Carrington
 November, 18; to 21—Willoughby-Geach Company (pencilled)
 December 23 and 24—J. C. Williamson (pencilled)
 March 4, 1904—J. C. Williamson (pencilled)

MR. GEORGE GIDDENS.

When you have enjoyed five minutes' conversation with the creator of the part of Pinglet, and the impersonator of Mr Amos Bloodgood, you understand why he is able to make you merry in spite of yourself. It is not because he is "funny," for in private life Mr Giddens is a quiet, cultured English gentleman,

but because he thoroughly understands his art, and does not make light of the tremendous obligations it imposes upon the artist. He possesses a large fund of humour, it is true, but he has that infinite capacity for hard work without which a sense of the ludicrous would not produce much. In the course of a life that has given me some experiences I have noticed that it takes the same "kind" of genius to make a successful actor as to make a successful lawyer. Consider how needful to both is a profound knowledge of human nature, how indispensable the dramatic faculty, the ability to put yourself in "the other man's" place. The great pleader, who in saying, "we are charged with this burglary," or what not, uses the words conscientiously. For the moment he is the criminal pleading for his liberty or his life. Similarly, the great actor, when he cries "A horse! a horse! my kingdom for a horse!" believes for the moment that he is Crookback himself in a tight place on the field of Bosworth. In playing the Moor he does not require that he shall be blackened "all over," as some fatuous amateur is reported to have been; he lives the part within. So close is the parallel between the two professions that it is difficult to tell the most eminent members of one from those of the other. With a wig on, Mr Giddens would make an ideal judge, and I know some judges who would not make a bad fist with Amos Bloodgood. Mr Giddens gave up the law for the stage.

Mr Giddens is a most pleasant man to talk to, and the only topic he is reticent upon is that of his own achievements. On this subject you pump him with difficulty, though he likes to talk about the stage and actors, with never a word of disparagement for his fellow-workers. His career is public property, however, and his successes in London and the States, mostly with Sir Charles Wyndham, a little with Cyril Maude, and a little on his own account, are too recent to be put into history yet. He has been right through the mill, beginning with the princely salary of fifteen shillings a week in an Edinburgh stock company. He had thrown up the law against the wishes of his family, and through good and ill he has never regretted the step.

It was a little surprising to find that the famous actor had been in New Zealand before, but it was such a long time ago, and he was so young and so undistinguished then, that one may well be excused for not remembering it. He came here at the end of the 'Seventies with the Californian Diamond, but the tour was meteoric in character, and he did not see enough of us to make a clear impression. He does not recognise Auckland again, and has some sort of idea that this important City was a fishing village when he was last here.

This is perhaps natural, as Mr Giddens' mind runs greatly on fishing, and there are few more enthusiastic devotees of the rod and line. He knows something of the classical streams of North America, as well as of the purling rivers of his native Islands, and it was his cherished hope that he would be able to test the fighting strength of our New

Zealand trout. Alas for the vanity of human wishes, he comes here just at the beginning of the "close" season! Nevertheless, the Colony has other attractions, and our visitor means to see as much of it as he can. He is a liberal patron of our electric tram system, and already knows the suburban area as intimately as most natives.

Mr Giddens is yet, most happily, in the prime of life, on the sunny side of fifty, and he will, undoubtedly, add fresh laurel leaves to his already considerable crown. It is good to have seen him, better to have known him, because such knowledge helps to keep one's impressions of the stage and stage life sweet and wholesome.

THE FITZMAURICE GILL COMPANY.

Mr Charles Lawrence, of the Fitzmaurice Gill Dramatic Company, writes from Masterton, on the 16th inst.—"A few lines to let you know of our movements and arrangements for the future. We played a two weeks' season in Dunedin to very good business, and then went South to Invercargill, where we did record business for seven nights, on the way



MISS GRACIE EMMETT and MR LE ROY WIMMER in "Mrs Murphy's Second Husband."

back calling at Gore and Balclutha, where we put on 'The Sign of the Cross.' We then played a return season of one week in Dunedin (Show week), then Timaru and Ashburton, to crowded houses. We have been very successful with our new pieces, which will both be seen in Auckland during our coming season, namely, 'The French Spy' and 'The Prodigal Parson,' the rights of both these pieces having been purchased by Miss Gill from Mr Charles Holloway. We are due in Auckland on July 4. A rather pleasing incident occurred on June 12 (Miss Gill's birthday), when the members of the company presented her with a beautiful solid silver photo frame, suitably inscribed, showing the good feeling which exists between Miss Gill and her company. Miss Gill was very touched and gratified at the kind thought that prompted the presentation of such a handsome gift, and feelingly thanked the members."

There are some jaunty theatrical critics on the London press. Here is a specimen, dealing with Sardou's drama "Dante" now being performed by Sir Henry Irving—"Students of Dante will complain that the French authors have mangled their facts, played Hell and Tommy with the almanac, and saddled the poet with a liaison with a lady whom he did not even know. Sardou has no vision of the wrath of Dantists before his eyes when he set out to dramatise Gustave Dore's illustrations of 'La Divina Comedia'—he was writing for a wider and less exacting audience of popular playgoers."

A report of the farewell concert given to Miss Beatrice Vartha, the young Wellington pianiste by her friends previous to her departure for America reached me just too late for last issue. Miss Vartha, who was greeted with cordial applause, played with an orchestra of thirty performers, Mozart's "Concerto in D minor," this being the principal item of the programme. The three movements of this brilliant concerto were played admirably, the orchestra being kept well in hand by Herr Lehmann, who conducted, whilst in the exacting piano part Miss Vartha, who has a decisive method and crisp, delicate touch, manifested great judgment as well as technical skill. In the graceful second movement, the refined theme, described by the piano to a staccato accompaniment for the strings, was well marked, while the heavy presto, the concluding movement, was given with much energy. Miss Zena Maher sang in excellent voice "Mia Piccarella," and was recalled; Mr E. J. Hill gave with declamatory effect, the "Song of Thanksgiving" (Frances Allitsen); Mr F. Twiss sang tastefully "A Devout Lover"; Mrs Mueller vocalised Bordese's "Vashti," and Herr Naujoks played two flute solos,

which were amongst the features of the concert. One was his own "Fantasia Polka," and the other was a concert piece by Popp. Herr Naujoks secured a good tone, and played with decision. Miss N. Castle sang a Verdi cavatina, which was obviously beyond her present powers. She has an interesting voice, but the choice of such a piece as this was too ambitious. "The Ballad of Splendid Silence," was recited by Miss Ada Royelle, who was better suited in the encore piece, a vivacious description of a lady's visit with her new bonnet, as related by herself. Miss Royelle has an excellent style in pieces of the latter kind, and in this achieved a distinct success. Mr L. Sawtell gave some amusing specimens of mimicry, and was encored. Two orchestral selections completed the programme.

Mr George Cathro, touring representative of Montgomery's Entertainers, writes to say that their Tasmanian tour commenced in Hobart on the 8th, where a six nights' season was to be played. On the termination of the Tasmanian tour the combination returns to New Zealand.

Willoughby and Geach are at the present in the midst of a phenomenally successful season with their latest success, "Mistakes Will Happen," in Adelaide, and are shortly due in the New South Wales provinces, en route to Brisbane, where they open on July 4—"the day we celebrate."

Mr William Anderson's company, which is at present touring Queensland, has done tremendous business, averaging three figures nightly.

Since the inauguration of the Willoughby-Geach Company, hardly a day has passed (remarks the "Bulletin") without applications being received from girls and women desirous of going upon the stage. Mothers with talented daughters, aunts with talented nieces, pressmen with talented lady friends, young girls, old girls, fat girls, thin girls, sad girls, jolly girls, dark girls, fair girls, solemn girls, funny girls, nice girls, and other girls, Government House girls, and servant girls—all stage-struck, all bitten by the virus of public admiration—besiege manager Geach, week in, week out, for a chance to go upon the stage. Every new manager is struck this way. The great unanimous desire of the great aggregate Girl to go on the stage seems overwhelming.

Mr Harold Ashton, who is piloting the "Are You a Mason?" Company through New Zealand, left Auckland on Thursday to arrange for the Southern tour. Mr Ashton is one of the most popular, as he is one of the ablest theatrical managers, and his face always gets him a welcome. Mr Bert Royle, Mr Williamson's New Zealand resident representative, "personally conducts" the company, and incidentally creates an atmosphere of geniality all round.



MR WALLACE BROWNLOW, of Rickards' Vaudeville Co.

Mr M. Marcus, the "live" manager of Mr Harry Rickards' Company, arrived in Auckland on Saturday. Mr Jameson, who has been doing the advance business, left the service at Stratford, and Mr Marcus had to come on himself.

One of the finest "turns" ever witnessed on a New Zealand vaudeville stage is that done by Silvainy and Hill, who were introduced to Wellington playgoers by Mr Harry Rickards last week. They are champion trick cyclists in every sense of the word, and merited the enthusiastic applause bestowed on their clever performance.



MISS GRACIE EMMETT, of Rickards' Vaudeville Co.

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

"ARE YOU A MASON?"

This fine diverting comedy has quite won the affections of the people of Auckland, and after nine representations to phenomenally big business, it bade good-bye last night to a house packed in every part. Mr Giddens grows upon his audience, after the manner of St. Paul's Cathedral. The oftener you see him the better you like him, and the more entranced you become with his art. The other members of the company seem to have caught something of the principal's magnetism also, as is only natural, and their departure will leave a large vacant space in our hearts. I was not able last week to refer to the bright qualities of some of the minor actors, and I owe them reparation. Mr Desmond, who is a more amiable kind of Lord Fancourt Babberley is a youngster of promise. He looks well, speaks well, is endowed with plenty of intelligence, and will assuredly climb in his profession. Mr McKeown, also young, good looking, and gifted with perspicuity, is likewise clay fit for the potter. Miss Rochefort, whom we have seen before, shines in a part often, and quite improperly, entrusted to third-rate people. But then there are no third-rate folk in Mr Williamson's Company. "Are You a Mason?" might easily have been backed to break the record, but the management feel that they ought to give their patrons more varied fare, and so there is a change this evening.

"OH, WHAT A NIGHT."

This comedy, which has already appeared in the Colonies under a somewhat different name, is said to be most egregiously funny. The situations are absurd to the verge of hysteria, and the dialogue is liable to produce heart disease if proper antidotes in the shape of sermons be not taken the next day. The plot shows how the pretty Marcelle Paillard, fancying herself neglected by her husband, agrees with his friend, M. Pinglet, a middle-aged man with an autocratic wife, to rouse her husband to a due sense of his sins by showing him that others can appreciate her charms. A visit to the theatre, followed by a supper at a quiet restaurant, is thereupon planned and carried out, but the results are very different to those contemplated by the volatile pair, and it is only by the display of the greatest resourcefulness, diplomacy, and by undeserved luck that Mme. Paillard gets out of the scrape into which her vanity has led her. When it is added that Mr Giddens plays the naughty Pinglet, that Miss Eileen Munro is his National-Council-of-Woman wife, that Miss Mollison is the neglected Madame Paillard, and Mr Cecil Ward, her self-deluded husband, the possibilities of the piece stand confessed. The other members of the Company have good parts, and the accessories are Mr Williamson's.

MR HARRY RICKARDS' COMPANY.

Vaudeville of the right sort, and in the right doses, is always welcome, and coming now it will prove a pleasant change from the otherwise wholesome and excellent diet of drama and comedy, to which we have confined ourselves for some time past. Therefore, Mr Rickards' show, which opens at the Opera House on Saturday, will, I do not doubt, have a prosperous run. Mr Rickards' never sends out a bad company, and the Southern critics appear to think that he has sent nothing better than this—not even Cinquevalli or Sandow. At the front of the combination are Hill and Silvaine, the sensational cyclists, who do things with the wheel that seem to belong to the world of magic. "Silvaine" is Mrs Hill, and she shares the glories and triumphs of her husband, as well as his dangers, like a most exemplary wife. It gives one the shivers to read a description of their feats, and a sight of them promises such an eerie experience that the Opera House will be too small to hold the nervous crowd waiting to be "shocked." But the show is not all "thrills"; there is provision for shakes—snakes of laughter, and plenty of artists to make the fun. Messrs Seeley and West are guaranteed good, and Miss Gracie Emmett and her American comedy company have been specially lent by the United States Government in return for Colonial sympathy during the Cuban War. Then there is the ever bright and welcome Mr Wallace Brownlow, the baritone, besides other singers and dancers, and (welcome addition) a conjuror! Not a "prestidigitateur" or a "wizard," but just a good old honest conjuror.

CITY HALL.

Mr Walter Rivers' efforts to fill up the opening left by the Dix show, have been successful, and the performance, if wanting in strength, has been of a light and cheerful character, and to the taste of a large section of the public. Vocal items have been given by the Sisters Lawrence, Miss Alice Alexander, Miss Violet Wilton, and Mr Rivers himself, and the comic element has been supplied by Mr Makani, an old-time nigger minstrel who has returned to his native land. M. Alberto, the clever conjuror, mystifies his audience very pleasantly, and the other items are mostly good.

My Wellington correspondent writes, under date June 18th:—The opening night of the Nellie Stewart season, last night, was a decided success in more ways than one. The Opera House was filled from floor to ceiling with a densely packed audience, who cheered lustily on the welcome re-appearance of Nellie Stewart, prima-donna, comedienne and actress. It was a welcome such as very rarely takes place in this City, and a splendid season is assured. The performance was closely watched by Mr Geo. Musgrove, who arrived by the s.s.



MR GEORGE DESMOND, disguised as Fanchou Armitage, in "Are You a Mason?"

Moeraki, on Wednesday, on a holiday trip. Dix's Gaiety Coy. at the Theatre Royal are still doing fair business, and are opening the "Flying Moultons" to-night in a startling acrobatic and bar act. The other new turn, since my last, is Steve Adson, comedian and dancer. The remainder of the company are the same, although the Williams quartette, and several new artists appear shortly. Fuller's Entertainers at the Choral Hall are amusing their patrons in good style, and Miss Amy Blackie will open on Saturday next. Dr. Rowe is back at this house, and very ably assists his co-workers in driving dull care away.

Mr P. Quinlan, whose practical sympathy with all cases of charity is well known, announces that a concert and dance will be given in St. Benedict's Hall this evening, to augment the funds already raised by him for the purchase of an artificial leg for Mr J. Pollard, who lost a limb by a dynamite explosion at Foughey's quarry. The object is one that should commend itself, and there will doubtless be a full house.

A reproduction of John Longstaff's painting of J. C. Williamson's daughter Marjorie is to be issued as a supplement to the Christmas number of the London "Graphic."

A new farcical comedy, called "A Fool and His Money," written by Mr George H. Broadhurst, was recently produced at the Madison Square Theatre, in New York. It will probably be seen in Australia before long.

Unlike Amos Bloodgood, Mr Edward Terry is a great Mason, and a grandmaster or something to that effect. During his present South African tour he has paid visits to several of the lodges in Johannesburg and other towns.

A London music hall artist with a salary of £10 weekly recently sued the management for only allowing her five minutes on the stage. This is a new departure. The manager is generally considered too greedy, and wants too much for the money.

The "Adelaide Advertiser," in noticing the performance of "Facing the Music," by the Thornton Company, gives special prominence to Mr Frank Hawthorne, the clever comedian, who was thrown away in the Anderson melodramas. The writer says:—"Mr Frank Hawthorne gave a clever and amusing portrait of the Rev. John Smith, amusing as a caricature of clerical fatuity, and yet never over-stepping the bounds of good taste. His homily on the evils of horse-racing, and his laughable misapplication of the language of the turf, created hearty merriment, and his bewilderment in the subsequent scenes was equally clever and diverting."

STAGE DOOR NOTES.

A sketch in the London music halls bears the somewhat striking title of "A Bride for a Living."

Mr Joseph Tapley and Miss Elsie Cameron are in the cast of "Chilperic," now being played in London.

Nance O'Neill opens in "Macbeth," at the Herald Square Theatre, New York, in October, under the management of Mr Charles Frohman.

Charley Fanning writes to Australia that English audiences are easy to play to, and will laugh at anything. This is very modest on Charles' part!

Miss Maxine Elliott is shortly to visit Europe, and will go on a summer cruise in the Baltic with the Kaiser and Kaiserin in the Imperial yacht.

The Maud Jefferies-Julius Knight Company will leave London for its Australian season with Mr Williamson in a few weeks. It will open in Melbourne in September.

It is understood that the projected tour of New Zealand by a company headed by Miss Florence Seymour, and playing a round of the Brough pieces, has been abandoned.

The Frank Thornton season was brought to a happy conclusion at the Criterion, Sydney. The popular comedian made a speech in which he promised to return some day with new pieces.

Rumour hath it that Fred Graham and Fred Leslie, of the "San Toy" Company, are on anything but friendly terms with each other owing to a certain Melbourne criticism. The result (says the "Newsletter") has been a source of much amusement to those behind the scenes.

A musical comedy company, under the management of Mr M. B. Leavitt, sailed from New York on March 22 for a tour of South Africa, and may come on to Australia. Included in the company are Madame Pilar Morin, Miss Louise Hepner, Mr George W. Leslie, the Zan Zigs, Sylvian Lee, and De Villiers.

Mr Hugh Ward is so identified in the minds of playgoers with the comic opera stage that it comes as a surprise that in America he has a long list of dramatic creations to his credit. He has played Baron Hartfeld ("Jim, the Penman"), The Private Secretary, Jaikes ("Silver King"), Danny Mann, Matthias ("The Bells"), and goodness knows what. His record for ten years is nearly 400 parts. At present he is illustrating his great versatility by playing with great success a "boy" part in "Secret Service," at Melbourne His Majesty's.



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

RACING CALENDAR

NEW ZEALAND.

FIXTURES:

June 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.

July 9—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 25, 1903.

RACING IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.

WITH the North New Zealand Grand National Meeting, the curtain was rung down over the racing season of 1902-3 in Auckland, and though it cannot be urged that the racing clubs throughout the province, or, more properly speaking, within the boundaries over which the Metropolitan, the Auckland Racing Club, have jurisdiction, have separately or collectively had a more successful year financially than that which preceded it, nevertheless the racing has been good on the Ellerslie, Takapuna and Avondale racecourses, if not up to some former years at most country fixtures. The success of race meetings cannot be gauged

by totalisator returns alone. There may be just as good sport even though the automatic system of speculating showed decrease very considerably, and betting also with its walking competitor, the bookmaker, shows a diminution. The aim of clubs should be to secure the attendance of the people, and to show them good sport. This can only be done by first making the meetings popular with owners, and getting their horses to compete. Good fields almost invariably result in an increase of business at the totalisator, and better financial results generally.

People nowadays can so quickly transport themselves from place to place, and those whose holidays are limited like to make the most of them, and consequently go where they reckon they will get the best entertainment at a minimum of cost for their money. Thus the minor meetings suffer the most. There is no doubt, however, that, so far as those in the Auckland Metropolitan area are concerned, improvement can be made, indeed must be made, unless some of them are to drop right out of the calendar, or at least lose the use of the totalisator, for this last would appear to be the almost inevitable result to be expected. Last year some clubs did so little business that it did not pay the totalisator proprietors to take their plant and assistants to the meetings, a state of affairs almost unknown in any other part of the colony, when nineteen out of every twenty clubs have so largely benefited from revenue derived from its use.

There is a chance for the smaller clubs in the North to help themselves. Some of them would, no doubt, pull through, and others live on moderately well if continuing to play lone hands, but there is strength in unity and reciprocity, and the clubs should work together as much as possible, arranging the dates of their meetings the better to suit the convenience of their patrons, none the less important being visiting owners, since locally-owned racehorses are not found in any great numbers in country districts. Let the country meetings follow in rotation, at suitable intervals, so that the cost of travelling to owners shall be less than in the past, and expense generally in nominations and acceptances be reduced to the minimum.

The recent conference of delegates of Country Clubs gave some indication of their intentions and desires for the future, but have not yet arrived at anything definite, and from what we can gather the question of dates has been left very much in the same position as last year. That those dates were not arranged so as to suit the convenience of the greatest number of owners and visiting forces from distant parts is well known. We are looking forward to seeing a decided improvement in country racing this season, however, and we believe the change can be brought about by the exercise of judgment on the part of the representatives of the various clubs, whose little petty jealousies must be sunk. It is possible in racing as well as in other matters to become too local, or in other words too selfish. At the next meeting of delegates of Country Clubs it is to be hoped that we shall have the pleasing duty to report that all have been pulling together for the common good of the sport. It is not too much to expect that our provincial country clubs' gatherings will become as popular and attractive as have those in other parts of the North Island, for we have plenty of good racing men here and the horses.

Now is the time to make a determined effort in the way of bettering the sport, and to do this one of the main things is to study the owners and their horses. Horseflesh can stand a deal of wear and tear, but the best of thoroughbreds become very stale with much travelling and racing, and owners and trainers find it a great drawback having to take their horses over unnecessary ground owing to the want of better arrangements in the dates. Clubs can assist them by distributing the racing to better advantage, arranging the handicapping, starting, and other details on a more satisfactory basis than has been the order of things in the past, and we believe they fully recognise, or at least a majority do, that to let another season go by without making an attempt to establish a better position generally for the sport would be dangerous to the existence and best interests of the country clubs of the North.

Sporting Topics

(By "The Judge.")

Mr Broadribb, once a prominent horse owner in Australia, died recently in England.

Mr H. Hayr leaves for Western Australia, via Sydney and Melbourne, on business during the coming week.

The Hotchkiss—Formo colt in F. Macmanemin's hands is amongst the nominations for the V.R.C. Derby and St. Leger Stakes.

Mark Thompson, who was disqualified by the A.R.C. stewards for the alleged inconsistent running of the mare Australia, has intimated his intention of appealing against their decision.

A few owners were much displeased with the work of Mr Menzies, the new handicapper to the V.R.C., but sporting writers who witnessed the racing at the June meeting of the club speak favourably of the work, as judged by results.

Cannongate's lameness was more deep-seated than at first expected, and Mr Marshall will be deprived of the services of the son of Cannon for a considerable time.

Owners are again reminded that nominations are due on Tuesday, June 30, for the Wellesley, Wellington, North Island Challenge, and New Zealand St. Leger Stakes, with the Wellington Racing Club, no money being required at time of nomination.

An Adelaide cable states that the Alderman Cup, one mile and three-quarters, resulted thus:—Adjustor 1, Tinfoil 2, Bird 3. Twelve started. Won by a neck; a head between second and third. Time, 3min 11sec. Dividend, £7 5s.

The Rotorua Jockey Club intend to go in for a two days' programme at their next meeting, and by giving an increase of prize money to try and induce more owners to visit them, and make the meeting one more worthy of the district. The last meeting suffered from a want of horses more than from any other cause.

A cable from Adelaide states that the stewards of the South Australian Jockey Club, after hearing Mr John Tennant's evidence, decided that he was in no way concerned in the action of T. A. Tennant respecting the horses Maori Chief and Evening Wonder. They therefore considered it unnecessary to take further action regarding Evening Wonder.

The Auckland representatives in the New Zealand Cup—Wairiki, Golden Rose, Rose-shield, Sans Peur, Mars, and Strathavon—are each wintering well. The last-named is just now quartered at Otahuhu, at his owner's place. Wairiki has received support for the New Zealand Cup at the short price of 100 to 7 in some quarters, and Mars at 100 to 3, but the rest of the Aucklanders have not come into the market yet for the big Southern race.

"A saddle horse," says Dr. Wm. Kitchiner, in his "Horse and Carriage Keepers' Oracle," written 1827, "being but of little service during November, December, January, and February, during these four months economical equestrians send their nags to a strawyard." The price at strawyards varies from 3s 6d to 5s a week, depending upon the straw, which is contingent on the corn crops, some horses sleep in at night, and have hay given them, in which case 7s a week is charged. Sportsmen say that nothing does a horse more good than a winter's run (in a strawyard) once in two or three years; it far exceeds turning out to grass in summer, when the flies are troublesome.

Some of our contemporaries made very severe comment on the break down of Advance in Canterbury, holding that the lessees were wrong in attempting to race the "black demon" in the condition his leg was in. It is pleasing to note that some of the writers have done the amends honorable on being advised of the fact that it was on the best veterinary advice that the Porirua syndicate and their trainer decided to race the son of Vanguard. In this connection the writer once knew of an owner being on the point of scratching his horse for an important stake, because he feared the horse might break down. He was, however, persuaded to start, with the result that the horse won handsomely, and what is further, pulled up none the worse for his race over country. The same thing has frequently occurred. Important races have been won over and over again in this colony by horses sadly under suspicion, who, nevertheless, managed to pull through, though they proved untrainable afterwards. It is not an easy matter to tell when a horse's leg may go in a race; the worst break downs are sometimes experienced when least expected.

A wager of 500 to 35 was accepted about Shrapnel from a local penciler for the New Zealand Cup on Saturday.

The Taranaki Cup candidate, Heroism, is doing steady work after a short run at grass. The Multiform colt foal will always have a blemish as the result of getting into a wire fence, but it will not interfere with him for racing.

Social Pest and Black Dust are amongst the entrants for the Wellington Meeting which have not been racing for a long time.

Horses trained by the well-known Victorian trainer, Walter Hickenbotham, have won about £175,000 in stakes, and included in that amount are the prizes attached to three Melbourne Cups.

The Colonial Secretary has refused a totalisator permit to the North Canterbury Steeplechase Club, who intended altering their annual meeting to July 12, at Amberley.

The following stallions were nominated for the A.J.C. Sires' Produce Stakes of 1905:—Definition, Haut Brion, Gosssoon, Gaulua, Amberite, Fortunatus, Orzil, Shimmel, Lochiel, Grafton, Havoc, Louis the Thirteenth, Skopos, Impetus, Clarion, Positano, Voyou, Trussing Cup, Sir Foote, Medallion, and Wallace.

Mr T. W. Cotton has taken over the livery and bait stables, formerly Mr Evitt's, in Durham-street. Racing men and others will find every convenience for putting up their horses and traps when in town. It will be seen by advertisement in another column that Mr Cotton is also prepared to hire out horses and traps to his clients.

"The Australasian," commenting on the fact that 169 horses have been entered for the Melbourne Cup, says probably three-fourths of them have no chance, and very truthfully adds:—"It is quite impossible to give the duffers a chance in such a race, and the public who support it in such a lavish way want to see the Carbins and Wakefuls of the day running in it. Were a handicapper to absolutely crush the good ones—some of them have been given prohibitive weights in the last few years—he would soon become unpopular with his committee, as well as the public, and, judging by their defeats this season, Wakeful, The Victory, and Abundance do not require much crushing. It is all very well to say every horse should be given a chance. That theory may apply in second-class races. If owners of good horses enter them for third-class races, let them be crushed, but if owners of second-rate suburban horses choose to soar after Melbourne Cups, the race should not be spoilt in their interests. They are in their wrong class, and cannot be considered when the handicapper has to work with a 6st 7lb minimum, and cannot divide the field into two lots, as is done with the Oakleigh Plate and other races. As usual, New South Wales owners have nominated freely, but New Zealand sportsmen hold aloof. They have their own Cup meeting in November. Mr Stead and other leading New Zealand sportsmen would like to get Wakeful and Abundance to Christchurch in November, to take part in a £500 sweepstakes, with Achilles, Treadmill, and Machine Gun. Such an event would recall the days when New Zealand had a Champions Race, which attracted Mormon and other cracks from Australia, but it is not likely Mr Macdonald and Mr Phillips will send their horses so far. There is enough for them to do at Randwick and Flemington."

The following are the drawers of placed horses in Tattersall's Consultation on the Prince of Wales' Stakes, run at Randwick, N.S.W., June 8th, 1903, 50,000 subscribers at 5s. each, fully subscribed. —First: Nothos, W. L. Andrew, 261, George Street, Sydney, N.S.W., £4000; Second: Tatterdemalion, Jas. Simpson, care of P.O., Hartley Vale, £1250; Third, Mechlin, George Jones, Druids' Hotel, Park Street, S. Melbourne, Vic., £750. These amounts are net.

An odd discovery about horse feeding has been made in Argentina, in the recent campaign of the Government against the revolutionists. So many horses fell ill, in consequence of the bad roads and heavy transportation, that the veterinarians didn't know what to do about it. To supply food which would give greater endurance, one of them made the experiment of adding a little sugar to the horse rations. It has been so successful that two ounces of sugar daily are given to every horse. The horses last longer and do more work, and some which had become useless have even gained strength and capacity for work.

Mr Geo. Bright has purchased the well-known racing mare Idas, by Seaton Delaval—Ida.

The "Breeder and Sportsman," gives the following interesting paragraph:—"Hermis, the champion three-year-old of 1902, has changed hands and is now the property of the most recent newcomer on the American turf, Edward R. Thomas. Hermis was practically sold on Saturday, when Louis V. Bell and Thomas sat watching the races. Mr and Mrs Thomas congratulated Bell on owning the best horse in America in Hermis. Bell acknowledged the compliment. Thomas then said, "I suppose he is not for sale?" "Oh, yes, he's for sale, but the price is high." "What might be the price you ask for him?" asked Thomas. "Well," said Bell, "I value him at \$60,000, as he is sound as the day he was foaled, and I love him more than I can tell you. Moreover, he is so quiet, and with such a loving disposition, a grand feeder and always willing and eager to do his best, either in company or by himself." Thomas grasped Bell by the hand and said, "It's a bargain. Hermis is mine." Hermis has engagements amounting to more than \$100,000. Thomas is a multimillionaire. Mrs Thomas, his wife, was Linda Lee, of Kentucky. She is a most enthusiastic lover of racing and is a constant visitor to the paddock at Morris Park, accompanied by her husband. It is said that the late Marcus Daly paid \$60,000 for Hamburg. Afterward it was declared that the actual price was \$50,000. This would make the price paid by Thomas the largest in the history of the American turf. L. V. Bell purchased Hermis last August at Saratoga for about \$20,000, and on the same day won the Travis stakes with him. The colt won ten consecutive races for Bell and at the close of the season was regarded as the best horse in training, an opinion afterward confirmed by the official handicapper, who allotted the horse top weight (127 pounds) in the Brooklyn and Suburban handicaps."

A Caulfield sport had a friend staying with him on a visit (says "Javelin"), and having occasion to be away at Ballarat for a night he said to his visitor: "Look after the missus and her sister while I'm away, old man!" Returning to the house by a late train the guest found the two ladies in a dreadful state of fright. "Oh," said his hostess, who was trembling from head to foot, "we have been dreadfully alarmed! Burglars have been trying the back door and kitchen window; we heard them quite distinctly, and thought you would never come. I am so thankful to feel that we have a protector at last. Come, Maud, dear; we can go to bed now in safety!" The visitor went to the sideboard, had a stiff nip of whisky, retired to his bedroom, took his revolver out of the dressing table drawer, loaded it carefully, and then—locked his door and got into bed!

The fields that contest the jumping races at Randwick for a long time past have been of such a miserable character that the A.J.C. authorities are stated to be seriously thinking of cutting down the prize money for such races, and in some cases leaving them out of the programme altogether. If the Australian Jockey Club were to inaugurate a Grand National Meeting in the winter season such a move would encourage owners to have their horses schooled.

Mr T. H. Davey, M.H.R., late sporting editor of the Canterbury Times, was recently the recipient of a presentation from all departments of the Lyttelton Times Company. Mr J. C. Wilkin, the manager of the company, who made the presentation, spoke of the sterling worth and high character of Mr Davey during his 15 years' connection with the paper. Mr Davey was given a gold Albert chain, while Mrs Davey was presented with a silver-backed hairbrush and silver-mounted tortoiseshell comb. Mr Davey replied in feeling terms to all the nice things said of him by Mr Wilkin. The Premier, in regretting his inability to be present, sent his good wishes to Mr Davey.

The Wellington Racing Club are advertising their future events for the Summer Meeting, 1905. The Wellesley Stakes of 400sovs, four furlongs; Wellington Stakes of 400sovs, five furlongs. For the Autumn Meeting, 1905. The North Island Challenge Stakes of 400 sovs, seven furlongs, and Autumn Meeting, 1906, New Zealand St. Leger Stakes of 400sovs, one mile and three-quarters. The entries for the four events will close at 10 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday next, June 30, with Mr J. E. Clark, Secretary, at Wellington.

At the Derby dinner, given by the late Lord Wilton in 1866, a big bet took place over the repast, Sir Joseph Hawley laying Mr Chaplin a level £20,000 on The Palmer against Hermit for the Derby of 1867. When the two horses went to the post the bet looked a very bad one for Mr Chaplin, as The Palmer stood at 6 to 1 and Hermit at 66 to 1. After the horses had passed the post, however, it was Sir Joseph that made the wry face.

Perhaps in the whole history of the turf there could not be cited an instance of an animal whose merits were more highly tested as a youngster than those of the celebrated Derby hero of 1866. It was very early in the autumn of his yearling days that Lord Lyon ran his first trial, and was asked to put his best foot foremost on those beautiful Hsley downs. It was a few days before the St. Leger of 1864, and he was tried with a two-year-old named Jezebel at 7lb over a distance of half-a-mile. Jezebel was in good form then, as she had beaten a field of fourteen or fifteen runners in the Bath Biennial; and with Thomas—Dover's stable lad—up, she had come in first for the Coventry Stakes at Worcester, beating Lord Coventry's own filly Prosperity, amongst others. In this trial with Jezebel, Lord Lyon, in receipt of 7lb, was only beaten by a head—a truly great performance for a yearling to accomplish against a smart two-year-old. According to the late Mr Dover's trial books Lord Lyon was galloped again the following April, when the gallop finished as follows:—Rustic 2yrs, 8st, first; Grisette, 4yrs, 9st 7lb, second; Lord Lyon, 2yrs, 8st, third; Tender, 2yrs, 6st 7lb, fourth; and Ironclad, 2yrs, 6st 7lb, fifth. Rustic won by a neck, there being a length and a half between second and third. There is, therefore, every reason to suppose that at that time Mr—afterwards Sir Richard—Sutton, who was in partnership with General Pearson, thought that Rustic was the better of the two. On the Wednesday of the Ascot Meeting the Duke of Beaufort purchased Rustic for 5000 guineas, and there was a lot of chaff at the time that his Grace had purchased the Hsley second string.

That summer Lord Lyon went on capitally. Early in August he was stripped at Hsley, and as a two-year-old, carrying 8st, he beat Gardevisure, 3yrs, 9st 4lb, by seven lengths over six furlongs. This did not content General Pearson, and he would have his horse galloped again. A fortnight later Lord Lyon was put with Gardevisure at 10lb, when the young one won in a canter by about three lengths. That same Newmarket Houghton Meeting Gardevisure won the Cambridgeshire, and the Hsley people would have preferred to have run the two-year-old at the same weight, Lord Lyon being considered a better stayer than the older horse. How good the colt was at this period of his career can, therefore, be imagined. How the son of Stockwell, with Custance in the saddle, romped home in a field of twenty-six will ever be remembered by those who were present.

The House of Lords, as all level-headed people thought they would, threw out the Betting Bill by forty-eight votes to thirty-nine. The defenders of the measure, Lord Davey and the Bishop of Hereford, desecrated on the evils of gambling in general, and more particularly on the mischief done by the touts of the pavement and the street corner—a farrago of nonsense. If (says an English sporting writer) the promoters of the Bill mean that betting is in all cases an offence, why do they not bring in a Bill to prohibit the practice altogether? If betting is in principle immoral and opposed to public policy it ought to be penalised in Tattersall's enclosure or in the Pall Mall club, as well as in less select and exclusive "resorts." There is a spice of hypocrisy and unfairness about the whole scheme. The poor man has as much right to his indulgences, even if they are bad for health or pocket, as the rich.

Lord Durham, in moving "That the Bill be read a second time that day six months," expressed the utmost surprise at the measure as introduced by Lord Davey. That there was a craze amongst the working classes he knew, and was sorry for; but he also recognised that in what was vulgarly called the "Smart Set" in society there was a craze for bridge. The noble Earl said he could quote from the evidence of the Betting Commission, over which he (Lord Durham) presided, that the proposals of this Bill were utterly impracticable; and he went on to say that he knew of no demand from the public for this very drastic, very offensive, and needless Bill. "It was the offspring of a body of faddists," and its sponsors were Lord Davey and the Bishop of Hereford. "A faddist he could only describe as a cross between a fanatical Pharisee and a lunatic." It was an attempt at sumptuary legislation, and such legislation could not stop there. We ventured to prophesy some time back that the measure would never be placed on the Statute Book, and all credit is due to their lordships for throwing the Bill out.

An Adelaide writer says that at the A.B.O. meeting there was a good deal of talk about the riding, and one of the visiting horsemen spoke strongly about it, but no one will take much notice of his opinion. That there was some poor riding admits of no doubt, but it was not so wicked as people have tried to make out. Several boys who rode rode badly, but it was due to lack of skill that their horses got all over the course, not to any desire to interfere with other horsemen.

It appears that Tod Sloan was warned off the French Turf for abetting reprehensible conduct on the part of the trainer of Rose de Mai, who won the French Oaks. Sloan assisted in the circulation of rumours that the filly was in a bad way, and as a consequence her price lengthened considerably. Sloan must have been unlucky enough to tell the tale to somebody he should not have put wrong on any account. The trainer was merely fined £80 for his share in the transaction.

Quite a number of horses will be under way to South Africa directly from this State and Victoria (says the "S. Referee"). The lot got together by Mr Sol. Green is a big lot, and a valuable collection, including many useful racehorses and high-class ponies. This is a speculative enterprise, which ought to turn out well if the horses can be landed safely, for the animals are a well selected lot. It looks as though Mr Richard Wootton intends to transfer his entire string to the land of the Boers, for he intends to take about five and twenty early next month. They will, presumably, be raced and sold afterwards. Another well-known racing man has determined to visit South Africa. This is Mr E. H. Knight, who intends to pay a lengthy visit. Several bookmakers have recently left to see what business is like there, and doubtless a fair number of Australians will be found sampling the outlook for racing and trading in the horse line in the immediate future in South Africa.

Instances of handicappers differing are common enough, but a rather remarkable illustration is afforded in connection with the Mentone and Sandown Park weights. Under Mr Maitland at Sandown Park there is a difference of 12lb between Godwin and War Chief in the Sandown Handicap, on 1 mile, while between the same horses in the Mentone Handicap, run over the same distance, the difference under Mr Vowles is 25lb.

The Nordenfeldt horse Sternohaser, who used to carry Mr S. H. Gollan's colours in Australia, and was taken to England by that gentleman, is doing stud duty at The Paddocks, in Surrey (England). Among the mares mated with him last season were Meta M'Carthy, Beattie M'Carthy and Clack Naquid, all of whom were bred in New Zealand by Mr Gollan.

His Majesty the Sultan of Johore with his Sultana and aide-de-camp, Captain Daud, have been on a visit to Sydney, and left for Singapore on the 25th inst. During his stay in Australia the Sultan has purchased several racehorses in training and five yearlings, which he leaves behind in charge of the well-known Sydney trainer, Harry Roberts, who has taken up his quarters at Mordialloo, near Melbourne. The Sultan's recent purchases will be raced and trained by Roberts. Three of the yearlings purchased have been nominated in the two and three-year-old Australian classic races.

Mr E. G. Brodribb, who gave 4,600 guineas for Titan as a two-year-old, and made himself famous for his plunging on the turf in Australia some years ago, has died in England.

One would think that jockeys that ride winners would have little difficulty in collecting their fees, but it would seem that this was not so in New South Wales. Some of the boys riding among the ponies often have to endure unnecessarily long waits. In order that there shall be no future trouble in this respect, the Kensington Club has passed a rule to come into force at the end of the month, giving the Club's officials authority to retain the fee of a winning rider (£3) out of the prize, for payment to the jockey. It is probable that some similar step will be taken with regard to payment of losing mounts. The Club has also passed a rule granting weight allowances to jockeys who have not ridden winners within stated periods, the idea being to encourage trainers to give the less successful boys more opportunities of riding in races.

Australian Colours, who was taken to England by J. Allsop, has arrived at his destination, and will be trained by W. Walters, sen.

His Majesty the King received a very enthusiastic welcome on Saturday, May 2, when he attended a race meeting in Paris, which had been specially arranged in his honour by the French Jockey Club. The principal race was the Prix Persimmon, and to the owner of the winner his Majesty presented a massive gold cup. By a happy coincidence the Prix Perdita was won by M. Edmond Blanc's Chrysothemis, a daughter of Persimmon, who won the Derby in the royal colours in 1886, and it was quite in keeping with the harmony of the proceedings that John Bull should subsequently win the Prix Diamond Jubilee.

LATE RACING.

HAWKE'S BAY J.C. WINTER MEETING.

Hastings, Wednesday.

The weather was fine for the opening of the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's winter meeting, and the attendance was good. The course was a trifle heavy. Heavy rain came on shortly after one o'clock. The following are the results:—

TRIAL STEEPLECHASE.

Hurricane	1
Umslopogaas	2
Benedictine	3

Scratched: The Gryphon.

Won on the post by a bare head. Smithy unseated his rider, Frost pulled up, and Light fell. Time, 4min 11sec. Dividends, £4 14s and £1 13s.

WINTER HANDICAP.

Menura	1
Roseshoot	2
Waimoe	3

Scratched: Fireaway.

Won by a head, Waimoe close up. Time, 3min 2sec. Dividends, £4 5s and £1 3s.

BRACELET.

Apres	1
Defoe	2
Repulse	3

Scratched: Borax and Tigrisna.

Won by a short head. Time, 3min 59sec. Dividend, £3 12s.

HACK HURDLES.

Evening	1
Ogle	2
Rags	3

Scratched: Hinekura and Slightea.

Won hard held by a length; a fair third. Time, 3min 6sec. Dividends, £5 and £1 18s.

HAWKE'S BAY HURDLES.

Hurricane	1
Meteor	2

Won by a short length.

Dividends, £11 16s and 17s.

HUNT CLUB STEEPLECHASE.

Hinewai	1
Draga	2

CORINTHIAN STAKES HANDICAP.

Recoil	1
Hardwork	2

The Pakuranga hounds had a good run on Saturday at Hampton Park. There were several distinguished guests, including Lady Constance Knox and the Hon. H. C. Buller (Hon. A.D.C. to the Governor). Several Taranaki followers were also present, including Messrs Piper, Wascher and Hallimore. The first hare was scented in the scoria at the rear of the mountain, and he sought refuge in the paddock of a farmer who objected to the invasion of the hunt. The hounds soon found another quarry, and a smart run of 20 minutes ran the hare to earth at the back of Mr Harrison's property. A third hare was found on the scoria land near Mr Lushington's, and a long run over untried country in the direction of Howick followed, the hare being caught. Mr E. D. O'Rourke, the Master, directed the hunt.

A North Queensland paper thus refers to what happened in the Hurdle race recently at the Picnic races held during the Herberston Show week:—"The most interesting event was the Steeplechase, over stiff logs, for which contest Brownlock, who had won the prize for the water jump at the Show Grounds, was favourite. As matters turned out, Brownlock was the only animal with any pretensions to safely negotiate the course, but for all that riders and horses went helter-skelter at the jumps, with the result of a succession of falls. At one time three or four horses came down in a heap, and then Brownlock sailed away to the front by himself, and looked like winning easily. But approaching the last jump the girths of the saddle broke, and Madigan came off, saddle and all. Then Jack Williams, who was standing looking on, jumped on his own horse, caught Brownlock, mounted the animal barebacked, got him safely over the jump, and set sail in pursuit of Meataxe, who by this time was a long way in front. Catching Meataxe on entering the straight, Williams sat down in earnest on Brownlock, and managed to win amidst a scene of unbounded excitement. The condition of the race was 1st, and as Williams weighs 12st, he easily weighed in without the saddle. The incident was unquestionably one which is more frequently met with in works of fiction than in actual life, and Jack Williams' exploit is likely to be talked of in Herberston for many a long day."

Inter-Provincial.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, June 23.

Wairiki is favourite for the New Zealand Cup at 10 to 1; Orloff is 12 to 1; Quarryman, Lady Lillian, and Shrapnel are quoted at fourteens. The handicaps for the Cup are due next week.

The hurdle racer Khaki, who won at Dunedin last month, and who is engaged at Wellington, is doing plenty of jumping work at Riccarton. So far he has not shown very great proficiency over hurdles, but I am of the opinion that he will yet make a good hurdler.

Catherine Gordon came down heavily while doing a gallop over schooling hurdles last week. H. Donovan was riding. The mare received a severe shaking.

Cruciform was doing easy pacing at Riccarton a few mornings ago. The champion mare is looking remarkably well. If she is taken over to Australia I am sure she will be a creditable representative of New Zealand.

I hear Orloff is doing steady work in view of spring engagements. Quite a number of people are inclined to the opinion that the son of Stepniak will not go over to Australia, but will be the Valdurst representative in the New Zealand Cup. I cannot offer any opinion, but sportsmen would, I think, like to see Orloff pitted against the Australian cracks in the Epsom Handicap.

On Wednesday last Social Pest and Sultana were sent for a gallop over big fences. The latter jumped in taking style, but Social Pest jumped in a slovenly fashion, and eventually came down at the post and rail at the back of the course. The son of Ahua has not done any jumping over steeplechase fences for some time. After a little schooling he may get over his fences better.

Benzoin is standing up to his work, and if all goes well with him he is a likely starter at Wellington.

Bombardo, who is engaged at the same meeting, is in regular work, and appears to be in fine fettle. This horse showed about his best form at Dunedin last month, and should run well at the Wellington Hurdle Race.

Slow Tom is showing improved form. If weights suit he will be a starter at Wellington.

At the meet of the Christchurch hounds last week, the following well-known jumpers were in the field:—Venture, Nanaki, Rawai, Fleetwood, Ahiki, and The Joker.

The South Canterbury Jockey Club contemplates increasing the stakes in the trotting events at its meeting next season.

Some discussion took place at the annual meeting of the South Canterbury Club on the proposal made by the Ashburton Club to make it compulsory for country clubs to insert a hurdle race on each day's programme. The feeling of the members of the South Canterbury Club was against such a proposal being carried at the Racing Conference.

The New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club has had a very successful year. The club started the season with a debit balance of £1117 12s 4d, and wound up with a credit of £1255 19s 3d. The club has no liabilities whatever, and its assets are valued at £6670 2s 3d, after writing off over £2000 for depreciation. The receipts from the totalisator amounted to £6797 9s 6d, and gate £2316 7s, while the sum of £1870 was received in nomination and acceptance fees. The stake money amounted to £6531. The club is probably one of the most popular in the colony. Its meetings are admirably conducted, men of the right stamp being at the head of affairs. In Mr Rattray the club was fortunate in having the services of a secretary who has a wide knowledge of trotting, besides having the confidence of members, owners, and the public.

WELLINGTON.

Wellington, June 20.

The caretaker of the Hutt racecourse is busily engaged getting the steeplechase course in order for the winter meeting. The sod wall and water jump have been attended to, and the whole of the jumps will be in capital order by the date of the races. The new grass track which was laid down some time back has come on well, and will be fit for use early in the spring of next season. Schooling fences have been fixed up, and visiting horses will be able to avail themselves of cross-country work prior to the meeting. The club's handicapper, Mr Chadwick, will attend the Hawke's Bay and Napier Park meetings, with the view of taking notes prior to issuing his handicaps for Wellington.

A sporting reporter, who is at present serving his apprenticeship to dentistry, recently made some caustic references to certain racehorses owned by a popular, but somewhat excitable, local owner. The latter retaliated by referring to the writer in terms more forcible than polite. The owner is now threatened with an action at law, unless a suitable apology is forthcoming. The affair, which is causing some amusement in sporting circles, is likely to go to the Supreme Court, the racing man having intimated that he will be only too pleased to settle the matter in public.

A number of horseowners who raced horses at the Otaki meeting have expressed themselves in anything but flattering terms regarding the efforts of the Native starter who officiated for the Club. The starts, it is said, were of such a straggling order that only a portion of the horses engaged in each race had any chance of winning. The Natives who officiate at Otaki are capital fellows, but as T. Cameron, the well-known North Island starter, was on the ground and available, he should, in the interest of horseowners and the public, who largely patronised the totalisator, be employed. Natives are not made of stern enough stuff to make good starters.

The handicapping for the same meeting has also come in for a good deal of adverse criticism at the hands of owners, many of whom declare that they only ran their horses on the offchance of the starter giving the signal to start when they had sufficient advantage to equalise matters with certain leniently-treated horses engaged. One well-known performer, after winning in the easiest manner the first day, was only asked to carry an extra seven pounds on the second day, when, as might be expected, the race was again an easy victory. A recent winner was only raised one pound, and had no trouble in capturing a double, even when penalised 10lb for the first win. As the official handicapper was absent attending to the Dunedin Jockey Club, his duties were undertaken by a local sporting scribe. Owners point out that, although the latter has to report the meeting for several weeklies, their grievances re faulty handicapping were ignored. The Otaki meeting is usually well patronised, both by owners and the general public, and can well afford to provide capable officials who will do justice to both racing men and the public.

A prominent official of the Dunedin Jockey Club informs me that the committee are precluded from inviting

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WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS

applications for the position of successor to the late Mr George Dowse (their handicapper), for the reason that Mr Henrys, when he undertook to frame the handicaps for the remainder of the season for which Mr Dowse was appointed, imposed a condition that the first refusal of next season's handicapping be offered him. Racing men in Otago, who have been agitating to obtain an experienced man, who would reside in Otago and fill the late handicapper's position, are, it is reported, agreed that the Dunedin handicapping would be more equitably and carefully performed by some one who would witness the Otago horses perform at the various meetings which are held throughout Otago and Southland.

Mr P. E. Baldwin, formerly a steward of the Wellington Racing Club, has returned from the Old Country, after a visit which extended over some six months.

Scallywag, who is doing well at his new quarters, Porirua, has had a light dose of physic, and should be in nice condition by the date of the Wellington meeting.

The Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Winter Meeting, owing to the poor quality engaged, is not much discussed here. Mr Robinson has taken his pair of jumpers, Smithy and Kohinui, through. These, with Pipi and Meteor, are the only outside horses of note engaged. The following should run well:— Trial Steeplechase, Frost; Winter Handicap, Tradewind or Rose-shoot; Hack Hurdles, Oracle; Hawke's Bay Hurdles, Meteor; Ladies' Bracelet, Repulse; Hawke's Bay Steeplechase, Pipi.

HAWKE'S BAY.

Napier, June 23.

Yesterday the licensing committee refused the application of the Napier Racing Club for a license for the publican's booth on their course, on the occasion of their Winter Meeting next week. This extraordinary act on the part of the legislators of the drink traffic has caused a lot of adverse comment here. Ever since the Park course has been open as a public place of sport, a license has been in force, and there has never been any reason to regret the granting of a license for the booth, for good order and sobriety has been always apparent at the popular ventures of the Napier Park Racing Club. Then again, a hardship has been placed upon the executive of the club, for when last season they drew out their annual programme they naturally counted on their receipts from the bar, which amounted to £40 per day. Now, by a fanatical act, they have to face an assured deficit of £80. There is certainly no justice in the way in which the committee have acted, for they stated that they had made up their minds before coming into court to grant no conditional licenses, no matter what the circumstances might be. This is Star Chamber logic with a vengeance, and probably because they did not wish to let their assinine arguments be produced in public print they retired in private to consider the question. The opinion of the public placed them in the position they are in, and surely the electors have a right to know their opinions of all matters that come before them in connection with the liquor business. Had the committee been comprised of men with an atom of sense in their heads, they would have understood that the Park committee had bound themselves to pay away a certain amount of money this season in stakes, to do which they had relied upon the receipts of the booth to assist them, and as the forthcoming winter meeting ends the racing

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This year, it would have been a sensible and just act for them to have granted the necessary license for the two days' meeting of the Park next week, and notified to them that for the future no licenses would be granted them. The Park executive would have been able to put their jacket according to their tweed. I hold no brief for the Napier Park Racing Club or any other organization, but consider it my duty to wield my pen whenever, to my way of arguing, I see a wrong or injustice done. Right is right, and wrong is no man's right, is and has always been my contention.

OTAGO.

Dunedin, June 23.

Matters in the racing world are naturally at this time of the year very quiet, and our interest at present is centred in meetings about to take place in the North Island. We shall have a representative in the shape of Pipi at a couple of meetings, and he is likely to capture a race over big country. Carr, who has piloted the Natator gelding in most of his races since the horse came in Mr T. Godfrey's possession, journeyed North a few days back, and will have the mount at Hawke's Bay. Carr is a very capable horseman over obstacles, and Pipi is not likely to lose much through being steered by him.

The Stepniak colt Vladimir, who has up to the present been raced by his breeder, the Hon. G. McLean, was last week purchased by Mr L. C. Hazlett (son of Mr J. Hazlett, one of the old-time well-known racing partnerships of Stephenson and Hazlett), who has placed the colt in J. Rutledge's stable to be prepared for his future engagements. Rutledge will have a strong team for next season, and his many friends are pleased at seeing the young and painstaking trainer receive such an important addition to his string.

Sirius has been registering useful work lately, and is likely to be seen out at the Wellington Winter Meeting.

"Mr Longfellow," the well-known Oamaru sportsman, has purchased the Gipsy Grand-Arline filly, which was auctioned at the last Elderslie yearling sales. The filly has a slightly damaged pastern, occasioned through coming in contact with a wire fence, but it should not seriously interfere with her racing career.

Mr T. Liken recently informed me that he had disposed of the "triple crown" hero, Euroclydon, and that the son of Gorton and Lady Gertrude will probably travel somewhere in the Wanganui district next season. Since taking up stud duties, Euroclydon has not consorted with a great number of fashionably bred matrons, and in his new home it is to be hoped the horse will get the chances he deserves, as there is no doubt that every one of his stock which I have seen appears to possess the gift of going. The success of Betsy should prove a good advertisement for the Gorton horse in the North Island.

Mr J. B. Reid has experienced a severe loss in the death of two Sant' Ilario colts from Marlin and Sequin, respectively, and a colt from Hermosa is also reported to be in a bad way. It appears that the youngsters were being given a linseed drench and some of the physic found its way down the animals' windpipe.

Mr H. Pollock, who is in the field for handicapper honours, and who has been present at several of our meetings in this part of the world, informs me that he waits the decision of the Dunedin J.C. re the appointment of a handicapper before finally deciding to take up his residence in Dunedin. Meantime he will continue to reside in Wellington.

Donna Rosa, whose breakdown was reported some little time back, is now being treated to a run in the paddock. The mare is still lame, but with care she may be found bearing silk again, or it is possible that her owner may dispose of her as a good brood mare. Being a good sized mare and showing a lot of quality, Donna Rosa should furnish a welcome addition to any breeder's paddocks, as on the score of breeding there is little to be found fault with. She is by Don Pedro (son of Vasco de Gama, the imported son of Bedesman, and brother to Pero Gomez) out of Red Ensign, the daughter of St. George and the Traducer mare Red Rose.

On Thursday last, Mr W. J. Coughlin presented in the presence of Mr H. L. James, secretary D.J.C., and the writer (acting as representative of this Journal), Mrs. Dowse, widow of the late Mr G. Dowse, with a cheque for £145 0s 9d, the amount collected in connection with the Dowse testimonial fund. In addition to the above amount, the D.J.C. paid direct to Mrs Dowse a sum of £25.



FIXTURES.

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

In America—the home of the trotter—the stipulated race weights are 10st 10lb in harness, and 10st 5lb under saddle while in New Zealand, where trotting is a real live sport, and in New South Wales, where it is now making great headway, the allotments are, in harness, catch weights, and under saddle, 10st.

Far from satisfied (says the "Sportsman") with the result of the recent match between Fritz and Ribbonwood, Mr Buckland, being still of opinion that his horse is the faster of the two, is prepared to match him against the crack New Zealander for £1000 a-side. Fritz was far from well when he last raced, the result of a severe cold that he caught while making the trip from Sydney.

It is reported that the famous trotting stallion, Cresceus, will not race in America this season, his owner, Mr George H. Ketcham, having decided to tour in Europe, and to bring the champion trotter with him. Naturally (says an exchange), English trotting enthusiasts are delighted that the opportunity will be afforded them of seeing this grand performer on their own racing tracks. Cresceus, who is by Robert MacGregor out of Mabel, was foaled in 1895 on the farm of his owner, George H. Ketcham, near Toledo, Ohio.

At present the South Island Trotting Clubs hold nineteen meetings, and five North Island Clubs hold nine meetings. The Wellington Club having become defunct, one of its permits has gone to the South Island (Wairau). The other permit would probably be given to South to South Canterbury or Hokitika.

The annual conference of delegates of clubs affiliated to the New Zealand Trotting Association will be held in Wellington next month, when several notices of motions of proposed additions and amendments to the rules will be considered. One of the most important, moved by the Masterton Trotting Club, is in favour of altering the constitution of the Association as at present existing. The Masterton Club desires that Rule 1 should be altered to read as follows:—"The Association shall be called the New Zealand Trotting Association, with its headquarters at Christchurch, and shall be composed of nine members, seven of whom shall be members of the South Island Trotting Clubs, and two members of the North Island Trotting Clubs." At present the Board of Management of the Association consists of nine members, all of whom reside in Christchurch (with the exception of the Hon. Hugh Gourlay, of Dunedin). The difficulty of the expenses of delegates from districts outside Christchurch attending meetings of the Association was overcome at the last conference, when it was agreed to pay the out-of-pocket expenses of members attending the monthly meetings held in Christchurch. The Board is at present elected by ballot of the affiliated clubs. As the South Island has ten clubs affiliated out of a total of fifteen, it will be seen that there is little chance of the North Island being represented, unless some of the Southern clubs vote for the Northern candidates, which is unlikely. It appears, therefore, that the only way that clubs in this island can secure the election of representatives to the Board of Management, is to adopt the proposal of the Masterton Club and alter the rules. Many North Island matters come before the Association, and yet there is no North Island representative on the Board. The proposal of the Masterton Club appears to be in the direction of strengthening the Board. The Masterton Trotting Club, the Greymouth Trotting Club, the Auckland Trotting Club, and the Association are putting forward a number of amendments concerning the Rules of Trotting. Many of these are quite necessary, and are sure to become law. Altogether the sport should benefit if the delegates to the Conference carry out the suggested reforms.

A Cleveland paper says:—"Lou Dillon's remarkable half in 1:00 1/2, the last quarter in 29 1/2 sec, was one of the most creditable performances ever witnessed over the Glenville track. This sensational young trotter can brush as fast as any trotter that ever wore iron, and her gait is as smooth and perfect as a piece of frictionless machinery."

The match race for \$10,000, between Major Delmar 2:05 1/2 and Lord Derby 2:05 1/2 will be trotted over the Empire City track, July 4. The location of the race was left to Alta McDonald, driver of Major Delmar, and George Speer, driver of Lord Derby, and the Empire City track secured the race on the best bid. Lord Derby is two years older than Major Delmar, as he was foaled in 1895, and has had two years' more campaigning experience. Comparing eight winning races of Lord Derby last season, and the Derby horse shows the fastest average speed, and four of Lord Derby's races were to wagon. Major Delmar has the fastest first heat to his credit, 2:05 1/2; but the best second and third heats he has trotted are 2:06 1/2 and 2:09, while Lord Derby has gone a second heat in 2:06, and a third in 2:06. Lord Derby has trotted three heats in 2:05 1/2, 2:06 and 2:06, while Major Delmar's best three are 2:05 1/2, 2:06 1/2 and 2:09. These figures favour Lord Derby, and if he comes for the word fit and in good temper he should win.—("American Sportsman.")

HANDICAPPING WILL NOT BE POPULAR.

The American trotter is not, nor was ever, intended to be a draft horse, hence the utter uselessness of all talk of handicapping by weight ever becoming popular on the harness racing tracks. What pleasure would the lover of harness racing derive in seeing Cresceus try to draw 250lbs faster than some ordinary horse could draw 125lbs? In such a contest Cresceus might trot a mile that would really be a more creditable performance than his record mile, but as it would, of necessity, be slower than his best record drawing regulation weight, he would never receive the full credit of it in the record tables. Once introduced handicapping by weight, and the whole system of keeping records and estimating the value of horses from a speed standpoint would have to be established. Speed and the ability to carry a fast clip through a race of heats would no longer be the proof of a horse's merit. Any trotter, no matter how fast and how game he may be, can be made to drop back and perform in a mediocre manner, if he is given a heavy enough load to pull. There would be no glory in making a really great horse appear mediocre by giving him a load heavy enough to make him no better than a horse vastly his inferior, and it is safe to say that, not until the conditions surrounding harness racing become very much different than they are now, will the proposition to do so be received with any favour. At present, fortunately, there is no need to resort to handicapping to equalise the chances of the horses seen each year on the harness tracks. In the slower classes there is never any considerable length of time when one horse can easily beat all the others being raced in the open events. In the fast classes, too, there is nothing near the inequality there was a score or more years ago, when there were no more than four or five horses available for the free-for-all class. To-day, who can name, with any certainty, a trotter with a record between 2:05 and 2:08, that can beat all the others with records between those figures? There will nearly always be one trotter and one pacer that will be regarded as a little better than any other trotter or pacer, but aside from the actual championship holder, there will always be enough high-class performers eligible to the different classes to provide good contests without the necessity of resorting to handicapping.—("Horse World.")

SMALL HORSES

Sir Walter Gilbey has written much on the horse, and all that he has written is worth reading. In a recently-published pamphlet, entitled "Small Horses in Warfare," he advocates the breeding of small horses, and his arguments apply to more departments in equine usefulness than this particular one of war. The small horse is being disowned on all hands, and determined efforts are being made in all quarters to make everything big. A good deal of the bigness obtained is mere legginess and grossness of bone, and this pamphlet should be the means of opening the eyes of more than the purchasers of army remounts to the wisdom of encouraging the breeding of horses whose chief characteristics are staying power, hardiness, and independence of high feeding. Such horses were demanded during the South African War, and Great Britain had to look for them elsewhere than in the British Isles. Sir Walter's argument is that the native pony mares of Great Britain, especially of the mountainous parts of Wales, Scotland, and Devonshire, furnish a nucleus from which, by crossing with a stout thoroughbred, or, better still with an Arab, the kind of horses wanted could be easily bred. What is wanted is a miniature hunter. In the course of his argument, Sir Walter Gilbey brings together many illustrations of the value of stout, native-bred, small horses, and

their vast superiority for hard work over the so-called improved stock of the more civilised nations. He makes an occasional reference to the "weedy" thoroughbred, and any visitor to the London Show, where the amazing animals which the Royal Commission distribute throughout the country to improve the breed of horses are exhibited will agree that the probability of much improvement following their use is extremely remote. That acute person, Mr Cecil Rhodes, some years ago expressed the opinion to Sir Walter that no infusion of English blood would enhance the powers of the small colonial-bred horse for the performance of the work which local usage lays upon him; and he even had the temerity to deny that any advantage could accrue from the use of the thoroughbred. In the Soudan campaign, as the result of costly experience, the regiment which left Cairo was mounted entirely on the small Syrian Arab horse, whose average height was 14 hands, their average age from 8 to 9 years, and their average price £18. These did 16 miles a day across the desert from Wady Halfa to Korti, and a detachment of 50 of them performed a journey of 100 miles in reconnaissance duty in 63 hours. On the return journey six of them did the last 50 miles in seven and a-half hours. Of 350 of these stout little horses used in that hard campaign of nine months across the desert only 12 died from disease, and their performance is justly characterised as a marvel of endurance. They carried a heavy weight on scanty fare, and less water. Small horses (ponies) will bear moderate horses of double their size, and legginess or height is weakness rather than strength.

Captain Burnaby's ride to Khiva was a marvel of endurance in the man, but it was, if possible, a greater marvel in the pony which carried him. It is described as a little black horse, standing 14 hands, and his price at Kasala, including saddle and bridle, was £5 sterling. This sorry-looking jade, which, the captain says, looked as if his boots would have been all that he could carry, bore his weight of 20st on that memorable ride, doing sometimes 40 miles in six hours, with a thermometer below zero. He danced about beneath his rider as if he had been carrying a feather-weight jockey for the Cambridgeshire. The whole journey of 371 miles was done in 9 days 2 hours, or at the average rate of more than 40 miles a day. The captain's pony galloped the last 17 miles through the snow to Kasala in 1 hour 25 minutes. On the whole, the net result of a performance of this description is to awaken very serious misgivings as to the whole system adopted for the improvement in the United Kingdom and elsewhere of the breeds of horses indicated. To quote a reviewer of Sir Walter Gilbey's brochure:—"The system of pampering, coddling, and sweating, &c., to which a fashionable hackney is subjected may produce a very hardy animal, but if it does there must be a very curious relation between cause and effect in the management of horses. And so also with the thoroughbred. It is an old controversy, whether the long-distance or the short-distance race is the better adapted to produce a hardy horse. There is truth in a saying quoted by Sir Walter Gilbey—that the weedy racehorse is more akin to the greyhound than anything else, and bred for speed alone, and such a horse can never improve anything. He is himself an artificial product, and his adulation is, or ought to be, an exploded superstition."

THE RING.

The heavy-weight battle, in August, between James Jeffries and Jim Corbett will be decided before the Yosemite A.C. of San Francisco, they having offered the biggest purse—£5000.

DEATH OF HARRY DUNN.

EX-WORLD'S CHAMPION WRESTLER.

Harry Dunn, the well-known ex champion wrestler, was found dead in his hut at the Globe Mine, Reefton, on Saturday night, June 13.

Born in the County of Cumberland, January 6, 1866, Harry Dunn was only approaching his thirty-eighth year. He was a fine stamp of an athlete, 5ft 10 1/2 in height, and when in condition wrestled at 13st. Dunn started his wrestling career at 15 1/2 years of age, at Newcastle-on-Tyne, meeting a field of 200 competitors in the light-weights. He got second place, following that up with a first in a tournament at Hammock, in which 100 men took part. From that time on Dunn's name was to be found in any competition of note in Caledonian sports throughout the world. His name was a bye word as a wrestler. His last match was arranged at Reefton some weeks ago with R. J. Scott, of Dunedin, but had to be abandoned owing to the illness of one of the competitors.

Echoes of the Week.

(By "Ithuriel.")

The hardest-worked man in Auckland at the present time appears to be the Coroner. How are we to account for the steady growth in the inquest business? The late Dr. Philson and Dr. McArthur were never blessed with half the trade that falls to the lot of Mr Gresham. The gods have been singularly kind to the Liberal Party for many years, and the circumstance that Mr Gresham is a valuable member of that organisation may have something to do with it. But work, even when it is well paid for, brings worry, and the Coroner must occasionally come to the conclusion that the world is stuffed with sawdust. The inquest touching the death of the child Moate has given him an experience he is not likely to covet again in a hurry.

Mr Rimmer, the Wellesley-street tradesman, who very nearly caused a riot by exhibiting a number of offensive placards in his window, has been very rightly bound over to keep the peace, which means abstaining from the exercise of his fad for six months, but he has a real grievance against the police. It seems that when he was taken to the lock-up he was charged with lunacy! For all we know the police may have been right, but that is not the point. Mr Rimmer's grievance (though he would not so state it) is this, that he has been selected to bear the stigma from which others equally culpable have been permitted to escape. One does not expect consistency from the police, who are necessarily opportunists, but they should endeavour to keep up appearances. Mr Rimmer is a fanatic, who in his zeal for the spread of what he believes to be the truth, pays no heed to the feelings and prejudices of other people, but if that constitutes lunacy (and I am not denying that it does) then the said Rimmer is not the only lunatic at large in the community. William Richardson, judged by the same standard, is infinitely madder, and his madness is of a much grosser kind. For Rimmer mostly slanders dead men, while Richardson seeks to befoul the reputation of live women. Then there are the single taxers, in fact the list might be extended indefinitely. If the police intend to run in all the "dotty" individuals in the city they will have a large contract. Yet if they tackle one they should go for the lot.

The Premier's idea of establishing a kind of partnership between the State and the Bank of New Zealand has ruffled the feathers of those who advocate a straight-out State Bank. In the classical language of their soi disant spokesman, one Mr Sievwright, of Gisborne, they say "let us run the show alone." This Mr Sievwright is kind enough to tell Mr Seddon that he, personally, appreciates the Premier's force of character, but he warns him that he will forfeit the goodwill of the people of New Zealand if he enters into any "hybrid partnership." Without going into the merits of the case, which cannot be discussed off-hand, I would like to know how this Mr Sievwright is able, as he says he is, to gauge with accuracy the opinion of the people of this colony? He is, I believe, the husband of Mrs Sievwright, who claims, amongst other things, to represent the Women of New Zealand, so perhaps the idiosyncrasy runs in the family. It is curious, moreover, to note how closely related to each other are all the fads that people take up when they want to worry their neighbours. Single tax, State bank, prohibition, women's claim to sit in Parliament—all these hobbies are run by the same people!

Mr Wragge has a rival rainmaker in Australia, and, if we may judge from the reflections of "Atticus" in the "Melbourne Leader," he provides some amusement. His name is Dr. McCreedy. Having received an intimation from the authorities at Broken Hill that they would like a few nice light, fresh-laid showers, the great Rain-maker replied in good set business lines:—"Please quote price for three inches of rain, delivery to be given within three weeks," and it was further stipulated that if the doctor did not come down with the rain the corporation of Broken Hill need not come down with the dust. Nothing could be fairer, and negotiations are proceeding. I suppose this gentleman is a qualified medical man, and not merely a medicine man, as his present occupation would imply. His methods are medical at any rate. For a droughty spell and a dry sky he prescribes the administration of a certain gas which is forced into the sky with the aid of a machine. The fact that gas will bring down rain is new to most of us, and sets one wondering how it is possible in those circumstances that there could ever be droughts in a country like Australia, blessed with seven Parliaments. Possibly, however, our various Houses do not generate the right kind of gas.

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Parliament opens on Monday, and the members of both Houses are fitting to Wellington. Two new "Lords" go from Auckland this time, namely: S. T. George and W. Beehan. These appointments have been very popular in very dissimilar camps, though both nominees are supposed to be of the same "colour." A popular member of the House with all sides, and one who is also essentially a Parliamentary representative of sport, Mr W. H. Herries, was in town yesterday, looking up his many friends. He leaves Onehunga to-day.

A young lady of uncertain age entered a suburban music shop the other day, and said sweetly:—"I want 'Rock Me to Sleep.'" The shopman got the song and put it before her. "Now," said the young lady, "I want 'The Wandering Refugee.'" "Yes, ma'am," said the shopman, bowing, and in a few minutes he produced the "Refugee." "Now 'Kiss me,'" said the young lady, of course meaning the song thus named. The poor man's eyes popped fire almost, as he looked at the young lady in utter astonishment. "Wh—what did you say, miss?" "Kiss me," said she. "I can't do it. I never kissed a young lady in my life," said the abashed one.

A certain enthusiastic young lady was recently taken, for the first time, to see a football match. She knew nothing about the game, but she wasn't quite aware of the fact. "They're a poor team, aren't they?" she remarked to her companion, referring to the home eleven. "Oh, dear no!" he replied. "They're considered to be a clever lot." "That isn't what I mean," explained the lady. "They're not rich." "Certainly not!" he replied. "The players are mostly working men, and they don't get the support they deserve. As a matter of fact, the club's in debt." The lady was silent for a moment; then she returned to the attack with: "I should like to see a wealthy team play." "Why?" "Well," she replied, "every man would have a football of his own, I suppose."

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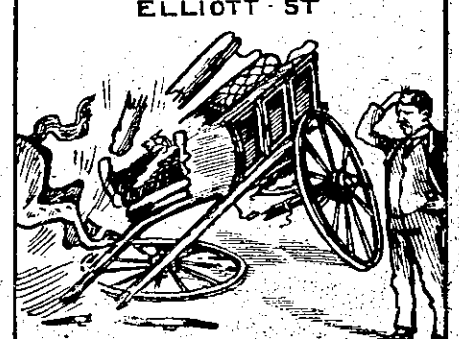
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Table with 2 columns: Name and Weight. Includes entries like Pipi 10 7/8 The Gryphon, Frost 9 13 Light, Jack o' Lantern 9 11 Cronje.

NOMINATIONS

CANTERBURY J.C. METROPOLITAN MEETING.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

THE NEW ZEALAND CUP of 1500 sovs. Two miles.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Name, Name. Includes entries like Strins, Oatton, Mars, Volley, Bombardo, Kelburn, Rose Shield, Motor, Pearl Diver, Fannero, Bedawayo, Quarryman, Ours, Orloff, Great Fear, Nell Gwynne, Strathavon.

NAPIER PARK R.C. WINTER MEETING.

JULY 1st.

THE NAPIER STEEPLECHASE. Three miles.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Name, Name. Includes entries like Croucher, Ousey, The Gryphon, Great Shot, Pipi, Fadden, Princess of Thule, Straybird.

WELLINGTON RACING CLUB.

JULY 16th AND 18th.

WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASE HANDICAP of 500 sovs. About three miles.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Name, Name. Includes entries like Ousey, Sullivan, Frost, Scott's Feet, Fadden, Straybird.

GISBORNE RACING CLUB'S WINTER MEETING.

JULY 9th AND 10th.

FIRST DAY, THURSDAY, JULY 9th.

FIRST HURDLES.—L. vant, Kanaka, Master Model, Straybird, The Gryphon, Lady Raven, Morpeth, Marine, Comfort.

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

FLYING HANDICAP.—Croupier, Craftsman, Tauhei, Nukurau, Hinestaparaki, Morpeth, Ia, Ousey, Soutina, Romany Girl, Argyll, Hiki, Mongonui, Pinepinetekura, Minerve, Borax.

WINTER OATS HANDICAP.—Minerve, Borax, Croupier, Nukurau, Craftsman, Hinestaparaki, Morpeth, Ousey, Ballyneety, Oracie, 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 HAWAII STEEPLECHASE.—Kanaka, Hylas, Straybird, Cronje, The Pullack, Marine, Master Model.

WAIKANAHA HANDICAP.—Minerve, Croupier, Borax, Tauhei, Nukurau, Craftsman, Morpeth, Hinestaparaki, Ousey, Ia, Ballyneety, Soutina, Romany Girl, Hiki, Mongonui, Pinepinetekura, Argyll.

FINAL HANDICAP.—Minerve, Borax, Argyll, Croupier, Cracknell, Nukurau, Craftsman, Hiki, Hinestaparaki, Morpeth, Ousey, Ballyneety, Oracie, Romany Girl, Lady Raven, Mongonui, Pinepinetekura.

AUSTRALIAN RACING.

THE CAULFIELD CUP of 2,000 sovs. One and a-half miles.

(To be run October 18th.)

Table with 3 columns: Name, Name, Name. Includes entries like Abundance, Moss, Miss Rose, Motor, Debuture, The Vice-Admiral, Bright Beauty, Flagship, Minerva, Progressor, Hyslop, Sweep Clean, Sea Sand.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Name, Name. Includes entries like Melport, Ena, Carolina, Chela, Dulcimer, Godwin, Hobson, Stopwatch, Sunset, Chubb, Harvest Home, Dandalla, Sherson, Proceed, Jacobite, Gaulson, Sir Evan, Greenstone, Highflyer, Jap, Kees, Oashier, Oanin, Bookleigh, Felicitous, Donovan, Grata, St. Modan, Dumont, Haut Gott, Bruntwood, St. Mars, Miltiades, Emir, Malster, Strata Florida, Footbolt, Mauser, Patronus, Amiral, Kinglike.

MELBOURNE CUP.

(To be run November 3rd)

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THE SIZE OF THE STALLION.

These are the days of big things—big cities, big crops, big men, big horses and big prices. Everything is big in price, but when it comes to the horse supply it is very far from big, the which is amply proved by the present range of values. The thoughtful breeder cannot see where the supply is to be made much larger for some years, and the longer he thinks about it the more rooted will become the conviction that there are many years of prosperity before him if his operations are guided by the demands of the market. It will be some years yet before there are horses enough to supply the demand, providing that the demand should remain stationary. But it will not. The business of the country is increasing at an enormous rate. Trade is expanding on all hands. Exports are very large. Population is growing larger day by day. By the time that the horses now growing up on farms shall have attained marketable age there will be need for them all and more, too. There may be enough; there will not be too many, and let it be remembered that just as soon as prices begin to fall a little the export trade will be handy by to absorb such of the supply as suits its needs. Therefore in breeding let us order our operations aright in order that tail-enders may be few and high-priced colts and fillies many.

The exigencies of the present situation are forcing many men to breed from mares they do not exactly like. They cannot get better, therefore they must go ahead with what they have. They must grade up. In the minds of most men who breed drafters the first desideratum is size, and the second more size, and the third still more size. After that they take whatever more comes with the size. It is necessary to say that this is all wrong? The stallion that has only his size to recommend him may be a most worthless brute, indeed a positive damage to all who use him. Again size ought to have a very different meaning to different men. This farmer-breeder has mares that are of entirely different type, stamp and weight to those of his neighbour, and yet size in the stallion may mean the same thing to them both. It is very long odds that in such a case best results would be attained from the use of at least two and perhaps four horses. The first man has three or four mares, let us say, that weigh around 1,500 pounds each, and the second has as many that average 800 pounds less. A much larger horse ought to be used with the 1,500 pound mares than with the 1,200-pounders, but the chances are that being neighbours the two owners will use the same big horse. If one is right the other must be wrong and to use the same stallion is merely for the latter to smother himself a large sum of money.

What is size in a stallion? Must we have the scales to find out if a horse has size enough? When is a stallion big enough? A draft stallion is large enough when he would make a good draft gelding himself in working flesh—not before. A carriage or coach stallion is big enough when he has size to do good work in the harness in which his get are to go. The saddle stallion is big enough when he is up to carrying 185 pounds, and the roadster is big enough when he can comfortably pull a light four-wheeled vehicle at speed. We do not need the scale to tell us anything about any one of these horses or their weights.

Beginning with the drafter the ton horse, of course, is all the rage. A stallion of the Clydesdale, Suffolk, Percheron, Shire or Belgian breed must weigh a ton or he will not do. If he tips up the beam good and hard at 2,200 so much the better. Does anyone think that if nine out of every ten ton-stallions at present in this country should be stripped down to reasonable working trim they would weigh anything like 2,000 pounds? They would not, and 1,650 to 1,700 pounds would catch more of them than would mark 1,900 on the scale beam. If a horse is actually only a 1,700-pounder he cannot be expected to begot larger colts from mares that are not as big as himself. Nature is a great lover of a good average. When you see a horse that weighs 2,000 pounds set up on little spindle shanks you can make up your mind that such a one is not big enough. He is merely a medium-sized one fed to weigh a ton.

On the other hand when you see a stallion which in the flesh he would work in to the best advantage weighs 1,850 to 1,900 pounds, and is carried by proportionate bones, you may make up your mind with equal positiveness that you have found one that is big enough, for there is a foundation on which you may pile a very large quantity of flesh and yet have a pleasing whole. It is better still if you can get a stallion in working flesh that scales 1,900 pounds, other things being equal, but it must not be forgotten that it is only a very easy trick to pile 800, 350 or 400 pounds of meat on any mature horse that in working order weighs 1,650 to 1,700 pounds. The writer has known of horses landed in this country weighing 1,650, and not too poor at that, being made up into stallions that just touched the ton mark when ready for sale. Figure it for a moment. The cattle feeder aims to put 800 to 350 or 400 pounds of beef on an immature steer that weighs 1,000 to 1,200 pounds. It is just as easy, if not easier, to make beef on a horse as on a bullock. In a word, beef means size in a bullock; it does not necessarily in a horse. Discount your very fat stallion 300 to 400 pounds when figuring on his size. No matter what he weighs you will have to do a lot of feeding to get his colts up to drafter weight when they are four or five years old, and if he will not make a market drafter himself in drafter flesh he will not do at all as a sire. Let him be, however, heavy enough for that purpose rather under the right scale of condition, and he will be big enough.

Now, to the stallion that in working flesh weighs 1,900 pounds, what mares may be bred? It is rather hard to draw any hard and fast line in this matter, but it may safely be fixed at 1,600 pounds or thereabouts. If a horse is very fat,

loaded down with beef, and weighs no more than 1,900 pounds he may safely be mated with mares of 1,200 or even less. But that sort of a stallion is not a real draft horse, and it is doubtful if he will ever get any of that kind unless he is bred to very large mares. It is folly to expect 1,200 or even 1,800 or 1,400 pound mares to produce real drafters. They cannot do anything of the sort. They will, however, produce mares that ought to grow large enough to breed real drafters if mated with the right stallions in their turn. The man, consequently, who has only mares of 1,200 to 1,400 pounds in weight must hasten more slowly than the one who has them that weigh 1500 or over. The latter may reasonably expect that some of his mares at least will bring forth draft horses of the right sort, but even he will have more uniform success in the following generation when he has his 1700 and 1750 pound mare to mate with his 1900 pound stallion as described. Then he may reasonably expect to reach the limit of profitable production. Too great divergence in type is always to be avoided in the breeding of horses. Some men have succeeded in making very large stallions and very small mares do well together, but the evidence to the contrary is, as a rule, so overwhelming that the experiment need not be tried any longer. "The Breeder's Gazette."

There was a good muster of members of the Te Huia Hockey Club on their ground, Mason's Paddock, Jervois Road, Ponsonby, on Saturday afternoon, when a well-contested practice match was played.

The "common run of Swedish horses" in 1808 were thus written of:—"They are a strong-built, clean, neat, hardy little animals, better adapted to the road than for draught, being rather under the size that would be necessary for the drawing of heavy carriages. On a journey they are indefatigable, living on any fare that can be found, and scarcely ever tiring upon the road. Their hoofs are firm, so that on the roughest road they seldom stumble, nor is there such a thing known in this country as swelled legs and greasy heels among the horses. They are not so slim in the barrel as your English hunters, and consequently they are much stouter in their make than blood horses. Their size is from 13h to 15h in height. Upon the whole, this is one of the most serviceable breeds of horses I have ever known. Six of them in a light carriage on good roads could perform wonders." In regard to the last sentence (says an Exchange), it is to be remembered that the roads at that period were more like mountain water-courses than the level, smooth tracks we owe to Mr Macadam.



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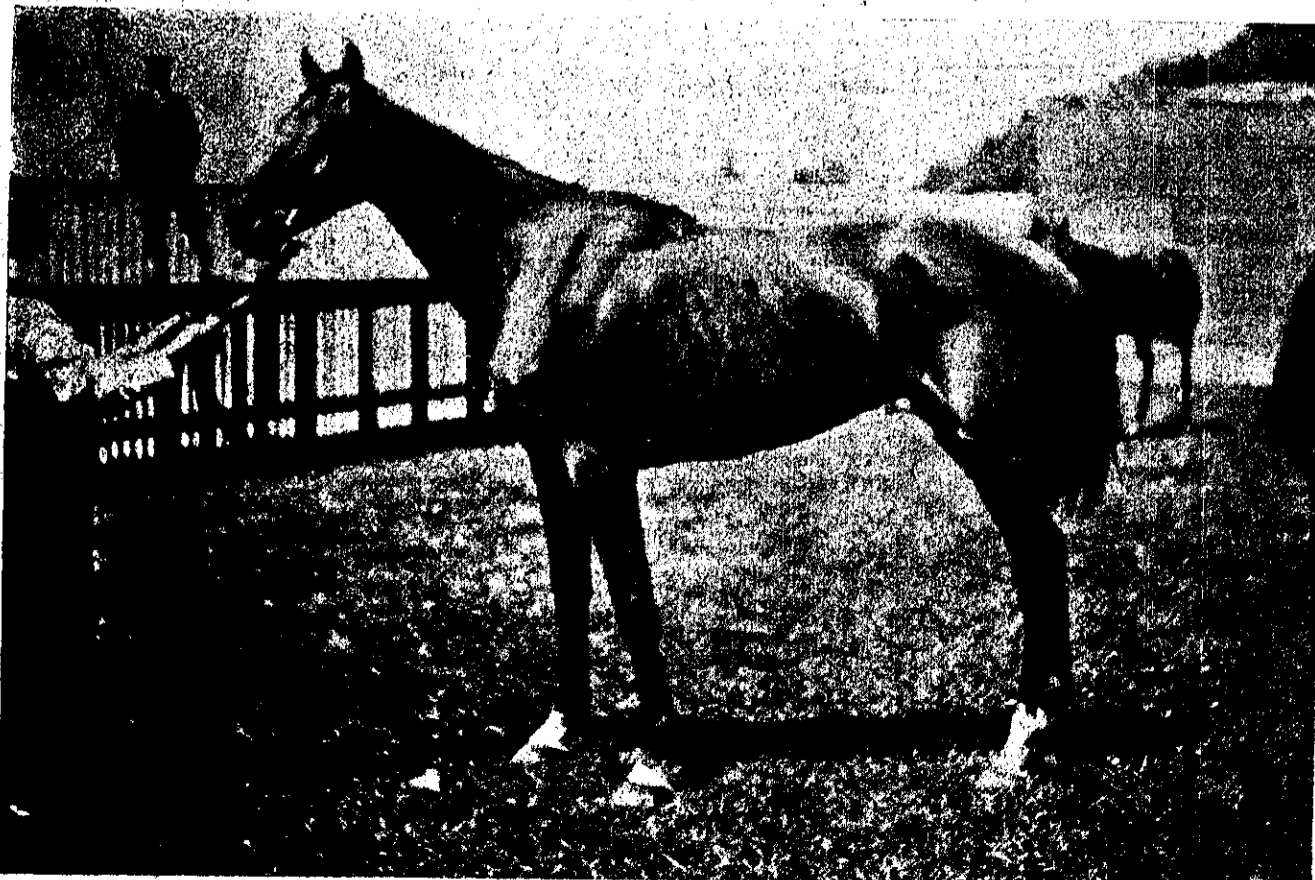
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At the football grounds.—Nelson Street v. Beresford Street.



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WHEN BATTLEAXE WON THE G.N.H.

The following verses, which are quite epic in style, and strongly reminiscent of the best work of Robert Browning and Adam Lindsay Gordon, with here and there a touch that is truly Homeric, are from the pen of Mr David C. Ingram, of Auckland, who kindly forwards them for publication:—

With the Great Northern Steeple just over
—a fitting conclusion to May—
We come to the Great Northern Hurdles,
renowned like the Prince's Birthday.
The event is decidedly open, who's going
to win is not clear,
The knowing ones have different fancies,
which jump a la the wild deer.

All classes attend at this meeting, rich
and poor alike run the game,
At this time of the year the sun's not too
clear, even without the rain.
The contestants look in condition, especi-
ally those from the South;
What a bustle there'll be for position when
all on the journey set out.

At the post they make a grand picture—
why not—it's the Sport of Kings!
There's hardly a horse that's a fixture, one
would think they were all on springs.
Just now they're all very steady, though
some won't come into line;
Now they come up and are ready—'they're
off,' and the aspect is fine.

The National's worth five hundred, and
eleven are after the spoil.
Battleaxe, Moko, and Tresham are doing
best work on the soil;
The others right close up behind them
take the first fence just as well,
And now o'er the flat they are flying; the
best of the eight's Lady Bell.

She gets up to Moko and Tresham, whilst
Battleaxe drops a length back,
He is joined further on by big Haydn, the
Northern Steeplechase crack;
Hurdle number two they're approaching,
and a tightening rein goes on;
The leaders rise up and clear it, but
Otairi somehow goes wrong.

There's now a slight change in position,
for Mars takes a hand in the game;
The lot are all out for a mission—there's
five hundred to win—and some fame.
Now into the straight they are racing,
Waiwera has charge of the rear,
To the jump near the stand they all hasten,
they take it—and the crowd cheer.

Lady Bell, Haydn and Tresham, with
Mars are in front past the stand,
Puffing Billy, Battleaxe, and Gilnockie are
keeping the sport well in hand;
Lingard, Mokokoko, Waiwera, is the order
next on the run,
You couldn't move them any faster if you
applied a shot from a gun.

The colours of Haydn and Tresham are
clearly discerned in the van,
Whilst Battleaxe displaces the others—you
can't blame him if he can.
As the seven furlongs post they are leav-
ing, Tresham is best of the three,
But Haydn's again moving forward, get
up—and it's "please follow me!"

The four furlongs post hurdle's taken, and
Haydn's still holding his own,
Tresham's now on his quarters, with
Battleaxe following home;
The latter's three lengths from the lead-
ers, Lady Bell and Mars just the same.
From the Derby Stand in the distance
there's a faint cry of some horse's name

As they're rounding the bend for the
finish Battleaxe leads all a dance,
Get's over the very last hurdle about a
length in advance.
The crowd are becoming excited as Tres-
ham and Haydn give chase,
But the brown son of Queen Cole—Hotch-
kiss for them has too much pace.

"Battleaxe wins," they're proclaiming,
naming Haydn and Tresham in turn,
Though the latter are battling gamely,
they'll never the five hundred earn,
For Battleaxe, striding quite freely,
leaves Haydn, who's under the whip,
Secures the judge's verdict, whilst Haydn
gives Tresham the slip.

Mars leads the rest in procession, in order
... they finish like this—
Lady Bell, Puffing Billy, Gilnockie, who
finished without cheer or hiss;
Waiwera, Lingard, Mokokoko each had a
good view of the show,
Though to lose a golden five hundred it
costs too much to go slow.

"Belmont,"

Auckland, June 4, 1903.

OLD TIME SPORT.

A writer in the English "Live Stock Journal" states that M. de Saussure's account of a race meeting in 1728 gives us a good idea of the sport as it appeared to a stranger who could only describe what he saw and repeat what his friends told him; also, perhaps, the fact that he did not know the English language well may also help to explain the mistakes he makes. He says: "Racehorses are of a particular breed. Their mothers are English and their sires Arab. some of these horses are worth as much as £200. Their appearance is very elegant, supple, and slender. They must be fed with particular care, and differently from other horses, for they are very delicate. Races are held on large open spaces; a wide circuit is marked by posts sunk into the ground at certain distances. Two pillars are erected facing each other. On either of these is a seat where the judges sit, and from where they can well view the course, and it is from between these pillars that the horses start, their heads not passing each other's. It is also here that the races begin and end. The saddles are very small, and before the races commence they are weighed, so as to be all as nearly of the same weight as possible, and very light bridles are put on the horses' heads. The jockeys that ride are quite young men of a same size. They wear little shirts and tight breeches of red, blue, green, or yellow cloth, and little caps of the same colour or of black velvet.

"At a certain signal the horses start and run two miles round the marked circuit. At the beginning the jockeys sometimes hold their horses back whilst they watch their rivals, but at the end of the race they press as much as possible, and a race is often won by the skill of the rider. The horses run twice round the circuit. This is termed a 'heat.' You would hardly believe that most of these horses can run these four miles in ten or twelve minutes, and sometimes even less! They go so fast that when they pass before you, they seem to fly like the bolt of a cross bow. They do not stretch themselves out much, but they throw their legs out with incon-

ceivable speed and agility. When a race is over, the horses are covered with sweat and perspiration. The jockeys get off, throw a rug over them, and lead them about for about half an hour. Another race (heat) is then run, and sometimes a third. The horse that has won two heats out of three carries off the prize." The writer referred to—he was a young man of two or three and twenty—formed a very high opinion of English horses. "One cannot help admiring them," he says, "for they are excellent. When you travel on horseback in England it is always at a trot or at a gallop, and Englishmen hardly know what it is to go at a foot's pace. Naturally, in this way you travel very rapidly. Soon after my arrival in England, wishing to ride to Guildford, which town is thirty miles distant from London, I went to a horsedealer, and told him I wanted to hire a horse for two days. This man told me that if I had no business to keep me at Guildford I could easily return the same day, and he offered me a sorry-looking animal that did not look worth two crowns. I expostulated, but he told me to let the horse go, that I was not to press and not to stop it, and that I might be assured I should be satisfied. In truth I got to Guildford early in the day, stopped there a few hours, and was back in London at 7 in the evening. My horse never stopped going at a hand gallop both there and back, excepting on the stones and on the pavement, and there I had to let him walk, for it would have been impossible to go faster; but as soon as he was on the roads he started off at a gallop without a word from me, and required no persuasion either with the whip or the spurs. This little episode surprised me but I did not know then the worth of English horses."

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A JUGGERNAUT FETISH.

We wonder how many more men and women are to be sent to gaol by way of oblation to the fetish that hangs over the King Country! For some time past the daily papers have been inflated with letters on the prohibition question as it affects the Maoris, and because common sense and common decency, to say nothing of the rights of the subject, demand that the population of the King Country should be allowed to manage their own affairs, the prohibitionist falls back on the alleged covenant made between the Government and the natives some twenty years ago. Now it is fully time that this humbug were finally disposed of. The covenant, so-called, was only a make-believe from the first. When the Government proposed to take the railway through the King Country the natives opposed it, for the reason that they were opposed to everything in general and railways in particular. But the Government was not justified in taking any notice of this opposition, and had the lands been owned by Europeans, the opposition would have brought the objectors in collision with the law. When the Natives put their objections into a practical shape and committed an outrage upon the person of the Government surveyor, Mr Hursthouse, the time had certainly arrived for a "covenant," but it should have been made through the medium of the police and the Magistrate's Court, and the gaol might very properly have been introduced as a factor in the argument then instead of now. But because the Maoris tied up Mr Hursthouse with a plough chain and nearly starved him to death, the Government, of which the present Chief Justice was a member, decided that they were a fine-spirited people, to whom some concessions should be made. What the Natives really wanted was precisely what should never have been made, namely, an acknowledgment that the "mana" over the King Country belonged to them. Any bargain, or covenant, or compact, or anything else that recognised the sovereignty of the Maori over a portion of New Zealand was *ultra vires*. It was a great deal else, but that is enough. It is quite true that an Act of Parliament was passed giving the Governor power to proclaim prohibition in certain native districts, but it is not the Act (which was perfectly legal) upon which the teetotal extremists rely, but the alleged compact, which, if made at all, never ought to have been made, and was illogical and unlawful, and a good deal else, as we have already indicated.

But was there any "compact" at all, really and truly? If any honest man has the temerity to answer in the affirmative, he must do so with his tongue in his cheek. The facts of the case are something like this. The Maoris were wondering what sort of a quid pro quo they should demand from the Government by way of affirming their political rights, and the Rev. Mr Gittos, Mr T. B. Hill and some other teetotal philanthropists saw their opportunity. These people went to Wahanui, who was then the biggest personage at Otorohanga—a good deal bigger than Tawhiao, by the way—and suggested prohibition. The Government was to be permitted to prosecute railway works, which the Natives had no legal power to obstruct, on condition that the said Government promised to do what was impossible—that is to say, keep liquor out of the native territory. In a weak moment Wahanui agreed, and the illegal compact was made; but Wahanui was always sorry, because he was never afterwards able to depend on the quality of the grog he required for himself, unless he sent a special messenger to Kihikihi for it.

The Natives never quite forgave the busybodies who prompted them, and the vast majority would have voted for the abrogation of the "treaty" any time since it was made. To talk about a "violation of a solemn compact" with the Maoris is nonsense. The "compact" was made by a teetotal Premier, and the true issues were either ignored or misapprehended by the Natives. Also the "compact" was bad and illegal. Let us hear no more about it.

manner in which you supervised the numerous works which have been brought to a successful issue during your term of office, notably, the Queen-street improvement, the electric tramways, the fire brigade station, and water supply, thus making Auckland the most up-to-date city in New Zealand. We sincerely hope that you and Mrs Kidd may be long spared to enjoy the esteem of the inhabitants of Auckland." Mr Kidd feelingly responded, and speeches were made by Sir John Logan Campbell, Bishop Lenihan and others.

No fewer than one hundred and seventy societies of the retail trade all over England were represented at the annual conference of the Licensed Victuallers' National League, at Morecambe, the delegates present numbering some three hundred. Alderman Worrall delivered the presidential address, which dealt largely with the present crisis in the history of the Trade, and passed in review many important subjects, upon which resolutions were subsequently adopted. It was recognised that now is the time to act, when the Trade has the sympathy of the public and the Ministry are to be urged to give facilities for the passing into law this

may be made engines of great power, and the licensed victuallers throughout the country are to be warmly thanked for the handsome manner in which they have come forward during the present crisis.

The Salop licensed victuallers have been in conference at Shrewsbury, when several important matters affecting the Trade were discussed. The opinion was pretty freely expressed that Mr Butcher's Bill as it stands would not be acceptable to licensed victuallers. It was pointed out by Mr J. A. Byrne that it was a very simple matter to get a cause of complaint against any license holder, no matter how careful he might be, and therefore, it was quite possible that, through no fault of his own a license holder might be placed outside the provisions of Mr Butcher's Bill. With regard to the surrender scheme, which the justices at the last licensing sessions suggested should be formulated by the licensed victuallers of Shrewsbury, it was resolved that a joint deputation of the Salop Association and the local Brewers' Association should wait upon the chairman of the Licensing Bench to discuss the matter, and it may be hoped that the result will be, as in Birmingham, the abandonment of the scheme in view of Parliamentary action re compensation.

The Countess of Warwick, who is leasing the Saracen's Head, Dunmow, to the Essex Public-house Trust Company, has, on the invitation of the directors, joined the council of the company.

In the case of the Bruce Licensing Committee, who refused to issue any licenses, notice of motion for a mandamus to compel the committee to hear and determine applications, has been given. The case was set down for yesterday, but as there was other business. It is not likely to be reached.

At the Patea Licensing meeting last Friday, application for a license at Strathmore was withdrawn. An application for a license at Whangamomona was granted. Mr Calgher, holder of a license at Whenuakura, allowed that license to lapse, in order to get one for Whangamomona.

The complete list of hotels closed in Dunedin in accordance with the reduction vote is:—Otago, Annandale Arms, Waverley, Salutation, Mornington, Pelichet Bay, Shades, Globe, Sussex, Pier, Rising Sun, and Imperial

Hotel-keepers are often at a loss to know how to preserve cut flowers for table decorations or otherwise. Here is one means of doing so:—"Salt in the water, charcoal, or a few drops of Co. dy's fluid are all good preservatives, but in every case the stalks should be cut every time the water is changed. Another absolutely reliable preservative consists of a few drops of hartshorn; this will keep flowers fresh for nearly a fortnight."

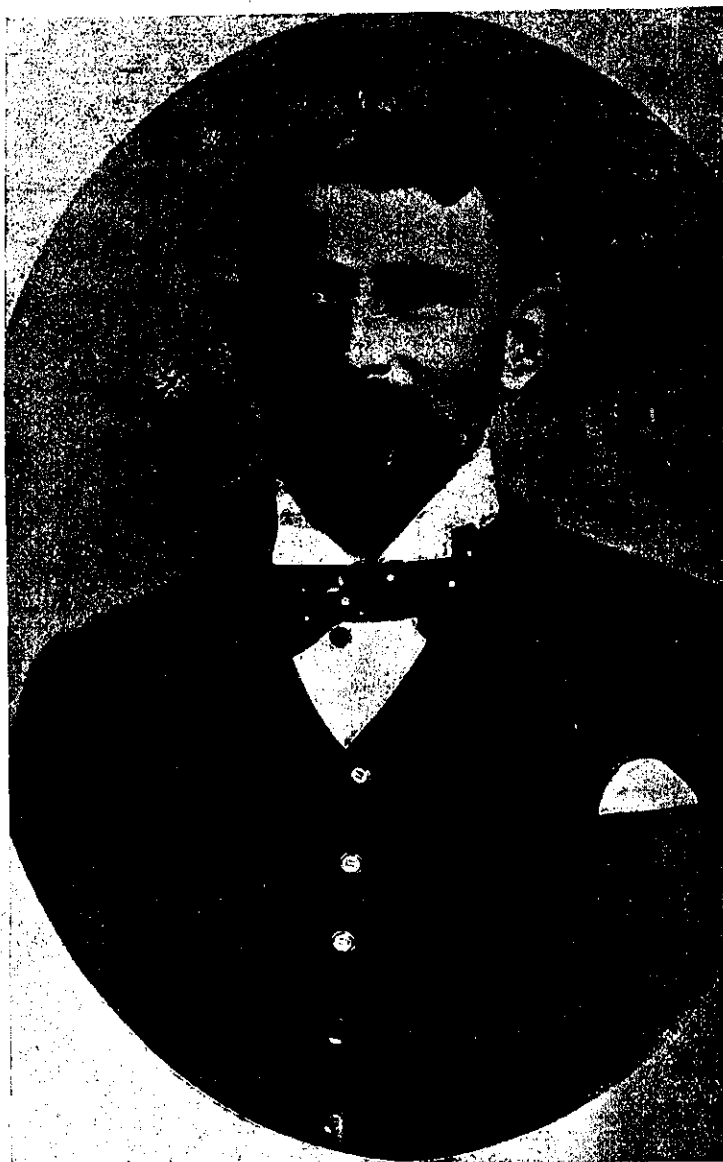
The Waikato Licensing Committee met on Saturday morning in the Courthouse, Hamilton, to consider the licenses of the three hotels in Cambridge and the Te Awamutu Hotel. The licenses were granted, but in each case conditional upon certain improvements specified by the committee being carried out.

At the adjourned meeting of the Manukau Licensing Committee, on Tuesday, a license was granted for the Criterion Hotel, Otahuhu, the plans of the new building having approved. The new house, which is to cost over £3000, is expected to be finished about the end of next month.

A renewal of the accommodation license at Miranda has been granted by the Manukau Committee, the fee being fixed at £10.

The Wellington Licensing Committee on Tuesday renewed the licenses for the Clyde, Quay, and Foresters' Arms Hotels, which are to be re-built. The question of renewing the licenses for the Imperial, Masonic, Western, and Prince of Wales Hotels was adjourned for three months.

The Semi-Teetotal Pledge Association have very kindly forwarded to the "L.V. Gazette" a specimen copy of the certificate which they are issuing to those who undertake to abstain from all intoxicating drink except at mid-day and evening meals. The idea of this organisation is to put a stop to the habit of "nipping" and "standing drinks." Lord Roberts and his committee might just as well go down to Brighton and order the wales to cease rolling. No doubt a good deal more intoxicating drink is taken by many people between meals than is good for them, but the custom of "treating" is deep rooted.



MR PERCY ISAACS, Proprietor of the Royal Hotel, Auckland.

Trade Topics

Mr A. Kidd, M.H.R., ex-Mayor, was presented with a handsome address and two valuable paintings for Mrs Kidd, at the Auckland City Council Chambers. The gathering was a most distinguished one. The Mayor (Mr Mitchelson) presided, and amongst those present were Sir John Logan Campbell, Bishop Lenihan, the Rev. Father Patterson, and Rabbi Goldstein, Messrs F. Lawry, M.H.R., W. Coleman, T. Morrin, J. Savage, J. Siator, G. Higgins, and several others. The members of the City Council present were Messrs T. T. Masefield, J. Court, and A. E. Glover. The address was as follows:—"To His Worship the Mayor, Alfred Kidd, Esq., M.H.R. We, the undersigned citizens of Auckland, cannot allow you to retire from the office of Mayor without conveying to you our deep sense of the ability you have displayed as a Councillor for many years, and subsequently in the more important position of Chief Magistrate of the city. During the eighteen years of office, twelve of which you served continuously, as chairman of several important committees, you evinced conspicuous devotion to public duty. We must congratulate you on the very efficient

season of Sir William Hart Dyke's Bill. The Parliamentary Committee of the League were authorised to take steps to secure some other mode of hearing licensing applications than that now in vogue, and it was resolved to recommend all affiliated associations to make Sunday closing a test question to candidates at all elections, and to resist to the utmost of their power any attempt to curtail the existing hours.

Another subject that cropped up was the direct representation of the retail Trade in Parliament; but this resolves itself largely into a question of ways and means, and as the requisite funds are not available, the motion on this subject, which was on the agenda, fell through. Just now the members of both the wholesale and retail trade are putting their hands pretty deeply into their pockets for the special purpose of checking the crusade of spoliation. The subscriptions announced at the Central Board dinner amounted to the magnificent sum of £11,175 of which £5000 was contributed by the retail trade. The National Defence League has to depend chiefly upon the capitation fee of 2s, and to-day its ordinary expenditure is about £200 a year more than its income. It is true that fifty new associations have been affiliated during the past four years, but the membership to-day is only 10,700, against 50,400 four years ago. The central organisations, however,

POLICE AND THE TRADE.
A TIMELY DECISION.

The appeal case of Hendry v. Rolleston was dealt with by Mr Justice Conolly in the Supreme Court, Auckland, last week. This was an appeal by the Crown against the decision of Mr Hutchison, S.M., on a charge of unduly delaying to admit the police on demand. The magistrate had decided that the prosecution had not established sufficient justification for a demand to enter.

After hearing the argument of counsel, His Honor said he was of opinion that there had not been sufficient justification proved, and the determination of the magistrate was right. There must be some justification for seeking admittance into an hotel after hours, and the magistrate had found that the facts did not show enough excuse for the entry of the police. The appeal would be dismissed.

Mr Campbell applied for costs, but Mr Tole objected strongly. He urged that it was never done. The appellant was a sergeant of police.

Mr Campbell urged that it was not right that a man should have to come to the higher court, after a judgment in his favour in the lower court, to defend the case, and then, when it was again given in his favour, not to receive the costs of the action. He contended that the provision of security for appeal in the lower court was obviously meant to protect the respondent, and should not be made nugatory.

His Honor: This is not altogether a case for costs, I think. There was undoubtedly delay in admitting the police, and there is also the law point for decision. I shall not grant costs in this case, but I do not lay it down as a rule that no costs shall be granted against the police.

TRADE BENEVOLENT FUND.

"Nothing succeeds like success." Last year, thanks to the almost superhuman efforts of Mr W. H. Chaplin, the magnificent sum of £5000 was raised for the Wine and Spirit Trades' Benevolent Society. This year, with M. Edouard Martell, head of the well-known brandy firm of that name as president, the friends of the society have gone one better, and at the anniversary dinner, held at the Trocadero last month, the secretary had the pleasure of announcing a record subscription list, amounting to £5050, including 1000 guineas from the president. The wealthy wine merchants turned up in large numbers, and a most delightful little speech was given by Monsieur Martell, who pleaded hard for the thirty-two candidates waiting election to pensions. The society was established in 1886, and from distributing some £340 in the first year, the sum had risen to £3677 within ten years, while last year the total amount given in relief was £5293. The invested funds amount to £28,600, and last year the annual subscriptions amounted to over £2000, which leaves a good amount to be made up at every anniversary festival in the shape of donations. It is gratifying to know, however, that the list of annual subscribers is increasing, no fewer than forty new names having been added to the list during the past year. ("L.V. Gazette.")

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CONCENTRATED WINE.

("The Leader.")

A recent invention is one that may possibly affect the export of Australian wine by bringing in a new competitor into the London market. For several years there has been a great over-production of thin, light bodied wines in France, through intense culture of heavy bearing varieties grafted upon vigorous American stocks. These wines are marketed when only a few months old, as they are too thin to keep for any length of time, and form the *vin ordinaire* of the better class mechanic and bourgeois. They are almost always consumed from the wood, and are to be found in all French restaurants. The price is only a few pence per gallon wholesale; in fact, the consumer can purchase from the merchant quite a palatable drink if not too fastidious for it, and even less per gallon. The outlook for the French grower has not been a happy one, as the production of this class of wine has greatly exceeded the demand. Growers have even attempted distilling their wines on a large scale to get rid of their stocks, but with very poor financial success. Wine spirit does not seem destined to successfully compete with grain spirit, except under the very exceptional surroundings of the Cognac district. The demand for heavier wines has been steady, and the price remunerative, and this is causing growers to devise a means of suiting their wines to this demand.

The manager of Chateau Tahbilk, Mr M. D'A. Burney, informs us that a machine has lately been invented which the constructor, Mons. F. Fouche, of Paris, claims will concentrate wine without destroying the bouquet and flavour. To quote his own words:—"The apparatus extracts the surplus water from the wine without affecting the colour or quality, but only subtracting a portion of the volatile acidity when desired. The operation can reduce any growth of wine to a type that can be completely uniform as far as alcoholic strength is concerned, and almost so in colour, extract, and fixed acidity." The apparatus is a somewhat complicated one, that would be impossible to describe in detail without diagrams. Briefly, the wine is partially vaporised as

soon as it enters the machine. All the alcohol is extracted from the vapour and condensed back into the wine, while the aqueous vapour is condensed separately, and run out of the machine, as it consists only of water and acetic acid, should any be present. The whole process is carried on in a vacuum, and the degree of heat required to vaporise the wine is, therefore, much reduced, and in consequence the constructor claims that there is no abnormal taste given to the wine. This latter point is more readily believed when it is understood that only a portion of a season's crop would be treated, 'as the machine concentrates to a greater extent than is usually required. For instance, if it were required to make up 1500 gallons of wine at 21 per cent. proof from a wine at 17½ per cent. 900 gallons would be concentrated to an alcoholic strength of 26 per cent., and this reduced in bulk to 600 gallons and bleached with 900 gallons untreated, and so making a total of 1500 gallons at 21 per cent. The cost the constructor claims to be roughly 2s per degree per 100 gallons. Thus, in the example given, it would cost 1d per gallon. This if a machine concentrating only 800 gallons of wine per diem is used; if the machine is larger the cost would be somewhat less. The cost includes necessary labour and fuel at French prices, and also an allowance for a sinking fund to pay for the cost of the apparatus, which, no doubt, is considerable. This estimate is sufficiently low for light bodied wines to be sold as full bodied wines at a profit.

Mr Burney, to whom we are indebted for the details just submitted, points out that the market in London for Australian wines is based upon our supplying a class of generous full bodied wines produced by practically no other country. Should the light French wines, when concentrated, meet with the requirements of the London market the Australian export trade might find in them a formidable opponent, as it would be impossible to compete in price with the heavy yields and cheap labour of the south of France. The thin French wines that are specially intended for treatment by this concentrating machine contain, however, a large percentage of fixed acidity, which would presumably be increased by concentration, which would thus render them unpalatable to the British consumer. This is a difficulty which the constructor of the concentrating apparatus does not seem to explain, luckily perhaps for the Australian grower.

THE BARMAID QUESTION IN VICTORIA.

At a convention of the Victorian Alliance at Melbourne, there was an amusing episode, touching the subject of barmaids.

Mr A. G. C. Ramsay, M.L.A., moved as follows:—

"That in view of the great evils, both physical and moral, involved in the employment of women and girls as barmaids, this conference is of opinion that the engagement of persons not at present employed in this capacity should be immediately prohibited, and that the employment of those at present engaged should cease after a reasonable notice."

A public house bar was not, he said, a place where any of them would like to have a wife or a sister employed. There were countries like the United States and Canada where public opinion prevented the employment of barmaids. An American saloon keeper had imported a number of English barmaids, but his customers very quickly caused him to send them back. Public opinion in Victoria was not in the same condition. Very little could be achieved here by moral suasion; the minority was always ready to take advantage of the absence of restraint.

Mr T. A. Rogers (Christian Citizens' League, Malvern) seconded the motion. It had, he said, been reported in "The Age" that while he had been giving his testimony on the barmaid question in Tasmania some ladies left the hall, because of the coarseness of his remarks. The fact was that the ladies left the hall because of the conduct of a number of publicans and their supporters. He had personally inquired into the barmaid question in Launceston, having gone round the bars himself to get the advantage of personal observation, and had made the assertion that seven-tenths of the barmaids were leading immoral lives. That statement was made on the strength of information received from a gentleman who had sent a report to the police commissioner. And these barmaids could be seen in the streets of the town dressed in the highest fashion.

Mrs Marks (I.O.G.T.) said she felt very much what Mr Rogers had said. She had been a temperance worker for 51 years, and belonged to Tasmania. She continued: I will defy him or any other person who has ever been to Launceston to say that you have any people walking the streets of that town as you have in Melbourne. I defy any person—

The Chairman: It was a mistake for Mr Rogers to make that statement, and it would be a still greater mistake to continue the discussion.

Mrs Marks: I am a native of Tasmania, and I have never seen in Launceston when passing a public house anything of which I could complain. I have been nearly round the world, and I hold that when you go to Tasmania you see respectable people, and you can walk the streets without being robbed. (Laughter and applause.) I feel bound to say this as I must defend my own people—the people where I belong. (Applause.)

After further discussion the motion was put and carried.

In Liverpool a license has been objected to because drink was sold on credit, or "chalked up on the slate." The bench granted the publican another chance, but stated that this offence was "one of the most serious that a licensee could commit."

The French Minister of Finance estimates the quantity of wine produced in France in 1902 at about 880,000,000 gallons, which is 31 per cent. less than in 1901, and 6.45 per cent. less than the average of the preceding decennial period. This is stated to be insufficient to meet home (France) and export demands, the deficiency being about 13,000,000 hectolitres. It is reported that the price has already been effected, and has risen to 20.28 f. (9d per gallon) per hectolitre (22 gallons) for "vin ordinaire," as compared with 15.35 f. in 1901, and 17.41 f. in 1900. At this rate the vintage will return £32,000,000 to the producers, as compared with £38,000,000 in the previous year, and £50,000,000 in 1900. The output of superior quality wine has decreased even more than that of the lower qualities. The quantity and value of superior quality wine—50 f. a hectolitre and over—and the average price for hectolitres (2s 6d per gallon) for the last three years was as follows:—1902, 836,581 hectolitres, value 55,402,876 f., the average price per hectolitre being 66.19 f.; 1901, 1,280,175 hectolitres, value 81,922,561 f., average per hectolitre, 63.40 f.; 1900, 1,825,472 hectolitres, value 122,197,000 f., average per hectolitre 67.50 f. The growers of choice vintages have suffered from the reduced output rather more than the ordinary growers, without benefiting by an equivalent rise in price. The alcoholic strength was less than in 1901.

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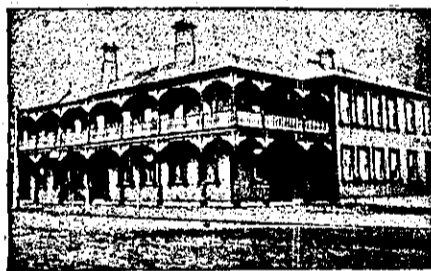
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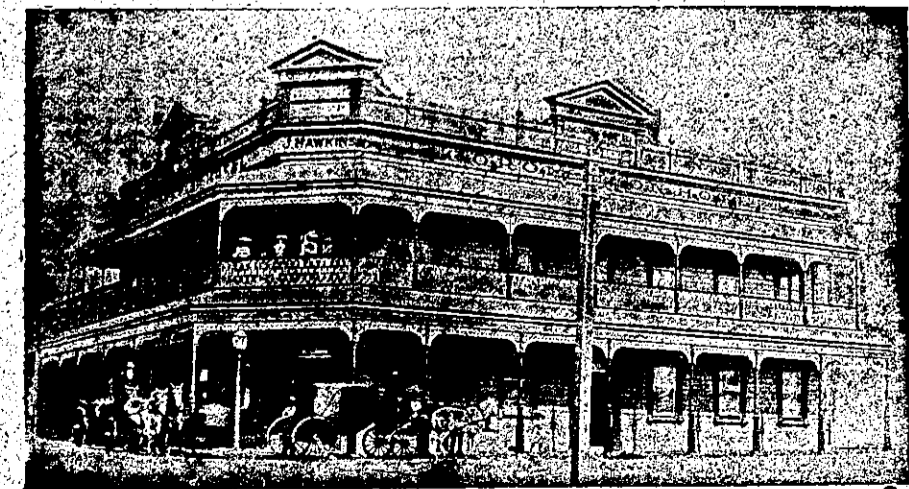


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DUNEDIN LICENSING MATTERS.

The "Dunedin Star" thus comments on the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Committee:-

"The City Licensing Committee completed their somewhat arduous labours yesterday, and probably they appreciate the relief almost as keenly as those hotel-keepers who, after a period of suspense, have received their licenses. It has been a thankless sort of task, carrying no reward save the testimony of a good conscience, and perhaps the approval of the majority of the public. The integrity and good intentions of the Committee must be assumed to be beyond question: any imputations on this score can only proceed from malice or personal resentment; and though there is more difference of opinion regarding the degree of practical intelligence displayed, we do not think that there is any ground for severe criticism. If every elector had made out a quite independent list of thirteen houses, it is likely enough that no two lists would have contained just the same names; so that a certain amount of surprise and discontent is inevitable. We feel that criticism on our part would only be justifiable if the Committee had made obvious and inexplicable blunders, and that it would be neither fair nor conducive to any useful purpose to cavil at the decisions, merely because we should probably have decided differently. The Committee have closed two or three houses possessing ample accommodation and largely used by the travelling public, but even in these cases it is reasonable to suppose that there were special circumstances which were honestly held to warrant the sentence of doom.

"There are indications that the counsels of the Stipendiary Magistrate, as chairman of the Committee, had a paramount and valuable influence upon his elective colleagues. The informal and somewhat sensational pronouncement of the first morning soon dropped out of sight. Not only was the foreshadowed method of 'clearing' particular districts abandoned in favour of the 'weeding out' process, but the elective members tacitly acquiesced in the relinquishment of what

may be termed their 'conditional' policy. Mr Carew, presumably, assured them that the law gave committees no authority to make bargains with applicants; and public opinion would hardly have approved the closing of such a hotel as Wain's merely because the Committee disliked an arrangement which the law does not forbid. Nevertheless, even as a matter of mere expediency, licensees will be well advised to fall in with the views of the Committee; and we trust that there is no truth in the rumour that all the second bars are to be continued or re-opened. The elective members of licensing committees, as well as the electors, have long memories. The Committee appear to have been satisfied that the matter of fire escape provision was being properly attended to; but we have not yet heard of any similar activity on the part of the municipal authorities in regard to board-inghouses. We shall, however, keep 'pegging away' until the present perilous state of affairs has been rectified.

One Dunedin hotelkeeper has been the victim of the reduction vote in a marked degree. We refer to Mr A. Owen. When a Reduction Committee was in office in 1897 he lost the license for the Ship Inn Hotel, and the Committee this month took away that of the Club Hotel, of which he is licensee.

It is said that the drinking of kerosene is such a growing evil in France that measures against it are proposed. The vice has long been prevalent among the natives of the Southern Pacific. To such an extent has it been carried that the importation of kerosene for drinking is an important trade in Peru and Kaiva. This is the sort of thing that would follow prohibition in this colony.

The Judge on the bench, the lordly M.P. The man on the stage, whoever he be, The lawyer so grave, the jolly Jack Tar, The stern visaged soldier who's been in the war, The hard-working man, the knowing M.D. All happen on this one point to agree: That for very bad colds the thing to procure Is W. E. Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

NATIONAL DRINK BILLS.

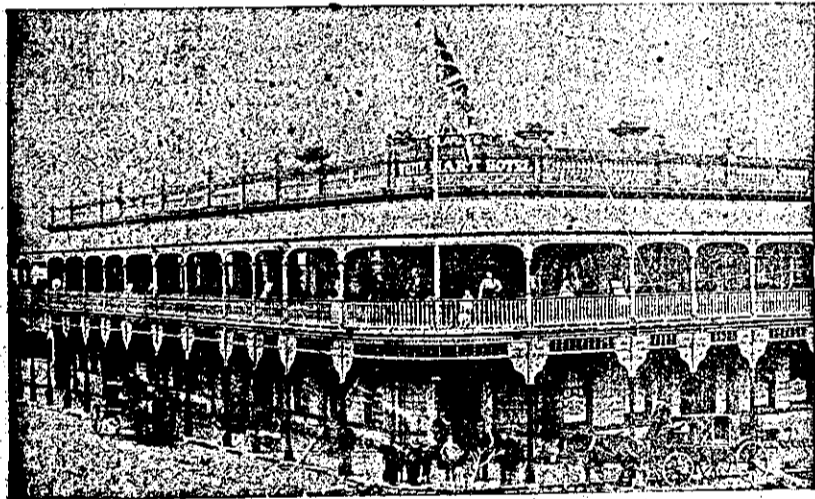
The London "Times" printed recently its annual article upon the amount of money spent in the United Kingdom on intoxicating drinks, with a comparison of the amount spent in previous years. The writer estimated the consumption of British spirits at 35,339,523 gallons, other spirits at 8,778,200 gallons, beer at 35,243,472 barrels, and wines, cider, etc., at 15,000,000 gallons. The total cost for 1902 is figured at £179,499,817. The population of the United Kingdom was stated to be 41,952,510, which would make the average drink expenditure about £4 2s per capita. The American "Grocer" prints the details of the American drink bill, and a comparison with that of the United Kingdom will be interesting. The American drink bill in 1902, including coffee, tea, and cocoa, classed as light stimulants, was stated to be £273,807,855, the population being put down at 79,038,000, which is equal to about £3 2s 6d per capita, or about 2½d per day. The cost of alcoholic and malt liquors was £234,513,047, of coffee £29,966,206, of tea £7,928,405, and of cocoa £1,400,000 or a total of £273,807,855, compared with £254,642,477 in 1901. Since 1880 the use of alcoholic beverages has nearly doubled, the consumption of coffee has risen from 8.78 pounds per capita to 13.37 pounds, while that of tea has dropped from 1.39 pounds per capita to 0.94 pounds. So far as quantity goes, the Americans are a nation of coffee-drinkers. We drink more coffee than anything else; next beer, then tea, and lastly spirits and wine. The conclusion reached by the American "Grocer" is that the American people are comparatively temperate in the use of stimulants.

The Dunedin Trades and Labour Council passed a resolution that they did not agree with the utterances of the Premier as to doing away with elective licensing committees, as these are elected by democratic vote to voice the opinion of the people. To do away with them would therefore be a blow at the democratic principle which the Council so strenuously advocated.

REDUCTION OF LICENSES.

In administering the Reduction vote from the Kaiapoi Licensing Bench, Mr H. W. Bishop, S.M., referred to what he termed the "personal" aspect in connection with either the licensees or owners of particular premises. Various considerations of a personal nature had been advanced and urged on behalf of some houses. Now, it was inevitable that some degree of hardship should be inflicted upon some person or persons in connection with the carrying out of Reduction. If that hardship was acute in any instance in which he had to deal with a house, no one would regret it more deeply than he would. He might say at once, however, that he could find nothing whatever in the Licensing Acts to warrant him in considering ownership as a material element in the deciding of the houses to be closed. It seemed to him, if he read the law aright, that there were three main questions which must be considered: (1) The accommodation provided for lodgers and travellers; (2) the convenience of the public; (3) the particular requirements of the locality. In this district, there were several houses between which there was little or nothing to choose, and this had made his task of selection very much harder than it might otherwise have been. It was an exceedingly unpleasant matter to have this personal aspect forced upon him. His duty was difficult and unpleasant enough without it. If he acted in this matter as some counsel had urged, to be logical he would have to close up first-class hotels owned by companies in preference to rattle-trap, tumble-down places owned by private individuals.

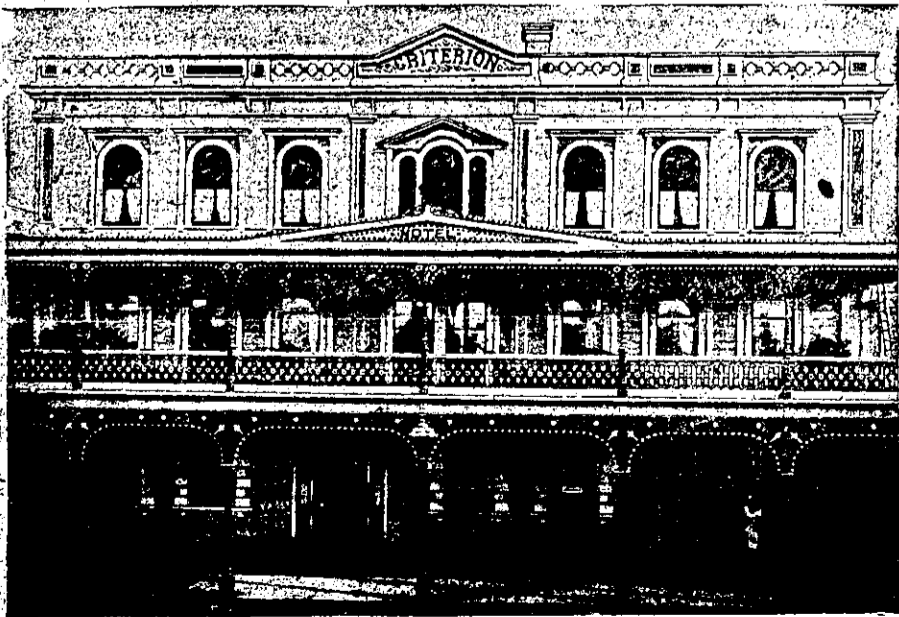
From early May to late September, These are the chilly months remember When coughs and colds do most prevail And weakened health begins to fail, And all humanity's coughing and sneezing, And bronchial tubes are stuffed and wheezing, Its time to get that mixture pure W. E. Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.



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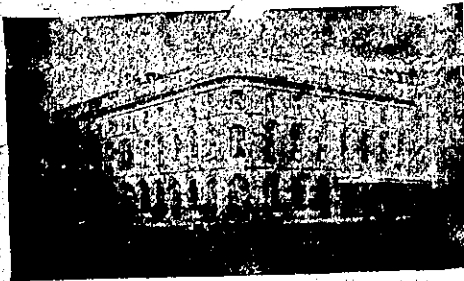
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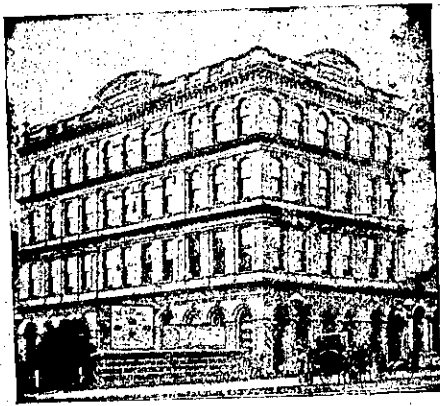
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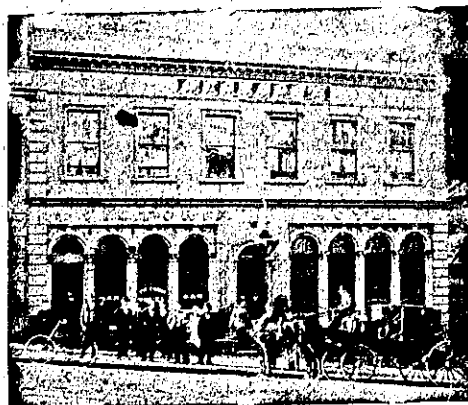
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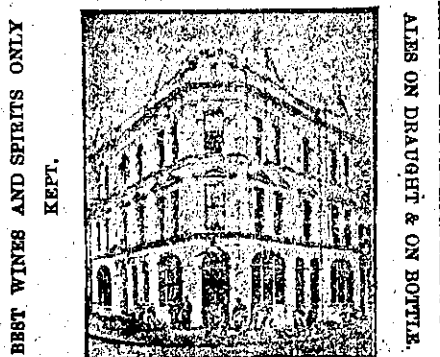
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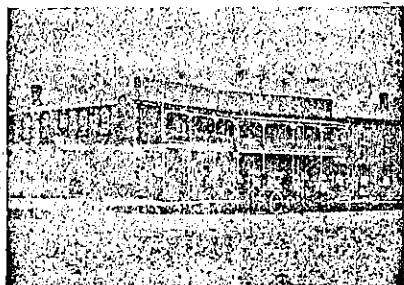
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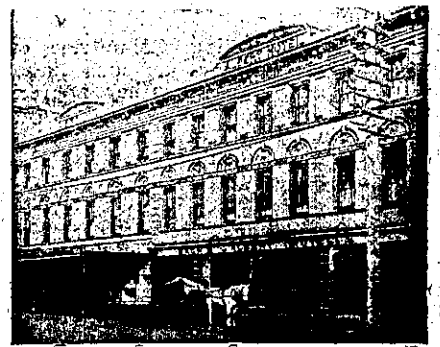
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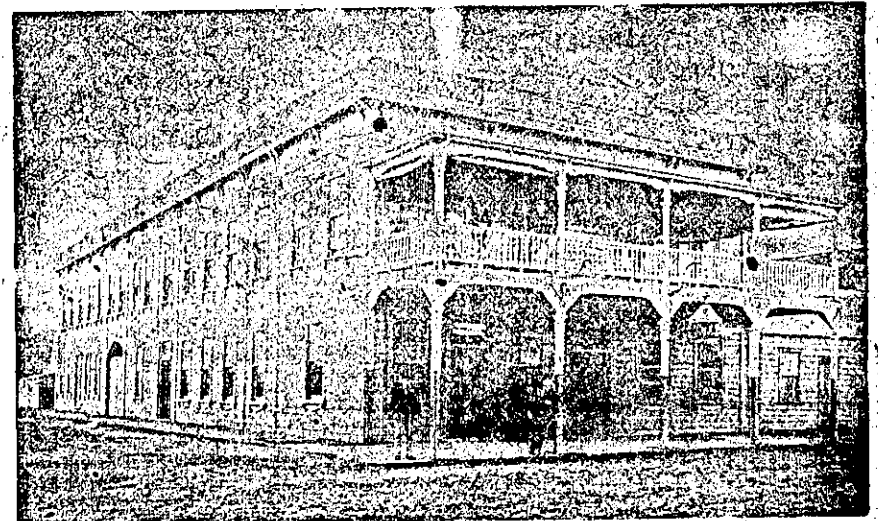
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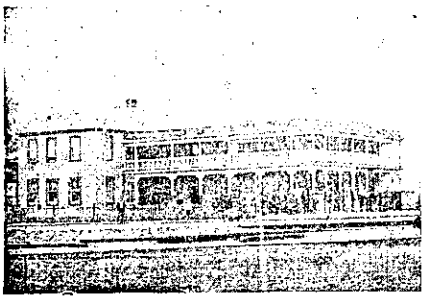
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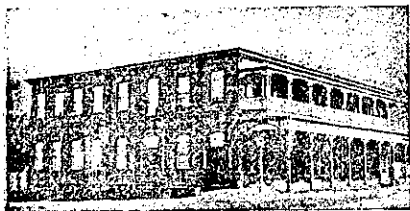


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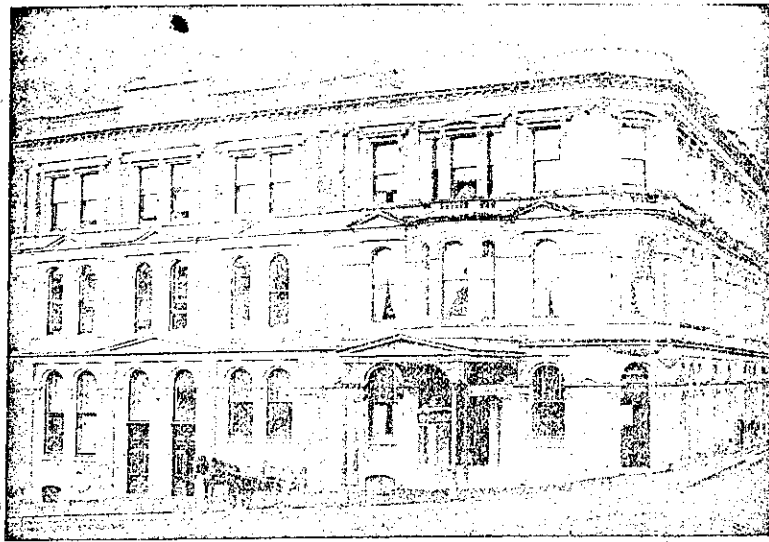
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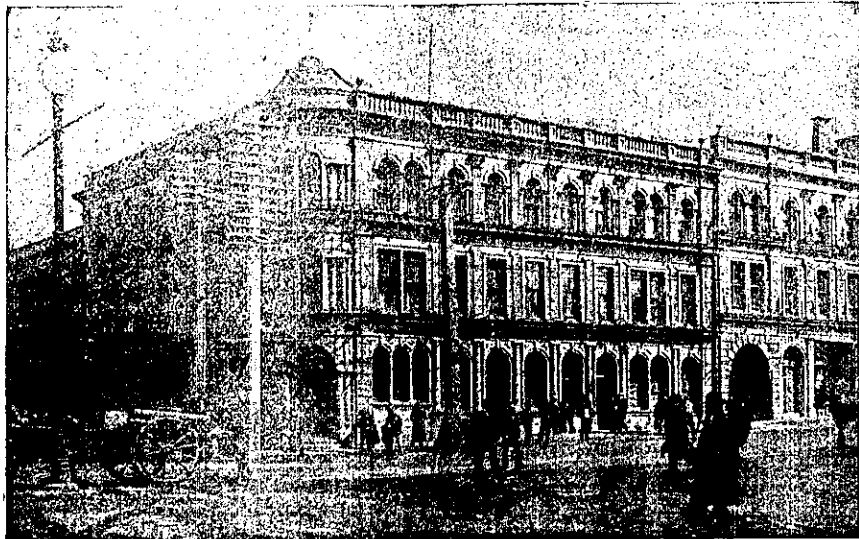
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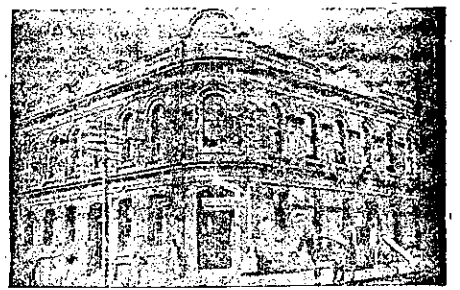
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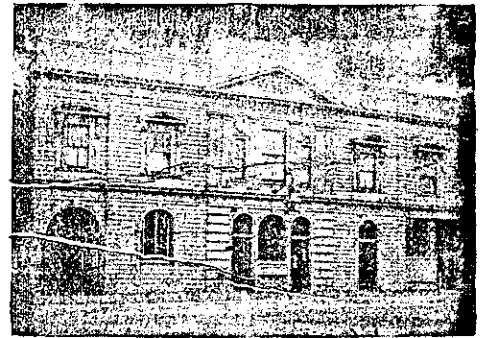
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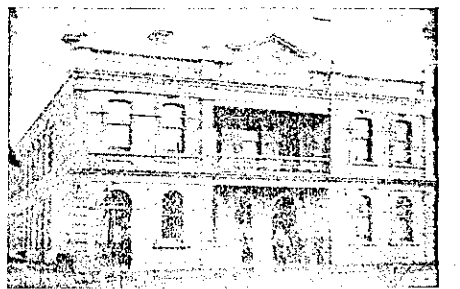


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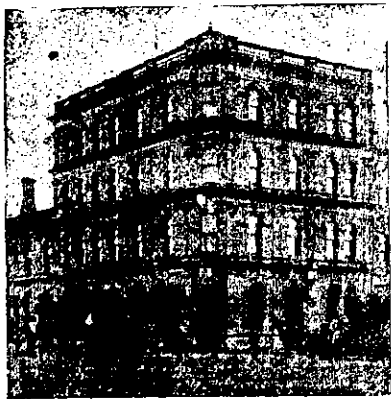
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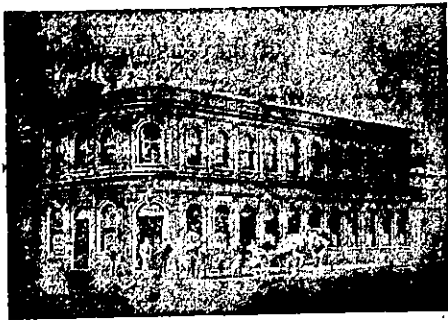
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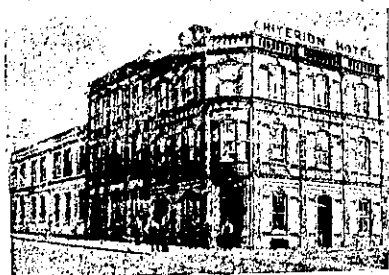
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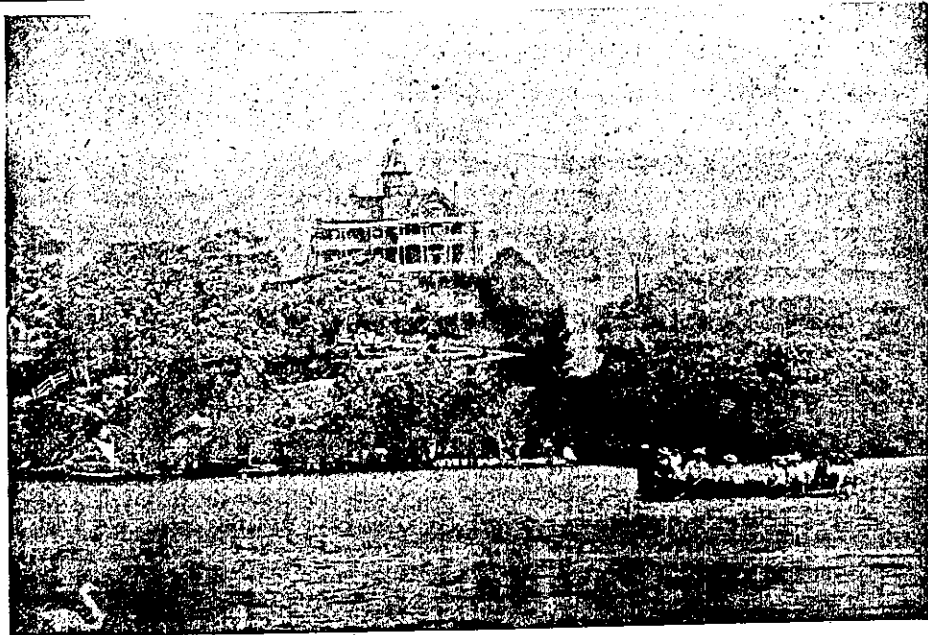
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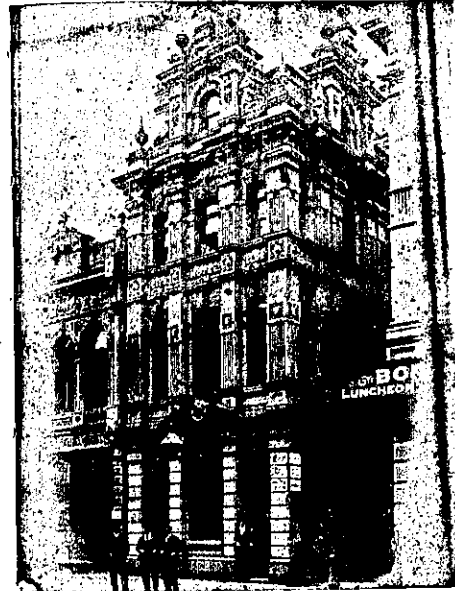
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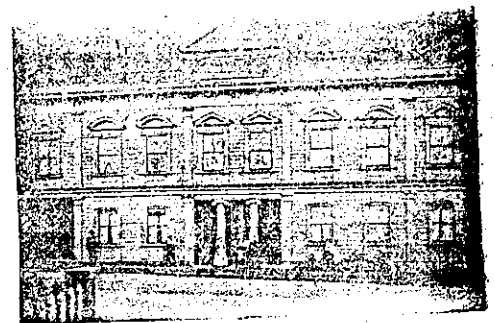
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TELEGRAPH HOTEL, OTAKI.

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PRIVATE HOTEL, which is under entirely New Management, contains upwards of 50 Rooms, well and tastefully furnished, and conducted on an up-to-date system. Good Table, large and lofty rooms, which include a billiard room for the comfort of visitors and permanent boarders. MRS MILLER ... Proprietress. Note address—70 Ingestre St., Wellington.

FAMILY HOTEL, BANGITIKI LANE, PALMERSTON NORTH.

MRS I. SMITH - Proprietress Has taken the above Hotel, and solicits a share patronage. Good Beds always available, and a first-class Table. Stabling and Safe Paddocks provided. Only the Best of Wines and Spirits in Stock. Speight's Ales on draught.

FELDLING HOTEL, KIRKCOLTON ROAD, FELDLING.

Under Patronage of His Excellency Lord Ranfurly. This favourite hostelry has been renovated and refurnished throughout. Private and Public Drawing Rooms upstairs on suite. First-class Billiard Room. The most commodious Sample Rooms between Wellington and Wangarua. The Cuisine is under the supervision of an experienced cook. Noted for best Wines, Spirits, and Beers of any house on the Coast. The Feldling Club have rooms at the above Hotel

Superior stable accommodation, with groom in charge. MARTHA HASTIE - Proprietress. W. DICKSON - Manager.

POST OFFICE HOTEL, WELLINGTON.

Best Dinner for One Shilling in the Antipodes. McCarthy's, Staple's, and Speight's Beer.

E. WILSON - Proprietor.

MANNING'S HOTEL, BROAD-STREET, PALMERSTON NORTH.

The above Hotel has been thoroughly Renovated and Re-furnished throughout, and may now be classed one of the most up-to-date on the Coast. Wines, Ales and Spirits of First-class Quality only kept in stock. Excellent Accommodation. Fine lofty rooms. First-class Table.

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 Choicest 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.

TEARO HOTEL, Willis Street, Wellington.

R. 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.

R. 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.

Patronised by His Excellency the Governor.

CLUB HOTEL, MASTERTON.

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 at 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.

WHITE HART HOTEL, MARTON

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.

CENTRAL HOTEL, OTAKI

Mr Thomas Messiter begs to inform the travelling public and friends that he has lately taken over the above, which has been renovated and furnished throughout, and offers accommodation second to none in Otaki. All liquors of the best brands obtainable. Speight's XXX Ale on Draught.

DEVINE'S EMPIRE HOTEL, MAIN STREET, PALMERSTON NORTH.

Patrons can rely on being supplied with all leading brands of Whiskies, Wines, and Brandies. Special feature: First-class luncheon from 12 o'clock to 2 p.m. for One ...

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, LAMINGTON QUAY, WELLINGTON.

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

CLUB HOTEL, MARTON.

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

EMPIRE HOTEL, FIELDING.

MR J. WAREHAM, late of the Club Hotel, Stratford, has taken over the above Hotel, and has had the same thoroughly renovated and re-furnished throughout.

POST OFFICE HOTEL, FOXTON.

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

W. F. GRAY PROPRIETOR.

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CHRISTCHURCH.

CRITERION HOTEL

NEXT THEATRE ROYAL, CHRISTCHURCH.

Best Beer, Wines, and Spirits Only Kept.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION.

Special Attention given to Theatre-goers during the intervals.

W. BURNIP PROPRIETOR.

RAILWAY HOTEL

(Close to the Station), MANCHESTER-STREET, CHRISTCHURCH.

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

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WARNER'S NEW HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z.

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

120 CAPACIOUS ROOMS—120 SUPERBLY FURNISHED THROUGHOUT

The Hotel is now Complete with every Modern Luxury and Comfort. Electric Light throughout.

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THE GLADSTONE HOTEL

(Off Papanui Road), CHRISTCHURCH. AN UP-TO-DATE HOUSE.

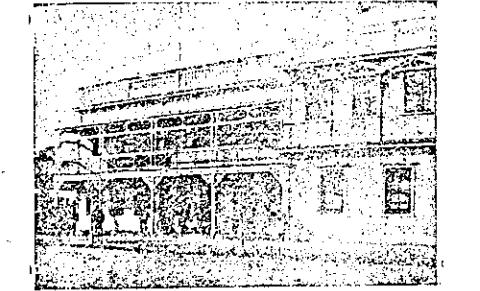
Excellent Accommodation. Liquors of Special Quality and in Great Variety.

H. PIPEE PROPRIETOR

HAWKE'S BAY PROVINCE.

PROVINCIAL HOTEL, OLIVE SQUARE, NAPIER.

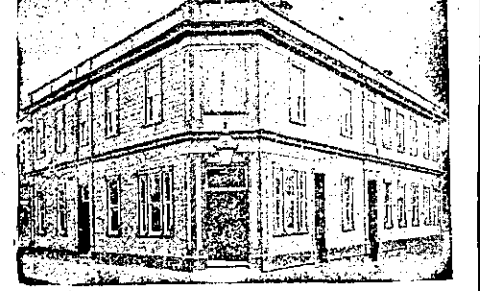
J. W. McDUFF PROPRIETOR. The above Hotel has been entirely rebuilt in brick, and furnished and fitted up in the latest and most up-to-date manner.



ALBION HOTEL, NAPIER.

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

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COMMERCIAL HOTEL, WAIPAWA.

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

W. FELLOW PROPRIETOR

EMPIRE HOTEL, WAIPAWA

G. OAKENFULL PROPRIETOR.

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

WINE, SPIRITS & BEER of the Best Quality only.

GOOD STABLES. Large Number of Loose Boxes.

PACIFIC HOTEL, HASTINGS.

A. ELLINGHAM (Late of Stortford Lodge Hotel).

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

Splendid Loose-box Accommodation for Visiting Trainers.

Telephone Communication between Napier and Hastings.

All Telegrams carefully attended to.

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UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY EARL OF RANFURLY.

MASONIC HOTEL, DANNEVIKKE, H.B.

THE LEADING FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL HOTEL IN THE DISTRICT.

First-class Accommodation. Nothing but the Best Brands of Wines and Spirits kept.

Commodious and well-lighted Sample Rooms. Porter meets all trains. Night Porter in attendance.

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Tourists, Commercials and Families will find this Hotel replete and most up-to-date. Good trout-fishing in Waipukurau and Tukituki Rivers.

Three-quarters of a mile from Hotel. Stabling and Paddock.

R. HUNT PROPRIETOR.

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(Formerly of the Havelock and Taradale Hotels).

HAS taken over the Albert Hotel, Hastings, which is now replete with every comfort and convenience.

First-class Accommodation for Boarders and Travellers. Terms Moderate. Luncheon 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Rob-Johns' Prize Ale on draught. Ward's, Speight's and Manning's in bottle. Nothing but Best Brands of Wines and Spirits stocked.

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WOODVILLE REFRESHMENT ROOMS

E. W. RUDDICK PROPRIETOR.

Mail Trains wait twenty minutes for Lunch.

The Railway passengers, going either North or South, should be acquainted with the fact that at the Woodville Refreshment Rooms they can have a good Hot Luncheon.

Railway guards will inform the traveller how much time he will have at Woodville.

POST OFFICE HOTEL

(Opposite Post Office, Main Street, Pahiatua.)

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

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

CLUB HOTEL, WOODVILLE.

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

P. M. POOL PROPRIETOR.

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TARANAKI PROVINCE

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, STRATFORD.

BEST OF ACCOMMODATION AT A VERY MODERATE RATE.

HOT AND COLD BATHS. EXCELLENT TABLE KEPT.

SPEIGHT'S XXX ALES ON DRAUGHT. Ample Stabling.

GEORGE DAVISON (late of Canterbury) PROPRIETOR

MASONIC HOTEL, WAITARA.

ROBERT KIBBY PROPRIETOR

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

WINE, BEERS AND SPIRITS OF THE BEST QUALITY.

EMPIRE HOTEL, HAWERA

MRS A. MAGUIRE PROPRIETRESS

Good Stabling, Billiards, Bath Room.

Wine, Beers and Spirits Unsurpassed.

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



RED HOUSE HOTEL

DEVON-STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH.

KDWIN WHITTLE PROPRIETOR

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

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

PAUL'S XXXX ALES ON DRAUGHT.

THE TROCADERO, PRIVATE HOTEL AND RESTAURANT.

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

Specialty adapted for the Convenience and Comfort of the Travelling Public.

Commodious and Airy Bed and Sitting Rooms. Electric Light. Hot and Cold Baths.

The Kitchen is under the Supervision of an experienced Chef. Terms: 4/6 per day.

PARKER & CO. PROPRIETORS

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.

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THE METROPOLITAN GRAND CENTRAL COFFEE PALACE AND RESTAURANT, CORNER OF DEVON AND EGMONT STREETS, NEW PLYMOUTH. Within one minute's walk of Railway Station, Post Office and Banks. Is specially adapted for the Convenience and Comfort of the Commercial and Social Travelling Public...

TARANAKI—Continued.

CLABENDON HOTEL, WAVERLEY.

THE BEST OF ACCOMMODATION FOR TRAVELLERS AND VISITORS.

Six Roomy Loose Boxes and Six Stalls.

First-class Paddock.

The Best Brands of Ales, Wines, and Spirits.

Telephone No. 6. P.O. Box No. 7.

B. T. BENNETT Proprietor.

RAILWAY HOTEL, HAWERA

The Mail Train stays here ten minutes.

Meals provided to suit all Trains.

Accommodation Good and Tariff Reasonable.

CENTRAL HOTEL, EGMENT STREET, PATEA.

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

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

MASONIC HOTEL, Bedford Street, Patea.

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

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

WANGANUI.



METROPOLITAN HOTEL, WANGANUI

ALF. MITCHELL Proprietor. This commodious and well-furnished family and commercial hotel is almost opposite railway station and town wharves. It has a lovely promenade-roof which commands a splendid view of the town. The cuisine is in charge of an experienced chef. Alf. Mitchell's name is sufficient guarantee that nothing but the best of wines and spirits will be kept. Night porter always in attendance. Visitors can rely upon getting the best of attention together with civility. Letters and telegrams punctually attended to. P.O. Box 138. Telephone 84.

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

CHAVANNES' VICTORIA HOTEL, WANGANUI.

THE TOURIST'S HOTEL.

Choicest Wines, Spirits and Cigars.

Night Porter kept.

Cook's Coupons Accepted.

Write or wire for rooms to J. S. PALMER, Proprietor.

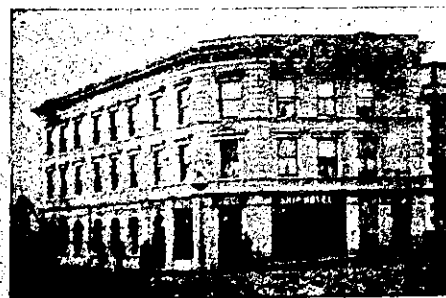
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THE COMMERCIAL HOUSE OF WAVERLEY.

EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, CUISINE AND LIQUORS.

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

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STOP AT SHIP HOTEL, TIMARU. One minute from Railway Station and Wharf. Accommodation and attendance second to none in the district. Night Porter in attendance. Special Arrangements for Weddings and Other Festive and Theatrical Parties.

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

TIMARU HOTEL

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.

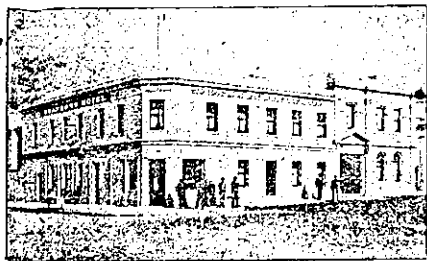
BOWLING GREEN HOTEL, CORNER OF FREDERICK AND CUMBERLAND STREETS, DUNEDIN.

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.

J. FOGARTY (late of Universal Hotel), Dunedin, and Oxford Hotel, Christchurch), MANAGER.

J. BRENNAN Proprietor.



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

BRANSON'S HOTEL.

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

VERDICT—

BRANSON'S HOTEL

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

CHAS. B. M. BRANSON Proprietor.

GLADSTONE HOTEL, MACLAGGAN STREET, DUNEDIN.

JOHN COLLINS Proprietor. (Late of Al Hotel, Pelichet Bay.) The most centrally situated Hotel in the City. First-class accommodation for Tourists, Travellers and Boarders. Suites of rooms for families. Charges moderate. A Special Feature: 1/- 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.

COACH AND HORSES HOTEL.

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

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. Balfour. 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.

BLENHEIM.

MASONIC HOTEL, BLENHEIM

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.O.T. Club. MODERATE TARIFF. J. PENNEY Proprietor.

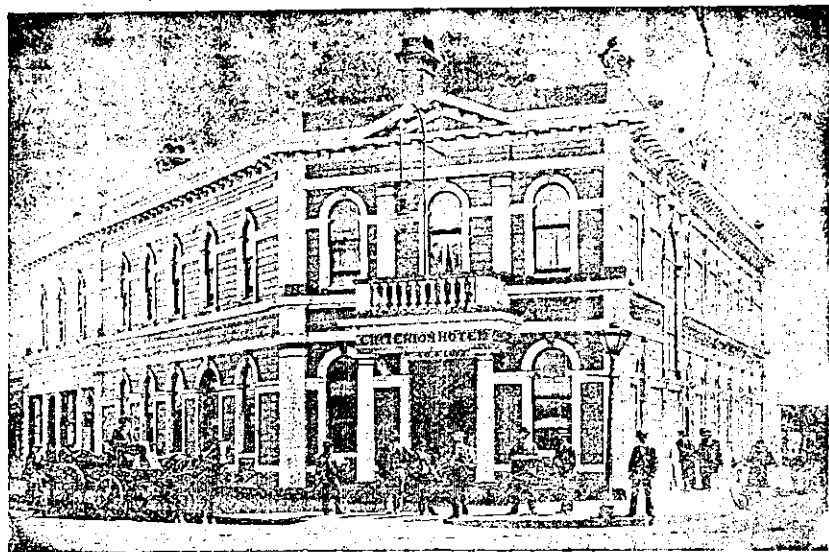
REEFTON

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.

Visiting Cardists can rely upon receiving every attention.

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

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

GLADSTONE HOTEL, REEFTON.

This Hotel, having been thoroughly renovated and re-furnished throughout, now offers Superior Accommodation at a moderate tariff. Best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Ales, etc.

TARIFF: 4/6 PER DIEM.

R. DUMPHY Proprietor

HOKITIKA.

OCCIDENTAL HOTEL, WHARF STREET, HOKITIKA.

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

TARIFF--5/- per diem, £1 1/- per week.

Mrs N. M. WOOLHOUSE, PROPRIETRESS.

PICTON

FEDERAL HOTEL, PICTON, N.Z.

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

THE Building is entirely New and of brick, with all Modern Appliances and Conveniences. The Sanitary Arrangements and Ventilation have been specially studied, and the house is First-class in every detail.

VISITORS to Picton will find that no effort will be spared to afford them comfort, whilst the Tariff is Most Moderate.

LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS RECEIVE PROMPT ATTENTION.

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

POST OFFICE HOTEL, WELLINGTON-STREET, PICTON

(Within a Minute's Walk of Post Office Wharf and Railway Station.)

C. DARVILL (late of Foxton) Proprietor

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.

WESTPORT.



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.

G. NAHR Proprietor



THE GISBORNE HOTEL, Corner of CHILDER'S ROAD and LOWE STREET, GISBORNE.

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

J. H. MARTIN Proprietor.

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