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AUCKLAND, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1903.

PRICE—THREEPENCE.



A GROUP OF JOHN F. SHERIDAN'S LADY DANCERS.



4.45 p.m. — Flying Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Winner of Spring Handicap or Guineas to carry a penalty of 7lb (not accumulative). Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY — FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, 1903.

- 12 noon.—Owen Stakes Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.
12.45 p.m.—Moutoa Hack Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight, 7st. (Vide definition of hacks, rule 44). Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. Six furlongs.
1.30 p.m.—Second Handicap Hurdle Race of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. About one mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles 3ft 6in height.
2.30 p.m.—Second Hack Hurdle Race Handicap of 75 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. (Vide definition of hacks, rule 44). Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. About one mile and three-quarters, over seven flights of hurdles, 3ft 6in in height.
3.15 p.m.—Wanganui Stakes Handicap of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and the third horse 15 sovs from the stake. Winner of Owen Stakes to carry a penalty of 5lb. Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 3 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.
4 p.m.—Railway Hack Handicap of 60 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs from the stake. Minimum weight 7st. Winner of the Moutoa Hack Handicap to carry a penalty of 5lb. (Vide definition of hacks, rule 44). Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile and a distance.
4.45 p.m.—Marangai Stakes Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs from the stake. Winner of Owen Stakes to carry a penalty of 5lb, winner of Wanganui Stakes to carry a penalty of 7lb (not accumulative). Nomination, 1 sov; acceptance, 1 sov. One mile.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, WEIGHTS, ENTRIES, AND ACCEPTANCES. With Amounts to be forwarded to Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club.

SPRING MEETING, OCTOBER 1ST AND 2ND, 1903.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, 1903, at 9 p.m. NOMINATIONS.

Spring Handicap, First Handicap Hurdles, Flying Handicap, Owen Stakes Handicap, Second Handicap Hurdles, Wanganui Stakes Handicap, Marangi Hack Handicap, Moutoa Hack Handicap, Putiki Hack Handicap, Railway Hack Handicap, First Hack Hurdle Handicap, Second Hack Hurdle Handicap, each 1 sov.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 1903 (on or about). WEIGHTS.

For Spring, Flying, First Hurdles, First Hack Hurdles, and Putiki Hack Flat.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 1903, at 9 p.m. ACCEPTANCES.

Spring Handicap, 1 sov; Wanganui Guineas, 4 sovs; First Hurdles, 1 sov; First Hack Hurdles, 1 sov; Putiki Hack Handicap, 1 sov; Flying Handicap, 2 sovs.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 1903, at the post. FINAL PAYMENT.

Wanganui Guineas, 5 sovs.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 1903 (at or about) 8 p.m. WEIGHTS.

For Second Day's Handicaps.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 1903, at 10 p.m. ACCEPTANCES.

Owen Stakes, 1 sov; Moutoa Hack Handicap, 1 sov; Second Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Second Handicap Hack Hurdles, 1 sov; Wanganui Stakes, 3 sovs; Railway Hack Flat, 1 sov; Marangai Stakes Handicap, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1903, at 9 p.m. FORFEIT.

Jackson Stakes, 1904, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1903, at 9 p.m. FORFEIT.

Jackson Stakes, 1904, 2 sovs.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

To which the attention of persons entering horses is particularly directed.

All entries, nominations, etc., will close at the Secretary's office, Wanganui, at 9 p.m., except when otherwise specified.

All entries to be addressed to the Secretary, Wanganui Jockey Club, Wanganui, entrance money enclosed, with the name, age at the time of entry, name of owner, pedigree, colours of rider, and in case of handicaps where horses have not previously started on the Wanganui Course, performances of the horse. Entrance money to be paid to the funds of the club.

Entries by telegram must give full particulars of the horse, and must be confirmed in writing at the earliest opportunity.

Owners, trainers, and others entering and accepting horses for the W.J.C. Meetings are notified that no entries or acceptances will be received unless accompanied by the necessary amount in cash.

This notification does not apply to owners and trainers who have standing arrangements with the Executive.

Owners are responsible for all penalties and allowances.

All persons intending to withdraw horses are required to give notice to that effect to the secretary one hour before the official time for starting the race.

Any person neglecting or refusing to comply with this rule shall be liable to a fine to be imposed by the Stewards, not exceeding 20 sovs to the Race Fund.

Any person running a horse in colours other than those named at the time of entry will be fined 1 sov. Stakes are paid in full.

All races to be run under the New Zealand Rules of Racing.



THE UNDERMENTIONED THOROUGHBRED STALLIONS

Will Stand this Season at SYLVIA PARK.

SEATON DELAVAL (IMP)

By Melton (winner of the English Derby and St. Leger), out of Rosedale by Rotherhill out of Moss Rose by King Tom out of Coucour de Rose by West Australian.

SEATON DELAVAL is a wonderfully successful sire, his early produce including such winners as the Champion Nonnette, Rosella, Miss Delaval, Blue Paul, Beddington, Gladisla, Porirus, Kamo, etc.

FEF—THIRTY GUINEAS.

EXPLOSION

1895.

By Courassier (full brother to Trenton) from Jadestone by Sword Dance from Onyx (dam of Nordenfeldt) by Angler from Chrysoite by Stockwell.

Winner of the Great Northern Guineas, Wellington B.C. Handicap, Bourke Memorial Handicap, Metropolitan Handicap, Wellington Handicap, Auckland summer Cup, etc.

FEF—FIFTEEN GUINEAS.

SAN FRANCISCO (IMP)

By St. Simon from Isabel.

Full Brother to St. Frusquin, the most successful sire in England to-day. Sire of Flotsam, winner of the Newmarket Stakes; Quintessence, winner of the One Thousand Guineas, and many other winners.

Table with columns for stallion names and their sire/dam information. Includes names like Vedette 19, Flying Duchess, King Tom 3, Adelina, Joskin 5, Queen Elizabeth, Parmesan 7, Archeress, and their respective sires like Voltigeur 2, Mrs Ridgeway, Irish Birdcatcher 11, etc.

FEF—FIFTEEN GUINEAS.

For full particulars, apply to L. D. NATHAN AND CO., Shortland Street.

TO LEASE FOR SEASON 1903, BAY HORSE

ST. HIPPO

1889.

By St. Leger (imp)—Hippona, by Robinson Crusoe—Lamorna.

Winner of A.R.C. Champagne Stakes, September Handicap, Auckland Cup, Derby and Plate (twice), New Zealand Cup, Hawke's Bay Guineas and Spring Handicap.

Sire of Miss Anna, St. Lawrence, Takapuna, Hylas, Maroon and Gold, Up-to-date, Gold Web, Crawler, Hikipene, Sparkling Water—all winners.

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This beautiful young horse, bred by Lord Londonderry in 1894, is a whole bay, with black points, rare quality and substance and excellent temper. He was a good performer, winning Hardwicke Stakes, Granby Stakes, Johnston's Plate at Stockbridge, Welter at Newmarket, and Belper's Plate at Derby, and went to the Stud sound in every respect.

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Springfield has the splendid record of 14 starts in 1876 and 1877, winning every time. During his whole career he was only beaten twice, each time running second, a head behind the winner.

Saintfield, a full sister to Cyrenian, produced (her first season at the stud) Carabine, a good performer, winner of a number of races including Nottingham Plate £500, and Manchester Handicap of £1,500.

Rock Sand, who has won the two great classic events, Two Thousand Guineas and Derby, in England this season, has had a particularly brilliant career. As a two-year-old, out of seven starts he only once suffered defeat, when he ran third to Flotsam and Mead in the Middle Park Plate.

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THE WELL-KNOWN THOROUGHBRED SIRE,

SOULT,

By St. Simon—Beauharnais, by Sea Saw—Josephine, by Irish Birdcatcher—Inheritas.

Soult proved himself a good performer in England, and what is better has proved himself one of the most successful horses ever imported to the colonies. In the season 1901-2 sixteen of his progeny were racing, and fifteen of them have won money (this is a record). The amount of stakes won here and in South Africa was over £3,000.

The following are a few of the races won by the descendants of Soult this season:—Avondale Stakes, GORDON ROUGE; Avondale Guineas, WAIRIKI; Hawke's Bay J.C., Hastings Stakes SANS PEUR; A.R.C. Guineas, Birthday Handicap, Great Northern Derby (in record time, 2.37), Auckland Summer Cup, Autumn Handicap (one mile and a-half, 9.5, time 2.37, easily). WAIRIKI.

Until the last season or two Soult has been quite neglected by breeders. A careful perusal of his winning stock will show they were nearly all bred at Glenora Park, clearly showing that he had very few thoroughbred mares outside his owner's.

Owners of mares who wish to patronise Soult this season are reminded that he will only serve a limited number outside his owners. His list is rapidly filling, and booking for the following season.

Mares will be bred on steamer or train and re-shipped. Grazing, 2s 3d per week.

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For further particulars apply to W. WALTERS, Glenora Park, Papakura.



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Will be AT THE SERVICE OF BREEDERS AT WELLINGTON PARK, DURING THE PRESENT SEASON:—

HOTCHKISS,

By Muaket from Petroleuse (imp.) by Oxford from Hartshorn, by Mountain Deer, etc. sire of Multiform, Uniform, Screw Gun, Forma, Osculator, Wairoangani, Battlereax, Foamula, San Patricia, Korowai, Field Battery, Royal Artillery, Field Rose, Motor, Kelburn, and numerous others.

TERMS: 30 Guineas for Single Mares and 25 Guineas for two or more mares belonging to the same owner. Only a limited number taken.

PHOEBUS APOLLO (IMP.)

By St. Simon, from Polynesia, by Berealdine from Polly Perkins, by Macaroni from Molly Carew, by Wild Dayrell. While racing on the English turf Phoebus Apollo won several good races. At three years old he won the Chesterfield Cup at Goodwood, and ran a dead heat for first honours in the Durand Plate at Epsom.

TERMS: 20 Guineas for Single Mares; 25 Guineas for two or more mares belonging to the same owner.

MENSCHIKOFF,

By Stepniak from Pibroch, by Lochiel from Fallacy, by Eldmere from Deception, by Young Plover. While racing Menschikoff proved himself one of the most brilliant colts that ever figured on the New Zealand Turf, his record being 15 wins out of 19 starts.

TERMS: 15 Guineas for Single Mares; two or more as per arrangement. A limited number of mares besides those of his owner will be taken.

BLUEJACKET,

By St Leger (imp.), dam Antelope by Apremont (imp.), from Miss Kate (imp.) by Adventurer from Sporting Life, by Prime Minister from Candewick, by the Prime Warden. Bluejacket by his deeds on the Turf proved himself the best son of that champion sire St. Leger, winning the Great Northern Derby, Auckland Cup twice, and other races, winning £3,555 in stakes. In colour Bluejacket is a good brown, and is one of the stout, muscular sort, showing plenty of quality, and has a cast iron constitution and fine temper.

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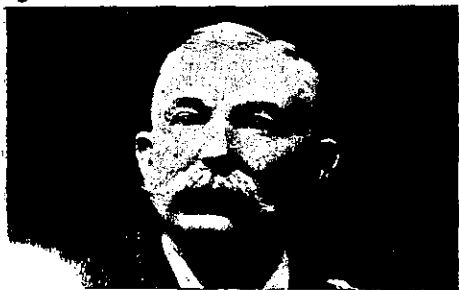
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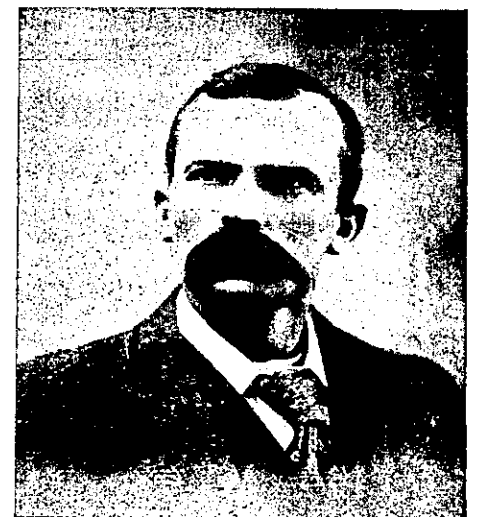
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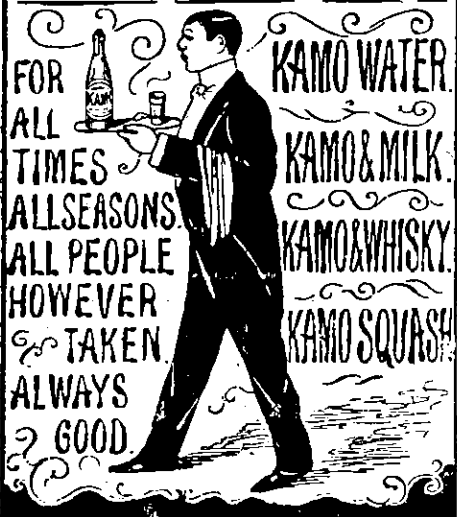
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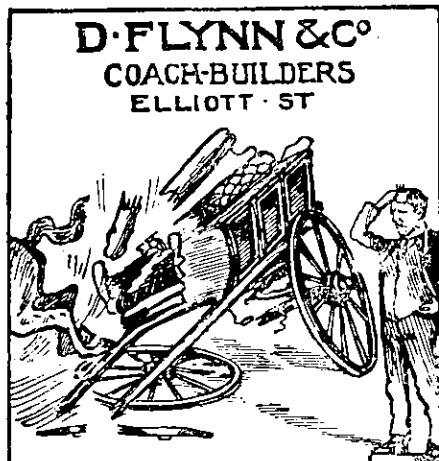
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FIXTURES

September 18, 23 and 28—Avondale J.C. Spring  
September 23 and 24—Bangitikei R.C. Spring  
October 1 and 2—Wanganui J.C. Spring Meeting  
October 7 and 8—Hawke's Bay Jockey Club  
October 13 and 14—Napier Park R.C. Spring  
October 14 and 15—Otaki Maori R.C. Spring  
October 14 and 17—Dunedin Jockey Club  
October 21 and 23—Wellington Racing Club  
October 29 and 30—Poverty Bay T.C.  
November 7, 9, and 14—Auckland Racing Club Spring  
November 7, 9, 11, and 14—Canterbury Jockey Club  
November 9—Waverley and Waitotara R.C. Annual  
December 23, 29, Jan. 1 and 2—Auckland Racing Club  
Summer

NOMINATIONS.

September 25—C.J.C. Metropolitan Meeting  
September 25—Hawke's Bay J.C. Spring  
September 28—Wellington R.C. Spring  
September 28—Otaki Maori R.C. Spring  
October 2—A.R.C. Spring, special events  
October 2—A.R.C. Summer, Auckland Cup and special  
events  
October 8—Poverty Bay T.C.  
October 7—Waverley and Waitotara R.C. Annual  
October 9—Dunedin J.C. Spring  
October 17—Poverty Bay T.C.  
October 23—A.R.C. Spring, general entries  
October 23—C.J.C. Metropolitan Meeting, general entry  
night  
November 4—C.J.C. Metropolitan Meeting  
December 11—A.R.C. Summer, general entries

WEIGHTS DECLARED.

September 28—Dunedin J.C. Spring  
October 5—Otaki Maori R.C. Spring  
October 8—Napier Park R.C. Spring  
October 10—Wellington R.C. Spring  
October 16—Wellington R.C. Spring, hack events  
October 17—Poverty Bay T.C. special events  
October 19—A.R.C. Spring, special events  
October 21—Waverley and Waitotara R.C. Annual  
October 23—A.R.C. Spring  
October 24—Poverty Bay T.C.  
October 30—C.J.C. Metropolitan Meeting  
November 7—A.R.C. Spring, second day  
November 10—A.R.C. third day  
November 20—A.R.C. Summer, Auckland Cup and  
special events

ACCEPTANCES.

September 25—Hawke's Bay J.C. Spring  
September 25—Wanganui J.C. Spring Meeting  
October 1—Wanganui J.C. Spring Meeting, second day  
October 9—Dunedin J.C. Spring  
October 9—Napier Park R.C. Spring  
October 9—Otaki Maori R.C. Spring  
October 13—Wellington R.C. Spring  
October 19—Wellington R.C. Spring, hack events  
October 23—C.J.C. Metropolitan Meeting, Stewards'  
Handicap  
October 24—Poverty Bay T.C.  
October 28—Waverley and Waitotara R.C. Annual  
October 30—A.R.C. Spring  
November 4—C.J.C. Metropolitan Meeting  
December 4—A.R.C. Summer, Auckland Cup and special  
events

FURTHER PAYMENTS.

October 23—New Zealand Cup

FINAL PAYMENTS.

October 1—Wanganui J.C. Spring Meeting, Wanganui  
Guineas  
November 4—C.J.C. New Zealand Cup, Welcome  
Stakes, Derby Stakes and Oaks Stakes

FORFEIT. 1902, 1903, 1904  
September 25—Wanganui J.C. Spring Meeting, Jackson  
Stakes, 1904  
November 6—Wanganui J.C. Spring Meeting, Jackson  
Stakes, 1904

### REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

Nominations for the Manukau Hurdles,  
City and Birthday Handicaps, to be run  
at the Auckland Racing Club's Spring  
Meeting, close with the secretary on  
October 2, at 9 p.m. General entries are  
due on October 23.

Nominations for the Auckland Cup,  
Railway Handicap, Summer Cup, A.R.C.  
Handicap, and Auckland Steeplechase, the  
big events of the Auckland Racing Club's  
Summer Meeting, close with the secretary  
on October 2, at 9 p.m.

Acceptances for the first day's events  
to be decided at the Wanganui Jockey  
Club's Spring Meeting are due to-morrow  
(Friday), September 25, at 9 p.m.

Entries for all events (except Spring  
Trial Stakes) to be run at the Wellin-  
gton Racing Club's Spring Meeting, are  
due on September 28, at 9 p.m.

Nominations for the First and Second  
County Stakes, First and Second Hur-  
dles, Spring, Flying, Makaraka and Wai-  
kanao Handicaps, to be run at the  
Spring Meeting of the Poverty Bay Turf  
Club, are due on October 3, at 9.30 p.m.  
Entries for the other races are due on  
October 17.

## Sporting and Dramatic REVIEW

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1903.

### THE AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB.

WAS THE COMMISSIONER'S HOSTILE  
REPORT JUSTIFIED?

THE New Zealand Trotting Association  
recently sent up a Commission to Auck-  
land to inquire into the management of  
the Auckland Trotting Club. The two  
gentlemen forming it accordingly paid a  
flying visit to Auckland, and the result  
of their labours has been made public.  
It was made evident at the outset that  
the Association had no legal power to  
hold any such enquiry, but the Auckland  
Trotting Club, instead of acting like a  
guilty party would have done under the  
circumstances, and jumping at this  
method of burking such investigations,  
gave on the contrary every facility to the  
Southern gentlemen to prosecute their  
mission. The result has been that on  
their return to Christchurch they have  
condemned the northern club, "lock,  
stock and barrel." Reading, however,  
through the evidence one can only marvel  
at the extraordinary conclusions arrived  
at, the only inference to be derived from  
such reading being either that the Club  
was prejudged or that the logic of the  
Commission is not what might have been  
expected.

Much capital is made of the fact that  
the secretary of the Auckland Trotting  
Club is also connected with the totalisator,  
and this is strongly condemned. The

Commission must evidently be unaware  
that a similar practice prevails in one of  
our leading racing clubs, the manage-  
ment of whose meetings would challenge  
very favourable comparison with any  
trotting meeting ever held in Christchurch  
or elsewhere. It is very apparent  
therefore that good management is not  
inseparable from such a course of pro-  
cedure. What is allowed by the Racing  
Conference should be good enough for  
the body governing trotting. A speaker  
at the Association's meeting is reported  
to have stated that as fifty gentlemen  
had joined another trotting club the  
Auckland Trotting Club must be a close  
corporation, or they would have joined  
that body. Surely this is absurd if the  
contention was raised seriously. One  
might as well argue that because a  
number of gentlemen joined, say the  
Takapuna Jockey Club, therefore the  
Auckland Racing Club was a close  
corporation. As a matter of fact during  
the history of the Auckland Trotting  
Club there has never been a single  
instance of any one with good credentials  
being refused admittance as a member.  
Furthermore, I am assured on the best  
possible authority that one of the very  
witnesses who testified as to the impos-  
sibility of his gaining admittance into  
the Club had been for two years a  
member of the Club, and had also stood  
for the committee, receiving twenty  
votes, the lowest number recorded for  
any candidate. The argument therefore  
as to the Club being a close corporation  
must immediately fall to the ground.

Another point which seems to have  
troubled the Commission is the fact that  
the offices of handicapper and starter for  
the Auckland Trotting Club are held by  
the same individual. This doubling of  
duties may possibly be unusual, but it is  
difficult to urge any weighty reason  
against it, because the starter at a  
trotting meeting, unlike a race gathering,  
is able to not only see the start but to  
also witness the finish, and such being  
the case there can be no very serious  
objection to the practice adopted by the  
local club.

There is one thing, however, that has  
to a large extent nullified any good  
which may have resulted from the  
enquiry, and that is the fact that the two  
gentlemen forming it appear to have  
gone outside the evidence submitted and  
invited opinions from other people. It  
was inevitable that if this was done  
much would be said, not so much in  
reality against the Auckland Trotting  
Club as against the sport of trotting  
itself, and the two are very apt to be  
confounded by Aucklanders who do not  
understand trotting. There is no dis-  
guising the fact that such people have  
grown to regard trotting, no matter  
whether held in Melbourne or Sydney,  
Christchurch or Auckland, as anathema,  
and for the commission to go to such  
people for an unbiased opinion on the  
conduct of meetings which they never  
attend savours of the ridiculous. Hear-  
say evidence is no evidence at all, and to  
accept the same is to stultify the whole  
work of the delegates. Would it not  
have been taking a broader view of the  
whole case and been of infinitely more  
service to the good of the cause of trotting  
if the report had given the Auckland  
Trotting Club credit for having done  
much loyal service in keeping the sport  
alive in the North, for it must not be  
forgotten that such has actually been  
the case, while at the same time pointing  
out in a friendly way any errors which  
may have arisen and which might be  
rectified? The club has done a great  
deal for trotting, and has given very  
large sums in stakes, over £2,500 being  
expended in this manner last year.  
Instead therefore of the Association  
showing such open hostility to the  
Auckland Trotting Club, as seems to  
have been the case, far more practical  
good would have been done if greater  
generosity had been extended to an  
institution which may possibly have  
some faults, for no one is perfect, but  
which has beyond question done more to  
foster and encourage trotting in Auck-  
land than the New Zealand Trotting  
Association itself. After carefully read-  
ing the report of the special meeting of  
the latter body, which was called to  
consider the report of the Commission,  
there can be little doubt that most  
impartial men must consider the case  
against the Auckland Trotting Club as  
"not proven."

# Sporting Topics.

(By "Gillie.")

Nominations for the Auckland Cup are due on Friday, October 2.

Carbine's daughter Mangonui has been retired, and will be mated with San Fran at Te Mahanga.

There are fifty-three brood mares, three stallions and thirty-six yearlings at Karamu, the well-known Hawke's Bay stud farm.

Mr G. G. Stead returned from Sydney yesterday by the Warrimoo. Cruciform, Orloff, Barley Bree and Curfew Bell came over by the same steamer.

There has been nothing more curious this year than the failure of the American stables to win races, and the consequent disposition of people in England to decry American systems of training and American trainers.

The Auckland champion, Wairiki, was shipped South by the Talune on Tuesday. With the son of Sout went J. McHugh, the trainer, and J. Gainsford, who will ride the horse in his C.J.C. engagements.

The annual general meeting of the Takapuaa Jockey Club will take place tomorrow (Friday), at 8 p.m., at Devonport. The chief business will be to receive the statement of accounts and to elect three members of committee.

There is a strong feeling of indignation in sporting circles at the finding of the New Zealand Trotting Association Commission in connection with the Auckland Trotting Club. As the great bulk of the club's witnesses were not even heard, the whole inquiry is looked upon as a perfect farce.

In an exhibition billiard match, at Nelson on Tuesday between H. W. Stevenson, the ex-champion of England, and a local player, of 1000 up, Stevenson conceding his opponent 700 points, the local player won, Stevenson scoring 922. Stevenson's best breaks were 183 and 87.

At a meeting of the Irish Turf Club, held at the Curragh, Lord Inniskillen succeeded in getting the following resolution passed:—"Should the starter consider that, through any faulty action of the starting gate, a fair start has not been effected, he shall declare it no start, and order the jockeys, by means of a recall flag, to return to the post. The starter's decision on this point shall be final."

The sensational rumour that the Cup candidate Halberdier had broken down seems fortunately to have been without foundation. It transpires that last year's winner suffered a trifling injury, but it has not affected him, and his work continues to be of the sound order. Everyone will hope that he is able to see the post fit and well, in which case he will be by no means friendless.

A cable states that at the settling on the Spring Meeting, Mr W. P. Crick said that he had backed Ossian for the Melbourne Cup to win £42,000, down to 100 to 5. He also backed the combination, Scots Guard and Ossian for the two Cups for £30,000, at 1000 to 2. This is the gentleman who is against the introduction of the totalisator into New South Wales because it may encourage gambling. The ancient maxim that "example is better than precept" evidently finds no favour with him.

The A.J.C. Derby winner's dam, Wilga, was bred by the Hon. George Lee. In her two-year-old days Wilga carried the late Mr Donald Wallace's colours, and was a very smart filly out in a smart year. She ran third to The Admiral and Utter in the Maribyrnong Plate, and in the autumn she bowled over Titan, the greatest two-year-old Australia has known, in the Champagne Stakes. When she retired to the stud Wilga was tried with Carbine, Bill of Portland, and Padlock, but failed with all. Then she fell into Mr John M'Donald's hands, in foal to Havoc, and bred him his first Derby winner Belah.

The Wanganui Jockey Club will hold the Spring Meeting next Thursday and Friday, and there is every indication that the gathering will prove a great success. Owing to the fact that the acceptances are not due till to-morrow it is impossible to forecast results, but those which appear to be possessed of good chances are Ringman and Shrapnel in the Spring Handicap, Treadmill in the Wanganui Guineas, Mourner or Waiwera in the Hurdle Race, Handsome Rose in the Putiki Hack Race, Minekura in the Hack Hurdles, and Black Reynard or Neoti in the Flying Handicap.

When the last mail to hand left England St. Prusquin, by St. Simon, headed the list of winning stallions made up to August 8. St. Prusquin's total was £19,892 for twenty-one races won by fourteen of his progeny. Thanks to Ard Patrick, St. Florian, by St. Simon, was second. Then followed Gallinule (by Isonomy), Sainfoin (by Springfield), Persimmon (by St. Simon), Juggler (by Touchet), Ayrshire (by Hampton), Ladas (by Hampton), Rightaway (by Wisdom), Rightaway (by Wisdom), Amphion (by Speculum or Rosebery), Love Wisely (by Wisdom), St. Angelo (by Clairvaux or Galopin), Martagon (by Bend Or), Royal Hampton (by Hampton), Kilwarlin (by Lord Gough), Bay Ronald (by Hampton), Melton (by Master Kildare).

In resigning his position as secretary to the Wellington Racing Club, Mr J. F. Clark sent the following letter to the President of the Club, Mr J. B. Harcourt:—"My Dear Sir,—I desire to tender to you my resignation of the office of secretary, and am prepared to be relieved of the duties pertaining to the same at any time within the next three months. Should the club desire, I will be most happy to see the Spring Meeting over in my old capacity, and generally to place my best services at the club's disposal in whatever direction yourself and the stewards may require, up to the expiration of the period just mentioned. I shall take a later opportunity of availing myself of the pleasure of acknowledging the many kindnesses and consistent consideration which I have all along received from yourself, your predecessors in office, and the past and present stewards, extending back to the time when I was appointed in March, 1901."

With a view to providing an additional attraction at the Spring or Summer Meetings of the Wellington Racing Club, the President of the Club cabled on Saturday to Mr G. G. Stead, at Sydney, stating:—"Owners agreeable to start Achilles in a £500 sweepstake, with £500 added by the Wellington Racing Club and 100-guinea Cup, at Wellington on October 23 or January 22, one mile and a quarter, weight-for-age, provided Ibox and Cruciform are starters. If you can arrange, I suggest you also invite Wakeful, Abundance, Treadmill and Wairiki." The time was too short apparently for a cable was received stating that it would be impossible. If it could only be brought about what a race it would be. If it could not be fixed up in time for the Wellington Meeting what an immense draw such a contest would prove if added to the programme of say the Summer Meeting of the Auckland Racing Club. It would be indeed a battle of champions.

In the course of the week, prior to the last English mail leaving home, W. Lane won nine races and brought his score to 90. A little while ago Halsey and Madden appeared likely to overtake him (says the "Sportsman"), but he has gone away again with a substantial lead, and Halsey, his nearest attendant, has now a leeway of 22 to make up, while Madden is 25 behind. Trigg continues in fourth place and is within one of 50, and M. Cannon and Watts show the next best totals. Several other riders are very much together at 30 and over.

It is very satisfactory to note that the two first runners by Flying Fox have both made winning debuts at Deauville, and it would seem that the very sensational son of Orme and Vampire is going worthily to maintain the traditions of the great line through which he descends from Stockwell and achieve great stud success at the earliest possible opportunity—These two-year-old winners by Flying Fox were sired by him when he was only a four-year-old.

Muthema and Nervine were the first two of the descendants of imported Phoebus Apollo to race, and no doubt Mr Morrin was pleased to learn that one of them won at the first time of asking. As a yearling the winner did not greatly impress me, although she was a good doer, being known by the stable name of "Fatty." Got by the imported son of St. Simon and Polynesia, Muthema is out of Reproach, a mare bred by Mr Walters, being got by Fitzhercules from Slander, by Bay Camden from Annie Laurie, by Cap-a-pie. Muthema only cost 40 guineas at the annual sale.

In describing the race for the Epsom Handicap, "Milroy" says:—"Ibox started second favourite, but why he was backed to that position in the betting is a puzzle, for it was patent to all that this champion among sprinters was still very backward and short of work, but he ran well, and with another month's work should be back to his best form again." As Ibox was found good enough to concede five pounds and a beating to both Wakeful and Cruciform, it seems evident there cannot have been much amiss with the flying son of Gossoon and Angora.

Glenaladale has gone amiss, and will be treated to a lengthy spell.

Good accounts reach me from Dunedin of the two-year-old filly by Seaton Delaval from Bragella who is reported to be coming on very nicely indeed.

The five-year-old mare Scylla, by Stepiak from Whirlpool, died last Sunday. Out of sixteen starts she won on seven occasions, and her death is a big loss to Mr H. Friedlander.

Oma, a five-year-old mare by The Harvester out of the Fortune Teller, accompanied the stallion Dirk Hammerhand (Carlyon—Lady Doris) from Melbourne. The latter should make a name for himself in the Waimate district.

The news of Mr J. F. Clark's retirement from the secretaryship of the Wellington Racing Club came as a great surprise to Auckland sportsmen. Mr Clark was an exceedingly able and popular officer, and his place will be hard to fill. I understand he will retain office until after the Spring Meeting.

The representative football match, Auckland v. Hawke's Bay, was played at Napier on Tuesday. The visitors had the best of the game all through. In the last half of the second spell the Hawke's Bay men went to pieces, the game ending in a win for Auckland by 20 points to 3. The forwards were fairly equally matched, but the Northern backs simply ran over the local backs at the finish.

Bloome, in his "History of the World," published in 1670, writing of Egypt, says:—"They have in the country a Race of Horses, which for one property may be esteemed the best in the world; that is, they will run without eating or drinking one jot, four days and nights together. And there are some Egyptians, which with the help of a Sway bound about their body, and carrying with them a little food to eat, are able to ride them. For shape, these horses do not surpass others, and for this property they are held so rare, and esteemed, at three years of age, to be worth a thousand pieces of Eight, and sometimes more. And for this breed of horses there are Officers appointed to look after them, and to see the Foles of them, and to register them in a book with the colour, etc., which they receive from the testimony of credible persons, to avoid cheats. But these horses are not fit for any other than such a sandy country, by reason of their tender feet."

A good deal of the glamour attaching to Cruciform's victory over the Australian mare Wakeful in the Spring Stakes has been removed by the subsequent running of the latter. Her easy defeat in the Craven Plate seemed to suggest that she was hardly herself, and this was further emphasised by Lord Cardigan fairly romping over her in the Randwick Plate. In the course of a chat with Mr O'Driscoll, the owner of Waiwera, who was present at the A.J.C. Meeting, he told me that in his opinion the mare was not fit to undertake such a hard gallop as she was called on for in the Spring Stakes, and it did her a lot of harm. Wakeful was also suffering from a slight ailment, and the returned New Plymouth sportsman was not in the least surprised to hear of her final easy defeat. We can certainly point to the fast time for the first race, but the time test is by no means infallible.

The imported Shetland stallion Sir Hercules, as may be seen in our advertising columns, is to stand this season at Sylvia Park. As there are few of his class in the Colony many breeders may not be aware that the intermingling of the Shetland blood with that of other breeds has for a considerable time been studied with surprising results. The advantage of breeding to such a horse is that the produce may, to a great degree, be foretold. Small children's ponies are produced by keeping to the pure breed or crossing with the Timor. Stock horses for youths, light-weights, and buggy ponies are obtained from ordinary pony mares. A dash of blood imparts speed and activity. To produce the polo pony, mares are selected considerably bigger than the horse, in order to bring the offspring up to standard height. The representative of Tighe Bros., Bullaliby, birthplace of the pony in question, where such horses have been carefully bred for the past forty years, informs me that the full-grown progeny usually stand in height midway between the horse and dam, or in other words, that to gain his inches in height the mare must be a full hand higher than the horse. Many breeders, where it is found necessary to give a large mare a partial rest without ceasing altogether to produce, breed to such horses, while believers in the saturation theory maintain that robustness of constitution and general hardihood is imparted.

The Avondale Jockey Club put through the totalisator the sum of £5711 on the first day of the Spring Meeting, a decrease of £45 on the corresponding day last year.

Famous, the Epsom Handicap winner, and one of the finest looking horses in Australia, has the shortest pedigree of any big winner of our time. He is by Grafton from Vanity, by Marvellous, from a Gemma of Vergy mare, next dam by Cheddar (imp.), and g g g dam by New Warrior. That is all that is known of his breeding.

Mr "Dolf" Davis looked a pleased man on Saturday, at Avondale, when the descendants of Seaton Delaval kept rolling home. Lavadal led off for the Sylvia Park sire in the Maiden Plate, Idas kept the ball rolling in the Cup, while Kamo helped to keep things moving in the Flying Stakes. Altogether it was a good commencement for the season for the son of Melton and Rosedale.

Mr J. Beckett returned from a trip to Australia on Monday, and is now prepared to see clients on all forthcoming events. He says that sport of all sorts appears to be booming on the other side, where the effect of the drought is rapidly being shaken off. Mr Beckett thinks, however, that the racehorse has somewhat degenerated, and did not see what he considered a real champion out; this, he thinks, in a large measure accounts for the career of victory of Wakeful, with whose looks he was much disappointed.

## LATE RACING.

### AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

#### SECOND DAY.

The second day's racing of the Avondale J.C. was brought off yesterday under very pleasant weather conditions, the attendance being good. The following were the results:—

#### HURDLE RACE.

Spalpeen, 10.8 (Wilson) ..... 1  
Crespin, 9.0 (Howard) ..... 2  
Tim, 10.10 (Connell) ..... 3  
All started. Won by two lengths. Time, 3min 32 1-5sec. Dividends, £1 11s and £4 3s.

#### PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP.

Muskerdale, 7.4 (Deely) ..... 1  
Strathavon, 8.10 (Pereival) ..... 2  
Miss Lottie, 7.7 (Cress) ..... 3  
Scratched: Defender, Camille, Bobs.  
Won by a length. Time, 1min 33 3-5 sec. Dividends, £4 7s and £1 1s.

#### AVONDALE GUINEAS.

Ropa (Ryan) ..... 1  
Rose Shield (Taylor) ..... 2  
Idasa (Deely) ..... 3  
Other starters: Kamo, Agrapus, Merry Sout and Onewa.  
Won by half-a-length. Time, 1min 50 1-5sec. Dividends, £2 15s and 9s.

#### NURSERY HANDICAP.

Kilmarnock, 8.8 (Buchanan) ..... 1  
Love Link, 7.2 (Satman) ..... 2  
Promotion, 8.0 (Speakman) ..... 3  
Also started: King Paul, Rose Sealton, Stromness, Pansy Blossom.  
Won by a length. Time, 52 3-5sec. Dividends, £1 12s and £1 9s.

#### PONY HANDICAP.

Sonoma, 7.1 (Deeley) ..... 1  
Lottie, 8.0 (Mooney) ..... 2  
Orange and Blue, 10.6 (O'Connell) 3  
Also started: Girton Girl, Sentinel, Vulpine, Wandering Jew, Solitary, Sweet Marie, Rapid, Little Mabel.  
Won by a neck. Time, 1min 6 2-5 sec. Dividends, £3 5s and £3 13s.

#### PLUMPTON HANDICAP.

Idas, 7.10 (Ryan) ..... 1  
Soutfish, 6.7 (Cotton) ..... 2  
The Needle, 8.3 (Bird) ..... 3  
Also started: Durable, Val Rosa, Swagsman, Camille.  
Won by two lengths. Time, 1min 47 1-5sec. Dividends, £1 14s and £3 5s.

#### HACK HANDICAP.

Waipuna, 7.3 (Bird) ..... 1  
Simple Simon, 7.0 (Satman) ..... 2  
Bonomiana, 6.12 (Cotton) ..... 3  
Also started: Rongoa, Loch Lomond, Ngaroto, Redeemed.  
Won by a length and a half. Time, 1min 21sec. Dividends, £1 12s and 18s.

#### MOUNT ALBERT HANDICAP.

Muskerdale, 7.11 (Deeley) ..... 1  
Miss Lottie, 7.8 (Cress) ..... 2  
Orange and Blue, 8.0 (Speakman) 3  
Also started: St. Olga, Cygnet, Lavadel, Lady Bobs, Rex, Noteorini.  
Won by a length and a half. Time, 1min 19sec. Dividends, £2 14s and £2 7s.

## AFTER THE RACES.

### AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

#### NOTES ON THE FIRST DAY'S RACING.

(By "The Judge.")

The first meeting of the season may always be depended on to draw a large number of people, and therefore I was not surprised to find that the attendance at Avondale on Saturday was quite up to expectations. To say that those who made the trip out enjoyed themselves is, however, another thing. I must confess to having something of a weakness for the Avondale course, but there is no gainsaying the fact that in cold weather there are few bleaker spots around Auckland. On Saturday a regular wintry breeze was blowing, and there seemed no escape from its chilly attentions. Some of the ladies, who had risked wearing their new spring dresses, must have rued their rashness, for if there was one bleaker spot than another it was on the stand, when even those who were well wrapped up must have wished themselves back at home.

In the opening event nothing pleased the punters so much as Onewa and Maoriland, but neither succeeded in getting a place. First honours fell to the Seaton Delaval horse Lavadel, who, coming at the right moment, won very comfortably from Aka Aka and Leo Delaval.

With Haydn engaging five moderates in the Hurdle Race, it was very certain who would rule as favourite, and the confidence in the son of Sou'wester was not misplaced, for he won very easily, Tim being the only one to offer any sort of opposition to the top-weight.

Making as they were their first appearance in public, the youngsters in the Avondale Stakes came in for a lot of attention when saddling up preparations were commenced. Perhaps Kilmarnock held the biggest levee, for the Ellerslie cognoscenti were very sweet on his chances. He is certainly a very commanding looking colt, coal black in colour, without a white mark anywhere, reminding me rather strongly of Sir George Clifford's champion Treadmill. I was greatly taken with Messrs Nathan's colt Beau Seaton, who looked a perfect aristocrat compared to the actual winner. This son of Seaton Delaval is, to use a homely simile, "as handsome as paint," and his nomenclature was a very happy inspiration. Muthema, compared to the two mentioned, looked quite a commoner, her rough coat, ragged hocks, and enlarged fetlock detracting a good deal from her appearance. When pulled to pieces, however, many good points speedily became apparent, while her even temper was tested when the snapshotters were at work getting pictures of her with the coveted blue ribbon round her neck.

With a numerous field of highly-strung two-year-olds making their first attempt to race, it was almost inevitable that the start would be a ragged one, and so indeed it proved, for before they had travelled a furlong the field was spread-eagled. Beau Seaton held a commanding position on the rails as the leaders turned into the straight, but at the distance Muthema shot out, and galloping in great heart won easily by quite two lengths. Kilmarnock came very fast under the whip in the last hundred yards, but just failed to reach Beau Seaton, with Love Link fourth, and the others anywhere.

There have been few more open events run at Avondale than was the Cup. Out of the thirteen runners at least eight appeared to have excellent winning prospects. The actual favourite at the start was Romeo, with Marshall Soult, Idas, Torchon, Val Rosa and Putty backed in that order. The race was a very good one, the issue remaining in doubt to within a hundred yards from the post. Romeo made matters very merry for a mile, and his admirers commenced to loudly proclaim his victory. Want of condition, however, then told its tale, and when Dolores challenged him she was soon at the head of the field. At the distance it looked as though she might win, but Idas came along with a wet sail and won comfortably from the black daughter of Freedom, while Putty, who finished fast, beat a bunch for third place.

Idas' win in the Avondale Cup hardly came as a surprise, for she started third favourite. Before half-a-mile had been run Satman was hard at work on the little daughter of Seaton Delaval but, although possibly lacking pace, she is a genuine stayer, and from last place she had run up to third when the straight was entered. When called on for a further effort she came very fast, and won handsily.

In the Hack Race Porangi, who was made favourite, jumped away in front, and was never troubled, although the badly-named Neteorini chased the son of St. Hippo home.

Nor-west was very hot for the Steeplechase, but "the carthorse," as I heard

him described, not only jumped badly, but seemed also to be troubled with the slows. Kanaka took the field along all dropped on by the public as being good by several lengths from Putting Billy. McGregor had the mount on the winner, riding a good race all through.

That consistent mare Girton Girl was dropped on by the public as being good enough to take even money about for the Pony Handicap. Jumping off in her usual style at the head of the field she looked to have the others at her mercy at the distance. Julian took matters a bit easy on the chestnut, and when Mooncv brought Lottic with a late run Mr Marshall's mare was very nearly caught on the post, but was just got going again in time to win by a neck, with Sweet Marie three lengths off third.

The public dropped on to Kamo as something pretty solid for the Flying stakes, although not a few stuck to Ropa and Cygnet. The latter was in a nice position till a hundred yards from home, when the favourite, who had been in a bad place, came with a wet sheet, and leaving everything standing won in a canter by two lengths from Ropa, who finished very gamely under the whip.

## ROUND THE STABLES.

### A VISIT TO J. H. PROSSER'S STABLE, PORIRUA.

(By Our Wellington Correspondent.)

An early morning train saw me at Porirua last Wednesday. My object was, with the kind permission of Mr J. Prosser, to look over the occupants of the numerous boxes at Mataiwetu. Mr Prosser's establishment is the most extensive in the district, as there is accommodation for twenty-five horses, also numerous small paddocks. The occupant of the first box thrown open was the black horse Ghoorka, by Lochiel—Fiancee. His black coat shone like satin, proving that he was in the best of health. Ghoorka went slightly sore last summer, and was given a rest. He has displayed no signs of soreness this season, but unfortunately developed a slight swelling in his off hock, but this is fast disappearing and he has been continued in his work. He has furnished into a stylish, compact horse, standing 15.3 high, and should he train on, will no doubt repeat his brilliant early form.

Exmoor, a chestnut gelding by Grafton—La Vivandiere, is a different stamp entirely. He stands quite 16.2 in height, and in contrast to Ghoorka his coat is harsh. Exmoor is a powerful loose made horse standing over plenty of ground, with good quarters, clean well let down hocks and sound legs. He is a most taking horse, and his trainer credits him with a nice even temper; at present he is doing good work.

The next door opened introduced me to Achilles (by Medallion—Neireid), who was taking matters quietly whilst the lad attended to his toilet. His numerous followers can rest assured that no horse could look better and he is daily doing good sound work. His hocks, which gave his mentor some trouble last autumn, look all right now, and the ailment was probably nothing more serious than a slight heating of the blood, of which a few heat spots throughout his golden coat is all that can be seen now. Achilles has furnished into a magnificent type of the thoroughbred racer, for he stands 16.1 high and shows great power and substance, together with symmetry and length. He possesses powerful quarters and thighs, with clean, well-turned hocks and good sound legs and feet; on top and in front he is all a champion should be, and, as he has a good constitution and a nice temper, he may be expected to repeat (even if he does not improve on) his last year's performances.

Sea Lion, a three-year-old full brother to Achilles, occupied the next box. In colour and markings he resembles his renowned brother, but there the likeness to a great extent ends. Sea Lion is more massive and will when done growing be a bigger horse. He has plenty of power behind and good hocks, a nice middle-piece, is well ribbed up, and has good shoulders and length of rein. His fore legs, however, do not strike one as of a wear and tear sort, but as he is daily doing good work and thriving on it one must not trust to appearances. He looks muscular and healthy, and it is evident he has not been idle during the winter months.

Rawiri, b h 4 years, full brother to that good horse Waiuku, was next inspected. Rawiri, who is the biggest horse in the stable, shows less quality than those previously mentioned, but by contrast towers over them in power and size; he stands quite 16.3 high and has a great reach. Looked at from behind he is a massive fellow indeed; a side view displays capital shoulders and good length of rein, with a nicely set on intelligent head. Running the eye downwards one is met by an ugly knee which has given his trainer a deal of trouble and

concern; his tendons are clean and steel-like and with patience he may stand a thorough preparation.

Elibank, 4 years, by Medallion—Gavotte, has been added to the list since he last raced, and is now in the rough. He is a compact useful sort with many good points including a good sound set of legs, and some day may earn a reputation over hurdles even if only moderate on the flat.

Sir Galahad, b h, 4 years, by Gaulus—Lady Mildred, is a racy looking horse, and looks, as his breeding denotes, a thorough gentleman. He is a useful size, with capital legs and a good constitution and will no doubt prove useful this season. Sir Galahad appears to have done a fair amount of work and looks muscular and healthy.

Hamua, 4 years, by Cyndus—Lass of Linne, is a sturdy looking bay of powerful dimensions; he seems thoroughly sound and may be classed useful. He is in strong work now, although he was a bit seedy subsequent to the Wellington Winter Meeting.

Clovelly, ch h, 4 years, by Russley—Spice, is a compact racy looking horse that will stand inspection. He possesses capital quarters, a short back, well set shoulders and neck and a beautiful head. These, together with sound legs, should insure his displaying form in keeping with his high lineage. His performances so far have been disappointing, but he will belie his looks should he not improve on it.

Porirua, by Seaton Delaval—Waitemata, was next inspected. As game as a pebble and a beautiful mover this colt was always a favourite of his mentor, and likewise myself. His three-year-old form was somewhat below that shown as a two-year-old, and notwithstanding that he ran some good races he failed to score as expected on several occasions. Finally after being beaten by Kelburn for the St. Leger he developed a bowed tendon and was thrown out of work. He appears sound enough when exercised now, but the injury is plainly visible and a source of continual anxiety to his trainer. Porirua is a capital specimen of a racehorse, long and low, with plenty of reach, powerful quarters and loins, a good constitution and an even temper; with care he may yet take part in many a hard-fought race.

Position, b h, 4 years, by Positano—Recline, is a racy looking good tempered type of the thoroughbred; he has filled out considerably since last season, and as he possesses a wiry set of legs should be useful to the stable. He looks in capital trim just now.

Gold Crown, b h, 3 years, by Gold Reef—Nymph, has furnished into a nice colt, showing plenty of power and quality. He is in nice condition and if not a champion should do his share towards upholding the reputation of the stable.

Waitarere, by Torpedo—Rivulet, 3 years, a full brother to The Shannon, has also furnished into a nice colt, showing plenty of quality. He stands over a deal of ground and possesses very servicable understandings. This colt appears to have done a considerable amount of work and has apparently thriven on it; he should race early.

A three-year-old filly by The Officer—The Shrew, and a three-year-old colt by Mahaki—Waitiri, were next viewed; the filly is on the small side but is compact and racy like with capital propelling power. The colt also looks like galloping and possesses good understandings, nice shoulders and powerful quarters. The last-named pair have only been broken in three months but have been already sent.

Lady Maud, by Grafton—Oriel, is a brown three-year-old filly. She displays plenty of quality and looks speedy. Unfortunately she was badly injured on the passage from Sydney to Wellington, and later on met with more trouble at Porirua. This has kept her from progressing, and in consequence Mr Prosser had to allow her plenty of time.

The two-year-olds in training are Boris, a chestnut colt by Stepniak—Shepherdess (a daughter of Iolanthe); a brown colt by Stepniak—Seashell (a daughter of Nautilus), and an unnamed black filly by Stepniak—Hugenot. The Seashell colt pleased me most, but the trio nevertheless all look speedy, and as they are well grown and well mannered their merits as gallopers will soon be displayed in public. This completed the list of horses under Mr Prosser's care, every one of which is in active work.

Noticing the old "chaser, The Guard, in a paddock a few rods away, Mr Prosser called him, when he stepped gaily up and had his cover removed. His injured shoulder still troubles him, and the muscles which became contracted still remain partially so, and he has not free use of his near shoulder. His owner has ridden him about the hills, and thinks he is gradually getting more use of the shoulder. He will be hacked about, and as he is sound in every other respect and only nine years of age, he may yet see the post for cross-country events. His stable mate Gobo has been turned out at the stud farm, and will be left there for the summer.

## INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

### CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, September 22.

Machine Gun, the Stewards' Stakes favourite, was out at Riccarton on Saturday. He only did some easy pacing, but galloped in taking style. That Machine Gun is a very speedy colt I have no reason to doubt, and if he starts in the Stewards' Stakes he will be one of the hardest to beat.

Glenaladale has gone amiss, and is not likely to race for some time. This is hard luck for F. Holmes, who expected to get a good race out of the son of Clanranald this spring.

Lady Lillian will run in the Geraldine Cup, one mile and a-half, this week. She has 9st 9lb, Terrapin 8st 5lb, Sirius 6st 7lb, being her only opponents. It is somewhat surprising that owners having horses in the New Zealand Cup did not take advantage of the opportunity to give them a run in the Geraldine Cup.

Sanfoin is showing signs of improving, and will leave for the North this week.

The backing of Orlofi for the New Zealand Cup during the week by a few men who generally get hold of the good things from Yaldhurst is suggestive of the fact that the son of Stepniak is likely to be started in the big race in November. In view of Orlofi's withdrawal from his Australian engagements, it is somewhat difficult to understand how he can be got ready for a race like the New Zealand Cup, but if his injuries are not so serious as were reported Mason, who is the best judge, may be able to get his charge to the post. Let us hope so, at any rate.

I have to record the death of Scylla, who had been ill for some months; she died on Sunday last. Scylla was a five-year-old mare by Stepniak out of Whirlpool. She only raced last season, and won seven races out of sixteen starts. Perhaps her most noteworthy win was in the Tradesmen's Handicap, at Dunedin, when she defeated Vladimir, Tsaritza, Petrovna and Red Gauntlet. In Scilla Mr H. Friedlander has lost a well-bred mare who, I feel sure, had she lived would have been highly prized as a brood mare.

Cutts' team for the Wanganui and Hawke's Bay Spring Meetings will be Treadmill, Quarryman, Windwhistle and probably Aherlow. In the two first-named Sir George Clifford has two colts who should hold their own with anything in the North Island. Treadmill has only to strip in his best form to win the Wanganui Guineas. He is showing good work at Riccarton, while his stable mate, Quarryman, is going in his usual attractive style. Windwhistle has been severely dealt with by the handicapper both at Wanganui and Napier. I do not fancy her chance in any race in which weights have been declared.

Secret Society is being nibbled at for the New Zealand Cup. He has run well in his engagements this spring, but last autumn he failed badly when running in several handicaps, when the opposition was not by any means as strong as it will be in the New Zealand Cup. Secret Society may train on for the big race, but I fancy he will do better in shorter distance races.

### HAWKE'S BAY.

Napier, September 22.

Nance O'Neill arrived at Green Meadows last week. The mare is located at the stables where T. Jones and H. Hickey have their teams quartered.

Robin Adair left for Wairoa to-day, where he will be lord of the harem at his owner, Mr Richardson's, breeding establishment.

The three-year-old son of Jet De'au and Lady Florin has had the name of Florio claimed for him. He is under the control of George Colleto, who also has Sirius' younger full-sister Asteroid in work.

Mongonui has quitted the racing business, and is now an inmate of the brood mares paddocks at Temahanga. Carbine's much-raced and travelled daughter will be mated with San Fran this season.

Amber, Murnur, and a gelding by Drury Lane out of Link, have joined the active team of workers under A. Wood's suition, which increases the bearers of the blue and orange racing string of Mr Geo. Richardson to nine. W. Kirk, one of the jockeys connected with Wood's team, has been engaged to ride Benefactor in his contracts at Rangitikei this week.

The Hon. J. D. Ormond has christened a batch of his yearlings as follows:—Bulbul, chestnut filly by Sir Lancelot—Orientale; Courageous, brown filly by The Officer—Temeraire; Elfrida, chestnut filly by Sir Lancelot—Eliflock; Lancegaze, brown colt by Sir Lancelot—Miss Evelyn; Lantalto, chestnut filly by Sir Sir Lancelot—Trentalto; Martyr King, brown colt by Sir Lancelot—Martyrdom; Medallist, bay colt by The Officer—Target; Oenone, brown filly by The Officer—Mount Ida; Perdita, brown filly by The



Officer—Montread; Purity, brown filly by the Officer—mid; Colt foal by Birkenhead—Emeraie Audax.

Additional foalings at the Mahanga are—the brook (Torpedo—Rivulet) black colt to San Fran; Aio (Mute—Whaitiri, brown filly to Torpedo; Amoureux (Torpedo—Rose L'Amour) brown filly to Mahani.

Romanou, Gold Seal, Aroha, Scally-wag, Hinetaura, Gold Dust, Taura, Ontario, Wet Reef, Nukumaratia, and Kohupapa, left for Rangitikei this morning. The latter is not engaged at the meeting, but has contracts to fulfil at the Wanganui meeting, and is accompanying his stable pals, Hinetaura and Gold Seal, to Rangitikei; benefactor leaves to-morrow for Rangitikei. All are well forward, and may be expected, if they run up to track form, to make a respectable showing at the meeting.

Lord Dobs, Nobility's two-year-old full-brother, is not being hurried, as he is a big-topped customer who will be best served by taking matters easy with him. He is a handsome young 'un, being more attractive-looking than his defunct relative. Electric Gun, who is educated in company with Lord Dobs by John Quinlivan, has been registering good work during the week. He left to his own desires he does not exert himself, but when asked for an effort, replies in a tradesmanlike manner. In conformation he is the beau ideal of a race-horse, and a handsomer specimen of the thoroughbred it would be difficult to discover.

Melodeon, Starshoot, Float, Rose-shoot, Olympus, Spoil, Albuiera, and Tradewind, have been going very satisfactorily in their labours of late. All look very forward, and I do not think the latter has ever appeared so bright and muscular previously.

Stewart Waddell had three of the Hon. J. D. Ormond's two-year-olds down at the Hastings track the other day, and they put in good work.

Victorine and Hahurangi arrived last Wednesday on a visit to Merriwee.

Last week I had the pleasure of an introduction to the first of the Birkenheads. The new arrivals, at the time of my visit, numbered five, and they are particularly solid and sturdy specimens, and give every evidence that with luck on their side that they will develop into racehorses, for one and all are gifted with all of those attributes that augur well for a successful career in the arena of the turf. Good bone, size, and level construction being the trumps that the progeny of the English stallion possess in every lot, no matter how large or small it may be. There is always one that leads the way; and this honour, to my way of thinking, is held by the hay son of Lullaby.

The stallions on the estate, Birkenhead, The Officer, and Sir Lancelot, all look in fine fettle to stand their duties this season. The last-named has lost none of his beauty, and it would indeed be a very hard and arduous task to locate a handsomer stallion than the half-brother to Sir Modred. Carrington, who has control of the breeding establishment at Karamu, has a very busy time of it, more especially at the present time, for there are fifty-three brood mares, three stallions, and thirty-six yearlings to be attended to and cared for. Notwithstanding these facts, whenever I pay the establishment a visit nothing seems a bother or trouble to Carrington, and I know at times I am a bit of a nuisance in my thirst for knowledge.

HASTINGS TRACK NOTES.

The Hastings racecourse presented a busy appearance on Saturday morning, the various trainers putting their full strings of horses through different stages of preparation in view of the approaching Spring meetings. A large number of lookers on were present, and took a keen interest in the gallops. It was the unanimous opinion that the grass gallop, which has been closed for some time to permit of its being top-dressed and was thrown open for the first time on Saturday, was never in better order. Showers fell through Friday night, but there was not enough rain to make the tracks sodden, and some very good times were recorded.

T. Quinlivan, junr., was the only trainer who commenced before breakfast. His team, which is a large one, were responsible for good, sound work. Float by herself galloped a servicable once round. Melodeon, Starshoot, and Spoil (by Torpedo—Moir) executed a strong seven furlong gallop, all going well and finishing together. Tradewind and Roseshoot had a go once round, the chestnut having the best of it.

After breakfast, the first on the scene was F. Stowe, with Taura and Horatia. Taura, who is looking well, is engaged at Rangitikei, and with his mate did a good working gallop. Benefactor and Cobra galloped two rounds at a strong pace, both going well. Freeland, Tattle, and Evening traversed two circuits in taking style, all three appearing to relish their tasks. Shackle, by himself, strode over two rounds at a strong half-pace. Wet Reef was restricted to once

round at half-pace. Nukumaratia, who seems a bit sore, was responsible for two rounds of steady pacing. White Lullaby and Paymaster had a sterling go over six furlongs, finishing together after a stern fight. Ontario, whose mission is Rangitikei, galloped a few furlongs along the back. Oasis and Deice jumped off from the mile post, Romano joining in at the six furlong distance; the three finishing with great determination. Defoe having slightly the worst of it. Paphos, a brown gelding by Natator in Murfitt's hands, and a colt by New Forest—Valetta, trained by A. A. Vincent, trotted and cantered twice round, sprinting up the straight each time. Aroha executed a strong gallop over two rounds, moving very resolutely. The Torpedo—Fair Nell colt in Quinlivan's charge and Captain Kettle were associated in a useful working gallop.

The two-year-olds Albuiera, Mystification, and Electric Gun, received their share of education at their trainers' hands. Stewart Waddell was on the scene with a large number of the Hon. J. D. Ormond's horses. He started the ball rolling with the two-year-olds Galahad (Sir Lancelot—Auray) and Sir Percivale (Sir Lancelot—Trentalto). The pair sprinted three furlongs, the former, who is a big raking colt, appearing to hold his companion safe. Menura, Bandmaster, and Provost Marshal galloped once round from a flying start; the latter colt greatly pleased the watchers, holding his own with the two others. Enna, Idea, Trent, and Repulse had a go over three-quarters of a mile, Idea (The Officer—Mount Ida) finishing well in front, with Enna and Trent next, and Repulse some distance away. The other members of Waddell's string were given useful work, and it was generally admitted that the Karamu stable will hold a strong hand at our Spring meeting.

WELLINGTON.

September 19.

Racing men generally, will be surprised to learn that Mr J. F. Clark has resigned his position as secretary to the Wellington Racing Club. Mr Clark, although of a retiring disposition, was deservedly popular with those racing folk his duties brought him in contact with. The President of the Club has publicly expressed his regret at losing Mr Clark's services. The latter's offer to retain the position till after the Spring Meeting will probably be accepted, after which a successor will have to be appointed.

The following licences have been granted by the Wellington R.C. Committee: Trainers, M. McGarth, J. Ayers, J. V. Reed, and J. Hunter; Jockeys, F. R. Weston, H. A. Telford, O. McGarth, J. Ayers, W. Kirkpatrick, J. V. Reed, and W. Galbraith. Several licences were held over, pending receipt of the local Clubs' recommendations.

P. McLaughlan, the hurdle rider, passed through Wellington with the erstwhile Canterbury mare Nance O'Neil. This mare is engaged in hurdle events at Wanganui and Hawke's Bay, and, as she looks in capital trim, her new owner should not be long before getting a win.

Considerable interest was taken in local sporting circles, in the second meeting of Cruciform and Wakeful. Prior to the race for the Craven Plate admirers of Mr Stead's mare had their confidence somewhat shaken by the cablogram which attributed Wakeful's defeat to interference during the race. It is noticeable, however, that there were no backers for Wakeful amongst the local punters, and many who only wager in new hats, were unable to find supporters of the Victorian mare to accept their challenge. Messrs Mason and Hewett may expect an ovation from their Wellington friends on their return. That Mr Stead will receive many congratulations for his sportsman-like action in going so far to tackle the best mare Australasia has yet produced goes without saying.

J. Low's team have proceeded to Wanganui. F. Higgott, who left Catspaw in Rangitikei to take part in that club's meeting, will probably take Shrapnel Shell to Wanganui this week. H. Telford has gone to Bulls (Rangitikei) with Stepson and Good Spec; the pair are in good trim. Melwood will probably be given a run at the same meeting, afterwards proceeding to Wanganui where his stable mate Kohimui is also engaged.

J. Prosser's stable will only be represented in the Maiden Hack Race at Rangitikei. Waitarere, by Torpedo—Rivulet, and Lady Maud, by Grafton—Oriel, a pair of three-year-olds, are engaged at the meeting.

R. Kingan has returned from South Canterbury with Reclaimer and Umslopogaas: both horses are none the worse for their exertions in the South and have been taken on to Rangitikei where they claim engagements. Purataua (in the same stable) was intended to be raced at the meeting but after doing a good gallop he was very sore and has been left in his box.

The weights for Wanganui and Hawke's Bay are the subject of discussion amongst those interested. Mr Evett assesses Ringman as 3lb inferior to

Shrapnel Shell, whilst Mr Henys considers Ringman 2lb superior to Mr Smart's gelding; Windwhistle and Dexterly also meet Ringman on better terms under the Wanganui handicapper's adjustments. The racing at both meetings will be interesting, as a considerable number of Cup candidates will be seen out. Halberdier, Shrapnel, Ringman, Hinetauri, Heroism, Melwood, and Auratus, claim engagements in the Wanganui Spring and Stakes Handicaps. At Hawke's Bay, Rose Shield, Bandmaster, Royal Fusilier, Kohupapa, and Cresset will give the public an inkling to their Cup pretensions. The field for the Hawke's Bay Flying Handicap is poor both in number and quality; eleven nominations for a sprint event is something unusual; the quality can be estimated when Madrigal is top-weight.

Mr Abe Moss, owner of the Cup horse Canteen, was in Wellington last week. He reports Canteen as doing well and confidently anticipates that Dunedin trained horses will (should they go on all right) play a prominent part in the contest for the New Zealand Cup. The genial metallician (who is understood to be interested in a theatrical venture), received news whilst here that his Dunedin office had been robbed of £150. His equanimity, however, appeared quite undisturbed, for he merely remarked that he would rather the thief had won the amount of him in a more honourable way.

Some owners apparently resort to something approaching subterfuge to prevent the public forestalling them in the betting market. A paragraph recently appeared locally on the authority of the owner that a certain horse had got in a bog and contracted mud fever, and was an unlikely starter at the Marton races. The day after the paragraph appeared the animal won a race, paying a good dividend. What the sporting scribe said is not repeated.

OTAGO.

Dunedin, September 22.

The blood stock of this island received a further addition last week by the arrival from Melbourne of the stallion Dirk Hammerhand (Carlyon—Lady Doris), who was a good performer in his day in Australia, and took first prize at the last Melbourne show. He is a fine big up-standing dappled brown, and shows a lot of power and quality, and is to be at the service of breeders in the Waimate district. By the same boat Oma, a five-year-old mare, by The Harvester out of The Fortune Teller, also came across, and goes to the same district as Dirk Hammerhand. Oma is at present very low in condition, and will be given a lengthy spell, and probably mated with Dirk Hammerhand before being put into training.

R. Ellis is expecting an addition to his string from the North in the shape of Snapshot, who was amongst the winners at the Marton Meeting. Snapshot is engaged in the hurdle events at the Dunedin J.C. October Meeting.

Pampero is again in great heart at present, and this morning shaped very pleasingly over ten furlongs. The son of St. Clair continues to gallop perfectly sound and since the National Meeting has been kept fairly busy on the track.

Flower of Clutha, a good sort of a mare by Trump Card—Stockflower, has joined A. Ellis' team at Wingatui.

Canteen is looking in good order, and this morning strode in taking style over a mile and a quarter. The son of Castor is looking much better now than he did twelve months ago, when he was commencing the serious part of his preparation for the last New Zealand Cup. He is still on the big side, but his condition is well distributed, and not inclined to be aldermanic, as it was last year.

Bombardo was associated in a gallop this morning over ten furlongs with Pampero, but could not pace it with the latter after they had travelled half-a-mile. On looking over the Hotchkiss horse after he had cooled down I noticed that he was very shaky in the near fore knee, and it is extremely doubtful if he will stand a preparation. It will be remembered his knee filled at the recent Timaru Meeting.

The Wallace—Far Away filly in McGuinness' stable has come on quickly, and is a likely winner amongst this season's two-year-olds. Sychem, in the same stable, is looking well, and has got rid of the soreness which affected him at the end of his two-year-old season.

The well-known sprinter St. Denis is getting through useful work, and although he has apparently derived considerable benefit from his winter spell he has lost some of the muscular appearance which he formerly carried.

A good sign of the coming season in this part of the world is that the Wingatui trainers are complaining about the lack of accommodation for their horses at Wingatui. Previously the number of horses in work have never seriously taxed the existing accommodation at the track.

The Stepniak—Cobweb colt in J. Rutledge's stable has been named Stepchild. At present the colt is being eased in his work, owing to receiving a slight strain.

A. Ward has a nice out of a two-year-old in his team in the Seaton Delaval—Bragella filly. She is a good chestnut with two white hind pasterns, and has a nice style of getting over the ground.

Blackstone, the Australian-bred colt by Grafton, which was imported from Australia by a patron of J. McGuinness' stable, has been sold to Mr J. Ellis, the owner of Red Gauntlet. The colt has very bad hocks, and it is very doubtful if he will stand training.

It is said that many Christchurch sportsmen, who usually follow the fortunes of the Yaldhurst "yellow and black," were on Wakeful when the Trenton mare was downed by Cruciform in the A.J.C. Spring Stakes. My informant is in a position to know, and from all accounts those in the best position to judge were not very sanguine about Cruciform's ability to beat Wakeful in that particular race. The small fry were, however, on the St. Leger mare to a man.

J. McComb, who has generally been associated with St. Denis in the St. Clair gelding's races, will probably have the ride on Petrovna in the Stewards' Handicap.

Petrovna and Goldspur have rejoined A. Godfrey's string at Wanganui. One reason for the change is that the only track fit to be used, which is at the disposal of trainers at the Forbury Park, is the plough gallop.

The following horses are in active commission in Invercargill:—Clinker, Hair-trigger, Ruamahunga, Bealey, Red Banner, Pellet, Meditation, Dublin, Violin, Ysout and a Leinster colt.

Telephone, who was one of the cracks of the trotting track some twelve or thirteen years ago, is in work again at Invercargill.

RACING NEWS FROM S. AFRICA.

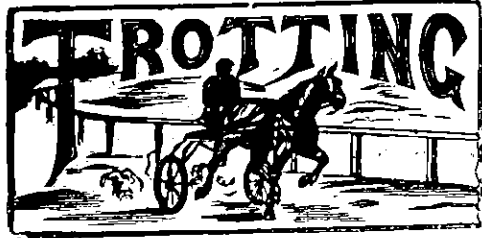
(From Our Wellington Correspondent.)

The well-known professional horsemen, Geo. Price and W. Thomas, formerly attached to Mr W. Davis' stable, who about three months ago took a holiday trip to South Africa, returned via Melbourne, by the s.s. Mokoia. From an interesting chat with G. Price, I gathered that they had a most enjoyable trip, and were much impressed with the scale on which racing is carried on in South Africa. Shortly after landing at Durban, which was their first port of call, they attended a three days' race meeting, held by the Durban Turf Club. The principal race on the first day's programme was the Durban Club Handicap, of 1250 sovs, distance one mile. This brought out thirteen runners, the Australian-bred Chesney, by Maluma—Madcap being top-weight, with 10st 8lb; Graspan, another Australian, having 9st 7lb. The winner turned up in a three-year-old filly named Peerless (by Pearl Diver—Pauline), carrying 8st 7lb, who ran the distance in 1min 42sec. The winner paid a dividend of £6 1s. The racing commenced at 11 a.m., and a programme of nine races was finished by 5 p.m. Four events were for ponies and galloways, a class of racing very popular in South Africa. A pony named Rose Lawn (English bred) struck our visitors as being especially good, and won a couple of races during the meeting. Blue Paul, an Auckland performer of note, ran second on the first day, but Rose Lawn held him easily. Their respective weights were 8st 3lb and 8st 2lb. Jolly Joker (by Merry Hampton—Kinovata) was one of the finest looking horses seen out at the meeting.

Immense sums, it is said, can be won over one race. Price counted forty-three licensed bookmakers doing business on the course at Durban, and the totalisators put through £37,000 during the three days' racing. One wealthy owner, who had two horses engaged in one event, supported the right one heavily, and won, it was reported, £30,000 over the race. Ten to twelve thousand pounds is quite frequently won over Galloway and Selling Races. Racing, however, my informant states, is very expensive, entrance and subscription fees being exorbitant; railway fares and hotel expenses ditto.

The Durban racecourse is two miles in circumference. Few of the events, however, are run over longer courses than one mile, most events being five and six furlongs. The attendance of the public did not seem very great, the fair sex being especially conspicuous by their absence. Those present, however, seemed to have plenty of money and speculation was brisk.

On leaving Durban, Messrs Price and Thomas made for Johannesburg, where they saw more racing on August 3. Stakes there were small, £50 being the most valuable, and the horses of a moderate class. Mr W. Hutcheson ("Hotspur"), lato of the "N.Z. Referee" staff, was amongst those encountered at Johannesburg, also Peter Keith, a N.Z. trainer. Tom Pollard and W. Sullivan, with their Opera Co., were showing there, and as they had just received a cable to the effect that their steeplechaser, Straybird, had won a race at the N.Z. Grand National Meeting, the whole company were in high spirits, and gave the New Zealanders a hearty welcome. Amongst other New a hearty welcome.



(By "Amicus.")

AUCKLAND TROTTING CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of members of the Auckland Trotting Club was held in the club's rooms, Durham-street West, on Monday afternoon, Mr A. R. Harris, president, in the chair.

Report: The report of the committee congratulated the members on another successful season, and stated that the profits had reached upwards of £700, as against some £500 odd for the preceding year, an increased revenue close on £200. There had been a slight falling away in the totalisator receipts compared with the previous season, but this had been more than compensated for by income from other sources.

Accounts: The statement of accounts showed receipts to be £4000 5s 6d, and expenditure £3800 11s 9d, leaving a credit balance of £199 13s 9d. The assets over liabilities amounted to £734 12s 7d, of which £608 6s 7 is cash in bank and in hand.

Election of Officers: In terms of the rules the election of seven members of committee was proceeded with, six of the seven retiring members offering themselves for re-election, the seventh (Mr James Shaw) having left the district. The six, viz., Messrs John Rowe, C. Bailey, W. Adams, James Hunter, Thos. Buxton, and Isaac Hill, were re-elected, and Captain S. C. Caulton was appointed to the vacancy caused by Mr Shaw's retirement.

The chairman, at the conclusion, said that during the past year the members of the committee had had certain wrongdoers to deal with, and had done their duty fearlessly and in the best interests of the sport. Their sole endeavour was to keep the sport of trotting clean.

Votes of thanks to the press, the chairman, and the secretary (Mr C. F. Mark) concluded the business.

News comes from Boston, dated August 24, that the mare Lou Dillon has trotted a mile in just two minutes. She took from Cresceus the crown held for two years for a mile in 2min 2 1/2sec. The mile was reeled off in quarters as follows:—First 30 1/2sec, second 30 1/2sec, third 30 1/2sec, fourth 29sec. The sleek little mare flashed under the wire at the finish in a condition to go another mile at a gait fast enough to be troublesome to many rivals of fair reputation. Six thousand spectators watched the performance and cheered the mare, driver and owner. Lou Dillon is a chestnut mare by Sidney Dillon, and is five years old. She was bred in California, at Santa Rosa Stock Farm, near San Francisco, and had never started in an exhibition trot until last May, when Mr Billings bought her in Cleveland for 12,500 dollars.

THE BETTING MARKET.

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following business on the

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1000 to 1 Leonore and Rose Madder
1000 to 4 Lavalette and Lolah
900 to 6 Lady Lillian and Pampero
600 to 1 Secret Society and Benzoin
500 to 7 Heroism and Machine Gun
500 to 2 General Symons and Count of Kolmar
500 to 5 Halberdier and Bagpipes
500 to 10 Shrapnel and Machine Gun
500 to 4 Heroism and Reclamer
400 to 8 Lady Lillian and Machine Gun
400 to 1 Bulawayo and Royal Plumes
400 to 1 Bulawayo and Red Gauntlet
400 to 1 Bulawayo and Blazer
400 to 2 Sea Lion and Petrovna
400 to 1 Nell Gwynne and Machine Gun

Mr Martin Taylor, Tattersall's Club, Auckland, reports having laid the following trebles at £250 to 5s on the

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Tatterdemalion, Vanity Fair, Halberdier
Vanity Fair, Abundance, Lady Lillian
Footbolt, Emir, Orloff
MacDonovan Flagship, Heroism
Kilt, Fishery, Wairiki
Bewitcher, Postillion, Shrapnel
Patronus, Avalon, Halberdier

NEW ZEALAND CUP

- 300 to 3 Bandmaster
300 to 2 Sirius
200 to 8 Ringman
200 to 4 Black Reynard
100 to 6 Kelburn
200 to 3 Lavalette

NEW ZEALAND CUP AND STEWARDS' HANDICAP

- 200 to 4 Lady Lillian and Machine Gun
300 to 3 Halberdier and Pure Silver
400 to 5 Wairiki and Red Gauntlet
200 to 2 Shrapnel and Matuku
300 to 2 Lady Lillian and Royal Plumes
300 to 1 Wairiki and Starshoot
200 to 2 Pampero and St. Denis
200 to 3 Lady Lillian and Madrigal
400 to 4 Shrapnel and Red Gauntlet
500 to 4 Black Reynard and Petrovna
200 to 3 Kelburn and Petrovna
300 to 3 Kelburn and Achilles
400 to 4 Heroism and Machine Gun
200 to 2 Wairiki and St. Denis
200 to 3 Lady Lillian and Achilles
200 to 3 Wairiki and Petrovna
300 to 1 General Symons and Pampero
300 to 2 Shrapnel and Blazer
400 to 4 Halberdier and Matuku



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BUSINESS:

To receive Statement of Accounts and Elect Three Members of Committee.

R. WYNYARD, Secretary.



District Lands and Survey Office, Auckland, 11th September, 1903.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the under-mentioned TOWN LANDS will be submitted for sale by public auction, at this Office, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of October, 1903, at 11 a.m.:-

TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE EAST—Lots 476 and 476A, each 2 roods, upset price £10 per lot; lots 491, 492, 493, and 494, each one acre, upset price £20 per lot.

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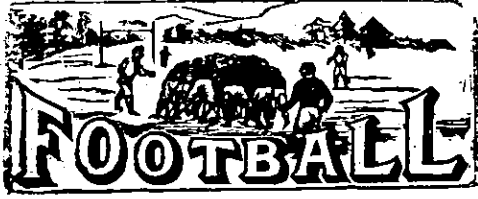
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# SPORTS AND PASTIMES



(By "Scrutator.")

SOUTHERN TOUR OF THE AUCKLAND TEAM.

## THE NORTHERNERS' DEFEAT CANTERBURY.

It would appear, judging by their later matches, that if the Auckland touring team had been able to have any practice together their record on the Southern tour would have been much better than is the case now. Their later matches have done much, however, to remove the stain of early defeats, for they have successively beaten Otago, South Canterbury, and Canterbury. For the match against the latter province on Saturday, the teams were as follows:—

Canterbury: Fullback, C. Manning; threequarters, P. Menzies, W. Woods, D. McGregor; five-eighths, M. E. Wood (captain), R. Deans; halfback, P. Byrne; forwards, G. Matthews, W. Duggan, B. Fanning, J. Mahoney, J. Roddick, G. Evans, L. Atkinson, R. J. Cooke.

Auckland: Fullback, E. Sutherland; threequarters, A. Asher, W. Harrison, W. G. McKenzie; five-eighths, R. McGregor (captain), H. Phelan; halfback, P. Gerrard; forwards, W. Doran (wing), G. Tyler, W. Gallaher, P. Long, J. Lewis, G. Nicholson, C. Eaton, W. Hayward.

During the first spell the game proved very even, no score being effected, but in the second-half the Auckland forwards ran over their opponents, who seemed to lack condition.

The latter portion opened with a lot of up-and-down forward play, the Canterbury men finally rushing the ball to the Auckland 25, where the visitors met a strong attack with sound defensive work, and Manning had a pot at goal, the ball landing just under the cross bar. The Auckland forwards kicked hard up the field, and Manning falling on the slippery ground Canterbury's line was in danger, but Harrison lost a chance by passing forward. From a scrum near Canterbury's line Long secured the ball and passed to Phelan. The latter transferred to Harrison, who ran in unopposed. Eaton kicked a splendid goal. The Auckland forwards kept up the attack, beating their opponents very badly in the scrums, but in their eagerness got frequently offside. Long and Doran were prominent in a strong rush, which was stopped by a Canterbury back kicking out about the middle of the field. Harrison snapped up the ball and passed to McKenzie, who outpaced McGregor and Manning, and scored near the corner. Eaton failed with the kick at goal. The Canterbury forwards now played very poorly, and though a rush headed by Wood reached the Auckland twenty-five the ball was soon back to Canterbury's territory. A scrum was formed near the line, and Auckland getting possession, Gerrard whipped over near the posts, Eaton missing an easy kick. A fine long kick by Asher made the touch near Canterbury's line, but Roddick headed a rush which relieved pressure. Harrison then got away and rased to Nicholson, who had a straight run in, but was called back for a pass forward. The Auckland backs continued their passing tactics, and R. McGregor put in a good run, but no further score was made before the call of time, the game thus ending: Auckland 11: Canterbury 0.

## THE SOUTH CANTERBURY MATCH.

Steady rain completely spoilt the football match between South Canterbury and Auckland at Temuka last week, and the gate was consequently very small. This made the ground greasy, and as it cut up considerably the backs were seen at a disadvantage. Sutherland, the Auckland full-back, and McGregor, at centre three-quarter, both showed good football, but McKenzie and Absolum had not

much to do. The forwards proved rather disappointing, but Eaton, Nicholson, Doran and Long put in a lot of good work in dribbling rushes. For South Canterbury, E. Horgan, at full-back, was safe and reliable, his kicking frequently gaining his side a lot of ground. Grant was good on the defence, and J. Gaffaney, on the wing, proved very troublesome to his opponents in the second spell by his fast following up and kicks. On the whole the Auckland team had the better of the play, and their win by 10 points to nil seems to fairly indicate the difference in the rival teams.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS' MATCH.

A return match between Auckland and Paeroa Public Schools was played on Saturday. In the first match Paeroa won, but in the latest game the Auckland team, on this occasion, were too strong, and kept their opponents for most of the time on the defensive. The first try was scored by Paeroa, however, Delaney putting in a good run and getting a try. The kick at goal failed to improve the score. Nothing further of interest had happened when half-time was called. On changing ends the city boys reaped the full advantage of the wind, and before many minutes had elapsed Basley, as wing threequarter, kicked the ball over the line, and reaching it in time to score. Coleman, the fullback from Devonport, landed a pretty goal. The home team soon had the visitors again in difficulties, out of which they were only relieved by forcing down. From loose forward play in front of the posts Basley got possession, and passed out to Stewart, at half. The latter easily eluded the opposing backs, and grounded the ball between the posts. Coleman's kick at goal again proved a success. No further scoring left Auckland winners of the match.

The Wellington junior representative team defeated Wairarapa at Greytown on Saturday, by 6 points to nil.

The return interunion match, Waihi v. Paeroa was played at the latter township on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the local team by 6 points to nil.

The match between teams representing the Newton District Football Club (Auckland), and the Rotorua representatives, was played on Saturday on the Pukeroa Hill, and was won by the former by 5 points to nil. The game was fast and even throughout. Mr Geo. Pelham was referee.

At a meeting of the Wanganui Rugby Union, it was resolved that the Wellington Union be informed that until the Wellington team pays Wanganui a visit owing the Wanganui Union will not entertain any amalgamation proposals.

Wellington defeated Southland, at Invercargill, last week, by 8 points to 6. Each side scored two tries, but one of these was converted for Wellington, which won them the match. The game was very even all through.

The interprovincial football match, Otago v. Wellington, was played on the Caledonian Grounds, Dunedin, on Saturday, in the presence of about 4000 spectators, and resulted in a win for Otago by six points (two tries) to three points (a try). The weather was fine, but a strong wind blew down the field and the ground was a trifle heavy, but in very good condition considering the quantity of rain that fell during the week. At half time Otago led by two tries, for which Porteous and Baxter were responsible, to a try by Hardham scored from a loose rush. No scoring took place during the latter half, so it is evident the teams were very evenly matched. There seems to have been altogether too much off-side play at the finish. Wellington attacked time after time but could not break through Otago's defence.

Commenting on the match between Auckland and Otago, the "Witness" has the following:—

The match itself was disappointing, in so far as the game was largely confined to the forwards, and the public did not get an opportunity of seeing the capabilities of the Auckland backs, of whom so much has been heard. The undoubted superiority of the Auckland forward division decided the match, the visitors being a heavier all-round combination, with greater staying power. Tyler and Gallagher, the Auckland front-row men, generally beat Spiers and Casey for the ball, but Gerrard and McGregor seldom got it away, and the bulk of the Aucklanders' passing went straight across the field, gaining very little ground except when it went to McKenzie's wing, and the ex-Otago man won a lot of ground by his fine line-kicking. In the majority of cases, however, the ball came out at the side of the scrum, and the wingers were very much in evidence. Doran, for Auckland, proved very clever with his feet, and Phelan combined the duties of five-eighths and wing forward, being sometimes in the one position and sometimes in the other.

The first spell ended without a score, and in the second the Otago forwards started off with great dash. The attack, however, flickered out in about a quarter of an hour, and thereafter the Aucklanders took charge of the game. They screwed the scrums to advantage, and pushed the Blues off their feet. Stalker was chiefly responsible for their first try, and instead of returning a kick into touch started across the field and got into trouble. He was smothered by several Aucklanders, and before the Blues could get round Eaton and two or three others were bearing down on Adams, who made a heroic, though hopeless, attempt to avert the score. After this Otago seemed to lose heart, and the Auckland lines were never in danger. Duncan made manful attempts to rally his men and stem the tide of misfortune, but the response was feeble, and the veteran was too closely watched himself to make many openings. As indicated, the backs of either side did not get many opportunities of making a name for themselves, except in defence, and their chief functions seemed to be to stop rushes and field the ball.

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## WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS

A good deal of interest centred in Asher, but he never got a chance near the line, and the only impression left after Saturday's match was that he is a "gallery" player of a pronounced type. R. McGregor was also disappointing, and could not have been playing up to form. "Scobie" Mackenzie played a fine game, and his long kicks down the line were enough to take the heart out of the most resolute forwards. Phelan was about the best of the visiting backs. On the Blues' side, Hislop played a brilliant game, and extricated his side from many a difficult position. Adams also played a splendid game at full back, and made some good though unsuccessful attempts at place-kicking. Stalker displayed, rather unexpectedly, the ability to tackle, and several times brought his man down in a style that left no room for cavil. Baxter also did well all that he was called upon to do. Bennet threw away one of the best chances the Blues had of scoring by one of his silly attempts to cut in, and Stalker, who was lying handy, never got a show. Mr R. Galbraith, of Invercargill, acted as referee. As a good deal of unnecessary feeling was displayed on both sides it was necessary that he should be strict, and he performed a difficult task well and faithfully. A hostile demonstration was made by the crowd on one occasion when an Auckland forward used his fist on an opponent, but, evidently the incident was not seen by the referee.

## ATHLETICS.

The employees of Messrs Milne and Choyce and the D.S.C. had a go-as-you-please road race from Newmarket to St. Heliers on Saturday. The former proved the winners with 50 points, the D.S.C. team scoring 27 points. Stuart, Milne, Moller, Strick, and A. Choyce, all of Milne and Choyce, finished in the order fifth, followed by Goldstone, Morley, named, with Johnston, of the D.S.C., Ogilvie, Skipworth, McPeake, Finney, and Montgomery. Milne's time for the distance was 42min 22sec. The teams and friends were hospitably entertained to afternoon tea at St. Heliers, by Miss Milne.

A. Schrub, the great English distance runner, continues to be invincible. One of the leading features of the Salford Harrier Sports at Manchester, was the Two-mile Invitation Scratch Race for the "Parry" Cup, value £25. J. T. Rimmer, of Liverpool, was the holder, and he had only to win the trophy again in order to make it his own property. A. Schrub, the one, four, and ten-mile champion, had, however, journeyed north to take part in the event, which he won very easily indeed, in the good time of 9min 22 1-3sec.

Ask for

# Wolfe's Schnapps

And Take Nothing Else.



(By "Gillie.")

OPENING OF THE FISHING SEASON.

On October 1 the season will commence for trout fishing, and the most encouraging reports have come to hand as to the quantity and size of fish in the various lakes and streams.

First learn the ordinary simple overhead throw up-stream. Let out about a dozen yards of line, or as much line as you find you can easily control, and without moving the arm below the elbow, which should be kept within a few inches of the hip for this cast; swish the top of the rod forwards in a straight line at a moderate pace, until both the line and the cast are fully extended in front of you high in the air, about the level of your own head; then throw the rod top backwards, not in a straight line like the forward throw, but in a big half-circle, still keeping the hip and line as high as your head until it passes you, when it should rise with this back throw.

The novice is here warned against the following bad but usual faults in making the cast:—Fault 1: Trying to throw with the whole arm. This is both tiring to attempt and impossible to manage. The throw ought to be made by the wrist, with perhaps a little help from the forearm: on no account use the part of the arm which is above the elbow. Fault 2: Letting the rod-tip go too far back and too low down. This results in the fly being caught up behind the angler, and on the return forward a stroke smash goes the rod-top, or it receives a ruinous strain. Fault 3: Cracking off-flies and getting tangled up. This comes from swinging the line and fly too straight backwards and forwards, instead of making them travel round in the backward (and sometimes forward) sweep of the rod. Fault 4: Knots in the gut cast near the fly, especially if the wind is at all awkward. These are often produced by the same faulty throwing and the struggles of a good fish then often result in a breakage at a knot of this sort on fine single gut, as the gut cuts itself there when pulled hard.

In quick water it is a great help to pull in the slack with the disengaged hand while raising the top of the rod.

On the other hand, after casting, if you take in your slack faster than the pace of the current, the fly will make a streak, or drag, as it is called, upon the surface, which every trout knows is never done by a natural fly, and the fish stops rising instantly. You have then put him down. If he has not been fished for much, he may start rising again in a few minutes if you keep quiet and do nothing further to alarm him; but a well-educated trout will either make right off at once to safer quarters, pro tem., or go down to the bottom and lie there without rising for half an hour or more, and will then only resume very carefully and shyly, closely inspecting every fly before taking it, and perhaps coming, if, indeed, he rises at all, very short at your artificial fly.

Next, in taking up your slack line after the fly has travelled down about three yards, and your rod-top is raised in consequence pretty high, you can still let the fly come on, and take in the slack by drawing the running line down through the rod rings with the hand you are not casting with, laying hold of it just below the lowest ring, letting it hang down even to the ground when you wish to fish fast water close to you under your own bank. The line is easily worked out again by swinging the rod forwards and backwards a few times as already described (paying out the line through the disengaged hand), which dries the fly for the next cast.

In dry-fly fishing in clear and pretty smooth water only throw at fish you can see, and if they are rising so much the better. It is only in fast-running water that you work it all on the chance of raising a fish, or you will scare and educate still further trout you or others might find rising steadily later on, and then kill. On spotting a fish, get up within reach, keeping as low down and as much out of sight as you can. Remember the first throw is far more likely to get your fish than any other subsequent one, and therefore be sure you put all you know into that chuck. Let the fish rise a few times before throwing to him, in order to make sure to an inch, not only of the best spot for your fly, but also where you ought to settle yourself to get the deadliest throw possible. Many men fail even after years of angling to select exactly the right point from which to make the attack; other men seem to know at a glance; distance, cover, wind, set of current, and position of fish, if all carefully considered before that first throw, tell tremendously in your favour.

Always drop your fly just on your own side of the fish, and generally near his head—an inch or two above, for choice. Thus, the fly and not the gut line is what he sees; but should you overthrow, and put the fly beyond him, or much above, the gut comes over him first, and even if he takes the fly afterwards, he is never as well hooked as by the proper throw, which enables you to strike the fly back into the corner of his mouth, as he must always turn a little to you to reach a well-placed fly, and as he closes on it will instantly commence to turn his nose back again to meet the current, when the strike, coming at that moment, hits the fly into the shut corner of the jaws, and should fasten it well in one or other of them. "Aim your fly as if the water were on a level with your elbow." The full force of the throw is then spent in the air, and the fly will drop on the water as lightly as a natural one, with the wing cocked up. If you try to pitch the fly right down on the spot where you intended to alight he will bang it into the stream like a stone, with a little splash which scares the fish away.

Gradually learn to lengthen your throw until you cast eighteen or twenty yards of straight line, and lightly drop your fly within an inch or two of the place you intend. The late George Selwyn Marryat, probably the most perfect fisherman that ever handled a trout rod or tied a fly,

could drop his fly nearly every cast he made on to a sixpence placed on the lawn twenty yards from him. Remember that the majority of fish are killed by accurate and light casting at a moderate distance, where the line, and especially the strike, is well under the control of the caster. The deadly rod never throws a foot further than he sees is necessary, though at times a very long chuck is compulsory.

The final competition for the Inaminate Pigeon Association's handsome silver cup (a trophy valued at £65) took place on the Northern Gun Club's grounds, Mount Eden, on Saturday afternoon, when 76 competitors took part. The handicap was by points, all the competitors shooting off the 15 yards mark. Scoring was somewhat difficult owing to the breeze blowing. Mr Duvall proved to be the winner of the cup, with the score of 29 points (including handicap points), one point below the possible. Mr Rubery finished second with a score of 28 points (including handicap), while Mr V. Kelly, who was scratch, took third place. The last-named competitor also scored 27 points with his second nomination, bringing his total score for the day to 54 of a possible 60. At the conclusion three cheers were given for the winner (Mr Duvall), and Mr Walters, who kindly acted as referee and gave every satisfaction.



Mr D. Crozier was accorded a welcome back to Auckland by the members of the Auckland Cycling Club on Friday. The proceedings were of a very enthusiastic nature throughout.

The Rudge-Whitworth Cycle Club intend having their opening run to Cornwall Park on October 3. Lady riders are particularly invited.

The crack American riders, Ivor Lawson and Floyd McFarland, will be passing through Auckland by the next A. and A. steamer, the Sonoma, bound for Sydney.

At the N.C.U., England, champion meet-S. Jenkins won the quarter-mile and five miles events. A. S. Ingram got the quarter-mile amateur, and L. Meredith the twenty-five miles amateur championship.

Miss M. Foster beat Miss Palmer's fifty miles South Roads (Eng.) record of 2hr 38min 18sec by 24min 16s recently. Her time was 2hr 14min 2sec, which also beats L. Meredith's time over the same course by 7min 40sec. She was paced by a motor cycle.

At the New South Wales League of Wheelmen's cycling carnival, in October, the scratch races will probably be run on new lines. Points will be given to the leaders at the end of each lap, so that much of the hanging back as at present exists in long distance events will be done away with, and a five miles race will not be determined by a one-lap go.

November 28, December 5 and 12 are the dates chosen for the Austral Wheel Race Meeting, to be held on the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The prize-money amounts to £1050, £550 going for the wheel race.

The Dunlop Tyre Company have patented an improved single tube racing tyre, which will be available for the coming season. The new features of the tyre are that it is easily repairable, and further that the fabric pocket has no lap, which is claimed to do away with any possibility of the tyre bursting. Racing men who have examined the new tyre are much taken with its lightness and resiliency. The weight of a single tyre is from 9oz to 10oz. Racing men before fitting up their mounts for the season should have a look at the latest production.

The celluloid bicycle handle has fairly established itself as the standard, and seems in a fair way to drive felt, cork, and rubber off the market (says an English paper). This may fairly be taken as an example of the survival of the fittest. Rubber, indeed, has long since gone out of fashion for the purpose, as it proved intolerably dirty in use. The same objection applies both to cork and felt, which both have the property of absorbing and retaining large quantities of dirt. In fact, the wisdom of making the handles of absorbent material is very doubtful. The perspiration from the hands collects dust from the road, and carries it into the pores of the material, and we have noticed several cases in which cuts upon the fingers or hands have been caused to fester apparently for this reason. It is, of course, possible to wash the handles, but it is difficult to do this thoroughly, while the texture of the felt suffers considerable alteration in the process, and cork is apt to crack and split. Cork handles, and especially the variety in which the cork is reduced to a mere veneer, are always troublesome in this way, and suffer from being leaned against walls, while a fall is generally fatal to them. Celluloid, on the other hand, is non-absorbent, it is clean and cool to the touch, and is capable of enduring a great deal of rough usage. It will certainly produce callosities on the palms of the hands, but this applies with almost equal force to the other varieties of handles. On the score of smartness and good appearance there is nothing to touch celluloid, though one could wish that some of the makers would be content with a more modest colouring than they at present affect.

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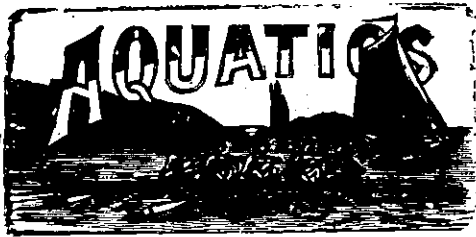
Advertisement for Palmer Tyres, featuring large stylized text and a decorative border.

Advertisement for Prof. Potter, Teacher of Gymnastics, Physical Culture, and Boxing. Includes details about classes and gymnasiums.

Advertisement for Dunlop Cushion Heels, featuring an illustration of a shoe and descriptive text about the product's benefits.

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Advertisement for Ainslie's Pure Malt Whisky, featuring the text 'Why DRINK Inferior WHISKY when you can obtain AINSLIE'S PURE MALT' and agent information.



(By "The Recker.")

A very large amount of work is going forward at the Auckland yards. While having a look round during the week I noticed that Logan Bros. have a number of oil launches under construction. There is an open pleasure launch for Mr W. Whitley. She has the new torpedo stern, which is now becoming so popular, and will be fitted with a 10 h.p. Union engine. A 30-foot cabin launch of 5 h.p. for Mr Harris, of Picton, is nearly completed, and will soon be ready for launching. The 26-foot launch for Mr Newton King, of New Plymouth, which will have a 4 h.p. Union engine, is also well advanced. A 25-foot fast cruiser for Mr Kirker, of Ponsonby, will be put in hand immediately.

Charles Bailey, junr., is steadily pushing on with Sir Rupert Clarke's new schooner. The planking and decking has been finished, and the fittings are now being placed in position. She will be ready for launching early in November. Bailey has also a lot of work in hand for the Tyser liner Niwaru.

Bailey and Lowe's yard presents a very busy spectacle, a lot of work going on. Mr S. Milne's 23-foot launch, 1 1/2 h.p. oil launch, Patete, has just been completed. A fast launch for Mr Hadley is being pushed on with. She will have an engine of 15 h.p. which should make her one of the speediest in the Waitemata. The firm are well forward with the 22-foot ocean cruiser in which Mr Buckeridge proposes to round the Horn. She is being built at North Shore. Two 26-foot fast cruisers are on order.

The annual meeting of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, on Tuesday evening, was very largely attended by members, the contest for seats on the committee no doubt accounting in part for the great interest displayed by members.

The balance-sheet, which was adopted, showed that the receipts for the year had been (including balance from last year of £44 0s 4d) £418 14s 10d, and the expenditure £406 13s 1d, the balance carried forward being £12 1s 9d. The assets were £285 12s 4d, and liabilities £5 19s.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—Commodore, Mr C. P. Murdoch; vice-commodore, Mr J. R. Gray, junr.; rear-commodore, Mr H. R. Bloomfield; hon. secretary, Mr P. H. Cole; hon. treasurer, Mr R. S. Reynolds; hon. auditors, Messrs T. F. Wallace and Malcolm Wiseman; committee, Messrs A. Alison, J. Alexander, A. W. Chatfield, E. V. Miller, R. R. Masfield, P. F. Battley, F. W. Coombes, H. Haines, J. C. Hardie and F. M. Jervis.

Recipients of a presentation generally glean beforehand when anything of the kind is toward, but I fancy Commodore Murdoch got a genuine surprise when Mr P. F. Battley, on behalf of the technical classes inaugurated by the club during the past season, presented to him a spirit compass, with a suitable inscription, as a token of the esteem of the members and a slight recognition of the interest Mr Murdoch had taken in the class, and the time he had expended in imparting to the members the necessary instruction. Mrs Murdoch also received a diamond brooch from the same donors.

The question as to whether a boat builder should sail a boat in a club race again cropped up, and was very warmly discussed. To my mind the logical position is that if the club admits builders as members they should be entitled to the privileges of members, but if the club do not desire the builders to handle boats then they should not be admitted as members. However, a two to one majority thought otherwise, so there is evidently a flaw in my line of argument which at present I am unable to see.

The executive of the Auckland Rowing Association are not unnaturally indignant at the Anniversary Regatta Committee not putting any event on the programme for amateur oarsmen. They think that instead of wasting £100 on a whale-boat race the money would have been better expended on a number of rowing events. It is possible that a rowing regatta may take place at Mercer in lieu of the usual one at the Anniversary Regatta.

At the annual meeting of the Ponsonby Cruising Club the following officers were elected:—Commodore, Mr S. Levy; vice-commodore, Mr W. Wilson; rear-commodore, Mr E. Message; treasurer, Mr F. Blomfield; secretary, Mr A. Thompson; committee, Messrs T. Thompson, F. Murrell, F. Kunst, J. Hawkins, B. Cooke, H. Johnson, T. Dickson, W. Bettany, A. Hewson, S. W. Buck, D. Paterson. The hon. secretary was presented with a handsome gold chain and pendant for his past services. The retiring Commodore was elected a life member.

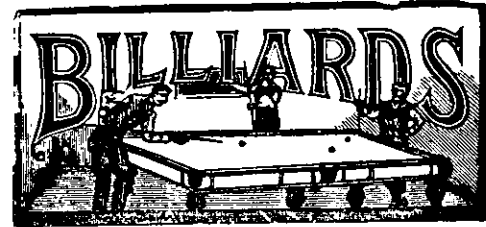
### Miscellaneous Items.

Count de Nieva won the New South Wales Pigeon Shooting Championship last week with 21 kills. The New Zealanders, Chevannes and Eccles, gave a good display of shooting; but both had the bad luck to break down on very difficult birds.

A cable from Hobart gives very tragic particulars of the result of a walking contest. Somewhat foolishly, the attempt was made to tackle the climb to the top of Mount Wellington during the bad weather. The walkers encountered a snowstorm, and some became rigid with cold, and others fainted. Only two reached the Pinnacle. On the return, two were missing, and search parties found a man named Richards dead on the track. The body of one, Radford, was also found some distance off. His foot had caught in the cleft of a sapling. The winner, Cocksbutt, suffered severely.

Stan. Wickham, the popular three-quarter, scored all the 12 points for New South Wales in the match against Queensland at Brisbane on Saturday. Two tries and two penalty goals made up the total.

At the Auckland Golf Club's links on Saturday afternoon, two matches (senior and junior classes) were played for the prizes presented by the club's captain, Mr J. R. Sykes. Both matches were medal play, 18 holes. In the senior division Mr E. Turner annexed the prize with a net score of 87, and in the junior class Mr E. A. Dargaville was the winner with a score of 85.



H. W. Stevenson, the famous English cueist, will play an exhibition match at the Waitemata Club Billiard Room, in Custom-street West, on Friday evening, October 2. Lovers of the game will thus have an opportunity of seeing the world's ex-champion perform. He is said to be one of the most graceful and finished artists that ever handled a cue, and his advent will be eagerly awaited by local amateurs.

At the Wellington Club, on Saturday, Stevenson won a match against a well-known amateur, to whom he conceded 650 points in a game of 1000 up. Stevenson began with a break of 181, and followed this up with a break of 155. When his opponent had reached 801 Stevenson ran out with an unfinished break of 165, in which a series of "nursery cannons" was the main feature. The professional was in fine form, and played brilliantly.

W. Lyons will probably play a match against Stevenson during the latter's visit to Auckland. The veteran tells me that he hardly feels like doing himself justice, but as the English ex-champion is a personal friend he will do his best to oblige. As he naively put it, "now the weather is warmer it won't be so bad having to sit and watch the other man rattling up his hundreds."

The billiard tournament organised by the Royal N.Z. Yacht Squadron is virtually completed. The B Class contest ended in a victory for C. Conolly, who was on the scratch mark. In the final he conceded J. Endean 50 points, and won after a grand game. Holden is a red-hot favourite for the A Class competition, in which the final has yet to be played.

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# The Motorist.

(By "Spark Intensifier.")

The weekly run of the Auckland Automobile Association was to Mount Albert, returning via Mount Roskill and the top of Mount Eden. Among those who took part in the run were Drs. De Clive Lowe, Rayner, Messrs Whitson, Spinks, G. Henning, J. D. Henning and Moody.

It is said that Bishop Lenihan is going in for a steam locomobile, which will be between seven and eight horse-power.

## MR. CROZIER'S IMPRESSIONS OF ENGLAND AND THE STATES.

I had a chat, a few days ago, with Mr D. Crozier, of the firm of Dexter and Crozier. He has just returned from a run through the States, England and Ireland, and has had a very enjoyable trip. When in Ireland, Mr Crozier witnessed the great Gordon-Bennett race from the top of Ardsull Moat. He describes the contest as highly interesting when the cars were in sight, but he preferred the speed trial prior to the big contest. The many hundreds of motor cars to be seen round Dublin during the race week were also worth watching, firstly because the police appeared to give any amount of latitude to them just then, and also because every description of car and pretty well every well-known automobilist was to be seen.

Mr Crozier did some cycling round Birmingham, Coventry, and Wolverhampton, where the cycle industry is in full swing, and was much struck with the roads which he says are simply perfect, while the scenery out towards Stratford-on-Avon greatly took his fancy. The trade seemed very sound in the Old Country, and considerable surprise was felt by Mr Crozier at the up-to-date character of many of the big manufactories. Automatic machinery of the latest pattern is used, enabling the firms to quote wholesale prices which compare very favourably with American firms. A feature of cycling in England is the number of pleasant wayside inns and farmhouses where the comfort of the traveller is looked after most assiduously. Immense numbers of people go a-wheeling, and the inns provide bowling greens, summer concerts, etc., for their delectation.

Mr Crozier travelled through the States both going to and returning from England, visiting San Francisco, Denver, Chicago, Detroit, Syracuse, Buffalo, Hartford, Indianapolis, and New York. Asked as to his impressions of the great Republic, he said there were many things which pleased him and others which did not. For instance, the street traffic in London is controlled in an infinitely superior manner to New York. Another displeasing fact which impressed Mr Crozier was that nearly all the business firms appeared to use the side-walks for unpacking and packing goods. He went to the top of a 33-story sky-scraper, and was much impressed with the hideous appearance of these lofty buildings. The most pleasing feature of America was the luxury found in train travelling, of which Mr Crozier had to do a considerable amount. After travelling in the Empire State Express, a trip on the New Zealand Government Railways is like a return to the Middle Ages.

Mr Crozier made an exhaustive inspection of a very large number of different types of cars. The one which most favourably impressed him was the

"Cadillac." As this car, for which Mr Crozier has the agency, is at present virtually unknown in the Colony, where, however, it will soon be running, a brief description may be of interest. It is manufactured by the "Cadillac" Automobile Co., Detroit, Mich.; 6 1/2-h.p. single-cylinder horizontal gasoline engine, 5-inch stroke and bore, under body; enclosed valve gears, spur type; throttling gives speeds from 5 to 20 miles; copper water-jacket; automatic lubrication; planetary transmission; 2 speeds, forward and reverse; double spark plug; Brown-Lipe equalising gear; radiator in front; jump spark ignition; chain drive, wheel steering; angle iron frame; 28-inch wood artillery wheels; G. and J. detachable tyres; Runabout carries 2 passengers, or fitted with tonneau to carry 4. Fitted with 4 mud-guards. Weight with tonneau 1250 lbs.

The cycle industry in America seemed to be just recovering from a heavy slump. The American Cycle Manufacturing Coy. has at its head Colonel Albert Pope, who did immense service in introducing the cycle into the States. This huge trust intends to make a big effort to re-educate the people in the use of the cycle. Their policy will be to build the best possible machine and charge accordingly for it. The cheap and nasty makes will go by the board. Mr Crozier tells me that he intends making a specialty of the new type of "Rambler," which has a two-speed gear and free-wheel, these being operated by a slight movement of the pedal. He will also have a special line of English wheels manufactured for him by a big Coventry firm.

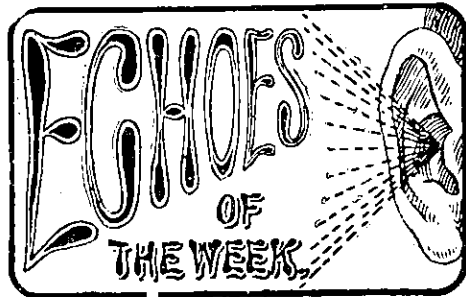
In a great motor-cycle run, termed an endurance or reliability trial, out from New York 197 miles and return—394 miles in all—there were thirty-one starters. The run occupied three days, that is, it was completed in three stages, and, therefore, was not a speed competition. A remarkable feature was that no less than fourteen of the contestants made the highest possible score, while another two lost but 40 points of the 1000. The run was made over unfamiliar country to many of the motorists, over all conditions of roads, and there was but little time allowed for repairs. It showed in no uncertain way that these machines are rapidly nearing perfection. It also taught much to the factory, with the result that a number of minor improvements will be made.

## CRICKET.

A cable received during the week states that the following are the English first-class cricket batting averages.—C. B. Fry 81, Ranjitsinhji 56, Hirst 47, Knight 45, Tyldesley 44, A. C. MacLaren 42, P. F. Warner 39, A. Hayward 35, B. Bosanquet 34, Braund 32, Arnold 31, Rhodes 27, Lilley 25, Relf 21. Out of the fourteen names cabled eleven are members of the M.C.C. eleven which is to leave England for Australia to-morrow.

Mead has the best English bowling average, having taken 131 wickets at a cost of 13 1/2 runs apiece, Blythe and Hargreaves come next, and then follow seven members of the M.C.C. team, in Rhodes, Hirst, Arnold, Fielder, Relf, Bosanquet, and Braund.

Of 17 matches played by the Philadelphians in their English tour, 7 have been won, 6 lost, 3 drawn, and the game with Sussex abandoned without a ball being bowled. The captain, J. A. Lester, heads the batting averages with 36.09, J. B. King and P. H. Clark being the most successful bowlers.



Regarding the Sunday tram question. I was riding in a car the other day and I overheard a conversation between two conductors. Said A: "I think it's about up to us to go to church now, Bill, seeing how these Endeavourers are looking after our interests so strong." "Yes," said B. "They're a fine lot, ain't they? For six years I was driving a 'bus to One-hunga every day, Sunday included, and you know what that is! Flogging the whole way. Where was them Endeavourers then? Why didn't they cry out about the Sunday labour in them days? Now when we don't want their help, they are cantin' and snivellin', and poking their bally noses where they ain't welcome." And then both men indulged in a loud and very emphatic sneer that it would have done the self-righteous bounders who have organised the anti-tram movement good to listen to.

A correspondent wrote as follows to "Civis," the purveyor of Attic Salt at the sign of the "Witness," Dunedin:—

"The present Parliament is not Puritan, you say;—it has rejected a Bill for abolishing the totalisator. Perhaps you regret this; perhaps you don't; it is often difficult to tell whether "Civis" is serious or not. In case you are sorry we haven't got a Puritan Parliament, I send you an estimate of the totalisator by Dean Hole, a clergyman very generally respected, I believe, for his piety.

"It would be a gain if the totalisator were made, in England as in Russia, the only lawful mode of betting. It is common in Australia, and, if there must be gambling, it would at all events abolish the vile herd of legs and welsers, and protect from robbery. You put down your sovereign at the authorised office, and get a ticket for the horse you desire to back. All the money so paid in, except, of course, a small percentage, is divided up and paid out to all who produce tickets of the winning horse. The winner is sure to receive what he wins, and in depositing his money has no need to exercise the cautious discretion displayed by a certain young man on a racecourse, when, being invited by some sharpers to make a wager, and being assured that 'Mr Jackson had kindly consented to hold the stakes,' he inquired with laudable curiosity, 'But who will hold Mr Jackson?' The totalisator is the answer, and the only answer, to the question, Who will hold Mr Jackson? It makes Mr Jackson unnecessary."

To which "Civis" appends the following:—

"Thus a correspondent: with whom agrees, I observe, Mr G. G. Sfead. Interviewed in Sydney, this popular racing owner declared that 'the influence of the machine was incalculable in making for the good of the turf generally.' That may be: but it is not clear that the good of the turf generally are one and the same thing. I say this albeit no Puritan, nor sympathetic in the least little bit with Torrey-Alexander narrowness. On questions of morals no good is done by pernicketty tithings of mint and anise and cummin. Temperance is not promoted by interdicting the harmless

necessary glass of beer, nor is gambling to be restrained by invectives against bazaar raffles. It is inconceivable, however, that a man might wish to abolish both totalisator and bookmaker, yet be no Puritan. Dean Hole's position I don't quite make out. What is he doing in that galley, anyhow? When a dean of noted piety commends the totalisator he reminds me of the church-going bookmaker who directed his wife to assure the clergyman that though obliged to absent himself from service next Sunday, having a little racing business to attend to, yet 'he would be with you in spirit.'

The "Special Commissioner" of the London "Sporting Review" has contributed a very interesting article to that journal reminiscent of poor Phil May. Of the artist's work the public has long formed an adequate opinion, but the following bit of biography, contradictory as it does some popularly accepted ideas, will be interesting:—

"We are told in most of the obituary notices that he went out to Australia in 1886 on account of failing health. This is quite incorrect, though he was never strong. The reason was that he was making from £8 to £10 a week on "St. Stephen's," and the proprietors of the "Sydney Bulletin" offered him a three-year engagement at 30 guineas a week to go on that paper. It is remarkable that the Colonials should have grasped the value of Phil May's work so much earlier than did people in England. "St. Stephen's Review" could not afford to retain him at such a salary and could only wish him God-speed. By way of a send-off we arranged a show of the originals of all the best illustrations by him which had appeared in the paper, and invited all the London Press. There was a big attendance, but I do not think that any accepted authority, except the late Mr Whistler, really recognised the immense talent of the artist. My own fear was that he would be practically wasted in the Colonies, but this proved quite groundless, for from the very first he was appreciated there, perhaps because at the outset he exasperated his public by a drawing of a convict in chains on a pedestal as a design for a centenary memorial!"

The following is a copy of a card suspended in the bar of a country inn in Mid-Kent. It strikes me as the sort of thing that would be more welcome to the prohibitionists than to the moderate drinkers in this Colony:—

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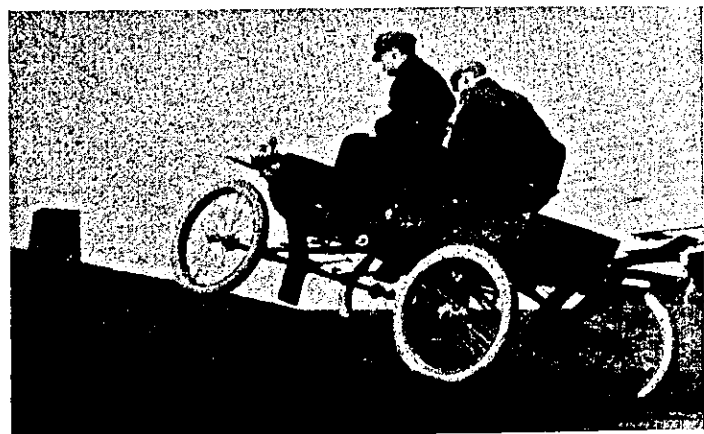
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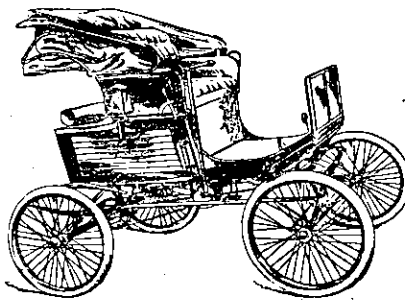
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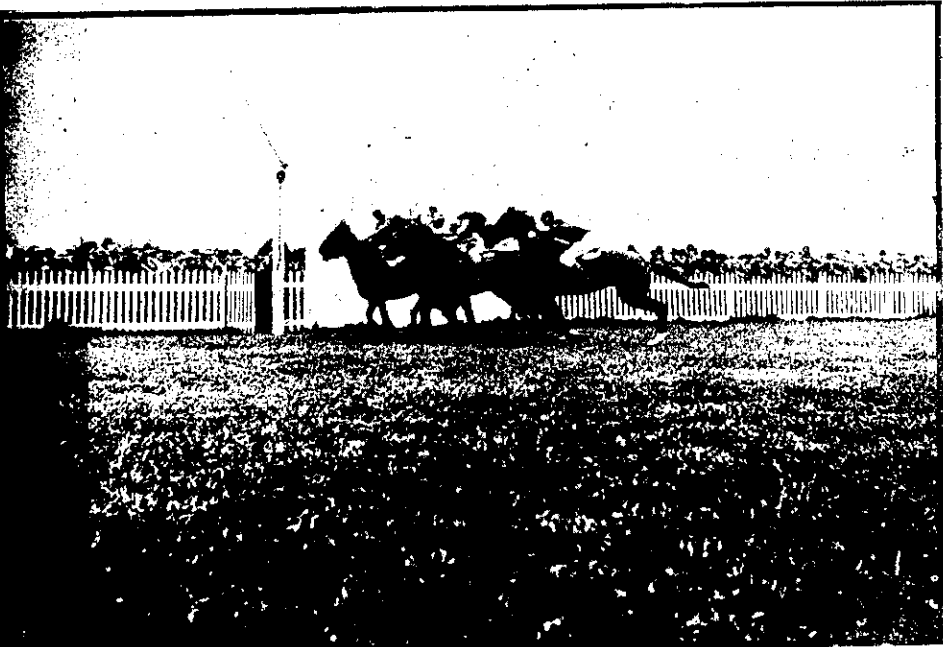


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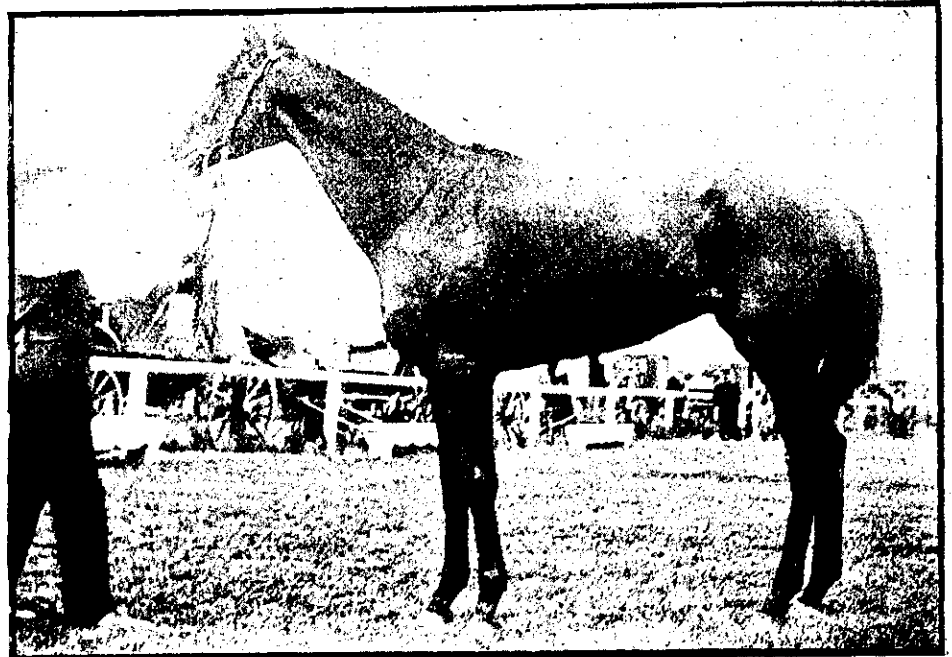
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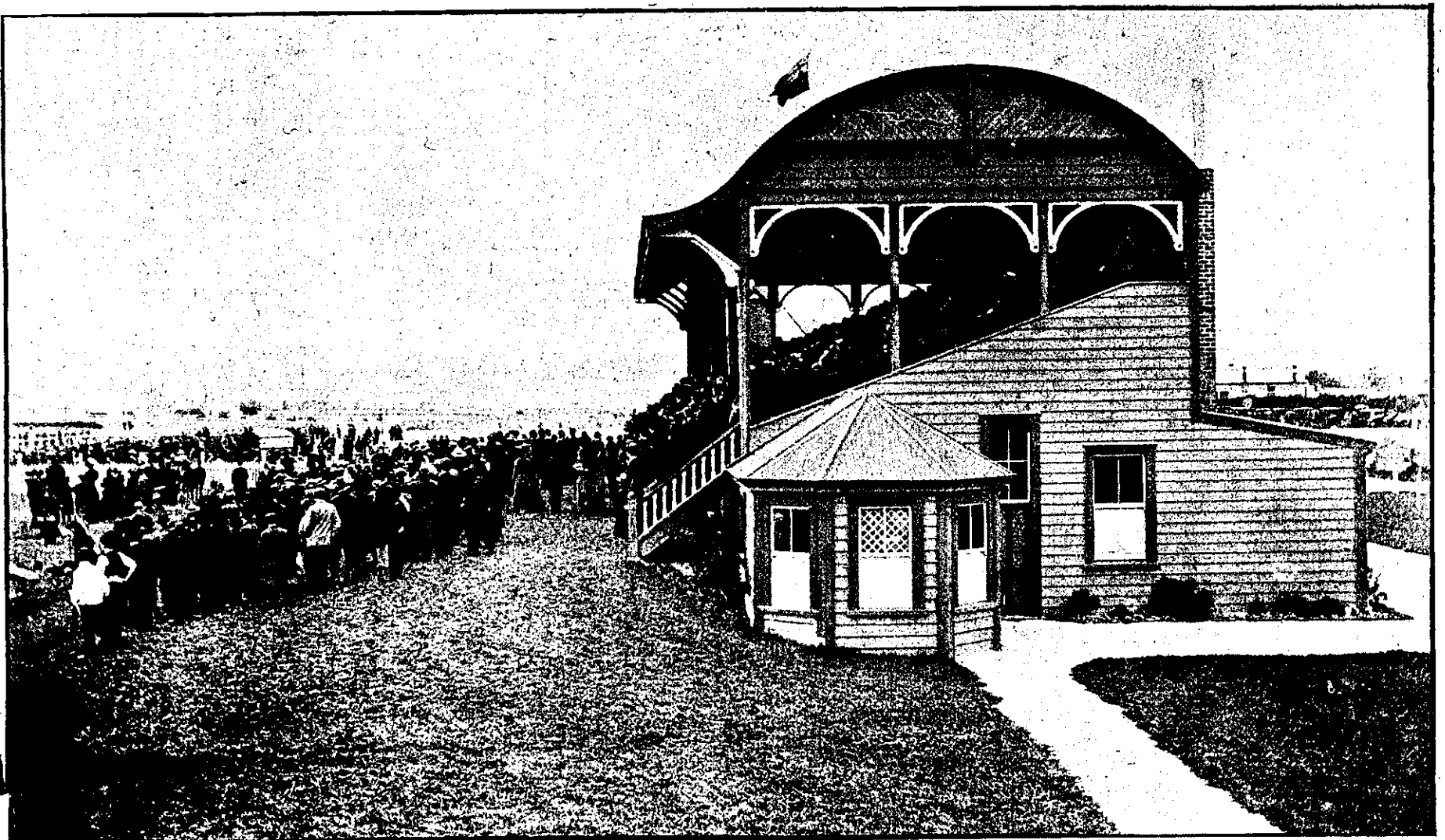
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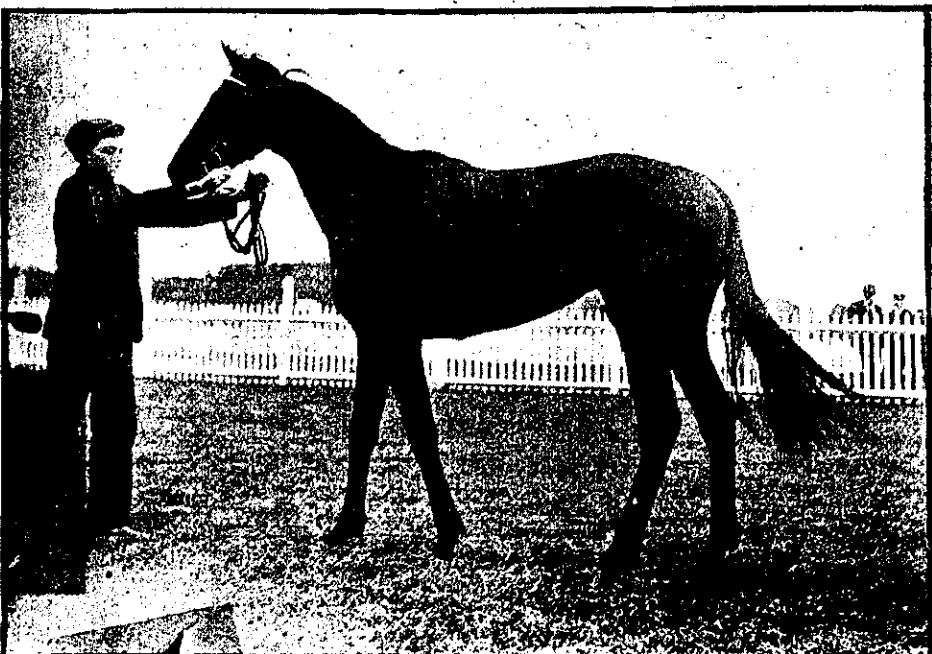
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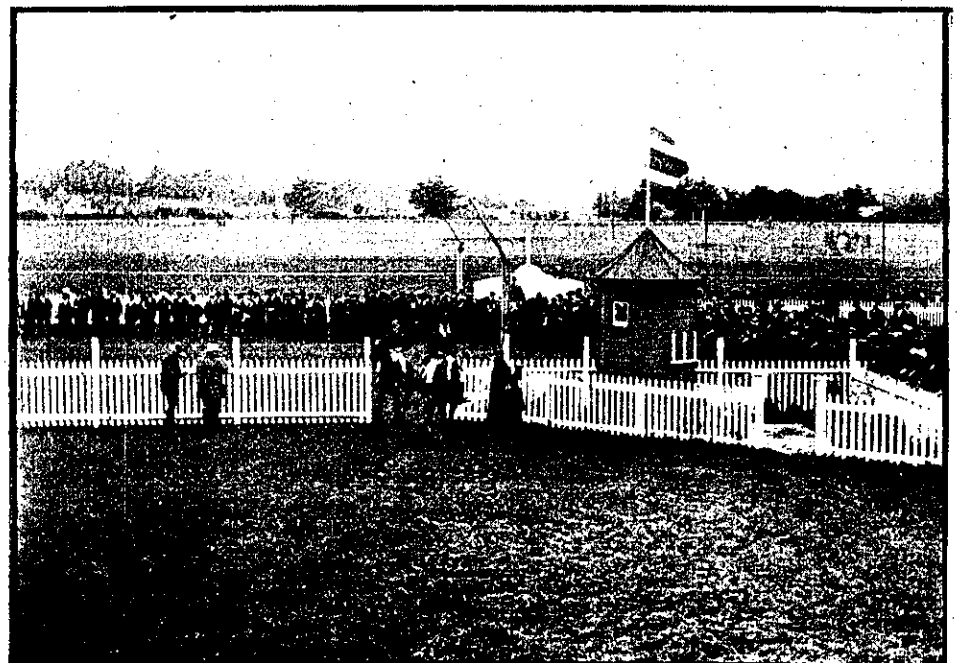
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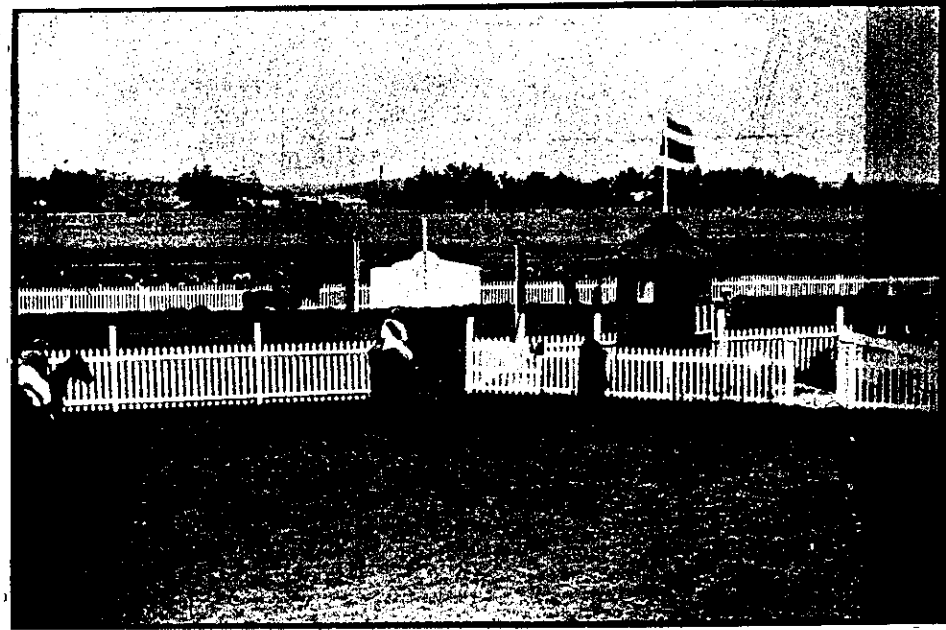


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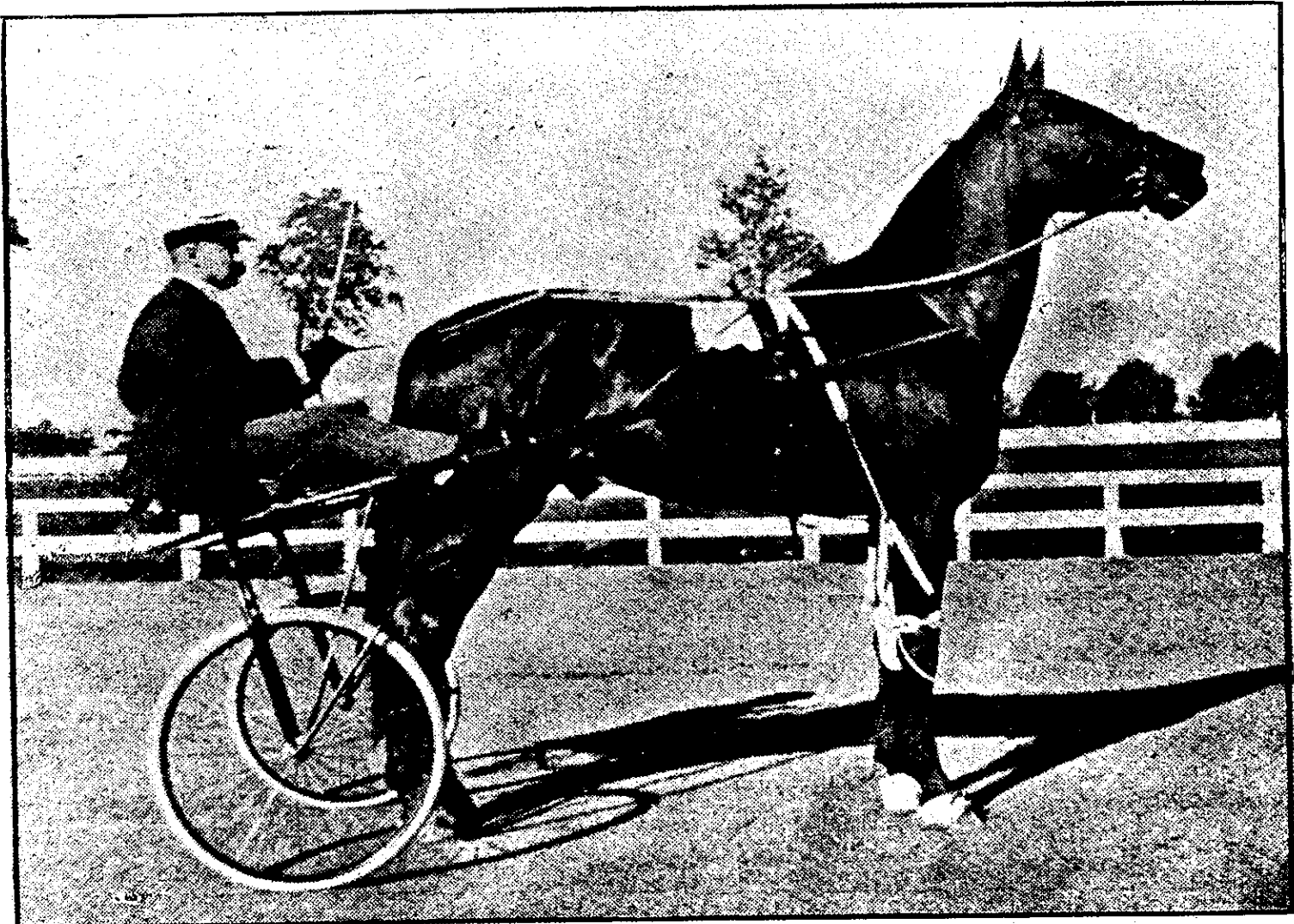




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HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

"THE LADY SLAVEY."

The welcome reappearance of that consummate comedian John F. Sheridan was signalled by a packed house, and the vast audience, after chortling with delight for what appeared to them to be about an hour and a-half, were surprised on emerging from the theatre in the rain to note that the hands of the Exchange clock pointed to eleven! The "Slavey" has been a complete and pronounced success, and serves to confirm the long-established opinion that Mr Sheridan is not only an exceptionally clever artist himself, but that he possesses the somewhat rare faculty of being able to select and train a company that shall act up to him and with him, and not merely serve as a foil to his own personality. The plot of "The Lady Slavey" has already been given with sufficient fulness in a previous issue. Its tissue is slight, but amply sufficient to make the play interesting and homogeneous, while its elasticity admits of the inclusion of extraordinary variety. Pure comedy, little spots of drama, plenty of bright and tuneful singing, are bound up with the pleasantest features of the ballet and pantomime, while the mise en scene is something more than sumptuous. Even Mr Williamson and Mr Musgrove give us nothing finer or more appropriate in the shape of scenery and dresses than Mr Sheridan has brought with him. As to the personnel of the comedy it may be said without hesitation that there are no obtrusively weak points. It would imply no demand for allowances if one were told that the piece had been written and composed for its present exponents. So far as Mr Sheridan himself concerned it is impossible to believe that anybody could play the bailiff better than he plays it. It is one of the most exuberantly funny parts in the whole range of musical comedy, and the peculiar thing about it is that the actor himself seems to be utterly unconscious of the fact that he is amusing—a characteristic, alas, that is rare in these days. Roberts, the bailiff, whether in his own greasy, second-hand slops, in the ill-fitting togs of the funkey, or in the egregious get-up of the bogus millionaire, fills the public eye with tears of laughter. His songs, "The Tears Rolled Down His Cheek" and "The Big Boss Dude from Ohio," bring back memories of the days when there were such people as comic minstrels. What a corner-man Johnny would have made when Campbell and Emery, and Rockefeller and Brahm used to do the serious business! However, the bailiff is much better than a corner-man. Miss Mavis is a quite too delightful Slavey, and the Chicago Millionaire would be quite unworthy of his nation and progenitors if he did not see through the disguise straight off. Miss Mavis is one

of the sprightliest soubrettes on the Colonial stage, and she possesses a sweet and effective voice that is heard with striking effect in a couple of pretty ballads and a duet. Miss Heba Barlow's Flo Honeydew, "from the Empire," is also a dainty bit of characterisation, and this little lady has a special talent for dancing. Mr Wentworth plays a broken military man acting as a bailiff, and makes a capital second to Roberts. Mr Needham is more than good as the embarrassed Major, and the role of the Millionaire is well-sustained by Mr Sidney Carden, a tenor with a fresh, strong voice and the sense to use it well. His solo "In Friendship's Name," is a genuine success. The limp johnny, Lord Lavender, who comes to heel when Miss Lavender whistles, is a part in which Mr Curran evidently takes great delight. So consistent is he on the whole, that it is almost a pity to ask him to sing a weepful, George Deanesque ditty like "That's Why I Went to the War." There are lots of others all good and much too numerous to mention, including the fairy "Criterion Dancers," but a word must be said about "Little Gulliver," the Lion Comique from Lilliput. His pneumatic ribs bounces over the stage in the most grotesque of all possible dances, and sings the quaintest of topical songs in a voice that would make a Kukulurra die of envy. If you want something to cheer you up after reading the Parliamentary debates, you should certainly go and see "The Lady Slavey."

"MRS DOOLEY'S LITTLE JOKE."

This is the comedy that is to follow "The Lady Slavey" on Saturday. To give a joke away is bad policy, but for the benefit of those who may suspect Mr Sheridan of having one at their expense it may be explained that it refers chiefly to a man who had a rooted aversion to mothers-in-law, and much as he loved his wife, he had the conviction that she had no business to have a mother, or, if she had, she should keep her at a distance. So the wife and a friend invented "Mrs Dooley," who came, saw, and conquered, and turned out to be just the sort of mother-in-law the man wanted.

OPERA HOUSE.

THE WOODS-WILLIAMSON COMPANY.

This indefatigable combination has presented two more powerful plays, both from the facile pen of Miss Williamson, during the week. The first of these was an adaptation of Hall Caine's famous novel, "The Manxman," produced under the somewhat more appropriate title of "A Woman's Sin." The drama was admirably interpreted, not only by the leading artists, who made splendid use of the fine material to hand, but by every member in the exceptionally long cast.



MISS CELIA MAVIS, of the John F. Sheridan Company.

Mr Woods' Pete Quilliam served to show this clever and versatile actor at his best, while Miss Williamson's delineation of the unhappy woman, more sinned against than sinning, was strikingly beautiful.

On Saturday the company staged "Barabbas," Marie Corelli's daring romance. The subject is one that calls for the utmost delicacy of treatment, and the dramatist has followed the novelist in her skilful avoidance of pitfalls. It is rare that any play of the dimensions of "Barabbas" is staged, still more seldom that it can be reckoned a success. It implies no light praise, therefore, when it is conceded that the Woods-Williamson production thoroughly satisfied the large audiences that have assembled to witness it. Barabbas, as all readers know, is not exactly the kind of person he is depicted in the Scripture. In the play he is what is called "manly," and therefore popular with the audience. Mr Woods makes him a conspicuous success. Miss Williamson gives another fine dramatic portrait of Judith, sister of Judas, and the other parts are played with care, and even with some degree of brilliancy. In particular may be mentioned the Pilot of Mr Buckler, the Caraphas of Mr Boothman, the Hanan of Mr Beaumont, and the Claudia of Miss Nita Steele. The action of the play is carried out with great skill, and the scenery and mounting are, as already hinted, admirable.

THE CITY HALL.

FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS.

Mr John Fuller's people are still keeping up the steady flow of melody and mirth at the old home of vaudeville. There are constant changes in music and faces, and if John keeps on at this policy (which gives immense satisfaction, by the way) he will be fairly entitled to call his show the "Living Kaleidoscope," or something equally appropriate. The latest attraction is Miss May Fuller, a charming serio-comic singer, but as things are she will soon become by comparison an old identity. The present programme is particularly sparkling, and embraces the most successful efforts of the

Mintons, the Driscoll Boys, the Dashing Elmores, Bob Bell, Hugo Lear, Miss Annie Kinnaird, and Mr Fuller himself, who remains, as he always was, first favourite. At the enterprising manager's popular prices, it is no wonder that the City Hall is so well patronised.

A concert and dance in aid of the Battalion Band will be held at St. Benedict's Hall on Monday next the 28th inst. Under the management of that most enterprising of men, Mr P. Quinlan, whose efforts in furthering all worthy objects is beyond praise, the entertainment is certain to prove a great success.

The Beatrice Vartha Concert Company have been giving the music-loving folk of Whangarei a treat such as does not often fall to their lot. On Saturday week last they opened to a large and appreciative audience. Encores were frequent, but in some cases these are rather unreasonable, and after a long and difficult but excellent rendering of one of Liszt's fine concerted pieces the principals Miss Vartha and Herr Zehman merely bowed their acknowledgments. Miss Florence Narelle sang with much effect in spite of a sore throat from which she was suffering. This gifted young lady's voice gives evidence of the improvement that training and use bring about. Mr Francis also received a well-deserved encore. The company met with bumper houses and enthusiastic audiences at Kamo and Kikurangi, and will now tour the Waikato.

Mr J. F. Sheridan has several new pieces for his next Sydney season, "Dodo," "Naughty Nancy," and "Known to the Police," are among the lot.

It is said that Miss Ada Reeve intends to go into management on her own account shortly.

"Topsy Turvy" has been secured to Australia by Willoughby and Geach. It is said to be a genuine "hummer."

"Mistakes Will Happen" require heavy mounting. One scene representing a stable and hay-loft cost £300.



MISS HEBA BARLOW, of John F. Sheridan's Co.

SIR HENRY IRVING'S SEASON.

The re-modelled and beautifully-decorated Drury Lane Theatre was crowded in every part when Sir Henry Irving closed his season at that historic house. The production of "Dante," with our leading actor in the title role, was, indeed, a notable event in the annals of a theatre whose history has been so closely and honourably associated with the English stage. Sir Henry's embodiment of the part has proved an artistic triumph second in importance to none of his previous creations; and there can be no doubt that the success which has attended his London season will be repeated in his forthcoming provincial and American tour. Sir Henry's representation seemed to be even more powerful and effective than at the first performance, and was received with even greater enthusiasm than on that occasion. Miss Lena Ashwell in the parts of Pia and Gemma was also seen at her best, and she was several times called before the curtain to share the honours with Sir Henry. At the final fall of the curtain he made a brief but graceful little speech, and some amusement was caused by an admirer in the gallery shouting in stentorian tones "Good luck to you, wherever you go, old mate." There was no mistaking the sincerity of the sentiment, and the speaker, in his rough-and-ready fashion, voiced the feelings of the entire audience. The words of Sir Henry's address were as follows:—"I cannot miss this opportunity of thanking you at the close of our season for the great favour with which you have received this play of Sardou's—this "Dante" at this historic stage. We have now to fulfil contracts for its production in Great Britain and in the United States and Canada. These travels, which will begin early in September, will occupy us for the next twelve months, during which time we shall, I trust, be sometimes in your memory. I am not likely to forget this sojourn in Drury Lane Theatre—the courtesy and help of Mr Arthur Collins and his staff before and behind the curtain; above all, the abundant sympathy and favour with which you have rewarded our efforts. With these grateful remembrances, and with the belief that your constant goodwill can never be impaired by our absence, for one and all I thank you, and respectfully and affectionately bid you good-bye."

THE LONDON OPERA SEASON.

The opera season, which ran to nearly eighty performances, came to a close at the end of July (says a well-known critic), when "Romeo et Juliette" was presented for the sixth time, with Alvarez, the Romeo of the decade, as Romeo, and Melba, the Juliette for all time, as Juliette. The season has been enough to test, even to strain the capabilities of the strongest executive, and so far as financial success is concerned the Opera Syndicate have every reason to congratulate themselves on the result of their activity. The twenty-three operas that have been given include one novelty, M. Messa's "Maguelone," which was awarded two representations during the



MISS HELBA BARLOW, singing "The Girl Who Leads the Band," in "The Lady Slavey."

last-nights of the season. Some writers have been mighty humorous over the Syndicate's paucity of new productions, but one fails to see why the lack of novelties should be laid at their doors. They have done their best to encourage native composers to turn their attention to grand opera, and if home talent is not equal to the task we can scarcely blame a management if they decline to mount pieces that the public will not come to see. At Covent Garden they charge high prices and present the best that the musical world has to give; if that best still consists of works that have been heard many times before, the modern composers and not the impresarios are at fault. In all matters appertaining to the production and interpretation of the operas and to the arrangements for the comfort of the audiences, the past season has been the most pleasing that opera-goers can remember. In Mr Francis Neilson the Syndicate have got at once the most artistic and the most capable stage manager that has ever been employed at Covent Garden. He cannot, because I suppose he may not, defy the traditions which render the garden scene in "Faust" a "twopenny coloured" convention, and the garden scene in "Rigoletto" a sheer bit of pantomime; but when it comes to putting his own personality and temperament in a production he is unsurpassed. If Mr Neilson could be given a free hand to stage, say "Faust" after his own heart, all London would crowd to see it. There are, of course, two arguments that might be used against such a revolutionary innovation. In the first place would the artists adopt the revision of the business-convention in this respect relieving them of the labours of rehearsals? In the second place, while Melba or Calve and Alvarez and Plancon in "Faust" can always fill the theatre to its utmost capacity without the additional expenditure of a dollar for paint or new props., would a commercial syndicate be justified in rushing into extra expense? On the domestic side, so to speak, of the season, Mr Neil Forsyth has again won golden opinions. He has made the comfort of his patrons his fetish, and even the musical critics have not foreborne to cheer his attention to their convenience. Recently they dined him in state at the Imperial Restaurant, the ostensible object being to felicitate him upon his receipt of the "Academic Palms" at the hands of the French President, but in reality it was an attempt, and a most successful



JOHN F. SHERIDAN, as Johaana Murphy in "A Trip to Chicago."

one, to register the affectionate regard in which his invariable courtesy and unflinching tact have caused him to be held by the musical representatives of the Metropolitan Press.

The name of the late Miss Romer, the well-known actress, in private life was Mrs Gibson. She was, as already stated in these columns, the mother of Miss Brenda Gibson. Miss Romer first married a Mr Brough, by whom she was the mother of Mr Robert Brough. In her youthful days (says "Prospero") she was a soprano in comic opera, and after several years provincial experience she became principal singer in the burlesque staged by the late Alfred Wigan at the St. James's Theatre, London, in 1860. Miss Romer stayed three years at that theatre, and then joined J. B. Buckstone's management at the Haymarket. After that the actress permanently embarked upon regular drama, and was for long associated with Madge Robertson (Mrs Kendal) in the provinces. She was associated with the Brough Comedy Company for ten years, and played the characters known on the stage as grande dame parts excellently.

The Eldorado Summer Theatre, Madrid, was destroyed by fire recently. Some persons were injured. Three adjoining houses were also burned to the ground. The building was of wood, and soon became ablaze from top to bottom and was quickly destroyed. The flames were communicated by adjoining trees to three palatial residences opposite. The police fired revolvers and threw stones at the windows of these houses to awaken the inhabitants, who hastily sought refuge in the streets, scantily attired. Among them was an Under-Secretary of State and his wife. A large crowd collected and saved a number of women and children and sick persons. There was a moment of panic when the flames threatened to detach the electric tramway cables and bring them down on the crowd, which fled shrieking. The cause of the fire was the fusing of an electric wire. A safe containing valuables belonging to a millionaire which was brought out of the house was put in the street, and guarded by a posse of police.

A new romantic one-act play by C. W. Hogg, entitled, "His Life for Hers," has been produced in England. The

plot deals with the period of the French Revolution. Henri, Duc De Chatillon, loves Margot and his love is returned, but owing to a false report she believes he is already secretly married, so has wedded the Marquis De Lussac. Her husband being wounded in a fight with the mob, they both flee, and take ref. in the house of the Duc De Chatillon. Recognition and explanation take place between Margot and Henri, when he learns too late why she never married him, also that, though not loving her husband, she has learnt to admire his goodness and bravery. On the husband re-entering the room, finding Henri kneeling at his wife's feet, a stormy interview is about to take place when the house is attacked by the revolutionists. Owing to a secret panel behind a picture in his bedroom, Henri is able to save the lives of Margot and her husband, but at the sacrifice of his own, for, being the last, he is unable to leave the room to gain safety before he is attacked by the sans-culottes and killed fighting to the last, thus giving his life for hers. It is a costume play, and makes a pretty and interesting curtain-raiser.

A sensational accident happened at the Tivoli, Birmingham, a few weeks ago. Miss Payne, who performs as "Miss Moto," was engaged in the motor-car performance of "hooping the hoop," and had just entered the hoop from the incline when the front wheel of the car, which was running at a tremendous rate, struck a small guid rail which had become displaced, and the car, with its occupant, fell a distance of 20ft. to the stage. The car was badly smashed, but the young lady escaped with a severe shock and some nasty bruises. The authorities stopped the performance the next evening.

Mr and Mrs Sidney Drew, once with Rickards, were playing, during August, "The Yellow Dragon," in Oxford.

A London trick banjoist, France Piper, plays two banjos while spinning them 300 revolutions a minute.

"In Mizouri" reminds the "News-letter" of the ill-fated Nat Goo-win, whose Australian tour spelt no cash. His American version of "The Rivals" and "The Nominee" were not calculated to amuse. "In Mizouri" was, but it came too late in the season.

DICKENS AND THE DRAMA.

The recent "boom" in adaptations from the works of Charles Dickens recalls (says the "Era") the numerous occasions on which the great novelist came into touch with the drama and with stage life. Throughout Dickens's writings we constantly come upon allusions to the theatrical life of his time. In one of the Sketches by "Boz" entitled "Private Theatres," an interesting account is given of the system by which the aspirants to histrionic fame purchased parts of a performance at rates like the following:—"Richard the Third, Duke of Gloucester, £2; Earl of Richmond, £1; Duke of Buckingham, 15s; Catesby, 12s; Tressell, 10s 6d; Lord Stanley, 5s; Lord Mayor of London, 2s 6d." There is a description in the same volume of an amateur representation of "Othello," which was given in the house of Mr Gattleton, of Clapham Rise, in which none of the performers could walk in their tights, or move their arms in their jackets; in which the pantaloons were too small, the boots too large, and the swords of all shapes and sizes, in which the Roderigo, naturally too tall for the scenery, wore a black velvet hat with white plumes, the glory of which was lost in the "flies," and an inconvenience of which was that when it was off his head he could not put it on, and when it was on he could not take it off. It is notable that Dickens, in his descriptions of stage life is invariably good-natured. Even Mr Alfred Jingle, who is not an actor as much as an adventurer, is rather an amusing than a repulsive personage. The "Memoirs of Joseph Girmaldi," edited by "Boz," shows the invention and industry required in that then very important personage, a pantomime clown. In "Nicholas Nickleby," in which the celebrated company under the management of Mr Vincent Crummies is described, the author shows himself rather a humourist than a satirist, and does full justice to the kindness and generosity of the actor's nature. In "Little Dorrit" there is the touching story of poor old Frederick Dorrit when he played the clarinet in a small London theatre, and a graphic description of a ballet rehearsal. A type of actor who is now almost becoming extinct is Mr Wopsle, in "Great Expectations." In all Dickens's pictures of the stage of his time we are struck by the squalid nature of the surroundings and the mounting, especially at the minor theatres. When Pip visited Mr Wopsle at the Temple of the Drama, after the latter "took to the stage," he found "the King and Queen of Denmark elevated in two kitchen chairs on a kitchen table, holding a Court. The whole of the Danish nobility were in attendance, consisting of a noble boy in the wash-leather boots of a gigantic ancestor, a venerable peer with a dirty face, who seemed to have risen from the people late in life, and the Danish Chivalry with a comb in its hair and a pair of white silk legs,



JOHN F. SHERIDAN, As "Mrs Dooley."

presenting on the whole a feminine appearance. The late King of the country not only appeared to have been troubled with a cough at the time of his decease, but to have taken it with him to the tomb, and to have brought it back. The royal phantom also carried a ghostly manuscript round its truncheon, to which it had the appearance of occasionally referring, and that, too, with an air of anxiety and a tendency to lose the place of reference which were suggestive of a state of mortality. It was this led to the shade's being advised by the gallery to "turn over." The noble boy in the ancestral boots was inconsistent, representing himself, as it were in one breath, as an able seaman, a strolling actor, a gravedigger, a clergyman, and a person of the utmost importance at a Court fencing match. This gradually led to a want of toleration for him, and even on his being detected in holy orders and declining to perform the funeral service—to the general indignation taking the form of nuts. Ophelia was a prey to such slow musical

madness that when in the course of time she had taken off her white muslin scarf, folded it up and buried it, a sulky man, who had been cooling his impatient nose against an iron bar in the front row of the gallery, growled, "Now the baby's put to bed let's have some supper." When the Prince asked the question whether it was nobler in the mind to suffer, some roared yes and some no; and some inclining to both opinions said, "toss up for it!" When he appeared with his stocking disordered—its disorder expressed, according to usage, by one very neat fold in the top, got up with a flat iron—conversation took place in the gallery respecting the paleness of his leg, and whether it was occasioned by the turn the ghost had given him." Mr Wopsle, in a comprehensive black cloak, was detected in the churchyard, which had a kind of small ecclesiastical wash-house on one side and a turnpike gate on the other. The gravedigger was admonished in a friendly way. "Look out! the undertaker's a-coming to see how you're getting on with your work!" When Mr Wopsle returned the skull, after dusting his fingers on a white napkin taken from his breast, that innocent and indispensable action did not pass without comment. "Waiter!" "Your out of your reading of Hamlet," said Mr "Waldengarver's" dresser, "when you get your legs in profile. The last Hamlet as I dressed made the same mistakes in his reading at rehearsal, till I got him to put a large red wafer on each of his shins; and then at the last rehearsal I went in front, sir, to the back of the pit, and whenever his reading brought him into profile, I called out 'I don't see no wafers!' And at night his reading was lovely."

What a strange life was that of the actor in Dickens' time! What squalor in the dressing and mounting, what coarse familiarity between the audience and the artists on the stage! It is amusing to read about, but it must have been very unpleasant for any individual of refined and artistic taste to experience. The stock company system, with its scamped and hasty rehearsals and its killing drudgery, had a good deal to answer for; but the whole stage life then had over it a trail of dingy and disreputable Bohemianism. It was the age of pint pots, imperfect ablutions, orange peel elluvia, and Shakespeare burlesqued by inadequate treatment and sordid mis-en-scene. We may well congratulate ourselves after reading Dickens's descriptions, that those terrible times are over, that acting now takes its proper place amongst the arts, and that actors are no longer looked upon as descendants of "the rogues and vagabonds" of the Elizabethan period.

NEW VERSION OF "DAVID GARRICK."

The Dublin correspondent of the "Era" thus describes the new one-act comedy

produced for the first time at the Royal on July 21:—

This version of the story of David Garrick and the maid who fell in love with him on seeing his performance in "Hamlet" has been specially written for Mr Arthur Holmes-Gore by Mr Harry A. Leader in a most masterly and effective manner. Unlike many other versions, the action, which takes place in one scene, opens with an interview between the Hon. Dick Grinaway and Virginia, in which Dick appeals to her once more to return his love. She, reading from "Hamlet," declares her single-hearted attachment to Garrick, and he in high dudgeon leaves the house, refusing Councillor Eversham's invitation to remain to dinner. After the discovery by her father that Virginia's thoughts are still harping on the actor fellow, she is bidden to prepare for her guests. Garrick enters in obedience to a note from Eversham, and learns that he is expected to cure the love-sick maid. He gives his word of honour as an actor and a gentleman that he will kill her love. Voices of the arriving guests are heard, and Eversham and Garrick retire to mature the scheme. The amusing arrival of the visitors follows, and Eversham greets them, introducing Garrick, who discovers in Virginia the maid whose eyes from the boxes had won from him an ideal love. His actor's honour bids him fulfil his pledge, and at the dinner table where all are seated Garrick feigns drunkenness, insults the guests, and disgusts the woman he loves. In a very touching scene she orders him to leave the house. As he is going, Grinaway returns, and, after learning from Garrick the story of his promise and its fulfilment, challenges him for the insult to his lady-love. As their swords meet in deadly earnest Virginia, who has overheard the conversation detailing the plot, orders them to put up their swords, dismisses Grinaway, and defends Garrick's honour to her irate father, and in his presence their mutual devotion is sealed in a true lover's kiss with the beautiful quotation from Love-lace:—

I could not love thee, dear, so well,  
Loved I not honour more.

"The Lady Slavey" is now in its tenth year of success in England and America.

The family to which Little Gulliver belongs runs in different sizes. He has a sister aged nineteen, a head shorter than himself, but to make up for this, another brother and sister are over 6 feet high. Little Johnny does not look his twenty-eight years.

Rumoured that the Slapofiskis are going into operatic management on their own, financed by sundry promoters. Grand opera as illustrated by "Martha," "La Sonnambula," "Barber of Seville," "Daughter of the Regiment," etc., will probably be the staple fare.

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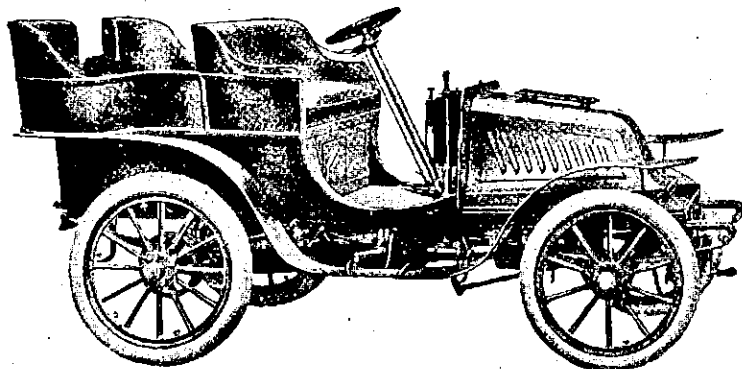
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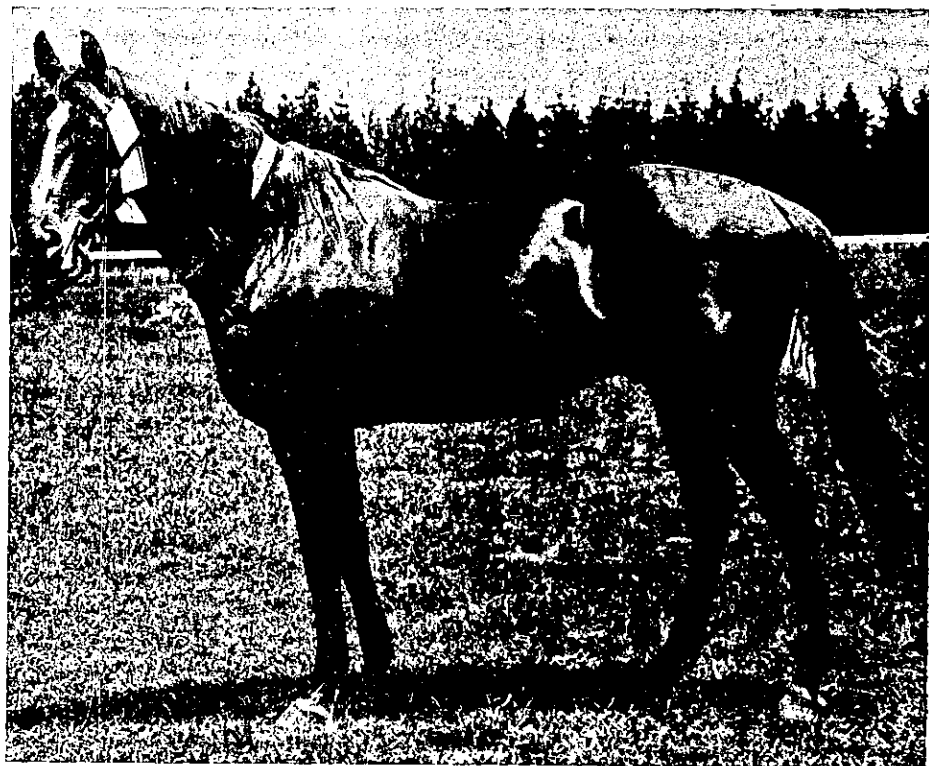
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## SUNDAY TRAMS.

The opposition to the running of the electric trams on Sunday proceeds ostensibly from the "religious" people, but in reality it is engineered by that hysterical party which seeks to interfere with every action of our daily life, to regulate our drinks, our dietary, our clothes and our modes of thought. They are well-named prohibitionists, for they would, if they could, prohibit everybody from doing anything for which they themselves have no inclination or which is debarred them. Unhappily for the credit of Christianity certain sections of the Church have linked their interests with this intolerant and intolerable band, the impelling motive being no doubt fear—fear lest the dispersion of the working people over the fields of a summer Sunday should reduce the sum total on the collection plate.

Now, assuming that the pastors of these small bigoted sects have a proprietary interest in the members of their own congregations, is the whole community to be penalised in order that a few possible backsliders may be kept within the fold? Without irreverence, it may be said that the souls of these sham religionists, even supposing that they possess such articles, are scarcely worth saving. The psalm-singing prohibitionist is very like the Chinese in Elia's delightful Essay who burned down their dwellings in order to obtain roast pork!

But are we, who own the houses, going to submit to this wholesale arson? That is the point for the people to consider. For some reason or other, the "Star" is championing the cause of the anti-tramists, and the correspondence columns of that journal have been crowded with letters denouncing the greed of the Tram Company and the impiety of those who want a ride in the trams on "The Lord's Day." The natural liberty of mankind, say these hysterical folk, is threatened, which is quite true, but they themselves menace this liberty. The proof that the Sunday tram is a public boon is to be found in the crowds that already patronise it along the suburban line, notwithstanding that many of the passengers have to walk long distances to avail themselves of the facility. Are these people to be denied the boon of a run into the country because a few narrow-minded and hypocritical "religionists" are afraid of the "Continental Sabbath?" The two larger divisions of the Church, the Roman Catholics and the Anglicans, are not, as such, opposed to Sunday trams, because it is recognised by these that there is nothing essentially impious in a tramcar any more than there is in riding in a carriage or a cab, or on horseback, or in a perambulator.

The question, in short, in the eyes of all those who are not dominated by one idea, is quite unconnected with religion. The blocking of Sunday trams will not have the effect of driving those to church who do not want to go; on the contrary, it will tend to strengthen the dislike that many already entertain for the so-called Evangelical sects. The prohibition of the Sunday trams will be looked upon as a most unwarrantable interference with the liberty of the subject. There is no resemblance between the prohibition of liquor and the prohibition of trams, because whereas the former affects only a few of the male sex, the latter is felt by men, women and children alike. We hope, for the credit of our character for common sense, as well as for the sake of the future of this great city, that the inhabitants will show by an overwhelming majority that they do not intend to be bound by the fetters of a sham Puritanism, a Puritanism that possesses all the bad qualities and none of the heroism of its alleged prototype.

## IS ALCOHOL A FOOD? SCIENTISTS SAY "YES."

(Concluded.)

It is necessary for us to consider here what a food really is.

The animal body may be compared to a steam engine. In an engine, by burning a given amount of fuel, we obtain a certain amount of energy in the shape of heat, which, when properly utilised, is capable of executing a certain amount of mechanical work.

In the animal economy food takes the place of fuel in the engine. For engine purposes some fuels are better than others. A ton of coal will, for example, do more work than a ton of wood. So also is it with different foods, but the estimation of their true values is a more complex matter than those of fuels, for the reason, chiefly, that food plays a dual part. It is really more to the animal body than fuel is to the engine. Not only does it constitute the sole source of heat and muscular power, but it also supplies the materials necessary for the renewal of worn-out parts. As the different organs of the body perform their functions they wear out, and this wear and tear has to be continually repaired if the body is to remain in its normal state of health.

We may divide foods into two great classes, each of which is equally indispensable. These are—(1) Heat-producing foods, or carbohydrates; (2) nitrogenous foods, or those which supply materials for renewals and repairs. The two divisions dovetail into one another to a great extent. Most of our foods are complex mixtures of simple substances, each of which belongs to one of these two great groups.

The difficulty of accurately estimating the true value of a food is further increased by the fact that all foods are not equally well adapted to the digestive apparatus of the individual. This, however, is a point that concerns us less, for alcohol is one of the most easily assimilated of substances. In fact, it requires no digestion prior to assimilation.

This digression may seem irrelevant, but it is necessary in order that I may be able to make you understand the true food value of alcohol. Chemically considered, it consists of hydrogen, carbon and oxygen. It contains no nitrogen. In other words, it is a carbohydrate or animal fuel, and must only be compared with other substances of the same class, the most important of which are starches, sugars and fats, of which there are many varieties, according to the particular form of food under consideration. Carbohydrates are really the most important food substances so far as quantity is concerned. In the animal economy as in an engine, to continue the simile, the fuel necessary is far more considerable in quantity than the materials required for repairs.

Alcohol cannot, therefore, be a complete food any more than butter or other fats, starch, or sugar. If, however, it can be proved that it is capable of replacing a given quantity of one of these substances, its food value is established once for all, and that it can take the place of other carbohydrates is the important result of Atwater and Benedict's experiments.

To find the true value of a food is an infinitely more complicated matter than to find that of a fuel. In the case of the latter, it is only necessary to burn it completely in an instrument in which the amount of heat evolved by its combustion is collected and accurately measured, due precaution being taken against loss of any kind. Such an instrument is termed a calorimeter. It enables one to ascertain how many heat units the combustion of a given weight of the fuel under consideration can produce.

We cannot treat a food in the same way. Some substances which would develop great heat are not foods at all, and could not be assimilated by the animal economy.

The different foods had therefore to be studied in their effect on the animal body.

Atwater and Benedict had a special form of calorimeter constructed of sufficient size to be able to contain the animal upon which the effect of different foods was to be tried, every precaution being taken to avoid loss of heat of any kind. It was only necessary to shut the animal up in the calorimeter, give it a known quantity of food to be studied, measure carefully everything that went

into and came out of the instrument, including the air inhaled and exhaled. The temperature of everything being carefully taken, it was possible to ascertain the number of heat units a given quantity of any food was capable of being transformed into.

(The difference between a heat unit or calorie and a degree on a thermometer was then explained.)

One of the most original features of these experiments was that instead of studying effects of different foods on an ordinary domestic animal, such as a dog or a pig, they were actually carried out on human beings. The animal experimented on was really the scientist who conducted the experiment. He shut himself up for several days in the calorimeter, which in its essentials consisted of a small room so constructed that loss of heat by radiation or by conductivity was impossible. Absolutely everything that went in or out was weighed, analysed, and its temperature taken, even including the air breathed. It was thus possible to draw up a sort of balance-sheet, on a heat basis, of the phenomena which took place in the room, and to find how many heat units a given supply of food was capable of producing. I again quote from Dr. Duclaux' article.

The following was the problem:—

"An adult in good health and in equilibrium—that is to say, in such a condition that he is neither gaining nor losing weight—is at a given moment introduced into an enclosed space, which may be compared to the bulb of a thermometer, in that every variation of temperature is noticeable and measurable. He takes in with him the necessary food for his stay of several days. . . . As the chamber is hermetically sealed, a current of air ventilates it constantly, bringing in the necessary oxygen and carrying away the waste products. These are analysed both qualitatively and quantitatively at their entrance and exit. The operator notes the state of his pulse and all necessary observations, and remains in telephonic communication with his assistants, who are outside. . . . If he wishes, as might naturally be expected, to try the effect of work on nutrition, he has a 'motorcycle,' in which the force he expends is transformed, by means of a dynamo, into an electric current. This current spends itself in an Edison incandescent lamp, enclosed like everything else in the chamber. The heat given out is estimated in conjunction with that produced by the other forms of the transformation of the food. It is thus evident that, taken in the form of food, all these different forms (of energy) leave the instrument in the same form, viz., that of heat, and are collected by the same apparatus."

Being in possession of this unique calorimeter, which cost several hundred pounds to construct, owing to necessarily complicated mechanism, Messrs Atwater and Benedict were in a position to carry out experiments with a degree of thoroughness which had never before been possible. These experiments were very numerous and varied. The subject under observation was sometimes given a diet, including a certain quantity of alcohol, and sometimes one from which alcohol was omitted. Dr. Duclaux gives a number of particulars and figures as to a series of twenty-six experiments, in which three of the assistants at the laboratory took part. They were respectively a Swede, an American and a Canadian. Two of them were total abstainers, but they did not experience any inconvenience from taking the alcohol pre-scribed in the trials. It was equivalent to a litre (practically an imperial quart) of light wine per day. It did not produce any particular physiological effect worthy of note.

Repeated experiments extending over periods of several days each, were tried on different individuals, diets, including alcohol and non-alcoholic diets, being given alternately. In addition, some experiments were tried with the subject in a state of rest, others, again, when he was doing hard muscular work. Eight hours of it on the motor-cycle.

The results are resumed by Dr. Duclaux in the following words:—

"In the daily ration of three healthy men, it has been possible, without any inconvenience, to replace butter, vegetables or other similar foods by alcohol, in the form of wine or brandy. These substitutions and alterations do not depend upon whether the subject is at work or at rest, nor any other circumstance concerning

him. Everything depends upon the isodynamic co-efficient of the food, which remains physiologically the same, so long as these co-efficients are taken into consideration in making the substitutions. When wine is suppressed at a meal it must be replaced by something else."

This language is rather technical, and in portion of his closing paragraph he expresses himself in a more every-day manner, as follows:—

"This is the altered view I pointed out previously. . . . Science had not studied the question. . . . The obstacle has at last been removed, and we find that it did not hide anything unforeseen. Alcohol was in its place as a food, as one could guess from what was known of it in microbiology. . . . The merit of Mr Atwater and his colleagues lies in their having enlightened us on this point. Alcohol is thus a food to the same extent as the various foods it can replace. Furthermore, substitutions should be made, not weight for weight, but by parts setting free, when they are burnt, the same quantity of heat and containing the same quantity of energy. From this standpoint, alcohol is one of the first on the list."

(An extract from the English paper "Nature," of September 4, 1902, dealing with the same subject, was then read.)

Alcohol must henceforth be looked upon as a food, a qualification which was denied to it by many leading authorities in the past.

True, most of us have had a sort of instinctive feeling that the beer consumed by Englishmen and Germans, and the wine which forms the staple beverage of France, in the vast majority of cases taken regularly, and in moderate quantities, could not be quite devoid of value, but until the Atwater and Benedict experiments, the food value of alcohol had not been scientifically demonstrated. It will be observed that in the experiments referred to above, alcohol was always taken in moderation.

## Trade Topics

The repairs and alterations to the three Cambridge hotels having been completed to the satisfaction of the Licensing Committee, the licenses have been renewed.

We learn by cable that, according to an expert estimate, the English hop crop this season will not exceed 425,000cwt, while it may possibly amount to only 350,000cwt. The requirements of the home market are stated at 800,000cwt. The imports from the Continent will probably be 60,000cwt, and from the United States 90,000cwt. The stocks now on the market are the smallest known since 1883, and in view of the expected deficiency in the supply high prices are probable.

A case against Mr Dineen, lessee of the Ashburton Railway Refreshment Rooms, for alleged sale of liquor on the 5th inst., and keeping liquor for sale, was heard before Mr Wray, S.M., on Friday. The magistrate, in dismissing both informations, said there was no direct evidence that sale had taken place, and that the stock which was found on the premises, and which was the remains of the stock in hand when the license was taken away on June 30, was not a kind likely to be kept for sly grog-selling. The whisky looked suspicious, but defendant appeared to have plenty of friends, and that was evidently why he kept it on the premises. The magistrate thought something should be done by the authorities to prevent liquor going into premises of this sort.

The Hastings correspondent of the "Hawke's Bay Herald" writes:—"Mr Bragato, Government Viticulturist, informed me yesterday that Mr F. Anderson, at present managing Mrs Randall's vineyard at Greenmeadows, has been appointed manager of the State vineyard which is to be planted at Te Mata. No time is being lost in getting the vineyard planted. The ploughing and preliminary working have been placed in the hands of Mr L. Cooper, of Havelock, and the vine cuttings have been sent over from Hastings. Mr Bragato remains in the district to supervise the work."

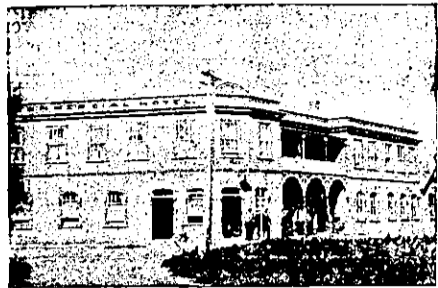
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I have to acknowledge the receipt from Mr Alfred Perkins, proprietor of the "Licensed Victuallers' and Sporting Gazette," published at Capetown, of a copy of the "Special Supplement" to that journal, containing a full report of the proceedings of an important conference of the Trade on the subject of grievances and restrictions under which licensed victuallers throughout the Cape Colony are suffering.

Onehunga is not the only place where the Sunday liquor trade is being voluntarily stopped by the hotelkeepers. At New Brighton (Christchurch) great disappointment was felt by the Sunday "visitors" when they recently found that a notice was posted up on the doors of the New Brighton Hotel stating that no liquor would be supplied to "travelers" on Sundays for the future.



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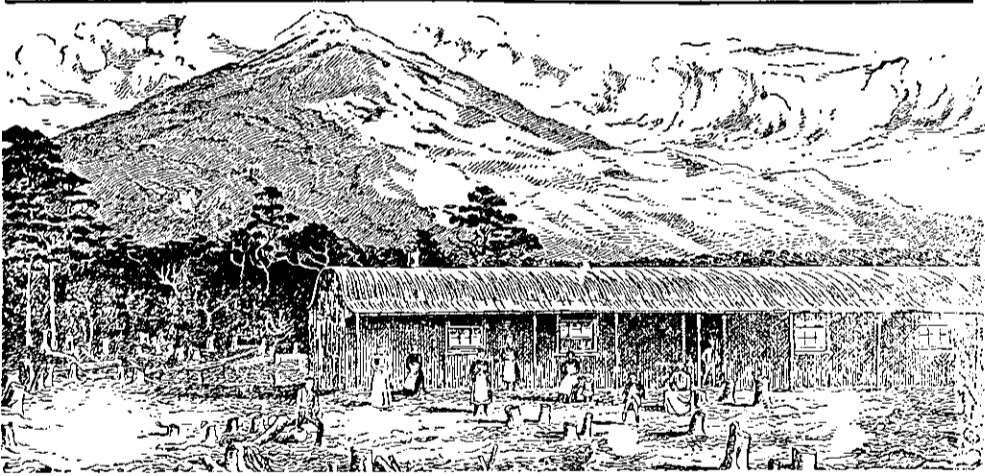
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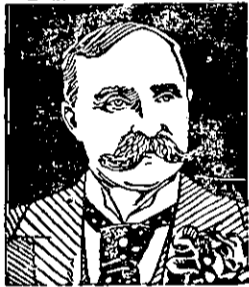
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THE ENGLISH LICENSING LAW.

MR BALFOUR AND THE MAGISTRATES.

(London "L.V. Gazette," August 14.)

Mr Balfour has at length been induced to make his long-deferred announcement as to the intentions of the Government on the licensing question, and there is nothing for the Trade to do but to make the most of it. Considering what the statement amounts to, it might have been made six months ago. Its very vagueness constitutes a confession that the Premier has either not given any serious consideration to the subject, or that he is unable to make up his mind as to the course he intends to pursue. That the Government will, at the earliest moment after the reassembling of Parliament, bring in a Bill dealing with "the events which gave rise to a widespread feeling on the part of license-holders and caused such great consternation," is not exactly news, seeing that we had already received that intimation on the word of the Lord Chancellor. We were told by Mr Balfour half a year ago that the events referred to constituted a gross injustice to which His Majesty's Cabinet could not remain indifferent. Despite this reassuring admission, the Government have not stirred hand or foot to remedy the position; they have neither removed the danger towards which the Trade is hopelessly drifting, nor equipped it to withstand the effects of the buffet that is inevitable in February next. After the scandal of the Brewster buccaneering exploits of last year has been repeated and much irretrievable damage has been done, Mr Balfour will deal with the fragments of a Bill, the details of which he considers it would be inexpedient to attempt to foreshadow.

To pretend that the Trade is likely to be satisfied with this assurance would be to presume too much on the patience of a body inured to indifference and hardened by systematic injustice. The Government are supported by a majority that would have made the passing of a suspensory measure on the lines of Sir W. Hart-Dyke's Bill a matter of automatic pro-

cedure, and by declining to avail themselves of this means of proving the earnestness of their protestations they have deserved to forfeit the confidence of the licensed community. "Loud words and longings are so little worth," the poet sings, "and the end is hard to reach." Mr Balfour has dangled his loud words before our eyes, and we have followed him longingly across six months of Parliamentary procedure to find at the end he has led us to the verge of a rushing torrent which must be negotiated before the end of our endeavours can be attained. Nothing can now be done before the reassembling of the justices at the annual licensing sessions next spring when, as a matter of fact, the Trade will be in as helpless a condition as it was a year ago. Granted that the Government have been worked at very high pressure all through the season; granted, moreover, that they have been called upon to handle several difficult and delicate matters of the first importance—we still contend that they have done less than their duty in leaving license-holders, as they have left them, to face another St. Bartholomew without bestirring themselves on their behalf.

The only point in Mr Balfour's statement which is calculated to give a certain amount of confidence to the Trade is his attitude with regard to the licensing justices. It is not so long ago that the Premier was inviting us to put our trust in the sense of fairness with which he credited the magistrates, and was plaintively asking us to dismiss from our minds the idea that they would prove anything but reasonable and rational in their decisions. Perhaps the figures concerning the confiscations accomplished by the Home Office have convinced him that it is both hopeless and foolish to look for equitable treatment from Benches that are pledged to a policy of wholesale reduction, and it may be that the tone adopted by Mr Arthur Chamberlain has shattered his simple faith in the judicial equipment of the average licensing reformer. So instead of pleading with the Trade to display a renewed confidence in the impartiality of the magisterial mind Mr Balfour has thrown out a hint for the guidance of the various Benches. We trust it may not be lost upon them. In reply to Sir W. H. Dyke's pertinent in-

quiry whether the proposed Bill would provide safeguards against the remedies for any confiscation of property at the Brewster Fissions, the Premier reminded the member for Deptford—and indirectly cautioned the licensing tribunals—that no license can be withheld next February without an appeal to Quarter Sessions, and he added a hope that in the interval between these two events the House would be able to express its views on the subject.

Reading this reply between the lines, we feel justified in assuming that the Government will be emphatic against the refusal of renewals without compensation, on the "not required" grounds, and that the measure will be pushed forward, in order that it may be applied to the decisions of the next Brewster Sessions. If the Government are committed to these fundamental points—and no variation of these essentials will satisfy the Trade or the country's love of fair play—it is difficult to understand why Mr Balfour did not avow his conclusions in so many words. We know, and the Government knows, that their proposals will be combated by the professional reformers, whether they are foreshadowed now or reserved until next sessions. How far the Government feels tempted to go in the way of compromise with the Nonconformist conscience, and what they are prepared to concede to their convictions to placate the social purity party, we will not attempt to foreshadow. The Trade, supported by the constituencies, is united to obtain justice at the hands of the Government—either this Government or the next—and they will assuredly achieve their reasonable object, even if the next general election has to be fought out on the question of Compensation.

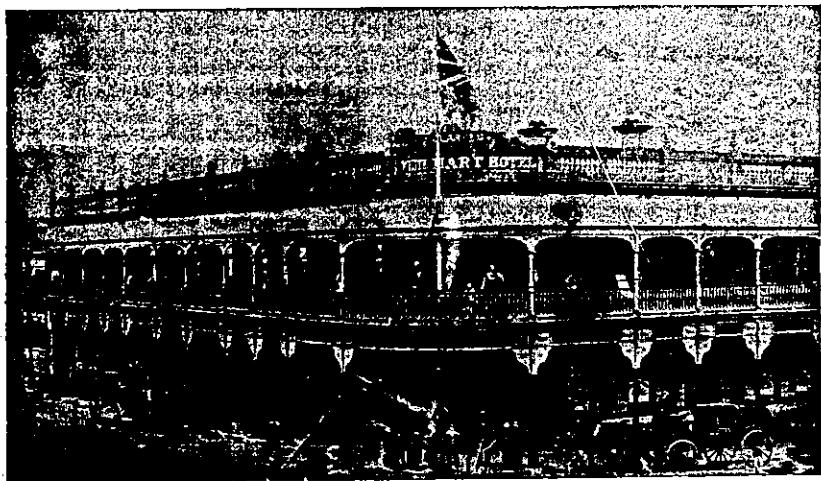
The Scottish Licensing Bill has now passed the House of Lords, and only awaits the Royal assent to become law. On the whole the Trade is well satisfied with its provisions, and the debates in both Houses of Parliament have served to clear up one or two points, which will make for a better understanding between the licensing magistrates and the licence holders. For instance, there need be no fear in the future about employing bar-

maids. Lord Balfour of Burleigh refused to accept Lord Kinnaid's amendment to the Bill, empowering the magistrates to make a bye-law for regulating or preventing the employment of barmaids, holding that it was a matter really outside the proper scope of legislation. The magistrates of Glasgow, he said, in endeavouring to place such regulation under the existing law, had landed themselves in an utterly impossible and illogical position. Further, he characterised their action as an undue and unwarrantable interference with the freedom of the people to manage their legitimate business in a legitimate way. Then, again, the "schooner" has been restored. If a man is not content with half a pint, why, asked the Lord Advocate, should he be compelled to buy a pint when two-thirds would satisfy him? Exactly so. The schooner has been a popular measure in Scotland from time immemorial almost, and its legalisation will be hailed with delight alike by the public and the publican. Altogether, the Scotch Licensing Bill bodes good for the Trade.

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Capetown, July 17.

The Western Province Licensed Victuallers' Association is making itself felt, and if not destined to be a power in the land generally, will most certainly be one so far as Trade is concerned. The association has been deputed the proper party to convene an annual conference of Licensed Victuallers in South Africa on matters connected with Trade interests, and if they have that honour it has not been without hard work, and of their secretary Mr. Johnson. Whatever power the Trade may have they intend to use in the forthcoming election by resisting all efforts to cripple the legitimate Trade. As a body, they rightly protest that they are a respectable one; and as a member of our Legislature remarked, "What was wanted was proper laws for the licensed victuallers, so they might make their legitimate Trade workable." This is, of course, a stale truism to you, a platitude almost; but none the less a verity; the true temperance reformers are those in the Trade who earnestly desire to supply a want which man will have, and yet, at the same time, keep their hands clean of the abuse of what a popular writer, Mr. H. G. Wells, makes one of his characters call "the blessed gift of alcohol." And what we licensed victuallers here are preparing eagerly to fight is further repressive laws against selling to natives, combined with a villainous trapping system which makes criminals of them against their will. The prevention of honest trading only leads to smuggling houses, and naturally an increase of the evil. What can you expect of the nigger, when you find the white man insisting on his liquor when his neighbours try to prevent him obtaining it. There has yet one more club been started at Prohibitory Road, and a rather showy one at that; it was no fault of the proprietor, who, having a clientele, tried in the first place to come under the ordinary licensing laws.

Now that there is an increased duty on imported spirits the measurement system is to be adopted, as I told you. Sixteen tins to the bottle is the capacity of the automatic gauge that is to be put in the place of the cork. This is very fair deal-

ing, inasmuch as on the steamers the C. U.S.S. Company make fourteen, and they pay no duty at all and give no choice of brand.

Says a Johannesburg correspondent of a Capetown weekly: "People are grumbling at the abolition of the barmaid. Since the law prohibiting the employment of women in bars was passed many months ago I find that it has been the means of sending a lot of respectable girls on to the streets." (Ladies' journals and pseudo-Christian papers please copy.)

The following leaderette from the "Cape Times" is too important and too concise for much further condensation, so I must ask you to take it over en bloc. Heaven only knows that our wines want improving if any trade is to be done in them. Our grapes are good enough, and the yield per acre surpasses that of any other country in the world. Any educational wine farm has long been maintained at much expense with little practical result. Why? Because our sapient officials and administrators know better than the experts they ask to advise them. Here is the article:—

"We have recently had occasion to call attention to several remarkable features in connection with the administration of the Agricultural Department so far as the wine-making industry is concerned. There was, first of all, the report of the Viticultural Expert, in which he declared that the Constantia Farm was of no value to the industry, either by way of instruction or example, and in which Mr. Dubois urged the necessity of establishing a central experimental station, where the most modern methods of viticulture and the most up-to-date processes of wine-making would be followed. In the same report Mr. Dubois pointed out that the Constantia site was admirably suited for this purpose, adding that if, on sentimental grounds, this was deemed impracticable, another equally suitable site must be procured. Next there was the report of the officer of the Agricultural Department who at present supervises Constantia. This gentleman, who is in no sense an expert, deprecated interference with the present system of management at Constantia. Finally, there was the reply of the Secretary of Agriculture to Mr. Dubois' report, practically on the lines of the inexpert opinion, telling the viticultural expert to have nothing more to do with Constantia than with a private

farm, and consigning him to an inadequate plot at Stellenbosch. Now we learn that the viticultural expert has sent in his resignation. We sincerely trust that the select committee which has been appointed on the motion of Mr. Lewis Michell, will to all things 'seriously incline.' Why has Mr. Dubois resigned? Is it because, having been brought in as a viticultural expert, his recommendations in that capacity have been so coldly entertained that he finds the position impossible? If so, who is responsible? Is the colony to be fooled into maintaining a farm at Constantia which is absolutely of no use to anybody except the officials who run it? These are some of the questions to which the select committee, we trust, will elicit a clear answer."

This letter would be incomplete without some reference to the visit of the Corinthian football teams, really the item of most popular interest here just now. The Association team has carried all before it, and only received a slight check at Bloemfontein. We hardly know whether to be pleased or sorry at the doings of the Rugby lot. This country always was fairly strong on Rugby, but had not hitherto made a hard fight with footballers from home. We seem to have learned our lesson, however; and have so greatly improved that the much-vaunted team from the Old Country have suffered defeat in every match to date. They are a fine lot of athletes, but too heavy and not smart enough, or else our men have thoroughly well learnt the lesson impressed on them by previous visitors. There is so much enthusiasm here as to colonial prowess that it requires no great gift of prophecy to assert that a representative lot of South Africans will take a place on English fields when the next season comes round. I will venture yet another prophecy, and that is that amongst those to guarantee the expenses of a party who will make warm work for home footballers there will appear the names of some of our most prosperous licensed victuallers.

THE LIQUOR LAW.

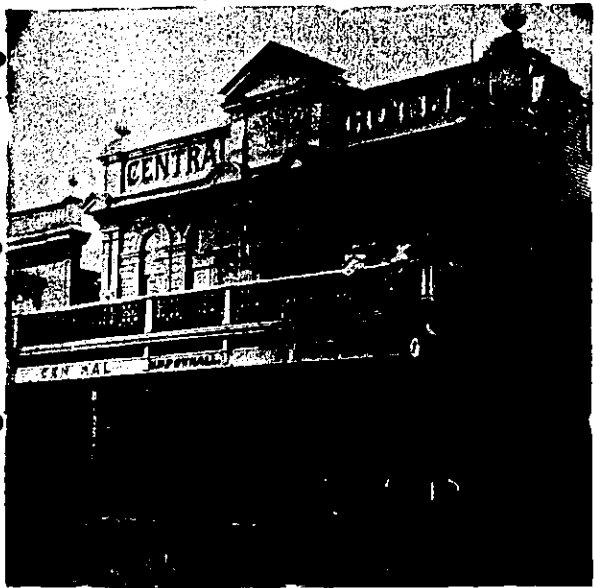
George Dempster, jun., was, at Invercargill, on Tuesday, fined £50 and costs for selling liquor within Mataura, a "no-license" area. The defence was that the liquor was purchased for a social to Dempster, who was leaving the district, and that he made no profit. The magis-

trate, Mr. McCarthy, said he had hesitation in saying that the defendant's evidence was an insult to the intelligence of the magistrate, and that it would not impose on the credulity of a sixth standard schoolgirl. The license of Archibald Totheringham, whose license for the Woodlands Hotel was refused at the annual meeting of the Awarua Committee, pleaded guilty to selling liquor, and was fined £25 and costs.

The Supreme Court, at Christchurch, on Tuesday, was occupied with the case of the Ashburton Club. The club's charter was revoked by the Colonial Secretary on June 30. The trustees of the club applied for a mandamus, calling on the Colonial Secretary to hear the matter judicially, which they submitted was not done, or, in the alternative, for a writ of certiorari quashing the revocation of the charter. The Crown abandoned the plea that a revocation of charter followed on the introduction of "no-license," and relied on the alleged impropriety of the club 18 months ago in selling liquor to members outside the club. Judgment was reserved.

The "Morning Advertiser" states that the Hon. Rupert Guinness, who is to marry a daughter of Lord Onslow, is a young man who in a short time has done much to make the newspapers talk about him. He was born twenty-nine years ago, long before his father (who has just given £50,000 to the hospitals of Dublin) became Lord Iveagh, and he began to distinguish himself as an oar very soon after he went to Eton. Then he took up sculling as well as rowing, and while he was at Cambridge won the Diamonds twice and the Wingfield Sculls. He went to South Africa and made himself so useful that he earned a C.M.G. Very seldom indeed does such an honour fall to the lot of such a young man. When the war was over he began to think about politics, and very nearly contested one election this spring. He is liked everywhere, because he is good-tempered, good-hearted and good-looking. He has no longer the slim figure which distinguished him in his sculling days, but he is a fine-looking fellow, with a merry twinkle in his eye, and as pleasant a smile as you can see on a summer's day.

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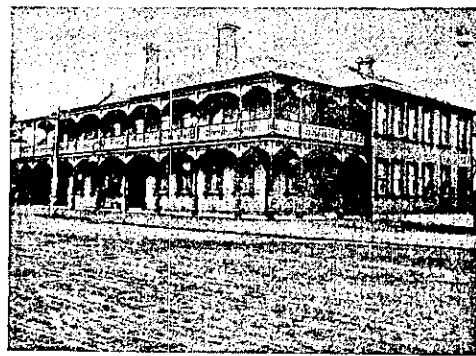
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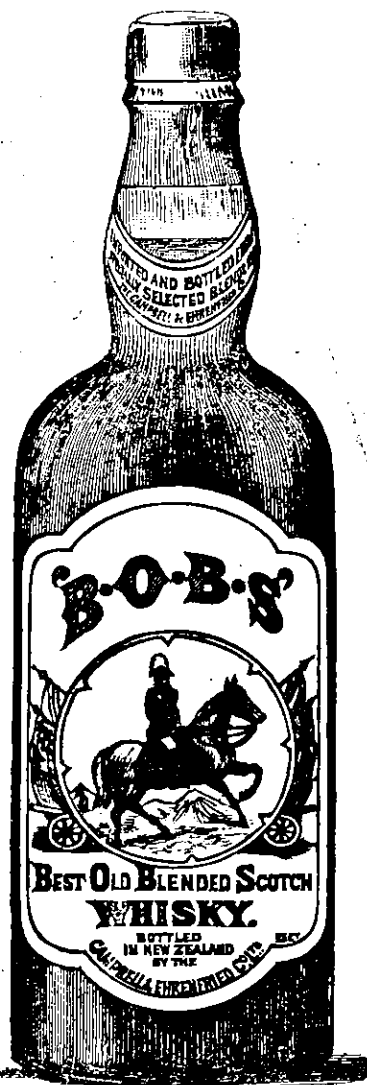
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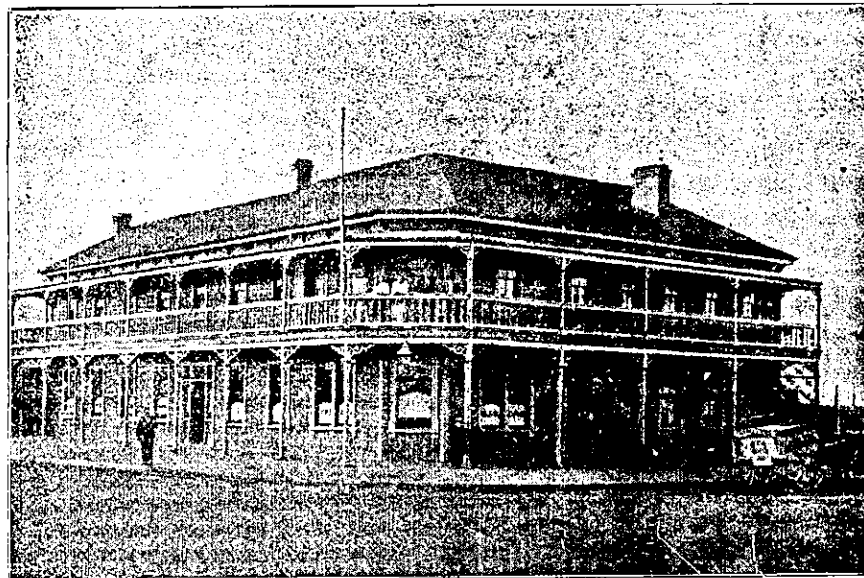
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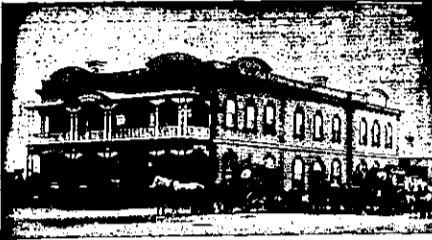
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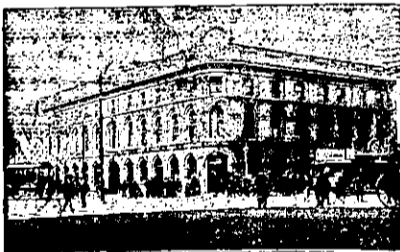
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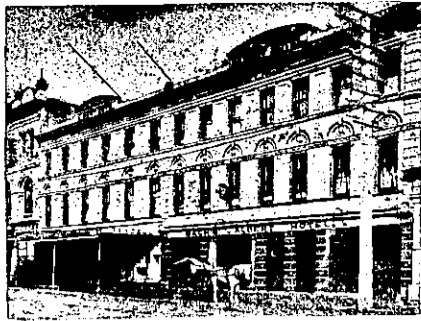
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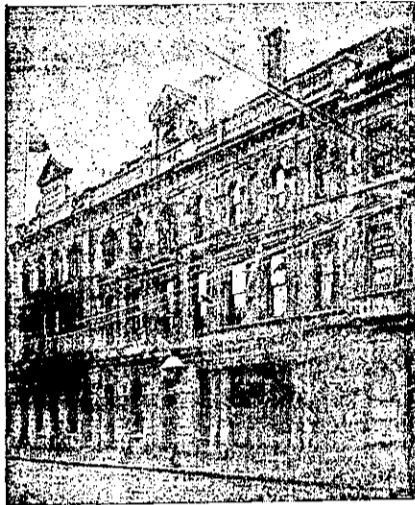
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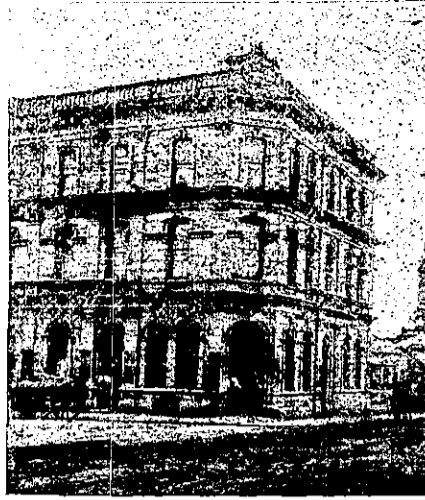
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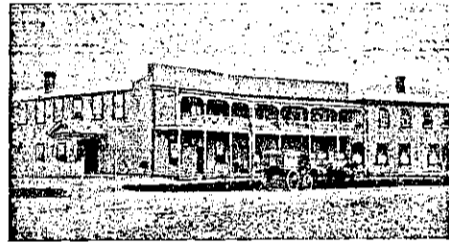
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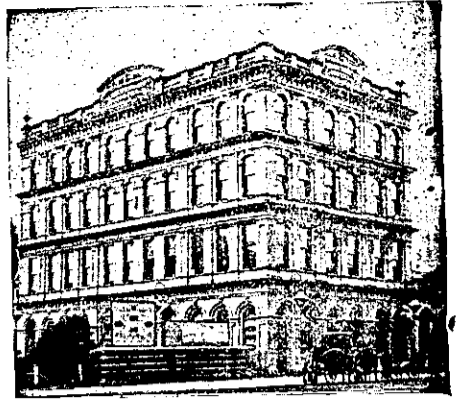
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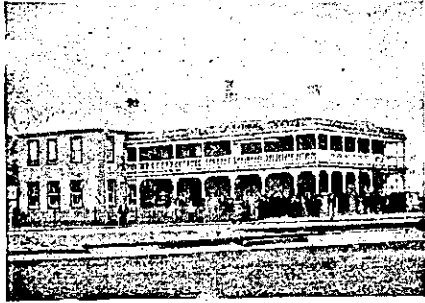
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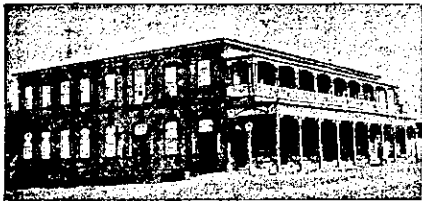
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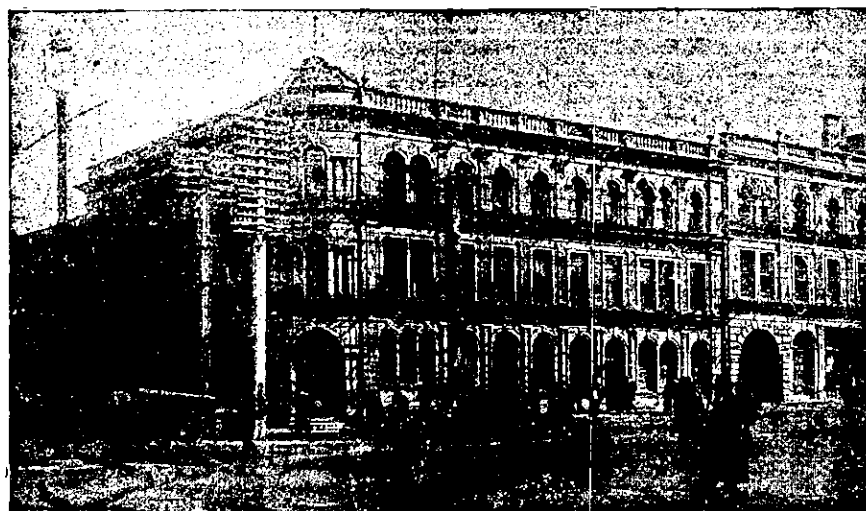
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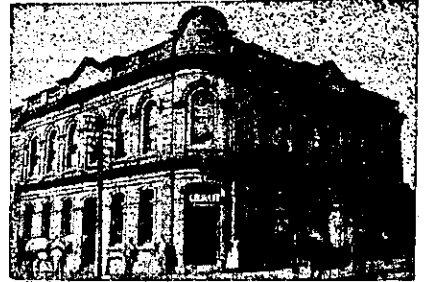
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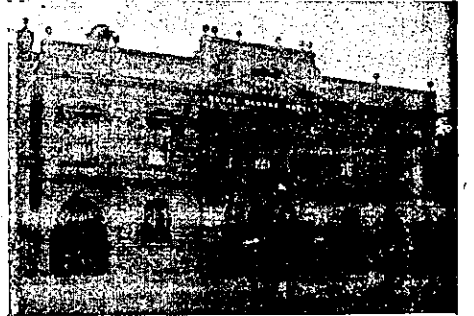
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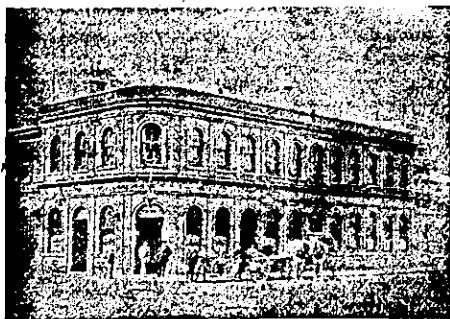
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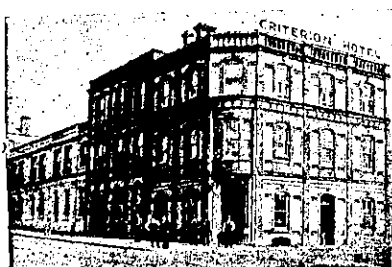
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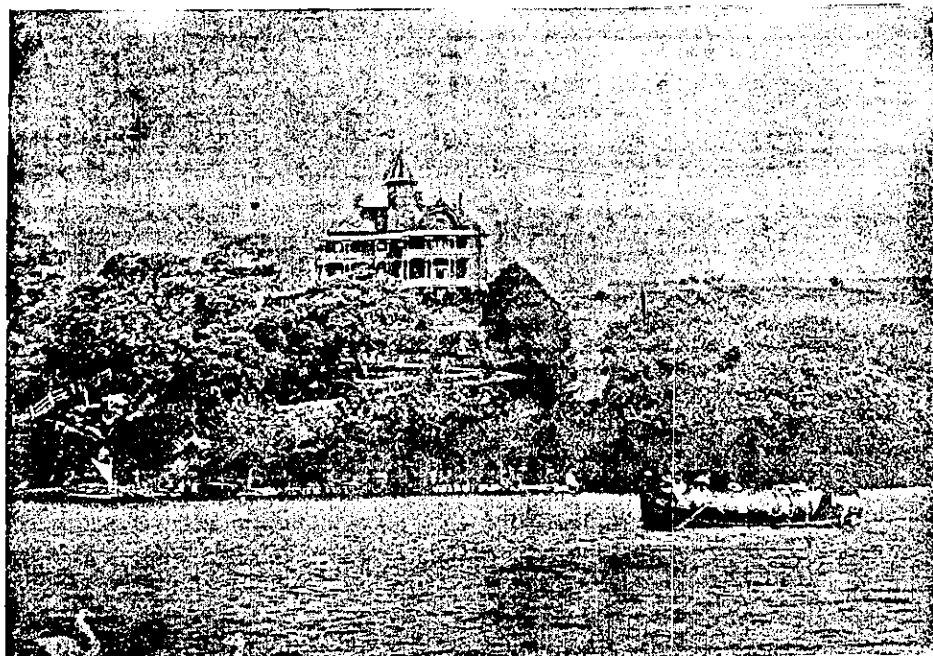
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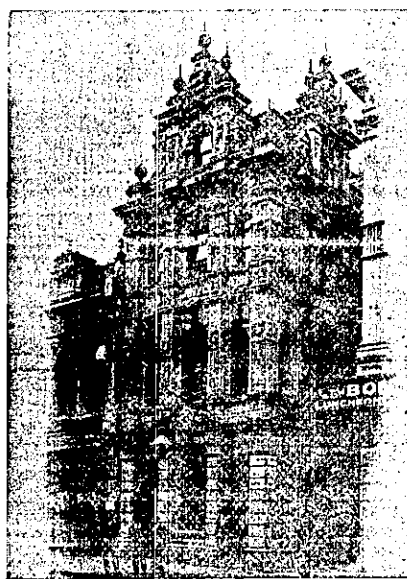
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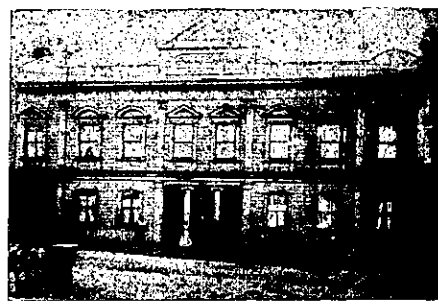
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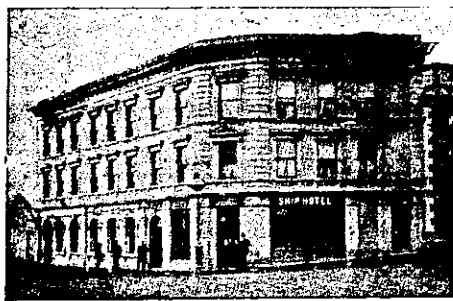
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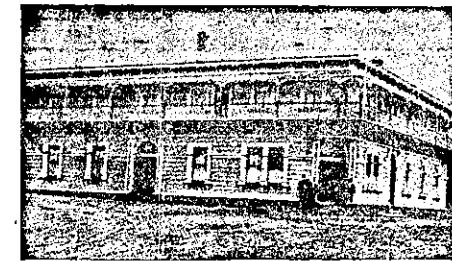
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