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MISS EDNA MAY, who created the title role in the "Belle of New York."

RACING PROGRAMMES



AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING, 1903.

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FIRST DAY:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1903

President's Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards that have never won a flat race of the value of 80 sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 200 sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile.

Great Northern Guineas of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. Colts, 8st 10lb; geldings 8st 7lb; and fillies, 8st 5lb each. By subscription of 5 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1903, 2 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date liable for the whole 5 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. One mile.

Welcome Stakes of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8st 5lb; geldings, 8st 2lb; fillies, 8st. Entrance 1 sov, and 2 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

Manukau Hurdle Race Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.

Shorts' Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lbs penalty. Five furlongs.

City Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 40 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of the Guineas to carry not less than 7st 7lb. Winner of any handicap after declaration of weights to carry 5lbs penalty. One mile and a-quarter.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Flying Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lbs penalty. Six furlongs.

SECOND DAY:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1903.

Spring Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Penrose Hurdle Race Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over eight flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Two miles.

Musket Stakes Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Four furlongs.

Birthday Handicap of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 3 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-half.

Onehunga Steeplechase Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. About three miles.

Maiden Plate Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 50 sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 150 sovs at the time of starting. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Epsom Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lbs penalty. Six furlongs.

THIRD DAY:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1903.

Maiden Hurdle Race Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a hurdle race of the value of 50 sovs, or hurdle races of the collective value of 150 sovs at time of starting. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Over seven flights of hurdles. One mile and three-quarters.

Hunt Club Cup Handicap Steeplechase of 70 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight 10st 7lb. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Gentlemen riders. About three miles and a-half.

Ascot Handicap of 250 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-quarter.

Nursery Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Four furlongs.

Harkaway Steeplechase Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. About three miles, or twice round, starting over ad wall.

Publicans' Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after the declaration of weights to carry 5lbs penalty. Six furlongs.

Welter Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Minimum weight 8st. One mile.

Hunt Club Hurdles Handicap of 50 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Minimum weight, 10st. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Gentlemen riders. Two miles. For horses the bona fide property of members of any recognised Hunt Club. A certificate from the Master that the horse has been fairly hunted during the past season, and qualified in terms of Hunt Club Association Rules, to be produced at the scales.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, etc

SPRING MEETING, 1903.

With amounts to be transmitted to Secretary, A.R.C.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.—Manukau Hurdles Handicap, 1 sov; City Handicap, 1 sov; Birthday Handicap, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, (General Entry) by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Manukau Hurdles Handicap, 1 sov; City Handicap, 2 sovs.

NOMINATIONS.—President's Handicap, 1 sov; Welcome Stakes, 1 sov; Shorts' Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Flying Handicap, 1 sov; Spring Handicap, 1 sov; Penrose Hurdles Handicap, 1 sov; Musket Stakes Handicap, 1 sov; Panmure Steeplechase Handicap, 1 sov; Maiden Plate Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Epsom Handicap, 1 sov; Maiden Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Ascot Handicap, 1 sov; Hunt Club Cup, 1 sov; Nursery Handicap, 1 sov; Hunt Club Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Publicans' Handicap, 1 sov; Harkaway Steeplechase Handicap, 1 sov; Welter Handicap, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—President's Handicap, 1 sov; Shorts' Handicap, 1 sov; Hunt Club Cup Handicap Steeplechase, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Flying Handicap, 1 sov; Hunt Club Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, at the post.

Welcome Stakes, 2 sovs; Auckland Guineas (subscription), 5 sovs.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, by 10 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Spring Handicap, 1 sov; Penrose Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Musket Stakes, 1 sov; Birthday Handicap, 3 sovs; Panmure Steeplechase, 1 sov; Maiden Plate Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Epsom Handicap, 1 sov.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, by 4 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Maiden Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Ascot Handicap, 2 sovs; Nursery Handicap, 1 sov; Publicans' Handicap, 1 sov; Welter Handicap, 1 sov; Harkaway Steeplechase, 1 sov.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

On or About FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, in morning paper.

Handicap Hurdles, City Handicap.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, by 12 noon.

President's Handicap, Shorts' Handicap, Hunt Club Cup Handicap Steeplechase, Pony Handicap, Flying Handicap, Hunt Club Handicap Hurdles.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, by 9 p.m.

Spring Handicap, Penrose Hurdles, Musket Stakes Handicap, Birthday Handicap, Panmure Steeplechase, Maiden Handicap, Pony Handicap, Epsom Handicap.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, in morning paper.

Maiden Handicap Hurdles, Ascot Handicap, Nursery Handicap, Publicans' Handicap, Welter Handicap.

SUMMER MEETING.

DECEMBER 26, 29, 1903, AND JANUARY 1 AND 2, 1904.

FIRST DAY:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26TH, 1903.

Trial Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Seven furlongs.

Great Northern Foal Stakes of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Colts, 8st 10lb; geldings, 8st 7lb; fillies, 8st 5lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1903, 2 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date liable for the whole 5 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stakes. Six furlongs.

Auckland Cup Handicap of 1500 sovs; second horse to receive 250 sovs, and third horse 150 sovs out of the stake. The winner of any flat race or flat races after the declaration of weights of the collective value of 150 sovs, 5lbs; 250 sovs, 7lbs extra. Entrance 1 sov, acceptance 5 sovs, and a final payment of 9 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Two miles.

Grafton Hurdle Race Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.

Railway Handicap of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 3 sovs each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race or flat races after declaration of the weights of the collective value of 75 sovs to carry 3lbs; of 150 sovs, 7lbs; of 200 sovs, 10lbs penalty. Six furlongs.

Nursery Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two year olds. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Winner of Great Northern Foal Stakes to carry 10lbs penalty. Five furlongs.

Pony Cup Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Christmas Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after publication of the weights to carry 5lbs penalty. One mile.

SECOND DAY:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 1903.

Alexandra Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Seven furlongs.

Ponsonby Hurdle Race Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. Over seven flights of hurdles. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and three-quarters.

Criterion Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Summer Cup Handicap of 500 sovs; second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 4 sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry a penalty of 5lbs. One mile and a-quarter.

Salisbury Welter Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Lowest weight, 8st. One mile.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Visitors' Plate of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For two and three-year-olds that have never won a flat race of the value of 80 sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 200 sovs at time of starting. Entrance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Two-year-olds to carry 7st 9lb; three-year-olds, 8st. Fillies allowed 5lbs; geldings, 3lbs. Five furlongs.

Waitemata Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For all horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 50 sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 150 sovs at the time of starting. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-half.

THIRD DAY:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1st, 1904.

Glasgow Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Seven furlongs.

New Year's Hurdle Race Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Over eight flights of hurdles. Two miles.

30th Great Northern Derby of 750 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs and third horse 50 sovs out of the stake. Colts 8st 10lb; geldings, 8st 7lb; fillies, 8st 5lb. By subscription of 7 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by the first Friday in December, 1903, 3 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date liable for the whole 7 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. One mile and a-half.

Midsummer Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

County Handicap of 200 sovs; second horse to receive 35 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 4 sovs each, to go to the funds. For three-year-olds and upwards. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lbs penalty. Six furlongs.

Auckland Racing Club Handicap of 750 sovs; second horse to receive 100 sovs, and third horse 50 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 3 sovs, and a final payment of 4 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. The winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lbs penalty. One mile and a-half.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance, 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Maiden Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 25 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For horses that have never won a flat race of the value of 50 sovs, or flat races of the collective value of 150 sovs at the time of starting. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile and a-quarter.

FOURTH DAY:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2ND, 1904.

Goodwood Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. One mile.

Sylvia Handicap of 150 sovs; second horse to receive 15 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For two-year-olds. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Six furlongs.

Grandstand Handicap of 400 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 3 sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after declaration of weights to carry 5lbs penalty. One mile and a-quarter.

9th Royal Stakes of 500 sovs; the owner of the second horse to receive 10 per cent, and the owner of the third horse 5 per cent, out of the stake. For two and three-year-olds. Two-year-olds, 8st 12lb; three-year-olds, 8st 6lb; fillies and geldings allowed 3lbs. Winners after August 1st, 1903, of any race or races collectively of the value of 250 sovs, 3lbs; of 500 sovs, 5lbs; of 750 sovs, 7lbs; of 1000 sovs, 10lbs extra. Maiden three year-olds at time of starting allowed 10lbs; two-year-olds, 7lbs. By subscription of 5 sovs each, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows:—Upon payment of 2 sovs by the first Friday in December 1903. All horses remaining in after the first Friday in December, 1903, must pay their total subscription of 5 sovs by 12 noon the day before the race. Should there be any surplus arising from the subscriptions it will be given to the race. Six furlongs.

Auckland Steeplechase Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. About three miles and a-half.

Newmarket Handicap of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 10 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 2 sovs each, to go to the funds. Winner of any flat race after publication of weights to carry 5lbs penalty. Six furlongs.

Auckland Plate of 300 sovs; second horse to receive 50 sovs, and third horse 15 sovs out of the stake. Entrance 1 sov, and 2 sovs each at the post, to go to the funds. Weight-for-age. One mile and a-half.

Pony Handicap of 100 sovs; second horse to receive 10 sovs, and third horse 5 sovs out of the stake. For horses 14 hands 3 inches and under. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entrance 1 sov, and acceptance 1 sov each, to go to the funds. Five furlongs.

DATES OF NOMINATIONS, ACCEPTANCES, etc.

SUMMER MEETING, 1903-1904.

With amounts to be transmitted to the Secretary A.R.C.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.—Auckland Cup, 1 sov; Railway Handicap, 1 sov; Summer Cup Handicap, 1 sov; Auckland Racing Club Handicap, 1 sov; Auckland Steeplechase, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Auckland Cup, 5 sovs; Railway Handicap, 8 sovs; Auckland Steeplechase, 2 sovs.

FORFEIT.—Royal Stakes of 1903-1904.—For three-year-olds and two-year-olds, 2 sovs; Great Northern Derby, 3 sovs; Great Northern Foal Stakes, 2 sovs.

FINAL FORFEIT.—Champagne Stakes, 1904, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.—Trial Handicap, 1 sov; Grafton Hurdles, 1 sov; Nursery Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Cup Handicap, 1 sov; Christmas Handicap, 1 sov; Alexandra Handicap, 1 sov; Ponsonby Hurdles, 1 sov; Criterion Handicap, 1 sov; Salisbury Welter Handicap, 1 sov; Waiata Handicap, 1 sov; Visitors' Plate, 2 sovs; Waitemata Handicap, 1 sov; Glasgow Handicap, 1 sov; New Year's Hurdles Handicap, 1 sov; Midsummer Handicap, 1 sov; County Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Maiden Handicap, 1 sov; Goodwood Handicap, 1 sov; Sylvia Handicap, 1 sov; Grandstand Handicap, 1 sov; Newmarket Handicap, 1 sov; Auckland Plate, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Trial Handicap, 1 sov; Grafton Hurdles, 1 sov; Nursery Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Cup Handicap, 1 sov; Christmas Handicap, 1 sov.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, at the post.

Great Northern Foal Stakes, 5 sovs; Auckland Cup, 9 sovs.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Alexandra Handicap, 1 sov; Ponsonby Handicap, 1 sov; Criterion Handicap, 1 sov; Summer Cup Handicap, 4 sovs; Salisbury Welter Handicap, 1 sov; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Waitemata Handicap, 1 sov.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, by 9 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Glasgow Handicap, 1 sov; New Year's Handicap Hurdles, 1 sov; Midsummer Handicap, 1 sov; County Handicap, 1 sov; Auckland Racing Club's Handicap, 3 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sov; Maiden Handicap, 1 sov.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, at the post.

Great Northern Derby, 7 sovs; Auckland Racing Club Handicap, 4 sovs.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, by 10 p.m.

ACCEPTANCES.—Goodwood Handicap, 1 sov; Sylvia Handicap, 1 sov; Grandstand Handicap, 3 sovs; Newmarket Handicap, 2 sovs; Pony Handicap, 1 sov.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, at the post.

Royal Stakes, 5 sovs; Auckland Plate, 2 sovs.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, by 9 p.m.

NOMINATIONS.—Great Northern Foal Stakes (for now foals), 1905-1906; Royal Stakes (for now foals), 1905-1906.

DATES ON WHICH HANDICAPS APPEAR.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, by 12 noon.

Auckland Cup, Railway Handicap, Auckland Steeplechase.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, by 12 noon.

Trial Handicap, Grafton Hurdles, Nursery Handicap, Pony Handicap, Christmas Handicap.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, by 12 noon.

Alexandra Handicap, Ponsonby Hurdles, Criterion Handicap, Summer Cup Handicap, Salisbury Welter Handicap, Pony Handicap, Waitemata Handicap.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, by 12 noon.

Glasgow Handicap, New Year's Handicap Hurdles, Midsummer Handicap, County Handicap, Racing Club Handicap, Handicap Pony Race, Maiden Handicap.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, by 9 p.m.

Goodwood Handicap, Sylvia Handicap, Grandstand Handicap, Newmarket Handicap, Handicap Pony Race.

WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.



WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB. SPRING MEETING, 1903.

President, Dr. Earle. Vice-President, H. N. Harrison. Timekeeper, A. E. T. Nixon. Judge, W. H. Hartgill. Starter, C. H. Chavannes. Handicapper for Open Events, J.

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 7 lbs (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 high.

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 5 lb. (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, Marangai Stakes Handicap, Moutoa Hack Handicap, Putiki Hack Handicap, Railway Hack Handicap, First Hack Hurdle Handicap, Second Hack Hurdle Handicap, each 1 sov. ENTRANCE.

Maiden Race, 1 sov.

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

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 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, performance of the horse. Entrance money go 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 half-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 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.

Prior to any race, the Stewards may order a parade in front of the stand. Any horse absent from such parade, without the permission of the Stewards, will be fined 2 sovs. No entry will be received under any pretence whatever after the hour named.

F. MOFFATT, Secretary.



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 Couleur 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.

FEE—THIRTY GUINEAS.

EXPLOSION 1895,

By Clairassier (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 R.C. Handicap, Bourke Memorial Handicap, Metropolitan Handicap, Wellington Handicap, Auckland Summer Cup, etc.

FEE—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 listing stallions and their sires. Columns include stallion names (e.g., Voltigeur 2, Mrs Ridgeway, Flying Dutchman 3) and their sires (e.g., Voltaire 12, Irish Birdcatcher 11, Bay Middleton 1).

FEE—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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The following Sires will stand this season:—

CYRENIAN,

By St. Simon—Daisy Chain, by Springfield—Chatelaine, by Cambuscan.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF SUBSCRIPTIONS AT 25 GUINEAS.

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. He is the highest-priced stallion ever imported to the Australian Colonies, and is a direct descendant of ECLIPSE, through both his sire and dam.

That great authority, Bruce Lowe, writes:—"A direct descendant of Eclipse, through the best source, Whalebone."

St. Simon won over all distances, and was never beaten. His stud fee is 80 guineas, and his sons are highly valued wherever the thoroughbred is known.

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. He sired winners of 326 races, winning stakes amounting to over £140,000. His daughter, Morgonette, is the dam of Galtes More and Ard Patrick, both Derby winners.

Sainfield, 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 Eng and this season has had a particularly brilliant career. As a two-year-old, out of seven starts he on once suffered defeat, when he ran third to Flotsam and Mead in the Middle Park Plate. Auckland is fortunate in the possession of a horse bred very much like this year's Derby winner.

Cyrenian to a very large extent possesses the same blood, as he is by St. Simon out of Daisy Chain by Springfield. Rock Sand is by Sainfoin by Springfield, out of Roquebrune by St. Simon. Rock Sand is simply saturated with Stockwell blood as Sainfoin's sire is a grandson, and his dam a granddaughter, while Roquebrune's sire, St. Simon, is out of St. Angela by a half-brother to Stockwell, and Roquebrune's granddam was a Stockwell mare. Cyrenian has almost exactly similar blood in his veins, so that this handsome young stallion is bred on the most successful lines in England to-day.

ETON,

By Castor—Lady Walmsley (own Sister to Carbine) by Musket—Mersey.

The stock of this aristocratically bred young horse is very promising. His close relationship to Carbine should make him attractive to breeders.

Subscription: Ten Guineas.

The First Ten Approved Mares will be booked at Five Guineas.

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Further particulars from E. B. ALEXANDER, Secretary, Strand Area, Auckland, or from THE MANAGING DIRECTOR, P.O. Box 207, Auckland.



GLENORA PARK STUD 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.

This season Soult's stock have won over fifty-five races, and no less a number than twenty seconds are down to their credit, to which attach over £5,500 in stakes.

The following are a few of the races won by the descendants of Soult this season:—Avondale Stakes, CORDON 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 landed from steamer or train and re-shipped. Grazing, 2s 6d per week.

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



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

HOTCHKISS,

By Musket from Feteleuse (imp.) by Oxford from Harkhorn, by Mountain Deer, etc. sire of Multiform, Uniform, Screw Gun, Formas, Osculator, Wairongomai, Battleaxe, Formula, San Patricia, Korowai, Field Battery, Royal Artillery, Field House, 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 Bercaldine from Polly Perkins, by Macaroni from Molly Carrow, 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 Durdans Plate at Epsom. At four years old he won the Alexandra Plate of 1000 sovs at Doncaster, and the Great Midlands Handicap of 1,300 sovs at Birmingham. At five years old he scored in the Nottingham Handicap of 500 sovs, and ran a dead heat for first honours in the Norfolk and Suffolk Handicap at Great Yarmouth. At six years old he dead heated with Merry Methodist for the Middlesex Handicap at Alexandra Park, and at Derby he ran second for the Faveril of the Peak Handicap of 1000 sovs. The stock sired by Phoebus Apollo in his first two seasons are of an exceedingly promising character, showing plenty of size and power, combined with a great dash of quality.

TERMS: 30 Guineas for Single Mares; 25 guineas for two or more mares belonging to the same owner.

MENSCHIKOFF,

By Stepniak from Fibroch, by Lechiel from Fallacy, by Bl. d. mere 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. The following is a list of the races won by Menschikoff:—At two years old: C.J.C. Juvenile Plate of 200 sovs, C.J.C. Electric Plate of 200 sovs, Great Northern Focal Stakes of 500 sovs, Welleley Stakes of 300 sovs, Wellington Stakes of 300 sovs, C.J.C. Middle Park Plate of 250 sovs, C.J.C. (Champion Plate of 250 sovs, D.J.C. Champagne Stakes of 150 sovs, D.J.C. Railway Plate of 100 sovs, North Island Challenge Stakes of 300 sovs. At three years old: Hawke's Bay Guineas of 500 sovs, C.J.C. Derby of 750 sovs, Canterbury Cup of 500 sovs, Great Northern Derby of 500 sovs. Menschikoff is a rich bay in colour, and is one of the most compact horses that could be found in the country.

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, and other races winning £3665 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. He was undoubtedly an out-and-out stayer—a characteristic of the great line from which he descends. Pocahontas, a corner-stone of the Stud Book, and dam of the Emperor of sires Stockwell, coming in in his pedigree on both sides, St. Leger, his sire, being the best exponent of that line the colonies have ever seen.

TERMS: Ten Guineas.

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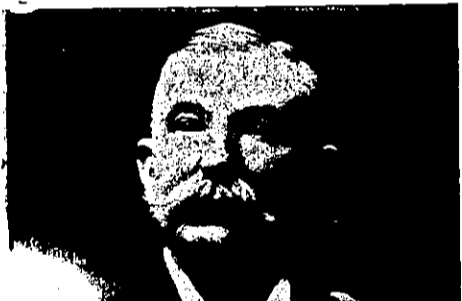
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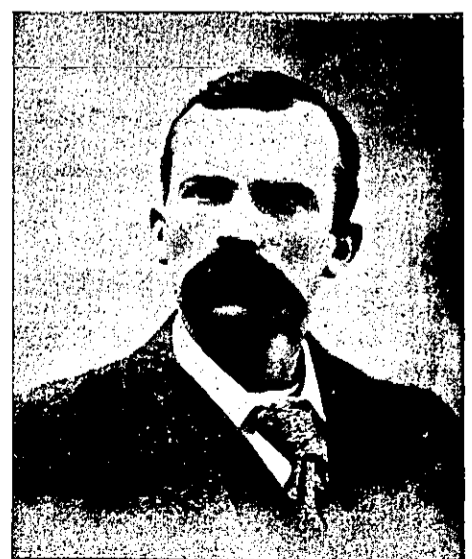
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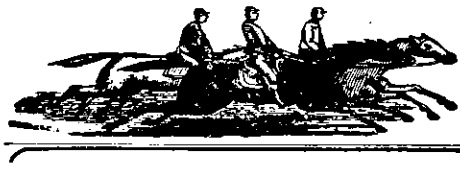


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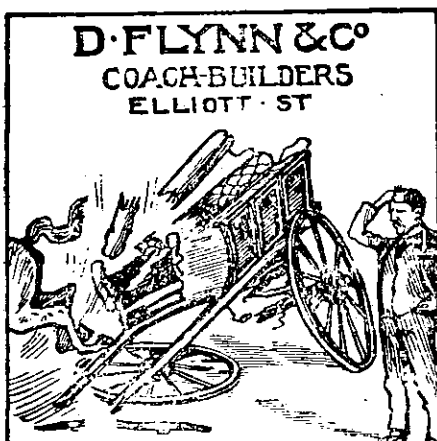
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October 1 and 2—Wanganui J.C. Spring Meeting
October 7 and 13—Hawke's Bay Jockey Club
October 13 and 14—Napier Park Racing Club
October 14 and 15—Utaki Maori R.C. Spring
October 14 and 17—Dunedin Jockey Club
October 21 and 23—Wellington R.C. Spring
October 29 and 31—Poverty Bay T.C.
November 7, 9, and 14—Auckland Racing Club Spring
November 7, 9, 11, and 14—Canterbury Jockey Club
November 4—Waverley and Waitotara R.C. Annual
December 28, 29, Jan. 1 and 2—Auckland Racing Club
Summer

NOMINATIONS

October 2—A.R.C. Spring, special events
October 2—A.R.C. Summer, Auckland Cup and special
events
October 3—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 21—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

October 5—Utaki 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. Spring, third day
November 20—A.R.C. Summer, Auckland Cup and
special events

ACCEPTANCES.

October 1—Wanganui J.C. Spring Meeting, second day
October 9—Dunedin J.C. Spring
October 8—Napier Park R.C. Spring
October 9—Utaki 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, Steward-
Handicap
October 24—Poverty Bay T.C.
October 23—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.

November 6—Wanganui J.C. Spring Meeting, Jackson
stakes, 1904

REMINDERS TO OWNERS.

Owners are reminded that several of the
Auckland Racing Club's future classic races
close on Friday, October 30, at 9 p.m.
These are the Great Northern Guineas,
1905, the Great Northern Champagne
Stakes, 1905, the 32nd G.N. Derby,
1905-6, the 11th Royal Stakes, 1905-6
(two-year-olds and yearlings) and the
Great Northern Oaks, 1906. Entries for
any of these events can be made either
to Mr Percival, secretary to the A.R.C.,
or to the secretary of the C.J.C., Can-
terbury; D.J.C., Dunedin; H.B.J.C., Na-
pier; W.R.C., Wellington; M.R.C., Blen-
heim; V.R.C., Melbourne; A.J.C.,
Sydney.

Nominations for the Manukau Hurdies,
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.

Nominations for the First and Second
County Stakes, First and Second Hur-
dles, Spring, Flying, Makaraka and Wai-
kanaka 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.

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THE TAKAPUNA JOCKEY CLUB.

ALTHOUGH the balance-sheet of the
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that last season's returns were hardly so
good as could have been wished for, yet
members should not feel despondent at
this, for a shrinkage in the totalisator
returns was an experience common with
all the clubs.

The report of the operations for last
season stated that three meetings were
held, extending over seven days, stakes
to the amount of £5,600 being paid away.
The profit and loss account showed that
he receipts for the year were £8,022 13s
7d, and the expenditure £7,831 9s 4d,
leaving a surplus of £191 4s 3d. The
totalisator investments amounted to
£49,875, being a falling off of £6,822 as
compared with the previous year. The
amount paid to the Government as totali-
sator tax was £748 2s 11d.

The profit and loss account showed
receipts to be £8,022 13s 7d, the amount
including totalisator £3,714 9s 10d,

nominations and acceptances £1,381,
gates and booths £2,002 17s 3d, and
subscriptions, fees, etc., £886 13s. The
disbursements reached £7,831 9s 4d, the
chief items being stakes £5,600, salaries
and wages £923 3s 6d, rents and interests
£569 3s 10d. This left a balance on the
operations amounting to £191 4s 3d.
The total credit balance, as shown in the
details of asset and liabilities, was £1,876
13s 10d.

It will be noticed that the surplus was
much smaller than might have been
reasonably expected, the decrease in the
revenue received from the totalisator
being no less than £636 9s 5d. It is
somewhat difficult to state the reason for
such a marked shrinkage, and in the
opinion of many high-water mark has
been reached in this respect, and such
shortages may be looked for. This view
of the case seems, however, unduly
pessimistic, and there can be but little
doubt that if the Club meetings continue
to be properly conducted as is certain to
be the case with Mr Wynyard and his
committee to direct affairs, then the
depression will be but a passing cloud,
and the former record of continuous pro-
gress be maintained.

It is greatly to be regretted that the
efforts of the club to increase the size of
their ground and make an all-round
improvement should have been blocked
by the Harbour Board, who, it must be
admitted, have pursued a somewhat
dog-in-the-manger policy in the matter.
Racegoers will give the club every credit
for doing its utmost to bring about
this greatly-desired reform, and it is no
fault of the committee that it has not
already come to pass. There seems,
however, some prospect of the members
of the Harbour Board changing their
minds in the matter, which it is to be
hoped will prove the case. Should this
be so, no time will be lost in making the
track as up-to-date as any in the colony.
In the meantime there is no reason to
suppose that the present season will not
be one of renewed prosperity, for the
meetings at the seaside suburb are
always deservedly popular.

A MUCH-NEEDED REFORM.

Is it not high time that something was
done to bring about a much-needed re-
form in the matter of racing colours?
At present, instead of being of use to
differentiate the various competing
horses, they in many cases only serve
to make confusion worse confounded.
For instance, in a race at Avondale out of
six runners three horsemen wore blue
and gold, a sufficiently confusing state of
affairs. Talking with one of our best-
known judges, he said that a worse
difficulty, however, was the prevalence
of black jackets. In the Welter Handi-
cap, for instance, on Saturday, out of
fifteen entries the colours of no less than
nine were described as a black jacket,
with sundry variations in the colours of
the sleeves and cap. If this sort of
thing bothers the judge it should be
checked, for no one wants mistakes from
the man in the box, yet the present
haphazard system makes that official's
duties far more difficult than there is any
occasion for them to be. If this
similarity in colours is confusing to the
judge, it is easy to imagine what it must
prove to the ordinary racegoers. If those
responsible would only occasionally go
into the public stand and listen to the
hopeless floundering of a great many
of the sightseers there in their efforts
to pick out the various competitors they
would be somewhat edified. It is to be
presumed that the primary object of
wearing colors at all is to enable the
public to readily distinguish the horses,
and if the present system fails in that,
then a change must be made. The
executive might do worse than follow the
Australian Jockey Club in this respect.
That body set up sub-committee to go
into the question and their finding was
unanimously approved. It is a subject
on which much has been written, and it
is high time that words gave place to
deeds. Everybody gives the new com-
mittee of the Auckland Racing Club
credit for being desirous of benefitting
the sport. Here is one reform urgently
needed.

Sporting Topics.

(By "The Judge.")

Pearlriver was scratched for the New Zealand Cup on Tuesday afternoon.

Auckland Cup nominations are due to-morrow.

Locally Lady Lillian is quoted as an even favourite for the New Zealand Cup, with Wairiki at 7 to 1 against, but in the South Lady Zetland's daughter is in pride of place. Shrapnel is next in demand at 10 to 1, while next in order of favouritism come Pampero, Ringman and Kelburn.

L. H. Hewitt has received a cable asking him to ride Marvel Loch in the Caulfield Cup, but he has not come to a decision in the matter yet.

During the recent eight days' racing on the W.A. goldfields no less than £82,000 were invested on the totalisators. The profits to the three clubs are estimated at nearly £13,000. At the Kalgoolie meeting £48,000 went through the totalisators in two days.

When the mail left England W. Lane was still at the head of the list of winning jockeys. His average was 90 wins in 400 rides. In one week from Saturday to Saturday he had 29 mounts, and won on nine occasions.

Shoddy (Trenton—Chintz), winner of the V.R.C. Grand National Hurdles of 1901, hurt his neck so badly when he fell in the Hurdle Race at Epsom (Melbourne) a few days ago that he had to be destroyed the following day.

Mr Price tells me that the Anteros mare Mantilla has produced a colt foal at Cambria Park to the imported St. Simon horse Cyrenian. This is the first colt to make its appearance this season at Cambria Park, but as a number of the mares are overdue the foals may be expected to come along quickly now.

Carbine was represented by a good winner in England last month, his son, Musqueton, who is out of Musa, winning the Hardwick Stakes from Sweet Duchess, Bass Rock, and two others. The result was somewhat of a surprise, because Bass Rock went out at 2 to 1 on, and the winner started at 100 to 14 against.

It is said that the Metropolitan favourite, Faithful, was very badly interfered with in the big Sydney race, and was never once given a chance to get out. If what one hears can be relied on (says the "Town and Country Journal"), some of the jockeys go out in a race with the sole intention of preventing the favourite winning if possible.

Among recent foalings are the following:—Mr T. Morrin's Queen Cole, by King Cole—Rosalie, filly to Menschikoff; Mr T. Morrin's Harpist, by Hotchkiss—Lyrcelinus, colt to Phoebus Apollo; Mr J. Marshall's Coalscuttle by King Cole—Florence, colt to Hotchkiss; Mr W. Percival's Curassow, by Cuirassier—Rubinia, colt to Soult.

A very good record was achieved by W. Deeley at the Avondale Meeting. He rode Methuma in the Avondale Stakes, Muskerdale and Sonoma on the second day; and was on Dolores in the Grandstand Handicap, and Sally Horner in the Pony event on the third day, thus piloting five winners at the meeting. Deeley rides with a very short rein and stretches out over his horse's withers. He uses his head too, a fact which was clearly apparent when he handled Dolores. With ordinary luck he should have a very good season.

While competing in the Welter Handicap, Rex came to his end on Saturday. He jumped off his mark very fast, and came round the bend at such speed that the race looked all over bar shouting. Once in the line for home seats took a look round for his opponents, and at that moment his mount seemed to cross his feet and came down very heavily. The result was a broken leg, and a friendly bullet soon put the horse out of his pain. Rex was eleven years old at the time of his death, being got by St. Leger from Jessie. Perhaps the best performance ever achieved by the chestnut gelding was when he carried 85t 12lb to victory in the A.R.C. Easter Handicap of 1899. On that occasion he was giving 20lb to Bluejacket, 7lb to Battleaxe, 15lb to Coronet, 19lb to St. Ursula, the field numbering thirteen. Rex won in a canter by three lengths from Wairongomai, running the mile in 43 2-5sec.

After taking part at the Avondale meeting the horses Maro, Durable, and Toledo, were sent South on Sunday last.

At Sylvia Park, the Goldsbrough—Songstress mare Cantatrice has produced a brown filly to Seaton Delaval, this bringing up this season's foalings to six colts and five fillies.

Benzoin has disappeared from the New Zealand Cup list, the scratching pen having been put through his name on Saturday.

Seaton Delaval has made a good start for the season with five winners at Avondale and three in the South. If he can keep this up the imported son of Melton and Rosedale will be very close to the top of the list of successful stallions this year.

Spalpeen gave further pointed proof at Avondale that, whatever may be his demerits on the flat, he is a fair stamp of a hurdle horse. He won fairly comfortably on the second day, and I shall be much surprised if the son of Gossoon does not again get his name on the winning list before long.

The English sprinter, Sundridge, was in excellent form when the last mail left England, and at the Lewes Meeting, on August 7, carried 9st 11lb and won the De Warrenne Handicap (5 furlongs and a few yards) in the fast time of 60 3-5sec. Subsequently a five-and-a-half furlongs match for £500 aside and a £200 cup was made between Sundridge, 9st 10lb, and I. E. Blizon, 7st 12lb.

The following are the drawers of placed horses in Tattersall's No. 2 Consultation on the Metropolitan Stakes, run at Randwick, N.S.W., September 14th, 1903, 50,000 subscribers at 5s. each, fully subscribed:—1st—Marvel Loch, Frank Bull, Haystack Flat, Imbil Road, Gypmie, Queensland, £4000; 2nd—T.M.S., Alex. Mitchell, Indooroopilly, Brisbane, £1250; 3rd—Ossian, Ah Lov. Tumut, N.S.W., £750. These amounts are net.

The following are the drawers of placed horses in Tattersall's No. 1 Consultation on the Metropolitan Stakes, run at Randwick, N.S.W., September 14th, 1903, 50,000 subscribers at 5s. each, fully subscribed:—1st—Marvel Loch, Huey and Devery, care of D. Devery, Nymagee, N.S.W., £4000; 2nd—T.M.S., T. Bridges, care of T. Burns, Manchester Grove, Caulfield, Vic., £1250; 3rd—Ossian, Neanger Syndicate, care of J. J. J. Bros., Eaglehawk, Vic., £750. These amounts are net.

A new rule, providing that any lessee of a horse, before entering it at registered meetings in the metropolitan district, must lodge with the secretary of the club a true copy of the lease or other document under which he claims to be entitled to its possession or control, has been passed by the Australian Jockey Club Committee. The penalty for non-compliance is the invalidation of the entry, the forfeiture of the stakes, and the liability to fine or disqualification.

To-morrow (Friday) evening will be a busy one at the Auckland Racing Club office, for, in addition to entries for certain special events to be decided at the approaching Spring Meeting being due, nomination have also to be made for the Auckland Cup and other big handicaps of the Summer Meeting. I hope to see a record entry when the lists come to be made up.

Despite the fact that he only ran third in the Avondale Stakes, Mr Fvett summed up Kilmarnock as being a good deal better than anything opposed to him in the Nursery Handicap on the second day. In taking this view of the case the veteran handicapper was perfectly right, for the handsome black son of Simmer put down his six opponents in very convincing style. Mr Friedlander's colt will be seen to more advantage later on.

Mr O. F. Pilling presided at the annual meeting of the Te Aroha Jockey Club, on Friday evening. The balance-sheet showed the receipts for the past season to have been £562 4s 11d, the largest items being £148 10s from the sale of privileges at the summer meeting and £115 10s as totalisator commission. The expenditure (the chief item being £383 paid in stakes at the two meetings held), amounted to £542 15s 6d, leaving a credit balance of £19 9s 5d. Against this there were accounts to the amount of £69 14s 6d owing by the club. There was a sum of £44 16s owing to the club, consisting of unpaid nomination fees and overdue members' subscriptions. It was agreed to request the Racing Conference to approve the alteration of the dates—February 15 and 17, 1904—which had been fixed for the next summer meeting to February 17 and 18, 1904. After discussion a proposition to again hold a hack meeting was carried, and the date was fixed for November 9, King's Birthday.

The Auckland bred Siege Gun (Hotchkiss—Frailty), has been purchased for stud purposes by the Messrs Barnes, of Dyraba, Richmond River.

Mr Charles Greenwood ("Hotspur" of the London "Daily Telegraph") died in England just before the departure of the last mail. There have been few better known writers on turf topics.

The Wellington-bred mare by St. Leger from Hilda, who recently won a couple of races in England, will in future be known as "Lady Saint." As she is a four-year-old, it has taken her owners plenty of time to think out a very poor name.

The Wallace colt Emir is said to be doing well at Ballarat, but if there is a return of the trouble which caused him to be thrown out of work a few weeks ago, he will be immediately struck out of the Victoria Derby and the Melbourne Cup.

According to Sir Robert Giffen, the bookmakers of the British Empire benefit to the tune of £5,000,000 annually at their customers' expense. Nice round figures these, but near enough as the matter is purely guesswork.

The American jockey D. Maher, who it was thought would not be seen in the saddle again this season, owing to injuries received in a motor accident, rode a couple of winners at the York (Eng.) meeting on the 25th of August.

Perfection was in good form at the Rangitikei Meeting, winning the Spring Handicap on the opening day, and the September Handicap on the second day. She is a six-year-old bay mare by The Workman out of Caribou, and is owned by Mr J. Paul.

The action in Sydney in which Frank M'Grath, horse-trainer, sought to recover £630 from Robert Henry Wormah, alleged to have been given to the defendant to invest on behalf of the plaintiff on Chippy Norton in the High-weight Handicap at the Anniversary Meeting at Randwick, resulted in a verdict for the full amount claimed.

The sum of £7689 was passed through the totalisator on the last day of the recent Avondale J.C. Spring Meeting, as against £5791 for the corresponding day last year, an increase of £1898, while the total for the three days ran out to £19,661, as against £17,180 for the Spring Meeting of 1902, an increase of £2481.

An exciting cross-country race took place at Noumea lately in connection with the 50th anniversary fetes of New Caledonia. The distance was seventy-five miles, and thirteen horses started. The race was won by Louis, ridden by Henry Martin, late of Mungiebundie Station, where Belah was bred. The time was 5hr 8min. The horse belongs to M. Dezer-naulds, a well-known barrister of Noumea.

Sportsmen who are fond of a jaunt up to "Hot-Water Land" to attend the gatherings of the Rotorua Jockey Club will be glad to learn that there is every likelihood of there being two days' races this year during Carnival week, at which fair stakes will be given. Considerable improvements will be made to the track, and every inducement given to take horses to the meeting. The club is anxious to do all in its power to study the convenience of raceowners, and these latter should not stand in their own light by failing to pay up. The fact of there being £30 owing to the club in this respect for one day's racing speaks for itself. With fair treatment the country club may be relied on to provide good stakes to be competed for.

Cordon Rouge was freely whispered about as a rod in pickle for the Electric Handicap, and the colt pulled off the event in taking style, for Vulpine had a very big lead at the home turn, and it was a combination of courage and speed that enabled the winner to put down the speedy daughter of Reynard. Cordon Rouge is a black colt by Soult—Lady Emmeline, and had only started twice previously. He won the Avondale Stakes by a length from Kamo last season, and with top weight ran unplaced in the Nursery Handicap on the second day of the meeting.

Even allowing that Ilex was the least bit lucky to win the Craven Plate (says the "Referee"), his performance was an excellent one as the race was run at a terrific pace, and though in difficulties a hundred yards from home, he battled on gamely to the end. His performance dispelled the idea that he could not go beyond a mile, and now he has plenty of backers for the Daulfield Cup, in which he has the luxurious weight (for him) of 8st 9lb. Possibly, with something chopping at him all the way, the mile and a half may find him out, but with ordinary luck he will give his supporters a good run for their money.

During the sixteen years that Mr G. G. Stead and his trainer Mason have been associated the former has won in stakes alone the sum of £85,000 in this colony.

Handicaps for the first day's events of the Auckland Racing Club's Spring Meeting are due to make their appearance on Monday, October 26, instead of the previous Friday, as appears in the programme.

Ranui broke his neck while competing at the Rangitikei Meeting. He was a five-year-old bay gelding by King John from a Somnus mare, but was only a moderate performer.

The two-year-old filly Pansy Blossom (by Hotchkiss—Pansy) was destined to have a very short racing career. In her second race—the Nursery Handicap, at Avondale—the filly injured herself to such an extent that she had to be destroyed.

The Auckland Cup representative, Wairiki, had a good voyage down to Lyttelton and arrived safely. His appearance on the Riccarton tracks created a very favourable impression.

The Spring Meeting of the Wanganui Jockey Club will be commenced to-day and concluded to-morrow. The club has met with good outside support, no less than fifteen Wellington horses having been sent up to take part at the meeting. Racing will commence with the Spring Stakes, for which Ringman and Shrapnel read well, while in the other events the following may figure prominently:—Wanganui Guineas Treadmill, Maiden Race Tireole, Hurdle Race Mourner or Waiwera, First Hack Hurdles The Dauber, Putiki Hack Race Handsome Rose or Roseal, and Paratutu or Black Leynard in the Flying Handicap.

The Sydney Tattersall's Handicap was run at Randwick, on Saturday, seven horses starting. The winner turned up in Mr J. Earnshaw's four-year-old brown gelding Bruntwood, by Grafton—Love-lock, who going out second favourite won by half a length from Bridegroom and Naphio. The winner is in the Melbourne Cup with 7st 12lb opposite his name.

The Otahuhu Racing Club will bring off a meeting on the Otahuhu racecourse on Wednesday, October 14 (Labour Day). Six events will be run off, including a Saddle or Harness Trot. Nominations are due with Mr F. Yonge, the secretary, at the Star Hotel, Otahuhu, to-morrow (Friday), at 9 p.m., while handicaps will appear on October 7. For the convenience of those wishing to attend the gathering a special train will leave Auckland at 12.20 p.m., and will return immediately after the last race. Full particulars of the various events will be found in our advertising columns.

I heard a well-known racing man, just prior to the Third Hack Handicap on Saturday, express the opinion that Notorini couldn't possibly win because Eton never got a galloper yet. What he thought after Mr Hodge's gelding had simply spreadeagled the field I am unable to say, for the performance of the three-year-old son of Eton and Orini in winning by eight lengths was something of an eye-opener. Mr Price, manager of the Cambria Park Stud, looked a pleased man after the race, for he is a staunch believer in the ability of the son of Castor and Lady Walmsley to beget good ones.

The hoary adage that the early bird gets the worm is not always to be depended upon. No doubt those gentlemen who started backing Orloff last week for the New Zealand Cup were under the impression that they were getting in early, but the subsequent withdrawal of the son of Stepiak from all his C.J.C. engagements must have left them sorrowfully reflecting that it is not always good business attempting to forecast an owner's intentions. As Orloff was unable to compete in Sydney owing to his leg having filled, it is very difficult to see how the idea can have originated that put the supposed astute brigade so far astray.

An idea of the injurious effect which the betting shops about Melbourne are having on the attendance at race meetings held within the metropolitan radius may be gained by a visit to these shops on a race day (says "The Leader"). During the past two years the shops have sprung up in large numbers in the city and suburbs, and the police appear to have not the slightest inclination to do their duty by putting a stop to them. On Saturday afternoon, when the Oaklands Hunt Club races were held at Moonee Valley, betting was in full swing in several crowded places situated in the heart of the city, operations being conducted with an openness which was a striking indication of the immunity from official interference which the proprietors of these shops enjoy.

AFTER THE RACES.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING

NOTES ON THE CONCLUDING DAY'S RACING.

(By "The Judge.")

Very pleasant weather was experienced on Saturday for the third and concluding day of the Avondale J.C. Spring Meeting, and the club may congratulate itself on getting such fine days for the meeting, a very different state of affairs to that which used to obtain in days gone by. The attendance was distinctly good, and so lively was speculation that the totalisator figures showed a very considerable increase on those of last year.

The opening event, the Maiden Hurdle Race, was not much of an affair, only only four going to the post. Such a moral did it appear for Irish that the Eton mare had some fifty tickets on her than on all the others put together. However, the ancient chestnut re the glorious uncertainty of the turf was further exemplified, for at the very first obstacle the good thing turned turtle, a poor race resulting in a very easy win for Mr Pittar's Gatelock, who finished ten lengths ahead of Waimana.

On the strength of a very taking performance earlier in the meeting Noteorini was served up piping hot for the Third Hack Handicap, nothing else finding much favour, with the possible exception of Kitty, who, however, was left at the post. That punters were on the right thing was demonstrated before the horses had travelled a furlong, for the Eton gelding was making such play in front that the field got demoralised. In the last bit Woodmount singled out in a chase, but could get no nearer than six lengths to Noteorini, with Cyrus just struggling into third place.

The Welter Handicap proved a regular boil over. It must be admitted that, but for an accident it is exceedingly improbable if the actual winner would have caught the judge's eye first. Black and Gold was backed down to nearly even money in a field of fourteen but, although prominent for a furlong, the son of Cuirassier soon faded out of the contest. Old Rex jumped off in front and made matters so willing that at the home bend he was some four lengths ahead of Porangi and Bonheur. Once headed for home Sceats took a look round for the others, and the chestnut crossed his legs, getting such a bad fall that he had to be immediately shot. This threw Porangi out of his stride and left Maro with such a useful lead that Porangi was unable to catch him in the run home, although he got to within a length. The winner returned the useful dividend of £20 6s.

The Second Steeplechase proved a somewhat remarkable contest. Kanaka and Puffing Billy were the mediums of most public support. The Pullack made play for a couple of rounds well clear of a bunch, Tuni being, however, quite unable to pace it with the others. At the back on the last round Kowhai assumed command, Puffing Billy coming to grief. At the brush jump half-a-mile from home, when it looked as though a splendid finish would result, Nor-west, Inchcape and Kowhai ran off, this only leaving two in the race. The favourite came home in front although The Pullack fought a plucky battle.

The Grandstand Handicap was generally considered very open, Dolores, Muskerdale, Strathavon and Putty all coming in for solid support. Weight of money sent the firstnamed out actual favourite, a position which the black mare fully deserved as events turned out. Marshal Soult cut out the pace at a very solid clip for six furlongs, when Dolores joined issue. Directly they were headed for home she came away and won by a clear three lengths from an outsider in St. Olga, who only squeezed home in front of Muskerdale. With the winner out of the way it would have been a magnificent race, for Strathavon and Marshal Soult were within heads of the third horse.

Nothing would go down with punters but Green and Gold and Cordon Rouge for the Electric Handicap, the pencilers quoting ten to one bar two, but at the end money was forthcoming for Alba Rose and Desdemona. Vulpine jumped off the mark like a shot, and at the home bend the black pony was going so fast and with such a lead that her victory was loudly pronounced. In the run home, however, Cordon Rouge stretched out in pursuit and, catching the fast-tiring daughter of Reynard at the distance, won by two lengths, with Porangi within a length of the mare.

Lottie and Annoyed found most favour in the Third Pony Handicap, but at the last moment a whisper went round for Sally Horner, who had the successful rider Dealey in the saddle. It was early evident that at least one candidate was

simply there to be looked at, and the stewards would have done well to ask a few questions. Lottie made most of the running, but when Sally Horner threw out a challenge Regal's daughter cried enough, and followed in two lengths behind Mr Carter's mare.

St. Olga has a reputation for winning the last race of a programme, and whether it was this or her good run in the Grandstand Handicap she was sent out a fairly hot favourite for the Publicans' Handicap, with Cygnet and Lady Bobs next in demand. St. Olga was always in a good position, and at the distance she came away and won by a length from the fast finishing Cygnet. This concluded a successful meeting.

The American horse Dick Welles put up another record at Chicago recently. With 8st he easily beat Grand Opera, 8st 3lb, in a match, and ran the mile in 1min 37 2-5sec.

It is remarkable (writes "Milroy") that the winners of the A.J.C. Derby, Epsom, and Metropolitan are all short pedigreed. Belah is a descendant of Sappho, and is the third Derby winner that traces to that estimable old female, the majority of whose descendants inherit her colour (grey), but none of her Derby winning descendants show that plebian stain. Her son Kingsborough (Derby) was a bay, and all over a Kingston, and he got his stock in the Kingston mould. Kingsborough's brothers, Savanaka and Lecturer, were greys, and invariably their children came grey. Nellie, Sappho's Derby winning daughter, was by Tim Whiffler, and did not throw to the mother's side of the house, nor does her great daughter, Etra Weenie, or any of the latter's brilliant band of foals. Marvel Loch runs back to Iris, by Rous Emigrant from a mare by Herald, a Marnion horse that was imported by the A. A. Company in 1825. Herald got very few foals and died within a year of landing in Australia. Marvel Loch's dam, Marvelette, was a good mare and a fine looking one. She was bred at Biragambil by Mr R. Rouse and won good races for Kelso's stable. Marvelette was by Marvellous from Contessa, by Gemma di Vergy, and it is a coincidence that the dam of Famous is also by Marvellous from a Gemma di Vergy mare. Mr James Thompson, who knows Vanity (dam of Famous), and her dam, informs me that the Gemma di Vergy mare was out of a mare by Cheddar (imp.) from a mare by New Warrior. He says the Cheddar mare was a well-bred looking animal. Marvel Loch is a sister to Strathroy, who was looked upon as a sprinter pure and simple till he won the Summer Cup, one and three-quarter mile, and ran a good race to Crosslake and Merloolas over two miles.

A little while back it was stated that Johnny Reiff would never sit in the saddle again owing to a fall received at Chicago in July, when he fractured his skull, but the doctor in attendance was, at latest, more hopeful. He told Ed. Corrigan, to whom Reiff is engaged, that he expected the boy to be riding again in a few weeks, despite his skull having been fractured. A swelling occurred on the top of Reiff's head as a result of the injury, and was what is called a haematoma—a blood tumor. This was easily reduced, and has now almost disappeared. Reiff has been in trouble with his eyes more than anything else. He has had a double vision since the concussion, which is common in all injuries such as he sustained. While the eyes were affected pretty badly, they are rapidly acquiring their normal condition, the double vision is disappearing, and in a few weeks the little jockey will be well. His left eye was slightly turned to the right, but it is thought that this can be brought straight again.

In an interesting article on "Breeding," in "Baily's Magazine," a writer says that those who follow any fixed method of breeding mostly place their faith in the tenets of the "Figure System," the invention of the late Mr Bruce Lowe, but without attaining any greater success than the remainder of their fellows. The fact is, the "Figure System" has been elevated on a pedestal it has no right whatever to occupy, for, whilst useful as a guide to show what have hitherto been the most successful families traced in direct female line, it has given much to arbitrary position, merely uniting the blood of the best families, or amalgamating certain strains according to the suppositive value of the members assigned to them by the "system." Mr Bruce Lowe's "system" also tends unduly to magnify the importance to be attached to the female lines of a horse's pedigree, seeing that it almost entirely ignores the influence undoubtedly exercised by the paternal lines of descent, which, if not quite so potent as those of the other sex, certainly have a very great say in moulding a horse's character and abilities.

INTER-PROVINCIAL.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, September 29.

The first of the outside New Zealand Cup horses to put in an appearance at Riccarton is Wairiki, who arrived safely from Auckland on Saturday last. The big son of Soult attracted many admirers when he made his first appearance on the track, but so far he has only done steady pacing. Wairiki, who is now second favourite for the Cup with Shrapnel, had a good passage from his home in the North. We shall soon see him extended.

The Cup favourite, Lady Lillian, is bowling along in her usual resolute style. Unless something unforeseen happens the handsome daughter of Lady Zetland is likely to retain her position in the betting market. Although she had only Terrapin and Sirius to beat in the Geraldine Cup, one mile and a-half, there was some merit in the win, as neither of the pair could extend the mare in the last half-mile, and she won easily by four lengths. Terrapin won a mile race on the second day with Lady Lillian out of the way. Taking a line through the running, I am forced to the conclusion that Lady Lillian's performance was a good one.

Kelburn is striding along nicely at Riccarton, and this horse bears a well-trained appearance and looks well to the eye. An impression has gained ground to the effect that Kelburn is not likely to stand a Cup preparation, but it is worth remembering that he won the St. Leger Stakes at Wellington, beating a smart colt in Porirua. In this race Kelburn only came to light after going a mile and a-half, but fairly beat his field in the last quarter. I feel confident that Kelburn is a stayer, and I shall expect to see him start in the Cup.

Last week I gave out a warning to those who had backed or intended backing Orloff for the New Zealand Cup. As is now well known Orloff was extensively supported for the Cup while on his way back from Australia to New Zealand. Immediately his owner landed in the Colony he scratched his horse for all engagements at the C.J.C. Spring Meeting. How Orloff's supporters, or the supporters of the Yaldhurst stable came to back him for the Cup after the owner's action in not starting him in Australia, is one of those problems few can solve.

Count of Kolmar, who won three races during the Timaru and Ashburton Meetings, has lately come into favour for the Cup.

I hear that jockey Hewitt has received a cablegram from the owner of Marvel Loch offering him the mount on the daughter of Trenton in the Caulfield Cup.

Mr Stead has usually been well represented in the Hawke's Bay Guineas and Hastings Stakes, but this year he is without a representative in the former race. Silkworm, by Seaton Delaval—Lady Moth, will carry yellow and black livery in the Hastings Stakes. Although apparently weak in three-year-olds this year, I think Mr Stead will be strongly represented in the classic events with his two-year-olds, as Silkworm is one of many to select from. He may score a win in the Hastings Stakes.

With two such fine colts as Treadmill and Quarryman to represent him, Sir Geo. Clifford ought to score a win in the Hawke's Bay Guineas.

A report is in circulation that Halberdier is unlikely to fulfil his New Zealand Cup engagement.

The exact time of Orloff's withdrawal from the New Zealand Cup was 6 p.m. on Friday last.

L. Hewitt has accepted an engagement to ride Lady Lillian in the Cup.

Sirius is an unlucky horse, as he ran two seconds at Geraldine. On the form he showed there he cannot have any chance in this year's Cup.

The stallions Finland, Formosan, Warrington, Marlborough II., and St. Cyr, were on view at the Ashburton Horse Parade last Saturday. Finland, by Bill of Portland—Fishwife, who is being well supported, attracted much attention from breeders. Formosan, the once speedy son of St. Leger and Formosa, was looking in capital condition. He has filled out a lot since closing his racing career.

Ringman is the latest horse to receive substantial support for the New Zealand Cup. A commission was worked in favour of the son of Castor late last week.

Pallas is doing his work satisfactorily, and judging by his gallops, I imagine his owner intends trying to win the big race at Wellington. Pallas won a mile and a-quarter race up there in Autumn.

The Ohoka Race Meeting takes place on Thursday. The following may win their engagements—Ohoka Handicap, Stepdancer or Great Gun; Hunters' Flat, Playfair; Flying Handicap, Cyclas Parva; Novel, Nor-wester; Welter, Roscommon.

WELLINGTON

September 26.

The Rangitikei Racing Club's Spring Meeting, although held in splendid weather, passed off rather tamely, the totalisator showing a falling off to the extent of £974. The Porirua stable representatives Position, Wamua, Waitarere, and Lady Maud, also Davies', Melwood and Fletcher's, The Dauber, and Betsy, were withdrawn; Wellington sports thus lost interest in the gathering. Hinetaura and Roseal, a pair of New Zealand Cup candidates, were seen out; the former competed in the principal events, but was obviously backward in condition. Roseal is a rather nice stamp of a colt, and in his only essay won without being asked to gallop. It will be interesting to note his efforts at Wanganui, where he is engaged to meet some useful horses in the hack events. His party had a good bet on him for the race he won, which should encourage them to support him next Thursday.

The Wanganui sportsman, Mr J. Paul, had a well-deserved turn of luck with his well-bred mare Perfection. Chapman had her in better condition than most of her opponents, and she ran really well.

Contingent, who also claims The Workman as sire, looked in good nick, and ran very consistently; Apprentice, also by The Workman, secured a double, and with Rangitata, Nukumaratia (by Wonderland—Mystery), and Gold Seal, were more forward than others that were sent out at the meeting.

Amongst the jumpers Beau Ideal stood out very prominently, and probably could have won just as easily with a bit more on his back.

The Steeple events were fiascos. Scallywag, Kaloo, and Umslopogaas, seemed in bad humour for jumping, and the former pair persistently refused. Lochade finished gamely on three legs, behind Kapanui and Opaku, who were going very slow indeed towards the finish.

Catspaw, a Wellington owned horse, was heavily supported for the Welter Handicap at Rangitikei on the second day, but ran only moderately and let his backers down badly. Nukumaratia, the winner of that race, is a good sort of a mare, and should win again before long.

The Wanganui Meeting is engrossing the attention of local sports, a number of whom intend assisting at the meeting. Wellington owners are fully represented. The Porirua stable have sent Ghoorka, Rawiri, Sea Lion, and Position. Messrs Davis, Heggott, and Fletcher, have gone up with their teams recently, whilst J. Low with Messrs Paterson's horses has been there some time. In all, Wellington will be represented by over fifteen horses, and local punters will have a busy time during the week.

Mr E. Cutts passed through last Friday with Windwhistle, Treadmill, and Quarryman, and the trio looked in capital trim. Treadmill should have no trouble in securing the Wanganui and Hawke's Bay Guineas. Quarryman has furnished into a fine stamp of a colt, and should win before he returns South.

Messrs R. Mason and L. H. Hewett, Cruciform's trainer and rider, were warmly congratulated on their return, by their Wellington friends. Although they estimate Ibex to be a sprinter of great merit, Mason thinks that had Cruciform got off the mark on level terms, she would have just beaten him, but the time put up demonstrates that neither could have done much better. Cruciform was a bit fretful after her desperate race with Wakeful in the Spring Stakes and was still looking decidedly seedy on her arrival at Wellington. Her trainer, however, hopes to have her again at her best by the date of the C.J.C. Meeting. Orloff looked very jolly, having done no work during the last three weeks. His suspicious leg has firmed down but he will be unfit to race for some considerable time, and on Mr Stead's arrival in Wellington was scratched for his C.J.C. engagements.

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WOLFE'S
SCHNAPPS

Mr Stead was exceedingly surprised to find some foolish persons had been freely supporting Orloff for the New Zealand Cup subsequent to his being withdrawn from his A.J.C. engagements. Before Orloff's owner left for Sydney he handed the newspapers a cable he had received from his trainer stating that Orloff had injured his leg and on Mr Stead's arrival in Sydney the colt was at once scratched. In the face of these facts those who backed Orloff for the New Zealand Cup, were more intrepid than discreet and will have but few sympathisers.

A rumour has been current in well-informed sporting circles, that all is not well with Halberdier. Some of his early backers have evinced a desire to unload the money they hold, and 100 to 3 could have been obtained yesterday. Wagering on the Cup has (with the exception of the backing of Orloff) been of a limited nature. Most backers are standing off to see how the Cup reps. perform at Wanganui. Lady Lillian has more genuine supporters than any other horse engaged in the Cup, and a rumour that Hewitt has consented to ride her, will probably have the effect of still shortening her price. Achilles, Pampero, Ringman, Shrapnel, and Heroism, are occasionally supported in doubles with Stewards' Handicap candidates, but local metalicians complain that business is anything but brisk.

HAWKE'S BAY.

HASTINGS TRACK WORK.

Napier, September 29.

The work on the course this morning was not of an interesting nature some of our horses being away at Wanganui, while the Hon. J. D. Ormond's team were not down. Quinlivan's lot were the first to set the ball rolling.

Float, on the plough (which, by the way, is in very good order) galloped by herself once round and finished well, running a serviceable gallop. Olympus trotted and cantered a couple of rounds, and Cobra did likewise.

Melodeon, Spoil, and Roseshoot galloped once round. The Guineas candidate seemed to hold the others pretty safe.

Gold Dust by himself galloped six furlongs on the outside of the course proper in good style.

Evening Tattle and Gooseman's team all did slow work. Tutungarehu alone galloped five furlongs on the plough, running good time. A.B.N. and Benefactor trotted round to the once-round post and then jumped off and galloped a circuit. The last-named had all the best of the gallop, finishing well in front.

Seraphine alone sprinted five furlongs on the plough in good style.

Ontario, by himself, on the grass, strode along for one circuit, running the best gallop of the morning. Taura and Horatia galloped seven furlongs on the plough finishing together. Pharis and Defce put in a serviceable round on the grass after trotting one round. Cassis and Aroha did a like task, Paymaster picking them up at the six furlong post. A number of others were doing slow work.

OTAGO.

Dunedin, September 29.

Last week the Geraldine Racing Club held the most successful meeting the club has experienced for several years, and during the two days £2452 was put through the machine, an amount which was £618 in excess of last year's total, besides which the club gathered £60 in license fees from the bookmakers. The racing was fairly interesting, and the glorious uncertainty of the turf was exemplified by more than one pronounced reversal of form.

The items of interest in connection with the meeting was the fact that the ruling favourite for the New Zealand Cup, Lady Lillian, sported silk on the first day of the meeting. She did all she was asked to do and won handsomely, but the opposition was very weak. Looking over Lady Lillian she appeared to be lighter in condition than what I have previously noticed, but judging by the bold manner in which she strode along in the race she is evidently in good order. Under the flanks she still sports her winter coat, and perhaps her lightish appearance could be accounted for by the fact that she has not quite got over a dose of physic she was treated to some little time back.

Sirius returned home after the Geraldine meeting, after having been absent on a profitless tour extending over two months. After arriving at Riccarton for the National Meeting he went all to pieces, but is now on the mend. On the first day's form at Geraldine it looked a moral that he would beat Terrapin on the second day, but the latter jumped away at the start and beat the Dreadnought gelding from a yard up.

The Muscovite party had another good win over the Stepniak gelding's success at Geraldine.

Cordon Rouge was a very strong order here for the Electric Handicap, which he won at Avondale.

Canteen continues to do useful work, and shaped pleasingly over ten furlongs

this morning. None of the money which was taken during the past week about the Castor horse's chance in the Cup was secured by his owner, who up to date has not made any move in this direction beyond asking his price, which was deemed prohibitive.

Pampero is going on well in his work, and the same remark applies to several of the lesser lights in work at the same track. Bar accidents the St. Clair horse should win the Mosgiel Handicap, but from what I hear there is a chance that he will have a walk over in the race.

The membership roll of the Tahuna Park Trotting Club received an addition of forty-six at the last meeting of the club. It is pleasing to record such an item, and it is to be hoped that each of the new members will work hard to promote the interests of the sport in this part of the world.

Mr J. Loughlin has appealed against the decisions given against him at Timaru last week, and it is expected that in one of the cases some interesting developments will crop up before the cases are finally concluded.

Some people advocate doing away with the minimum weight of 6st 7lb in handicaps, but it is well known that it is extremely difficult to get a rider who can go to scale at that weight and do justice to his mount. In fact, an owner recently told the writer that although his horse had several times been handicapped and still when he had 6st 7lb opposite his name the horse had on every occasion to put up over-weight owing to the impossibility of procuring a rider who could go to scale at the minimum.

A jockey can frequently undo in less than a couple of minutes a scheme that an owner or trainer has taken a month to hatch. One of the riders at Geraldine was told to "wait" and not "knock his mount about," but instead of obeying orders he was painfully prominent (to the trainer) as the winning post was reached.

Judging by King Stork's form this season he should be alluded to as the brother of Vulcan and half-sister to Lady Babbie, and not as the brother to King Log.

Word has reached me that Mr McVinish, of Invercargill, the owner of Ruamahunga, has purchased Dexterity, the daughter of Sou'-wester and Eclat.

Dundas is now owned by a Southland sport, and has recently been working at the Winton track.

Marlborough, the son of St. George and Farewell, was put under the hammer at Timaru last week, but nobody cared to give the £25 reserve which was placed on Au Reveir's full brother. Marlborough was foaled in 1883, and carries his age well.

The handicaps for the D.J.C. Spring Meeting have been issued, and Pampero reads well treated. Lady Lillian has attractive form to recommend her to the handicappers, and she is asked to meet the St. Clair horse on 29lb worse terms than they last met in the Great Easter. The last time Canteen met Lady Lillian over ten furlongs, he gave Lady Lillian 5lb and a beating, and now the latter has to meet her victor on 25lb worse terms. Sirius is completely out of form, and the rest should finish Pampero, Canteen and Lady Lillian. Red Gauntlet appears the best of those engaged in the short race.

"The New Zealand Illustrated Magazine" for October is an exceptionally interesting number. The foremost place is given to the first instalment of "The History of the America Cup," by F. W. Coombes (late Hon. Sec. Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron). In it the author who is a noted authority on the subject, gives a graphic and reliable account of the origin of the Cup and the many futile attempts that have been made during the last fifty years to wrest the honour from the present holders. The article is of especial interest to yachtsmen. The Frontispiece is a fine reproduction of the "America" fifty years after winning the Cup. The opening chapters of a new serial by J. Wyld, entitled "The Golden Reef" are given. The author evidently knows his subject thoroughly, the story is a realistic account of gold mining, full of interest and promising well. "How I was made a Hau Hau" begins with a short description of the Maori war. Afterwards the author, Lieut. Kirkwood, of the First Onehunga Volunteers, is instructed by Sir George Grey to take some escaped Maori prisoners back to their home at Kawhia. In gratitude, on their arrival, they decide to initiate him into the mysteries of the Hau Hau religion, and the author who is giving his own experiences claims to be the only white man who has ever undergone the ceremony. "A New Zealand Nordrach" is an interesting account of a Consumptive Sanatorium in Otago, where the open-air cure is most successfully carried on by Dr. Stephenson. Other articles worthy of mention are "Democratic Education," "Mendelssohn," "A Relic of the Past," etc. Short stories are also in evidence. "In the Public Eye," My Lady's Bower, and Literary Chat, complete a number which cannot fail to add to the great popularity which this excellent Magazine has already attained throughout New Zealand.



(By "Amicus.")

The Otahuhu Trotting Club have framed the programme for their Spring Meeting, which has been fixed for Saturday and Wednesday, November 14 and 18. The total sum allotted to the sixteen events which form the programme is £460.

Seven trotters have taken records better than 2.5, as follows:—Lou Dillon 2min, Major Delmar 2.4, Cresceus 2.4½, The Abbot 2.4½, Alix 2.3¾, Nancy Hanks 2.4, and Azote 2.4¾.

The Greymouth Trotting Club will hold its Spring Meeting on October 14 and 15, instead of on October 7 and 8, as originally intended.

Viola Allen, the actress, recently drove J. J. Audubon, sire of Audubon Boy, 2.0¾, and others, a mile in 2.20¾, over the track at the Latchem Wilkes farm. This is the fastest mile that was ever driven in Kentucky by a woman.

The voting at the election of the Board of the New Zealand Trotting Association was as follows:—South Island—Mr P. Selig 11, Mr E. Clarkson 11, Mr D. McLean 11, Mr C. S. Howell 11, Mr A. L. Myers 10, Mr W. G. Garrard 9, Hon. H. Gourley 8, Mr G. King 6, North Island—Mr J. H. Pollock 9, Mr C. F. Mark 8, Mr U. Shannon 5. Messrs G. King and U. Shannon were, therefore, the defeated candidates.

In the time tests for trotters and pacers at the Royal Agricultural Show, Melbourne, on September 4, Silver Boy paced nine furlongs in 2min 36sec, and subsequently got over a mile in 2min 17¾sec. These tests aroused a great deal of interest amongst the local sportsmen.

There is a movement on foot in Newcastle, N.S.W., for the purpose of forming a trotting club in that centre.

Three trotting events were run off at the Geraldine Races held last week, with the following results:—

GERALDINE TROT.—Tinui, 1; Ciss, 2; Black Patch, 3. Dividends, £2 2s and £4 11s.

DOMAIN TROT.—Young Berlin, 1; Joe Chamberlain, 2; Black Patch, 3. Dividends, £3 18s and £5 4s.

ELECTRIC TROT.—Austerlitz, 1; Nonsense, 2; Ambition, 3. Dividends, £1 12s and £4 2s.

Dan Patch broke all former records on the third day of the Brighton Beach meeting, August 19, by pacing a mile in 1:59 flat and is now the champion pacer of the world. Ten thousand people saw the performance and shouted and cheered the wonderful horse and his driver Myron McHenry. Many watches caught the mile in 1:58¾. The day was not a perfect one as there was quite a breeze blowing, but the track could not have been better.

When the quarter pole had been reached the timers hung out 29½ seconds, and by the time it was displayed many watches had clicked at the half and the figures 58¾ seconds appeared on the timing stand. At three-quarters 1:29½ marked the time. Then for the first time McHenry gathered the horse together for a final and decisive struggle. Without a falter the king of pacers swept under the wire winner of the highest honours that have yet come to a harness horse. The official time announced was 1:59.

Lord Frasse's famous yacht Sunbeam, probably the best known vessel in existence, is on another long cruise, Canada being visited on this occasion.

THE BETTING MARKET

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following business on the

NEW ZEALAND CUP

- 700 to 35 Ringman
- 500 to 10 Count of Kolmar
- 300 to 21 Canteen

NEW ZEALAND CUP AND STEWARDS' HANDICAP

- 1250 to 5 Heroism and Golden Vein
- 1000 to 5 Strathavon and Bagpipes
- 1000 to 10 Wairiki and Rose Shield
- 600 to 6 Ringman and Machine Gun
- 500 to 5 General Symons and Petrovna
- 500 to 6 Heroism and Machine Gun
- 400 to 1 Black Reynard and Red Gauntlet
- 400 to 2 Ringman and Red Gauntlet

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following as the current prices on the

NEW ZEALAND CUP

- 7 to 1 Lady Lillian
- 8 to 1 Wairiki, Shrapnel
- 10 to 1 Pampero
- 12 to 1 Achilles, Canteen
- 14 to 1 Ringman, Heroism
- 16 to 1 Kelburne, Halberdier, Royal Fusilier
- 20 to 1 Hinetaura, General Symons
- 25 to 1 Mars, Strathavon, Sea Lion, Lavalette, Auratus
- 33 to 1 Melwood, Roseal, Black Reynard, Bulawayo, Count of Kolmar, Creuso
- 50 to 1 Motor, Kohupapa, Bombardo, Provost Marshal
- 66 to 1 Secret Society, Pearl Diver, Leonore
- 100 to 1 Sychem Sirius, Volley, Nell Gwynne, Rose Shield, Bandmaster

Mr Martin Taylor, Tattersall's Club, Auckland, reports the following business on the

NEW ZEALAND CUP

- 200 to 24 Wairiki
- 100 to 14 Lady Lillian
- 200 to 20 Shrapnel
- 300 to 18 Kelburn, Royal Fusilier, Heroism
- 200 to 12 Canteen
- 300 to 9 Mars, Bulawayo
- 200 to 8 Hinetaura
- 400 to 16 General Symons
- 300 to 3 Sirius, Bombardo
- 400 to 3 Volley
- 300 to 5 Secret Society
- 300 to 6 Leonore

NEW ZEALAND CUP AND STEWARDS' HANDICAP

- 200 to 4 Lady Lillian and Machine Gun, Wairiki and Red Gauntlet
- 300 to 6 Wairiki and Petrovna
- 300 to 3 Canteen and Achilles
- 300 to 2 Ringman and Petrovna, Mars and Tsa it-a
- 300 to 8 Wairiki and Machine Gun
- 200 to 1 Strathavon and Machine Gun
- 300 to 3 Canteen and Red Gauntlet
- 500 to 3 Hinetaura and Achilles
- 500 to 2 General Symons and St Denis
- 400 to 2 Royal Fusilier and Blazer, Ringman and Matuku, Pampero and De la Lay
- 300 to 1 Sea Lion and Windwhistle
- 400 to 3 Heroism and Petrovna
- 400 to 1 Secret Society and Pallas
- 300 to 5 Wairiki and Gladsome

Mr Alf. Adams reports the following business on the

NEW ZEALAND CUP AND STEWARDS' HANDICAP

- 100 to 1½ Lady Lillian and Benzoin, Lady Lillian and Bagpipes, Lady Lillian and Matuku, Lady Lillian and Pallas
- 100 to 2 Lady Lillian and Machine Gun, Lady Lillian and Vladimir, Lady Lillian and Petrovna, Lady Lillian and Quarryman
- 100 to 1 Lady Lillian and Pure Silver
- 100 to 1 Wairiki and Achilles, Wairiki and Lolah
- 100 to 2 Wairiki and Machine Gun, Wairiki and Quarryman, Wairiki and Matuku, Wairiki and Petrovna
- 100 to 1½ Wairiki and Pallas, Wairiki and Benzoin
- 100 to 1 Heroism and Red Gauntlet, Heroism and Bagpipes
- 150 to 1½ Heroism and Vladimir, Heroism and Machine Gun
- 100 to 2 Kelburn and Machine Gun
- 150 to 2 Kelburn and Vladimir, Kelburn and Matuku
- 100 to 2 Shrapnel and Machine Gun, Shrapnel and Benzoin
- 100 to 1 Shrapnel and Bagpipes, Shrapnel and Matuku, Shrapnel and Pallas, Shrapnel and Pure Silver
- 100 to 1½ Shrapnel and Vladimir, Shrapnel and Petrovna, Shrapnel and Quarryman
- 100 to 1 Ringman and Matuku, Ringman and Red Gauntlet Ringman and Gladsome
- 100 to 1½ Ringman and Machine Gun, Ringman and Vladimir

Palmer Tyres

A really good story is told of a book-maker, who, having been "hit" very hard, was in want of another "thou" to settle on the following Monday. Knowing his wife's diamonds would easily realise that amount at "uncle's," he accordingly "borrowed" them, and proceeded thither, when the following dialogue took place:—"I want you to lend me £1000 on this suite of diamonds. You can knock out the stones and replace them with imitation ones for a short time." "Very sorry, sir, but we did that for your good lady the other week!"

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

AUTUMN MEETING, 1905.
THE GREAT NORTHERN CHAMPAGNE STAKES, 1905.

FOR NOW YEARLINGS.
Of 500 sovs. Second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. Colts, Sst 11lb; geldings Sst 7lb; fillies Sst 8lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in December, 1904, 1 sov forfeit; if struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in February, 1905, 2 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date, liable for the whole 5 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Entries close by 9 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 1903. No money is required at the time of nomination. Six furlongs.

THE GREAT NORTHERN OAKS, 1905.
FOR NOW YEARLINGS.

Of 500 sovs. second horse to receive 75 sovs and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. For three-year-olds fillies, Sst 10lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in December, 1905 1 sov forfeit; if struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in February, 1906, 2 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date, liable for the whole 5 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Entries close by 9 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 1903. No money is required at the time of nomination. One mile and a-half.

SPRING MEETING, 1905.
THE GREAT NORTHERN GUINEAS 1905.

FOR NOW YEARLINGS.
Of 500 sovs. Second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. Colts, Sst 10lb; geldings Sst 7lb; fillies Sst 5lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday July, 1905, 1 sov forfeit; if struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in September, 1905, 2 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date, liable for the whole 5 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Entries close by 9 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 1903. No money is required at time of nomination. One mile.

SUMMER MEETING, 1905-6.
THE 32ND GREAT NORTHERN DERBY 1905-6.

FOR NOW YEARLINGS.
Of 750 sovs. Second horse to receive 100 sovs, and third horse 50 sovs out of the stake. Colts, Sst 10lb; geldings, Sst 7lb; fillies, Sst 5lb. By subscription of 7 sovs each, payable at the post, unless forfeits are declared as follows:—If struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in July, 1905, 1 sov forfeit; if struck out by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in December, 1905, 3 sovs forfeit; if left in after this date, liable for the whole 7 sovs. All forfeits go to make up or increase the stake. Entries close by 9 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 1903. No money is required at the time of nomination. One mile and a-half.

THE 11TH ROYAL STAKES, 1905-6.
FOR NOW TWO-YEAR-OLDS, YEARLINGS AND FOALS.

Of 500 sovs. The owner of the second horse to receive 10 per cent., and the owner of the third horse 5 per cent. out of the stake. For two, three, and four year-olds. Weight-for-age. Two-year-olds, Sst 12lb; three-year-olds, Sst 6lb; four-year-olds, Sst 11lb; of 750 sovs, 7lb; of 1,000 sovs, 10lb extra. Maiden (four-year-olds at time of starting allowed 14lb; three-year-olds, 10lb; two-year-olds, 7lb. By subscription of 5 sovs each, payable to the Secretary of the A.R.C. on general entry day. Summer Meeting, 1905, unless forfeits are declared and paid as follows:—All nominations may be struck out upon payment of 1 sov by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in July, 1905, or upon payment of 2 sovs by 9 p.m. on the first Friday in December, 1905. All horses remaining in after the first Friday in December, 1905, must pay their total subscription of 5 sovs at the post. Should there be any surplus arising from the subscriptions it will be given to the race. Entries close for two-year-olds and yearlings by 9 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 1903. Entries close for foals by 9 p.m. on Friday, January 4, 1904. No money is required at the time of nomination. Six furlongs.

WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.

OTAHUHU RACING CLUB.

President: Mr W. F. Massey, M.H.R. Vice-presidents: Dr. Bewes, Messrs John Todd, and James Rutherford. Stewards: Dr. Bewes, Messrs W. Abbot, W. Hunt, J. Harper, W. D. Bush, A. Lowe, D. Kidd, W. Todd, W. Martin, and E. Absolum. Judge: Mr A. B. Harris. J.P. Handicapper: Mr H. Johnston. Starter: Mr G. Catts. Clerk of Scales: Mr H. B. Massey. Clerk of Course: Mr T. A. Erown. Treasurer: Mr W. Abbott.

OTAHUHU RACE MEETING,
To be held on the
OTAHUHU RACEROURSE,
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1903.
(LABOUR DAY).

PROGRAMME:
Maiden Plate Handicap of 10 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 7s; acceptance, 3s. Distance, one mile.
Handicap Pony Race of 10 sovs; second pony to receive 2 sovs out of the stake. For all ponies 14 hands 3 inches and under. Nomination, 7s; acceptance, 3s. Distance, six furlongs.
Otahuhu Cup Handicap of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs, and third horse 1 sov out of the stake. Nomination, 15s; acceptance, 5s. Distance, one mile and a-quarter.
Otahuhu Trot Handicap (in Saddle or Harness) of 10 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 7s; acceptance, 3s. Distance, one mile and a-half.
Handicap Hurdle Race of 12 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs out of the stake. Nomination, 8s; acceptance, 4s. Distance, one mile and a-half.
Railway Handicap of 10 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs out of the stake. Winner of Otahuhu Cup to carry a penalty of 7lb. Nomination, 7s; acceptance, 3s. Distance, six furlongs.

NOMINATIONS will be received by the Secretary, for all Events, at the Star Hotel Otahuhu, on FRIDAY, October 2, by 9 p.m.
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AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26.

The Avondale Jockey Club brought their Spring Meeting to a close on Saturday, the weather being fine. The attendance was a record one for that course. During the afternoon the sum of £7,689 was put through the totalisator, as against £5,791 for the corresponding day last year. The total for the three days ran out to £19,661, as against £17,180 for the spring meeting of 1902, an increase of £2,841. The following were the results:—

MAIDEN HURDLE RACE OF 70 SOVS.; one mile and three-quarters.

Mr W. Pittar's blk g Gatehook, 5yrs, by Flintlock—Agate, 9.4, including 4lb over, Stewart ... 1
Mr W. Verlan's b g Waimana, aged, 9.10, Mitchell ... 2
Mr J. McVitie's br m Mount Zeehan, aged, 10.11, Quinton ... 3
Other starter—Irish, 9.0.
Won easily by eight lengths, three lengths separating second and third horses. Time, 3min 30 2-5th sec. Dividend, £5 18s.

THIRD HACK HANDICAP OF 40 SOVS.; five furlongs.

Mr J. Hodge's b g Noteorini, 5yrs, by Eton—Orini, 7.12, Mooney ... 1
Mr T. W. Armitage's b c Woodmount, 5yrs, 7.0, Pinker ... 2
Mr H. Friedlander's b c Cyrus, 5yrs, 8.7, Buchanan ... 3
Other starters—Lord Seaton, 8.6; Bonomiana, 7.3; Daffodil, Ngatoro, and Kisty, 7.0; Mokomoko, 6.7.
Won by seven lengths. Time, 1min 4sec. Dividends, £2 2s and £2 2s.

WELTER HANDICAP OF 70 SOVS.; six furlongs.

Mr J. George's ch g Maro, aged, by Lebel—Durus, 8.10, Gray ... 1
Mr L. H. Darlot's b g Porangi (late Jimmy the Saint), 4yrs, 9.2, Bird ... 2
Mr H. Lart's br m Orange and Blue, 6yrs, 9.5, Snodgrass ... 3
Other starters—Green and Gold, 10.5; Taplow and Black and Gold, 9.10; Camille and Blairnarrig, 8.10; Swagsman, 8.9; Rex, 8.7; Leo Delaval, 8.5; Seatonia, Bonheur, and Jack Brown, 8.0.
Won by a length. Time, 1min 18sec. Dividends, £20 6s and £2 11s.

SECOND HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE OF 80 SOVS.; about three miles.

Mr M. Ross' blk g Kanaka, aged, by Australian—Waitara, 10.10, McGregor ... 1
Mr A. McMillan's br g The Pullack, aged, 10.2, Butler ... 2
Other starters—Nor-west, 12.0; Puffing Billy, 10.2; Tuni, 9.11; Inchcape, 9.10; Kowhai, 9.9.
Kanaka won by over two lengths. Time, 6min 20sec. Dividends, £2 2s and £2 10s.

GRANDSTAND HANDICAP OF 120 SOVS.; one mile.

Mr J. Hazel's blk m Dolores, 6yrs, by Freedom—Scotch Mist, 7.10, Deeley ... 1
Mr J. Chaafe's b m St. Olga, 6yrs, 7.10, Sceats ... 2
Mr J. Harrison's b h Muskerdale, 4yrs, 8.6, Ryan ... 3
Other starters—Strathavon, 8.11; Putty, 8.7; Durable, 7.12; Marshal Sout, 7.11; Val Rosa, 7.10; Idasa, 7.0; Lavadel, 6.11; Bobs, 6.7.
Won by three lengths, a head separating second and third horses. Time, 1min 44sec. Dividends, £3 and £5 8s.

ELECTRIC HANDICAP OF 70 SOVS.; four furlongs.

Mr W. Ryan's blk c Cordon Rouge, 5yrs, by Soult—Lady Emmeline, 8.0, Lindsay ... 1
Mr T. B. O'Connor's blk m Vulpine, aged, 7.7, Cress ... 2
Mr L. H. Darlot's b g Porangi, 4yrs, 7.9, Bird ... 3
Other starters—Austerlitz, 9.4; Green and Gold, 8.10; Orange and blue, 8.0; Desdemona, 7.8; Bloodstone, 7.6; Alba Rose and Delia Rose, 7.3.
Won by a length and a-half. Time, 50 4-5th sec. Dividends, £3 and £2 15s.

THIRD PONY HANDICAP OF 40 SOVS.; six furlongs.

Mr W. K. Carter's b m Sally Horner, 6yrs, by Hornpipe—Anteros mare, 6.10, Deeley ... 1
Mr R. Middlemas' b m Lottie, aged, 8.9, Mooney ... 2
Mr J. Reginald's b g Sentinel, 5yrs, 7.13, Sceats ... 3
Other starters—Annoyed, 9.7; Sweet Marie, 7.0; Little Mabel, 6.7.
Won by over a length. Time, 1min 19sec. Dividends, £7 4s and 12s.

PUBLICANS' HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS.; seven furlongs.

Mr John Chaafe's br m St. Olga, 6yrs, by St. Leger—Satanella, 8.0, Chaafe, jun. ... 1
Mr L. Marshall's tr f Cygnet, 4yrs, 8.0, Ryan ... 2
Mr W. Lovett's b m Camille, 5yrs, 6.11, Batman ... 3
Other starters—Aka Aka, 7.5; Lady Bobs and Agrapus, 7.0; Swagsman, 6.10.
Won by a bare length, a length separating second and third horses. Time, 1min 32sec. Dividends, £2 10s and £1 4s.

RANGITIKEI J.C. SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The weather was fine, and the attendance good for the above club's races on Wednesday, but the course was heavy. The totalisator handled £4,444, a decrease on last year of £769. The results were:—

FLYING HANDICAP; six furlongs.

Gold Seal ... 1
Regulation ... 2
Ganger ... 3
Scratched—Melwood.
Won by a length. Time, 1min 20 1/2 sec. Dividends, £4 10s and £3 3s.

MAIDEN HACK FLAT RACE; six furlongs.

Roseal ... 1
Tinkle ... 2
Contingent ... 3
Scratched—Triumph, Oruatuara, Hikouui, Miss Park, Waitere, Daddy, Maud.
Won easily. Time, 1min 20 4-5th sec. Dividends, £4 16s and £1 17s.

HANDICAP HACK HURDLE RACE; one mile and three-quarters.

Leau Ideal ... 1
Inapan ... 2
Ranui ... 3
Scratched—Aroha.
Won easily by a length. Time, 3min 29 1-5th sec. Dividends, £2 8s and £1 12s.

HACK FLYING HANDICAP; six furlongs.

Apprentice ... 1
Contingent ... 2
Lasso—Gowrie ... 3
Scratched—Catspaw and Nitrate.
Won by half a length. Time, 1min 21sec. Dividends, £19 8s and £2 15s.

RANGITIKEI STEEPLECHASE; about two miles and three-quarters.

Rapanui ... 1
Opaku ... 2
Lochade ... 3
Scratched—Nor-west.
Time, 6min 4 1/2 sec. Dividends, £3 6s and £1 19s.

SPRING HANDICAP; one mile and a-quarter.

Perfection ... 1
Ota'o ... 2
Benefactor ... 3
Scratched—Blackwing.
Won by a length. Time, 2min 19sec. Dividends, £9 19s and £1 17s.

HANDICAP HACK RACE; one mile.

Apprentice ... 1
Nukumaratia ... 2
Stampede ... 3
Scratched—Levant and Wet Reef.
Won by half a length. Time, 1min 51sec. Dividends, £3 7s and £2 6s.

SECOND DAY.

The weather was fine for the second day's meeting, and the course was in better condition. The machine for the two days handled £8,381, against £9,356 for last spring meeting. The results were:—

HANDICAP HACK HURDLE RACE; one mile and a-half.

Inapan ... 1
Highlow ... 2
Omua ... 3
Other starters—Romany Lad and Ranui.
Won easily. Time, 3min 3sec. Dividends, £1 13s and £2 5s.

TELEGRAPH HANDICAP; five furlongs.

Regulation ... 1
Contingent ... 2
Reclaimer ... 3
Other starters—Gold Seal, Romanoff, Ganger, Rajah.
Won by a good length. Time, 1min 5 4-5th sec. Dividends, £3 17s and £1 19s.

ARATAUMAH STEEPLECHASE; about two miles and a-quarter.

Hutana ... 1
Umlopogaas ... 2
Opaku ... 3
Other starter—Scallywag.
Won easily. Time, 6min 6sec. Dividend, £2 14s.

WELTER HACK HANDICAP; seven furlongs.

Nukumaratia ... 1
Good Spee ... 2
Catspaw ... 3
Other starters—Explorer, Domain, Waitatapia, Victoria Park, Nitrate, Wakawaka.
Won by a good length. Time, 1min 36 4-5th sec. Dividends, £2 18s and £3 11s.

HACK STEEPLECHASE; about two miles and a-quarter.

Towhatu ... 1
La Belle ... 2
Eureka ... 3
Other starters—Rapanui, Kaloo, and Trafalgar.
Won by several lengths. Time, 6min 3 3-5th sec. Dividends, £2 2s and £2 9s.

SEPTEMBER HANDICAP; one mile.

Perfection ... 1
Rangitara ... 2
Hinokoa ... 3
Other starters—Hinetaura, Gold Dust, Benefactor, Taura, Blackwing, Symphaty.
Won by a good length. Time, 1min 47sec. Dividends, £3 and £1 16s.

KILLEXMOON HACK HANDICAP; one mile and a distance.

Stampede ... 1
Ontario ... 2
Nukumaratia ... 3
Other starters—Merry Boy and Levant.
Won by half a length. Time, 2min 8sec. Dividends, £2 8s and £2 9s.

GERALDINE RACES.

FIRST DAY.

The weather was showery for the races last Thursday, but the attendance was good. The totalisator handled £1281, an increase of £187 over last year. The results were:—

HUNTERS' HURDLES.

Early Van ... 1
Warlock ... 2
Gurteen ... 3
Won easily. Dividend, £1 19s.

SQUATTERS' HANDICAP.

Antigone ... 1
King Stork ... 2
Fairy Rose ... 3
Won easily. Dividends, £1 15s and £2 4s.

ORARI TROT.

Imperialism ... 1
Austerlitz ... 2
Black Star ... 3
Dividends, £3 and £1 15s.

GERALDINE CUP.

Lady Lillian ... 1
Sirius ... 2
Terrapin ... 3
Won easily. Dividend, £1 10s.

LADIES' BRACELET.

Early Van ... 1
Reliance ... 2
Agitator ... 3
Won by a head. Dividend, £12 7s.

FLYING HANDICAP.

Black Tracker ... 1
Hypnotist ... 2
Lee-Enfield ... 3
Won by a length. Dividends, £5 18s and £1 7s.

GERALDINE TROT.

Tinni ... 1
Ciss ... 2
Black Patch ... 3
Dividends, £2 2s and £4 11s.

BELFIELD HANDICAP.

Rosecommon ... 1
Defiance ... 2
King Stork ... 3
Won easily. Dividends, £1 14s and £4 17s.

SECOND DAY.

On the second day the results were:—

HUNTERS' HURDLES—Agitator, 1; Reliance, 2; Early Van, 3. Dividends, £4 and 10s.

STEWARDS' STAKES—Lee-Enfield, 1; First Shot, 2; Defiance, 3. Dividends, £2 2s and £1 15s.

DOMAIG TROT—Young Berlin, 1; Joe Chamberlain, 2; Black Patch, 3. Dividends, £3 18s and £5 4s.

SPRING HANDICAP—Terrapin, 1; Sirius, 2; Cyclas Parva, 3. Natalie also started. Dividend, £2 1s.

RAILWAY HANDICAP—Muscovite, 1; Hypnotist, 2; Black Tracker, 3. Dividend, £2 3s.

ELECTRIC TROT—Austerlitz, 1; Nonsense, 2; Ambition, 3. Dividends, £1 12s and £4 2s.

SPORTS' HANDICAP—Ordinance, 1; King Dick, 2; Nautiloid, 3. Dividends, £2 4s and £2.

NEW ZEALAND RAILWAYS.

HAWKE'S BAY RACES, 7TH AND 8TH OCTOBER, 1903.

Trains will leave Napier for Hastings Racecourse at 11.0 a.m., 11.30 a.m., and 1.0 p.m.; return trains leaving Racecourse for Napier at 4.52, 5.30 and 5.50 p.m.

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Mr W. K. Brown's br c by Soult—Mysterious Satanella

Mr E. Cecil's br c The Middy, by Torpedo—Antelope Messrs Darlot and Dumfries' ch c Kopa, by St. Leger—Brown Alice

Mrs E. A. Gall's b g Lord Seaton, by Seaton Delaval—Miss Letty

Mr R. Hannan's b c Sol, by Soult—Lorlei Mr C. Hewitt's br c by Ben Godfrey—Lady Blair

Mr H. Friedlander's br f Rose Shield, by Hotchkiss—Rose of Wellington

Mr H. Friedlander's b c Cyrus, by Cyrenian—Chic Mr H. Friedlander's b f Kamo, by Seaton Delaval—Waitemata

Mr W. Handley's b Merry Soult, by Soult—Merry Maid

Messrs L. D. and N. A. Nathan's br c Onewa, by Hotchkiss—Jadestone

Mr J. T. Ryan's b f Bonheur, by Seaton Delaval—Charente

Mr Wm. Ryan's br c Cordon Rouge, by Soult—Lady Emmeline

Mr F. Stenning's b c Agrapus, by Ben Godfrey—Agatha Mr F. Stenning's br c by Cuirassier—Miss Agnes

Mr E. J. Watt's ch c Starshoot, by Hotchkiss—Crescent

HAWKE'S BAY J.C. SPRING MEETING.

OCTOBER 7TH AND 8TH.

FIRST DAY.

HACK HANDICAP HURDLE RACE OF 50 SOVS.; one mile and three-quarters.

Comfort ... 11 9 Dr. Bill ... 9 10 Wils n ... 9 13 Nadador ... 9 0 Aroha ... 9 13

FLYING HANDICAP OF 75 SOVS.; six furlongs.

Madrigal ... 8 13 Gold Dust ... 8 0 Rangitara ... 8 7 Optimist ... 7 7 Starshoot ... 8 7 Enna ... 7 7 Gold seal, including 7lb Tattle ... 6 7 penalty, ... 8 4

KING EDWARD HANDICAP OF 200 SOVS.; one mile and a furlong.

Ringman ... 8 7 Perfection ... 6 13 Dexterity ... 7 13 Gold Seal ... 6 13 Menura ... 7 9 Royal Fusilier ... 6 12 Melodeon ... 7 9 Free Land ... 6 7 Quarryman ... 7 8

FIRST HURDLE RACE OF 80 SOVS.; one mile and three-quarters.

Evening ... 10 1 Boko ... 10 0 Comfort ... 10 0 Nance O'Neil ... 10 0 Midia ... 10 0 Dr. Bill ... 9 0

WELTER HANDICAP OF 60 SOVS.; one mile.

Kohupapa ... 10 0 Warwick ... 8 12 Roushoup ... 9 11 Apres ... 8 11 Cruisot ... 9 8 Defoe ... 8 9 Taura ... 9 1 Quitted ... 8 0 The Bioter ... 8 12

FIRST HACK HANDICAP OF 80 SOVS.; six furlongs.

Taniwaha ... 8 9 Louisa ... 7 9 Asteroid ... 8 8 Rapids ... 7 9 Stepson ... 8 8 Black Squall ... 7 8 Idea ... 8 8 Seraphine ... 7 8 Rose Madder ... 8 7 Contingent ... 7 6 Tortoise ... 6 7 Nukumaratia, including ... 5 5 Fantaloon ... 8 5 7lb penalty ... 6 13 Meropoe ... 8 2 White Squall ... 6 13 Hydrant ... 7 13 Anadaja ... 6 12

MAIDEN HACK RACE OF 50 SOVS.; seven furlongs.

Wet Reef ... Gold Trip ... Louisa ... Provost Marshal ... Furneaux ... Horatia ... Spoil ... Royal Fusilier ... Contingent ... Rapids ... Tane ... Bombarde ... Merry Kate ... Florio ... Pickaw

HASTINGS STAKES OF 250 SOVS.; four furlongs.

O yampus ... Musque d'Or ... colt by Gold Reef—Wians ... Rose Seaton ... Orchestra ... Beau Seaton ... Lavinna Forgt ... Cyerina ... colt by Torpedo—Sider ... Sir Percival ... colt by Douglas—colt by Hotchkiss ... filly by New Forest ... Progress ... Formu ... Little Primrose ... colt by Castor—1 ... filly by Wallace ... Hangle ... colt by New Forest ... Faraway ... French Maid

SECOND DAY.

HAWKE'S BAY GUINEAS OF 300 SOVS.; one mile.

Treadmill ... Quarryman ... Royal Fusilier ... Provost Marshal

WANGANUI J.C. SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

12.0 noon. SPRING HANDICAP; one mile and a distance.

Shrapnel ... 8 12 Hinekoo ... 7 6 Hinetaura ... 8 8 Tradewind ... 7 8 Windwhistle ... 8 3 Anaratus ... 7 5 Dexterity ... 7 10 Betsy ... 6 11 Ringman ... 7 10 Musael ... 6 10 Heroism ... 7 9 Seaquill ... 6 10

12.45 p.m. MAIDEN HACK; six furlongs.

Triumph ... 8 13 Fairwind ... 8 9 Tirole ... 8 18 Federation ... 7 12 Forest ... 8 10 Prospector ... 7 12

1.30 p.m. WANGANUI GUINEAS; one mile.

Treadmill ... 8 10 Sea Lion ... 8 10 Quarryman ... 8 10

2.30 p.m. FIRST HANDICAP HURDLE RACE; about two miles and a distance.

Waiwera ... 12 1 Mourner ... 10 2 Tupara ... 10 10 Otalo ... 9 6 Boko ... 10 3 Beau Ideal ... 9 5

3.15 p.m. FIRST HACK HURDLE HANDICAP; about one mile and five furlongs.

Highlow ... 10 6 Pushful ... 9 4 The Dauber ... 9 12 Redan ... 9 3 Tom Flynn ... 9 12 Moetorupuku ... 9 6 Waireka ... 9 7

4.0 p.m. PUTIKI HACK RACE HANDICAP; one mile and a distance.

Kobupapa ... 8 12 Lass-o'-Gowrie ... 7 10 Parora ... 8 10 Commonwealth ... 7 9 Position ... 8 8 Little Turk ... 7 9 Asteroid ... 8 8 Boreal ... 7 6 Handsome Bore ... 7 13 Black Squall ... 7 4 Inglewa d ... 7 13 St. Evangeline ... 7 2 Hydrant ... 7 12 Tirole ... 7 0

4.45 p.m. FLYING HANDICAP; six furlongs.

Bathase ... 8 11 Aurora's ... 7 9 Melwood ... 8 9 Paratutu ... 7 6 Rawiri ... 8 5 Regulation ... 7 5 Reclaim ... 8 4 Gold Seal ... 7 4 Ghorka ... 8 4 Glory ... 7 3 Rangitara ... 8 0 Kidbrook ... 7 0 Starshoot ... 8 0 Synapt y ... 6 10 Matuku ... 7 11 Anchorite ... 6 10 Black Reynard ... 7 10

HANDICAPS.

DUNEDIN J.C. SPRING MEETING.

OCTOBER 14TH AND 17TH.

FIRST HURDLES OF 60 SOVS.; one mile and a-quarter.

Slow Tom ... 11 8 Phetonitis ... 9 6 Roller ... 10 13 Arapata ... 9 0 Southern Breeze ... 9 13 Snapshot ... 9 0 Waikata ... 9 13

FIRST HACK HANDICAP OF 40 SOVS.; six furlongs.

Bombardo ... 0 8 Crown Imperial ... 7 13 Casque ... 10 0 Irenbridge ... 7 10 Black Tracker ... 9 12 Witch ... 7 8 Jumper ... 9 8 Winnie ... 7 8 St. Monica ... 9 3 Koputai ... 7 7 The Milder ... 8 13 Fireman ... 7 7 Sarchedon ... 8 13 Quagga ... 7 7 Aldinga ... 8 8 Western ... 7 7 Avenue ... 8 8 Chaucer ... 7 7 Fate ... 7 13 Mossburn ... 7 7

MOSQUE HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS.; one mile and a-quarter.

Lady Lillian ... 10 2 Can'teen ... 8 11 Pampero ... 8 13 Sirius ... 6 7

ELECTRIC HANDICAP OF 75 SOVS.; six furlongs.

St Denis ... 9 1 Red Gauntlet ... 8 1 Canteen ... 8 9 Sychem ... 7 5 Goldspar ... 8 8

OCTOBER WELTER OF 50 SOVS.; seven furlongs.

Blazer ... 10 9 Bombardo ... 9 2 Glenelg ... 9 7 Juiper ... 8 7 Ardnaif ... 9 7 Flower of Clutha ... 8 0 Tugala ... 9 7

NOMINATIONS.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

NOVEMBER 7TH, 9TH, 11TH AND 14TH.

THE DERBY STAKES OF 1000 SOVS. One mile and a-half.—Melodeon, Royal Fusilier, Rose Shield, Thunderer, Lord Seaton, Royal Plume, Bagpipes, Great Gun, Gladstone, Regiment, Tomorrow, Quarryman, Treadmill, Hardy, Rosal, Outlass, b c by Cuirassier—Lady Agnes, Bandmaster, br c by The Officer—Montdread, Sychem, Springs, Waiterea Gold Crown, Tidal Wave, b f by Eton—Pi-a-Pat, Pampeira.

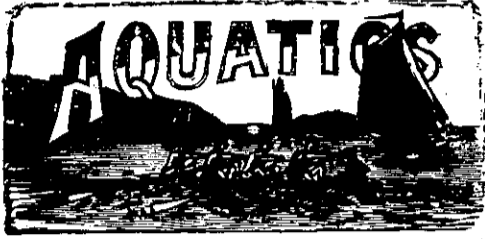
METROPOLITAN HANDICAP OF 500 SOVS. One mile and a-half.—Bombardo, Canteen, Menura, Bandmaster, Provost Marshal, Idea, Cannie Chiel, Windwhistle, Ringman, Bulawayo, Mars, Secret Society, Pampero, Sychem, Melodeon, Fleet, Ghorka, Shrapnel, Kelburn, Hinetaura, Lenore, Strathavon, Grand Rapids, Bagpipes, Lolab, Count of Kolmar, General Symons, Pallas, Lavalette.

JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP OF 500 SOVS. One mile.—Bombardo, Canteen, Royal Fusilier, Red Gauntlet, Livonia, Menura, Cannie Chiel, Bandmaster, Provost Marshal, Windwhistle, Golden Vein, Quarryman, Ringman, Bulawayo, Secret Society, Pampero, Sychem, Float, Melodeon, Ghorka, Flka, Shrapnel, Nell Gwynne Lenore, Hinetaura, Strathavon, Grand Rapids, Lolab, Bagpipes, Count of Kolmar, General Symons, De la Rey, Pallas, Tearitza, Petrovna.

CANTERBURY CUP OF 500 SOVS. Two miles and a-quarter.—Halbardier, Ringman, Bombardo, Gladstone, Melodeon, Wairiki, Pampero, Rose Shield, Sychem, Thunderer, Kelburne, Orloff, Lady Lillian, Treadmill, Cruisiform, Achilles, Royal Fusilier, Mars.

JUBILEE CUP OF 500 SOVS. One mile.—Ringman, Gladstone, Melodeon

SPORTS AND PASTIMES



(By "The Reeler.")

The big auxiliary yacht Valhalla, owned by the Earl of Crawford, which was expected some time ago in Auckland, but got no nearer than Suva, arrived back at Coves just prior to the last mail leaving, after a nine months' cruise round the world.

The rowing season was opened in Wellington, on Saturday, under very adverse weather conditions, as a strong northerly wind made the water too lumpy to allow of the procession of boats taking place. Lord Ranfurly was present at the opening ceremony.

The annual meeting of the Hauraki Rowing Club was held at the Thames on Thursday, Mr T. Sommerville presiding. The officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows:—Commodore, Mr A. M. Myers (re-elected); patron, the Hon. J. McGowan (re-elected); president, Mr J. M. Foy (re-elected); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr T. Mullins; auditor, Mr T. Sommerville; captain, Mr J. McIntyre; vice-captain, Mr T. Scott; committee, Messrs McIntyre, Scott, Mullins, Hammond, Wright, F. Sawyer and Donkin.

A writer in the "Sydney Mail" has the following somewhat optimistic remarks on an Australian challenger for the America Cup:—"If the two great New Zealand builders (Messrs Logan and Bailey) were to agree upon a model the writer believes it would be just the right thing to carry the sail which must be carried on a winner over the New York Club's course, where the wind is such a humbug. We have a number of proofs that Auckland yachts are very hard to beat, and no matter how well bred the opponents, it is odds on the New Zealander. These are wood boats, but if metal has an advantage, the shape in wood would be better still in metal. There is a mistaken idea that the challenger must sail all the way to New York. This is not so. The Shamrocks were towed, and the conditions allow it. If Australia did challenge for the America Cup the yacht would be designed here, but built in England under the superintendence of the designer. It should be sailed by Australians, certainly, and if it were we should expect no time to be lost at the start, no bungling at setting sails, and no white feather." I hardly see how a yacht designed in New Zealand and built in England could represent Australia with any credit to that country even if the scheme was feasible.

At the first general committee meeting of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron the following committees were elected:—House: Messrs P. F. Battley, H. Haines, J. C. Hardie, F. W. Coombes, John Alexander. Sailing: Messrs R. S. Reynolds, F. W. Coombes, F. W. Wilson. Mr W. E. Alexander was elected assistant hon. secretary. The latter gentleman should do well in his new position, for he is full of enthusiasm for aquatic pursuits, and is certain to prove popular.

The annual general meeting of the Auckland Rowing Association will take place on Monday, October 12. The opening of the season has been fixed for the following Saturday.

A cable from London states that Captain Walls, of Sydney, is arranging to build a yacht in England to contest the America Cup next year. He will exhibit his twin circular keels at the Brighton International Exhibition of Inventions. I must confess to pleading ignorance as to what is meant by twin circular keels, without the boat is to be a double-hulled one. Until more is learned about it I prefer to remain somewhat sceptical as to the genuine nature of the project.

Mr F. Earl presided over the annual meeting of delegates to the Auckland Cricket Association, which was held in the rooms of the Auckland Amateur Sports Club on Thursday.

The annual report congratulated the Association on the interesting cricket witnessed in the majority of the championship competitions last season, more particularly in the first grade and second A grade, in which Parnell and North Shore scored well-deserved wins, the latter after an exciting play-off with Wanderers. Gordon won in grade second B, and Wakefield in grade 3, rather easily, but in grade 4 the championship was not decided until Northern defeated Railways in the last round. Only one representative match was played, that against the Englishmen, in which the Aucklanders failed to do themselves justice. Bad fielding, an old fault, was mainly responsible for the visitors' easy win by an innings, while the batting was also extremely disappointing. The form shown did not augur too well for the team's chance of defeating the provincial representative teams due to visit Auckland during the incoming season. In spite of all efforts to make it a financial success, the match against the Englishmen did not bring in sufficient to cover the £250 paid to the New Zealand Cricket Council, and the Association account was overdrawn £9 8s 11d. The amount lost over the match was £96 3s 8d. Trophies during the season were won by the following players:—Equitable Life Assurance Company's bat for the highest aggregate in two innings, F. R. Mason; Mr Brett's bat for batting in first grade, B. Totman; Mr Brett's bat for bowling, first grade, C. Oliff; Mr Roberts' bat for grade 2A, batting, F. Warren; Mr McKinney's bat for grade 2A, bowling, J. Wakerley; Messrs E. Porter and Co.'s bat for best all-round performance in remaining grades, R. Magee.

On the motion of Mr F. J. Ohlson, seconded by Mr R. B. Lusk, it was decided that the Association be registered under the unclassified Societies Act.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as under:—President, Mr Fred. Earl; vice-presidents, Messrs C. McKinney and C. W. Hemery; vice-president of the New Zealand Cricket Council, Messrs Bunby and Fowkes; hon. secretary, Mr H. B. Lusk; treasurer, Mr C. May; management committee, Messrs F. Ohlson, R. A. Miles, G. H. Plummer, R. Hay, R. H. Froude, D. Hay; auditors, Messrs Norman Williams and W. Dinnison.

Mr H. B. Lusk has been appointed hon. secretary of the Auckland Cricket Association. He should make an excellent secretary, for he has plenty of enthusiasm for the game.

Conyngham, one time captain of the Queensland eleven and afterwards a shining light of the Glebe C.C., Sydney, at present in New Zealand, has written the Auckland Cricket Association offering his services as coach. He is a very fair bowler, but a somewhat erratic bat.

In an article on County Captains in the "Badminton Magazine" for August, Mr P. F. Warner is thus alluded to: The fact that he has accepted the offer of the committee of the M.C.C. to direct the projected Australian tour makes his skill in that department a matter of national importance. Great as is the honor done to the popular cricketer, after closely watching him ever since he was in the Rugby eleven, I would emphatically assert that he is worthy of it. Vigilance is his main characteristic as captain. He is always watching the game, using his brains as well as his eyes. While allowing his bowlers ample liberty to place their field, he is not afraid to modify the positions of his men if he sees occasion. Few can write so good an order of going in when weather, wicket, and individual proclivities are all duly taken into consideration. With a keen appreciation of the weak points of others, he will direct the game against the foibles of his opponents. For example, when opposed to the more inexperienced teams in New Zealand, the use he made of the curly deliveries of Mr C. J. Burnup was admirable, whereas in Australia he relegated him to the position of a bowler to be tried experimentally. It is also of importance for the forthcoming trip that Mr Warner has already made a host of friends at the Antipodes, while he can speak well and return thanks as though he meant it—as he does, for no more loyal sportsman ever stepped than the deservedly popular "Plum."

The M.C.C. team for Australia left England on Friday last by the new Orient liner Orontes. They were accorded a great send-off.

The annual meeting of the Waihi Cricket Association was held on Friday, Mr W. M. Wallnut in the chair. The balance-sheet, which showed a credit of £1 5s, was adopted, and it was decided to continue the association on the same lines as last year. The following officers were elected:—Patron, Mr W. H. Herries, M.H.R.; president, the Mayor (Mr W. H. Phillips); vice-presidents, Messrs J. Craufurd-Brown, A. H. Bengé, Duncan McLean, H. L. Simons, E. H. Pilling, H. E. Meyers, J. R. Williams, A. M. Myers, A. T. Kenrick; Rev. Father Brodie, and Dr. Guinness; captain of the association, Mr Chris. Cornthwaite; vice-captain, Mr H. E. Rea; secretary and treasurer, Mr McKay.

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(By "Scrutator.")

OTAGO V. CANTERBURY.

Nearly 1000 people witnessed the match in Dunedin, on Saturday, between these two provinces. Canterbury won the toss. For the first five minutes play was between the half-way and the Canterbury 25, but the visitors' forwards eventually worked their way down towards the Otago line, the home team forcing Lavery made a good, but ineffectual attempt to kick a goal from centre. From a scrum near the Otago 25 Canterbury got the ball, and Wood, with an excellent run, scored in a good position. Lavery failed to convert. The home team then livened up, and play became very fast. Otago got to within 5yds of the visitors' line, where Husband was penalised for offside, but McKay's went a little outside the post. The visitors had the upper hand until near half-time, when Stalker and Given broke away, play being taken to the Canterbury's 25, where it was stopped for a few minutes owing to Nelson being injured, and having to retire. The visitors relieved the pressure, and at half-time play was near the half-way flag.

On changing ends Baxter made a fine run, the ball going out a few yards from the Canterbury line. From the throw-in Given dropped over near the corner, but McKay failed to convert. The home team kept up the attack, and a few minutes later McKay lost an almost certain score by kicking on, and the same player was thrown into touch a yard from the line immediately afterwards. Otago, however, were not to be denied, and, from a good kick by Miller, Abbott got possession and scored near the posts. Miller kicked a goal from the try. Otago continued pressure, Stalker putting another try to the credit of Otago. The kick was an easy one, and Miller converted. From this until the end of the game Otago were almost incessantly attacking. A few minutes before time, a passing rush amongst the Otago backs resulted in Baxter scoring after a good run. Miller failed with the kick. From a mark by Hislop, near the Canterbury line, Miller kicked a good goal, bringing Otago's score up to 20 points to 3. Just on time Baxter marked at Canterbury's 25, but Miller's kick proved fruitless, and the game ended with the score: Otago, 20 points; Canterbury, 3.

Karangahake beat Paeroa on Saturday, on the latter's ground after a fine game, by 8 points to 3. Arns and Dean scored tries for the winners, McLean converting the latter try into a goal. Silcock was responsible for the Paeroa score.

Native Rose beat Rovers on Saturday, at the Thames, by 5 points to 3. These teams will meet again on Saturday week to play off for the senior championship, as at present they are level.

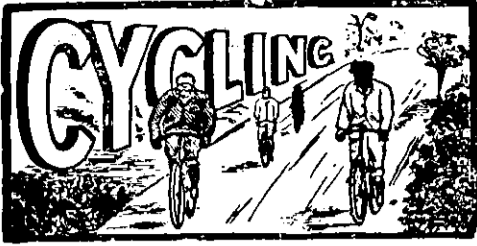
Canterbury defeated South Canterbury in the return match by 9 points to 6, after a close game.

The members of the Auckland Rugby football representative team, who have been on tour in the South, returned home on Thursday morning by the s.s. Te Anau from Napier. On arrival the Aucklanders were welcomed by the officials of the Rugby Union and a number of friends. The record of matches played is by no means so good as was anticipated, but the latter part of the tour greatly improved the position. The team played seven matches, four of which were won and three lost, and scored 64 points, while only 22 points were scored against them.

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The London "Globe" thinks that the improvement in the general health is due in no small degree to the inducement to take vigorous exercise on the bicycle, which, save for an occasional tendency to side-slip, is a perfect, and exquisite piece of mechanism. It not only makes the suburb a part of the city, but it brings the distant country and the seashore near to the metropolis. "We are told in some



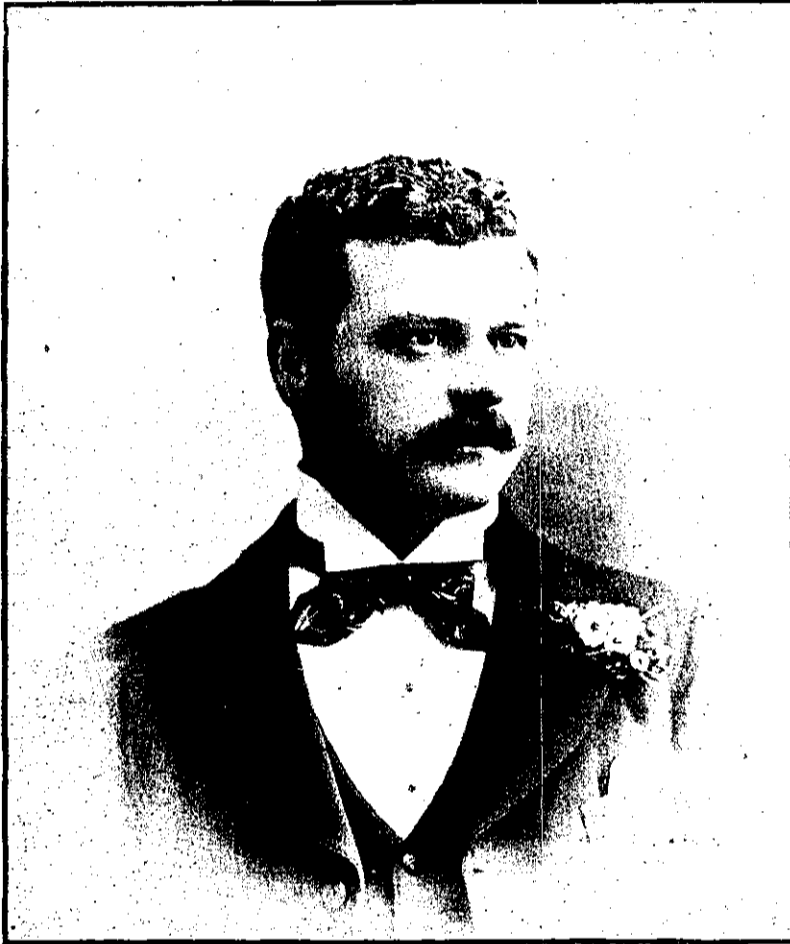
(By "Gillie.")

From Catalina Island, California, comes the report that the latest "sea serpent" in that section is a huge ribbon fish, weighing 400lb, and twenty-one feet in length—said to be the largest of the species ever taken in American waters. It was recently caught at Newport, in the Santa Catalina channel, opposite the town of Santa Monica. The picture of the fish represents an aquatic monster that might well be mistaken for the elusive sea serpent.

Particulars are to hand by the latest American files of some wonderful riding on the part of a Yankee pace-follower named Caldwell. In a recent 15 miles paced match between this rider and Walthour, on the Boston track (U.S.A.), Caldwell dashed away at terrific pace, covering the first mile from a flying start in the world's record time of 1min 11 2-5sec. Continuing this fast pace, Caldwell rode two miles in 2min 23sec; three miles in 3min 22 1-5sec, four miles in 43 3-5sec, and five miles in 5min 51 3-5sec; the fifth mile he covered in the almost incredible time of 1min 8sec. All these times rank as world's records. Entering the tenth mile the terrific pace told its tale; Walthour took the lead, riding ten miles in 11min 50 2-5sec, and fifteen miles in 17 min 46 4-5sec, he winning eventually by several laps. The above riding is far and away the fastest yet accomplished on a cycle track.

Some interesting figures regarding the number of races and race meetings held during the past three years in Victoria have been made available. During the season 1900-1 the number of race meetings held under League patronage totalled 74, including five road races; in 1901-2 they aggregated 98, including five road road events; while in the season just passed the number was 831, of which 14 were road competitions. This large and continued increase furnishes a splendid testimony to the popularity of the conditions under which the sport is now governed. There were in 1901-2, 7942 competitors handicapped by the League; while in 1902-3 the number swelled to 8220. The number of riders who registered with the League in 1900-1 was 576; in the following season it was 887, and in 1902-3 no fewer than 1044 names were enrolled.

In the evolution of the bicycle, stage by stage, there was the wooden bone-shaker, the solid-tyred ordinary, then back to the more lowly construction styled the safety (which in its earlier days was a refined example in steel of its predecessor, the wooden-wheeled bone-shaker), with a chain and multiplying gear, which enabled it to compete with the old ordinary for speed, and, moreover, revolutionised the racing path by introducing a new set of men who found in it a medium for outstripping mere activity and agility by sheer strength. Then came the front driver, which by means of chain or gearing, sought to compete in safety with the safety bicycle, and at the same time not only to retain the then better speed, but also the supposed gracefulness, of the ordinary or high machine. Through all these phases up to the climax, when the pneumatic tyre joined hands with the diamond frame, and ball-bearing heads with ball pedals, to be followed yet later by narrow treads and feather-weight construction, through the period when the American makers sought to introduce wood for rims, handle-bars, and even frames, and a thousand and one departures from the beaten path, until by a process of elimination of the bad or indifferent, with a corresponding estimation of what proved best and fittest for the purpose, we arrive to-day at what is undoubtedly a triumph in mechanics, and at present prices the best mechanical value in the world.



MR. CHARLES A. CLARKE, Secretary Rotorua Jockey Club.

quarters," it writes, "that our children will regard these beautiful bicycles in the same manner as we now regard our forefathers' bone-shakers. Winging the heavens in flying-machines, or skimming round the globe on motor-cars, they will smile pitifully upon the toiling, back-bowed bicyclist, and express wonderment as to our easily-satisfied ambition. We venture to prophesy, nevertheless, that the bicycle will not vanish from the earth till this century is well past the middle age."

At a special gathering in Christchurch, organised to welcome home the Brothers Arnst, Mr W. Thompson presented Mr J. Arnst with a handsome gold watch, bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to J. Arnst by Christchurch admirers in recognition of his winning the Warramboul to Melbourne road race in world's record time, 7hr 43min. 22.8.03." The recipient was heartily cheered.

The "glorious twelfth" of August, when grouse shooting commences in England, is a great day on the moors. This year the biggest bags were undoubtedly made on English moors. Quite a record was reported from Bolton Abbey, where the Prince of Wales was one of Lord Bolton's party on the opening day. The total bag for the first day was 314 brace, toward which number the Prince contributed forty brace. The second day the same party had 350 brace. Owing to their scarcity in Scotland grouse have been sold in Glasgow at the record price of 12s to 20s a brace.

Sportsmen and naturalists who have observed the flight of migratory birds, such as waterfowl and cranes, give various estimates regarding the extreme altitude attained. It is stated that "balloons have been sent out to ascertain this, and several German aeronauts have collected valuable information. At pre-

sent it is believed that the average height of "bird tracks" through the air is about 1300 feet above the earth, though occasionally they have been discovered at an elevation of from 6000 to 7000 feet.

Mr A. Duval, who won the Inanimate Pigeon Association silver cup recently, presented the trophy to the Northern Gun Club to be held by that club as an inanimate pigeon championship trophy, the cup to be re-named the "Royal Artillery Cup." Mr Duval said that his reason for re-naming the cup was that as the representative of one or two generations of artillerymen, who were always jealous of the honour of their regiment as well on the field of sport as on that of battle, he thus hoped to keep fresh the memory of that regiment in New Zealand. The cup was accepted by the secretary on behalf of the Northern Gun Club along with the private conditions laid down by the donor.

The fishing season will open to-day and close on April 15. The scale of fees will be as follows:—Twenty shillings for the whole season; 5s for one month; 2s 6d for one week; for women and boys attending school or under sixteen years, 10s for the whole season; 3s for the month; 1s 6d for one week. Provision will also be made in the regulations for the refusal of licenses to persons convicted of a breach of the Fisheries Act. Good reports have been received from the best known lakes and streams, and it looks as though the season will be a highly successful one. Quite a number of Auckland enthusiasts have gone to their favourite spots in the country intent on the capture of the wily trout.

A splendid pike, weighing when caught 34 1/2 lb, and 46in in length, was caught with a spoon bait at Loch Maben, near Dumfries, Scotland, recently, and was the means of about two hours' exciting sport.

MR. CHAS. A. CLARKE.

Mr Charles A. Clarke, whose portrait appears in this issue, is the secretary of the Rotorua Jockey Club, having held that position for five years. He was a member of the club in the early days when the racecourse was where the town is now, the grandstand occupying the site of the present Presbyterian Church. In those days Maori hacks were wont to be raced for sundry bags of flour, sugar, or possibly a pair of boots. The jockeys were barefooted Maori boys, who rode to a finish, often nearly finishing themselves and their horses, to say nothing of officials and spectators who happened to be within twenty yards of the winning post. All is changed nowadays, everything being done on up-to-date lines.

Mr Clarke has resided in Rotorua for the last twenty years, going there when Ohinemutu constituted the township, the site of the present one being then but a mass of ti-trees. He has had a long association with football, holding at various periods the offices of Captain, Secretary, and Treasurer to the local club for many years. An old pupil of the late Joe Warbrick, he represented Tauranga for fifteen years in the matches against Auckland. A collision with Mr Fred Murray, the present selector of football teams, gave Mr Clarke a bad knee, which caused his retirement from the Rugby arena.

Mr Clarke has taken a leading part in athletic and aquatic sports, and is also secretary and treasurer to the local School Committee, and secretary for the Volunteer Corps, being indeed a man of many parts. He is personally very popular with everyone who knows him, and the unanimous opinion of these is that the sporting folk of Rotorua are under a deep obligation to Mr Clarke for the loyal service he has always ungrudgingly given them.

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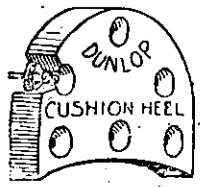
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THE RING.

HEAVY-WIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD.

JEFFRIES BEATS CORBETT IN TEN ROUNDS.

Mr W. W. Naughton, the great authority on fistic affairs, sends a vivid account of the big fight for the World's Championship to the Sydney "Reieree." Here are some extracts—

There was a good deal of betting around the ring while waiting for the big fellows to appear, Jeffries being always the favourite at 2 to 1. As a matter of fact, though, the affair was not a "betting fight."

Jeffries was the first to put in an appearance. With the champion were Bill Delaney (principal second), Jack Jeffries, Joe Kennedy, and Fitzsimmons. Corbett was looked after by Tommy Ryan, Yank Kenny, Tom Corbett, and Sam Berger.

Referee Graney sent the men together with as little delay as possible, and the silence of the grave fell over the watching thousands. Jeffries showed himself as fast on his feet as his trainers had claimed he would be. He rushed Corbett until the lighter fellow's back grazed the ropes. Jeff made play principally for the stomach. For a while Corbett tried get-away tactics, and then finding the champion was covering ground at a rapid pace, he took to stepping in and clinching, his object being to get inside the sweep of Jeff's thick arms. It must have come to Corbett in the very first round that the 24ft. ring was none too big. He was bundled to the confines of it again, and nothing but his marvellous dexterity prevented the contest from ending almost as soon as it begun. More than once that ponderous left fist of the champion went whizzing past within an inch of Corbett's chin.

Corbett employed a body blow in the second round. It was an imitation of Peter Jackson's heart punch, but it had no more effect on Jeff. than a fly kick. This must have been a sad disappointment to Corbett. He had been talking for a year of a discovery he had made of weakness in the neighborhood of Jeffrie's short ribs, and he had practised that heart punch stealthily, publicly, and every other way. Now that he was there to deliver them, they were as harmless as rain on a roof, while judg-

ing from Corbett's worried appearance, the big fellow's counters were jarring him through and through. As a matter of fact, Corbett received a body punch in this round which, as he afterwards declared, convinced him that the championship was not for him. It was a terrible blow, delivered just at the end of the round, and Corbett cringed perceptibly when he received it.

It was clinch, clinch, clinch in the third round. Corbett had found it vain to cut and run, and he was ducking and holding on. Jeffries waxed spiteful as Corbett clung to him, and jolted the lighter man once or twice with the left. The gallery howled at Jeffries, and the big fellow became more careful in regard to his close-in work. He held his arms straight down, and when Corbett tried to grab them and clinch, Jeffries rammed in heavy blows on his opponent's midriff.

The fourth round found Corbett tossed to the ropes again and again. So fierce was Jeff's onslaught that his left glove had burst at the seams, and the gray padding was showing through.

Referee Graney noticed this, and jumped between the men. He took one glance at Jeff's dilapidated glove and ordered the men to fight on. A second later Corbett went to his knees from a body punch. Corbett was up quickly, and was holding on for dear life when the bell called them apart.

In the resting time a captain of police jumped into the ring and inspected the champion's damaged glove. Graney also took a look at it, and a new glove was ordered.

Clinching was very much in order again in the fifth round, and Jeffries frequently exerted his strength to tear himself from his comparatively frail opponent's embrace. Between clinches Corbett worked a jolty left on the side of the big fellow's face, and also threw in a snappy little right on the chin occasionally. These blows might have hurt an ordinary heavy-weight, but they only served to make the swart giant smile.

Jeffries stuck his left straight, and it swayed from side to side. Once, just as Corbett's comparatively puny punch landed on the champion's cheek, Jeff's big left swooped down over Corbett's guard and thudded against his chin. They fell into a clinch, and there was a wandering, weary look in Corbett's eyes.

The eighth round, too, was a Corbett round so far as it went. Jeffries was tired, and, egged on by the gallery shouts, the other Jim pumped blows into

Jeffries' face. Jeffries grinned, but allowed his arms to dangle at full length.

In the early portion of the ninth round, Corbett loosened up suddenly, and showered left jolts, uppercuts, and heart punches on the big fellow, and every time he landed the gallery gave a yell. Jeffries just leaned in and clinched lazily at times. The other man's blows did not hurt him in the slightest. Towards the close of the round Jeff layed up again, and went after Corbett. Corbett got out of the way of that swinging beam left, but failed to escape a tearing right-hander which took him in the belt region. As he staggered to his corner he looked every inch a loser.

Corbett was knocked down in the sixth round with a right on the jaw. He was not dazed to any extent this time, but his sides were heaving. When he reached his feet the champion pressed in and dealt him several hard ones, the punch which hurt the most being a right-hander just above the belt line. Corbett bore his punishment like a Spartan. He began using a ripping right uppercut, which grazed the champion's breastbone and lodged under the chin.

The end came in the tenth round. The final punch was a right-hander in the stomach which is probably the most damaging punch Jeffries uses. It was something similar to the blows which cracked Sailor Sharkey's ribs at Coney Island. In sending it in the champion raises himself on his toes, and puts all his great strength and weight into the delivery.

Corbett was nothing like the Corbett of other years. He looked stronger than ever, and was probably stronger, but he struck out in a poke, uncertain way, and his punches were deficient in power. He was always ready to clinch at the slightest provocation. It was either a hook or a jolt and then a lurch and quick grab to baffle the big fellow's attacks. From the second round the fight seemed almost a certainty for Jeffries, who worthily upheld his title as champion of the world.

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Miscellaneous Items.

The closing match of the season—a mixed foursome handicap—was played on the Cornwall links on Saturday. Fifty-four competitors took part in the match, which was eventually won by Mr and Mrs Mair with the excellent return of 71 gross, or 55 net. The conditions allowed of players choosing their own opponents. Play commenced at the 14th hole, the course being one of 12 holes. During the afternoon tea was served in the clubhouse.

The ladies of the Cambridge Golf Club played off their match on Saturday for the niblick presented by the Messrs Lusk, of Auckland. The winner proved to be Miss R. Skeet, with the good score of 71.

An Auckland hockey team played the Thames representatives, at Parawai on Saturday, in the presence of a large number of interested spectators. Auckland was represented by Messrs White, Hill, Shirriffs, Court, Thomes, Bedford, Barry, Mason, Stokes, Reid and Brown, while Messrs Whitehead (2), Wilkes, Mitchell, Hosking, Brown, Renshaw, Martin, Ferguson, Rev. Williams and Pratt did battle for the Thames. Barry captained the visitors, and Renshaw the local team. After a close and interesting game the match resulted in a draw, each side scoring a goal. Stokes scored for the visitors and Martin for Thames. The visitors were entertained in the morning by the local captain, Mr W. Renshaw, by a drive to Puru.

The Mount Eden Bowling Club intends opening the season on Saturday next, when, if the weather is fine, there will no doubt be a very large attendance, for members of other clubs are certain to roll up in force. Both the old and new greens are looking exceedingly well, and their condition reflects a lot of credit on the caretaker.

Count de Neiva, of Austria, who as I stated last week won the Championship of New South Wales, used the Colonial Ammunition Company's "Favourite" cartridges loaded with their patent concave wadding. This is the fourth time out of seven competitions that twenty-seven shooters have faced the traps, and only the third time a shooter has won the championship with 21 kills since the distance was altered to 30 yards.

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The Motorist.

The Auckland Automobile Association held a very pleasant run on Saturday, those present being Dr. Rayner and Mr Nathan, Mrs Rayner and Mr Haines, Mr Spinks and Mr Higginson, Mr and Mrs Whitson, Mr Moody and a friend, Mr A. Cleave and Rev. Kelly, Mr Graham (Rotorua) and Mr Anderson, Dr. and Mrs Lowe, Mr Isaacs and visitors. A run was made out to St. Helier's, where afternoon tea was partaken of. Then a course was shaped past Mt. Wellington, Sylvia Park, Panmure, Otahuhu and home via the Great North Road. The pace was a cracker all the way, and everybody thoroughly enjoyed the outing, the afternoon being an ideal one for motoring.

A German scientist named Van Westrum is said to have recently discovered a means of making oil soluble in water, and this invention has been adapted for the treatment of streets. It was used with the greatest possible success on portions of the Gordon-Bennett Motor Race course (recently held in Ireland), and also in the Phoenix Park during the recent trials. Although the sprinkling in places was so light as to be almost imperceptible, cars travelling at a speed of seventy miles an hour did not raise the smallest particle of dust.

The line between the point where the Westrumite (as the new preparation is called) was applied and the road in its natural state was sharp and clearly defined. At one moment the cars thundered along, raising a perfect column of dust, and the next instant this dust column seemed suddenly to be cut off. The effect was very remarkable.

This treatment, apparently, has no disadvantages. There is no smell, the surface of the road does not appear to be oily, there is nothing to cause a side slip or to injure rubber tyres. It is also claimed for this new preparation that it preserves and consolidates the surface of the road, a claim which seems to be well justified.

The question of expense is the next matter for consideration. The cost of sprinkling a mile of average road with a 20 per cent. solution is stated to be £9 per mile. After this has been done, a solution of 5 per cent. applied every three or four weeks, is sufficient, and would cost £2 5s. In other words, once a road has been initially treated, the cost per annum for each mile of road would be in or about £30.

According to Lord Rosebery, it is estimated that there are over eight thousand motor cars running in England, and that another ten thousand automobiles are under order for delivery. He recently stated that this number was not half of what would be seen in England in a year, and not one-tenth of what would be seen in five years. These figures speak for the advance of motoring in England, and at the same time emphasises how far behind the times we are in Australasia.

The fascination of motor cycling is difficult to fully explain to non-cyclists, for one must have a dose of this exhilarating exercise before one can possibly realise the pleasure of cycling along country roads with a small motor doing all the donkey work. The writer admits that he prefers a fairly-powerful motor, not necessary for continual scorching, but for use in hill-climbing and long stretches of lonely country roads where fast pace can harm no one. The fact of having just to sit comfortably on a large Brooks' saddle, and regulate your speed

to suit your mood just by the manipulation of a small lever, is a sensation that comes only to the motorist. The delight of careering through the country, breathing fresh air, seeing new country, wandering where you will, pottering along at a snail's pace when you feel so inclined, and then letting your motor "all out" for a scorch, are among the pleasures attached to motor cycling. The majority of cyclists nowadays have felt the pleasure of spinning down hills, without working and pedalling, by the aid of the free-wheel, but can they imagine what it feels like to coast up hill, and from morning till night? It is just grand to open the throttle-valve and feel the way the motor glides up hills that previously taxed all one's strength to pedal up. When the top is reached there is no need to wait for a breather as in the days gone by, for the never-tiring little engine keeps cheerfully "teuf-teufing" away as fresh at the end of a 200 miles run as at the beginning of the day's ride. All this can be had at the expense of less than 2s a hundred miles. "But what about the break downs?" some may ask. Certainly these have to be faced, but to the cyclist who has taken the trouble to thoroughly master the little intricacies of his motor, putting any small disarrangement of the gear right becomes one of the pleasures of motoring. The feeling that you are master of the mechanism, knowing the needs and requirements of every working part of the engine, and having full control of its paces on the road is indeed a gratifying one. In conclusion, the public should not imagine that the motor cycle is a dangerous, death-dealing instrument.

The makers of the Mercedes car presented Jenatzy, who won the Gordon-Bennett championship race, with a cheque for £5000 and a new motor.

The automobile is already making its presence felt in South Africa. According to a reliable authority a new road is being constructed in the Congo country in Africa. The road is to be made for motor traffic for use by the British Government, and will extend inland some 310 miles. The road will be nine yards wide on the level and five yards wide on the mountains. The motor waggons which are now being manufactured for the British Government will haul loads of two tons each, and will be capable of travelling from twenty to thirty miles a day, according to the nature of the country passed through.

The crack long-distance racing cyclist of America, Walthour, who knows very little about motor bicycles, mounted the powerful pacing machine owned by Champion, the well-known French crack, in his absence. He swung out on the track at Washington, and went round at a rapidly growing pace, which soon became too dangerous. Then he lost his head, and got so confused that he could not stop the machine or even find a lever which would reduce the pace. Champion, the owner, now came on the scene, and soon guessed how matters stood. Without a moment's hesitation he mounted another motor and went in pursuit. It was a fierce race, but gradually he drew on Walthour, and then prepared for the very delicate work of getting alongside. Luckily Walthour, as befitted a racing man, steered cleverly, and Champion soon was able to draw close to him and finally reach the required lever. Pace slowed down at once, and Walthour retired very much depressed at the occurrence.

Echoes of the Week.

(By "Ithuriel.")

A recent visitor to one of the lunatic asylums tells of one remarkable patient who attracted particular attention by the gravity with which he bore himself, and his dignified calm amidst the extravagant conduct of the unfortunates around him. He sat perfectly erect, with his arms folded and his hat on his knee, and looked straight ahead. The visitor addressed him. "It's a pleasant day," he said. "Hush" replied the in-patient, and he glanced about him anxiously. "But why?" asked the visitor. "Mustn't talk; mustn't stir," answered the inmate. "Why not?" The inmate looked to the right and left, to be sure he was not observed by anyone in authority, then drew the visitor's head down and whispered, "They'll turn us out if we don't behave!" Then he fell into his former attitude of absolute decorum.

An interesting club for women has just been established in Saxe-Meiningen. It was successful from the first. The club is confined to ladies who have been "disappointed in love." At the first meeting the club elected as its president a distinguished lady whose recommendation for the honour lay in the fact that she had been in three divorce cases. Another lady thought she would certainly gain the presidency, as she had been in five divorces. One circumstance told against her, however. She had never been married.

It is an old paradox (says "Civis") that temperance is hindered by the intemperance of its advocates. For example, there may be good reasons for refusing to compensate the dispossessed publican; listen to a speech by Sir Wilfrid Lawson, and you will want to find reasons the other way. "I am opposed to compensation for publicans," says this champion prohibitionist; "the only people I want to compensate are the Boers!" Much in the same way Mr W. T. Stead, advocating Free Trade, shines and shocks. In his English "Review of Reviews"—to be distinguished from the deodorised Australian edition—Mr Stead describes the Chamberlain tariff proposals as "the last throw of a ruined gamster." Is it to be supposed that any Free Trader will thank him? There is no subject on which Mr Stead can talk without setting your teeth on edge. A year ago he appeared at an International Peace Congress held in Lucerne. From the report—conveniently printed in German and English, parallel columns—I take the following instructive passage:—

Mr W. T. Stead spoke in English and began his address with the words upon which Mr Capper, when his time came, animadverted:

"I am ashamed to stand here and confess that I am an Englishman." It is only justice to an audience assembled from all Christendom, in which only four or five were English, to say that this statement was received in dead silence, followed after a slight interval with marks of distinct disapproval and a sort of thrill of surprise and almost of horror such as one would expect if a man in a company of strangers were to proclaim his wife the vilest of women. It might be true, but it would not lie in his mouth to make the statement. A colonel of the Swiss army was heard to express his opinion in very emphatic and eminently unparliamentary language as to a man who could thus speak of his country. I put together these examples for the admonishing of prohibitionists in general and of the Bruce clerics in particular. To these latter, specially, I would commend

Talleyrand's "Above all, gentlemen, no zeal!"—a maxim which, if they consider it well, they will find to be less cynical than it looks.

One of the free lunch fiends who from eleven to one o'clock per diem pervade hotels at which the landlords provide free luncheons, got bowled out the other day. Purchasing a threepenny beer his custom was to sip it very slowly, filling in the intervals by a surreptitious snatch at anything eatable within reach. Then when any other customer came in for his morning half-pint, and didn't feel like picking a bit, the fiend did so vicariously, and stowed away an ordinary free snack on the other man's account. Keeping this up as successive droppers-in came and went, he got a fairly square meal with his beer for a threepenny bit, and by discreetly changing his patronage from house to house carried on his little game comfortably. Nemesis came in the guise of a smart Hebe, who had her weather eye open, and now he has one house of entertainment scored off his list.

Small-pox, like every other calamity, has its streak of grim humour. Vaccination, especially among Tasmanian folk, has of late ranked as a necessity, a bounden duty to the individual and the community. But not with all men. The reasons found for shirking the operation have been many. Constitutionally restive and cantankerous individuals, when pressed to explain, have declared, like old Jack Falstaff, "If reasons were as plentiful as blackberries, I would give no man a reason on compulsion." Others, more canny, have been amusingly ingenious. Quoth one old veteran, when under persuasion to guard against danger, "I remember being vaccinated about eighty-four years ago. I am not quite certain to a month or more, but I think that ought to serve me the balance of my days." Nor would he be persuaded.

The term "gerrymandering" is so frequently referred to nowadays, especially in news from the Commonwealth, that it may be worth while to show its origin, and inferentially its full meaning.

In 1814 the Legislature of Massachusetts was controlled by the Democratic party. Mr Gerry was the Democratic Governor of the State. The Legislature set about laying out the Senatorial districts of the State, with no other purpose than to secure as many Democratic Senators as possible from the Democratic vote; result, extraordinary distortion of some of the districts: one district in particular being twisted, so to speak, out of all idea of honour or fairness. The Boston "Sentinel" published a coloured map of this district, and Gilbert Stuart, one of the greatest of the early American painters, saw an opportunity in the Democratic boundaries of this district for an effective political cartoon. The lines suggested the head and neck, and in some degree the body of that fabulous monster, the salamander, which, the legend ran, could endure fire without pain.

Mr Stuart made his cartoon upon these lines, and either he or the angry Massachusetts public dubbed the monster "the gerrymander," by combining the names of the salamander and their Governor, Mr Gerry.

Mr Gerry went down to overwhelming defeat when he stood for the Governorship afterwards, but the game his name is attached to has been played, and successfully too, not a few times since, notably in New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Indiana, and most notably in the Southern State of Mississippi, where there was a Congressional district 300 miles long and but about 20 broad—"the shoe-string district."

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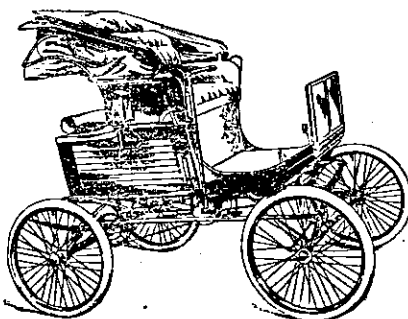
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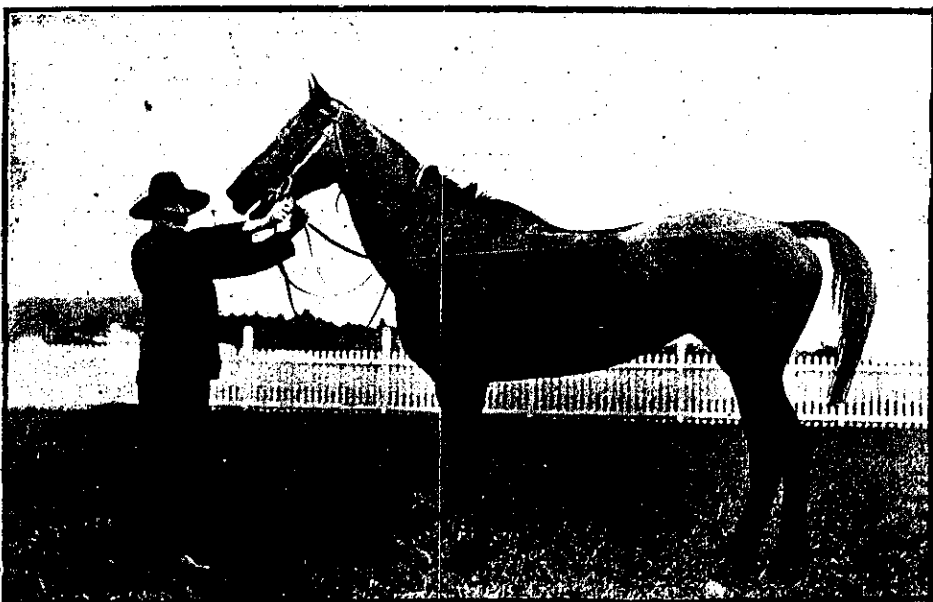
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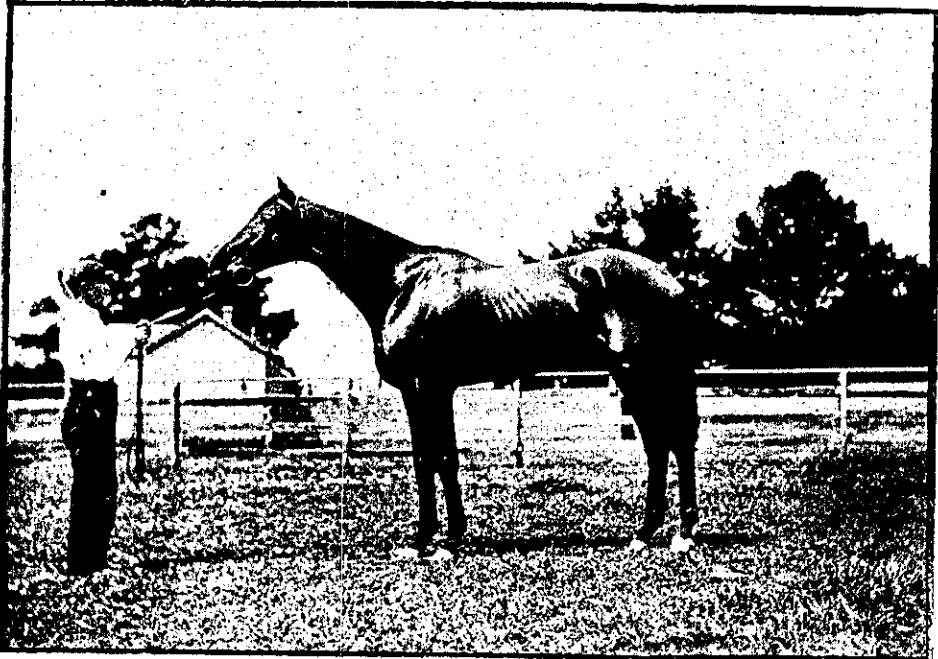
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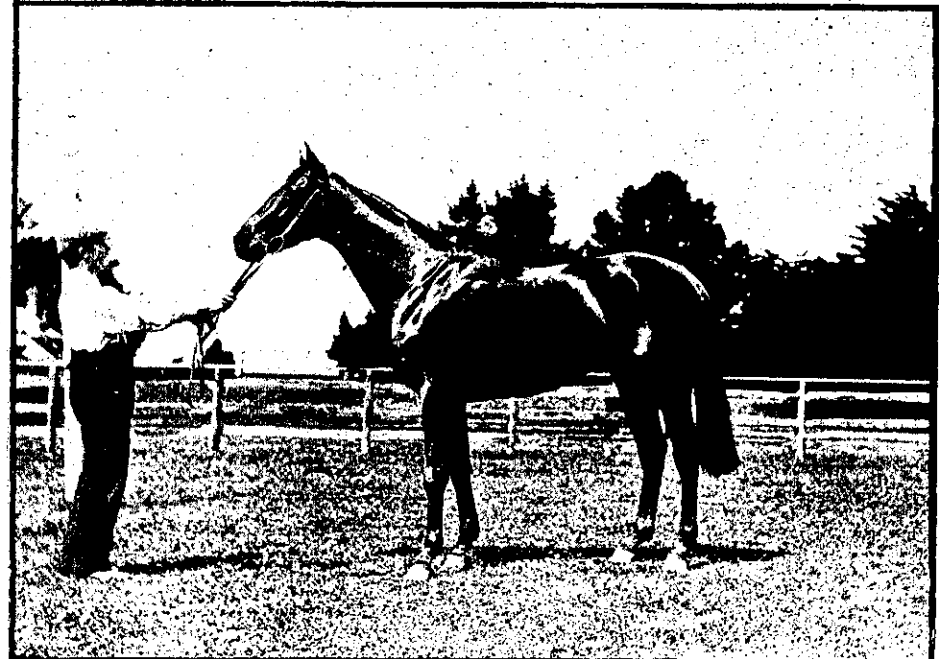
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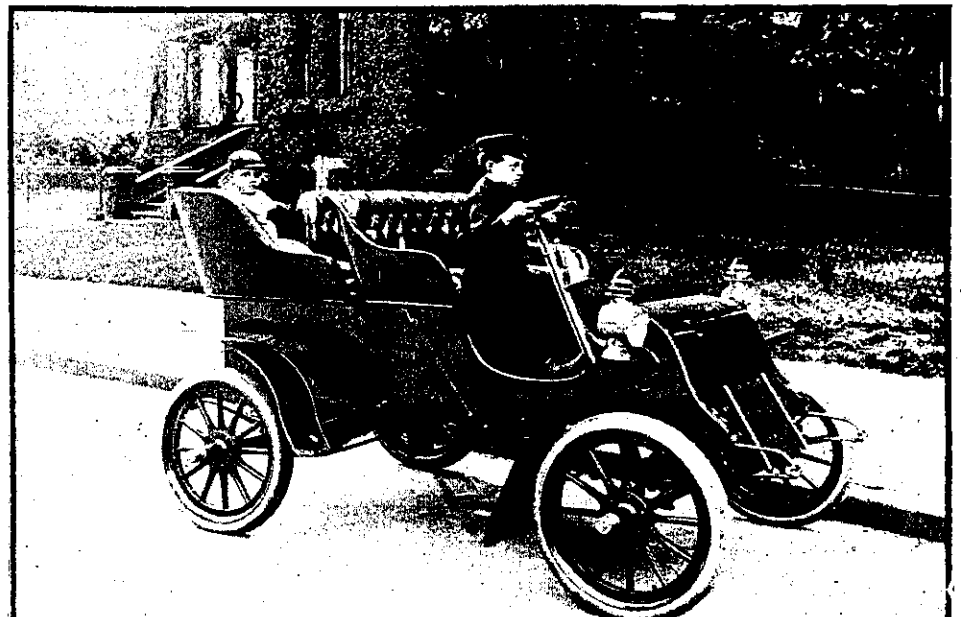
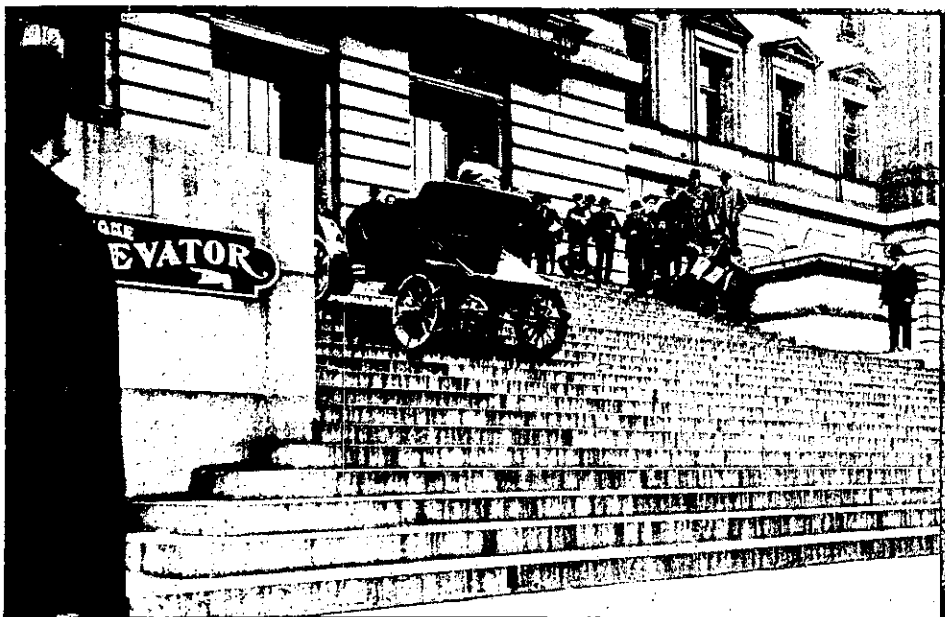
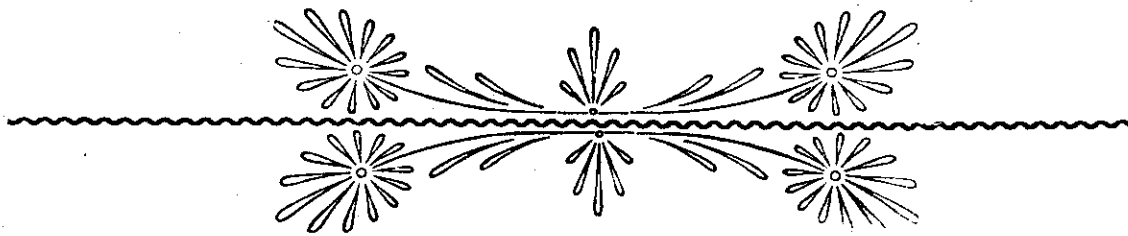
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THE STAGE

(By "Comus.")

HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

THE JOHN F. SHERIDAN COMPANY.

The second production of the company, "Mrs. Dooley's Little Joke," is an excruciatingly funny trifle that serves to bring out all the special talents of this exceedingly clever combination. The plot is of the slightest description, but it is much more comprehensible than that of most alleged musical comedies, and gets as close to being probable as any comic plot has a right to be. A happily married young man has a secret penchant for the turf, and owns a Cup starter, upon which he has staked every penny he has in the world. Partly because he fears lest she should bowl him out, and partly for the reasons common to all sons-in-law, he refuses his wife's request to have her mother to stay with them. He has never seen the mama, and when the wife confides her troubles to a young friend, an American sporting lady, the latter suggests that the mother-in-law should come and stay with her under an assumed name. The suggestion is adopted, and "Mrs. Dooley" comes, sees, and conquers her daughter's husband. This, with some incidental difficulties arising from the circumstance that Arthur's racing mare, "Miss Carbine," is supposed to be a rival of his wife, constitutes the plot. There are many other characters, including an amiable Johnny, a trainer, a tout, a host of jolly young Bucks, jockeys, hotel waiters and waitresses, and last but not least a boy in buttons, impersonated by the Little Gulliver. The setting is generally "horsey," and the introduction of a jockey ballet is a novelty that is greatly appreciated. The scenery and dresses are quite up to John F. Sheridan's high-water mark, which is saying all that need be said. John F. himself has in "Mrs. Dooley" a character of the same type as the Widow O'Brien, a little younger, a little more fashionable, and just as amusing. It is a most mirth-provoking representation, and not the least commendable thing about it is refinement. Mr Sheridan has conclusively shown that it is possible to be thoroughly racy without being vulgar. Miss Celia Mavis, as the young wife, added to her already high reputation as a sourette, and showed that she is capable of shining in the higher walks of comedy. Her songs, "Lovers Always" and "Rose of Killarney," are very acceptable. Miss Heba Barlow, as the American girl, is daintily pretty and acts with a dash and spirit all through. She has a great deal

to do and does it like a true artiste. Her singing, too, is delightful in "The Day I Backed the Winner" and "When the Band Begins to Play." Miss Muriel Williams, as a waitress, is conspicuously good and sings well, and the Criterion Lady Dancers furnish no end of ballets and choruses, in varied costumes. Mr Carden is a sporting dude who makes love, plays the goat, and uses his sweet tenor to much advantage in "Percy from Petticoat Lane," "Bid Me to Love," and an amusing parody of an Italian operatic artist. Mr Curran as the young husband, though suffering from a severe throat affection plays admirably, and Mr Wentworth as a trainer, Mr Bertram as a tout, and Mr Needham as an hotel proprietor, add their valuable contributions to the sum total of the evening's enjoyment. The orchestra is not so good as it might be if the members were not so anxious to "bust their instruments." Mr Weieter, the conductor, must use a lot of inferior language under his breath as he listens to them. "Mrs. Dooley" has to be pronounced a great success.

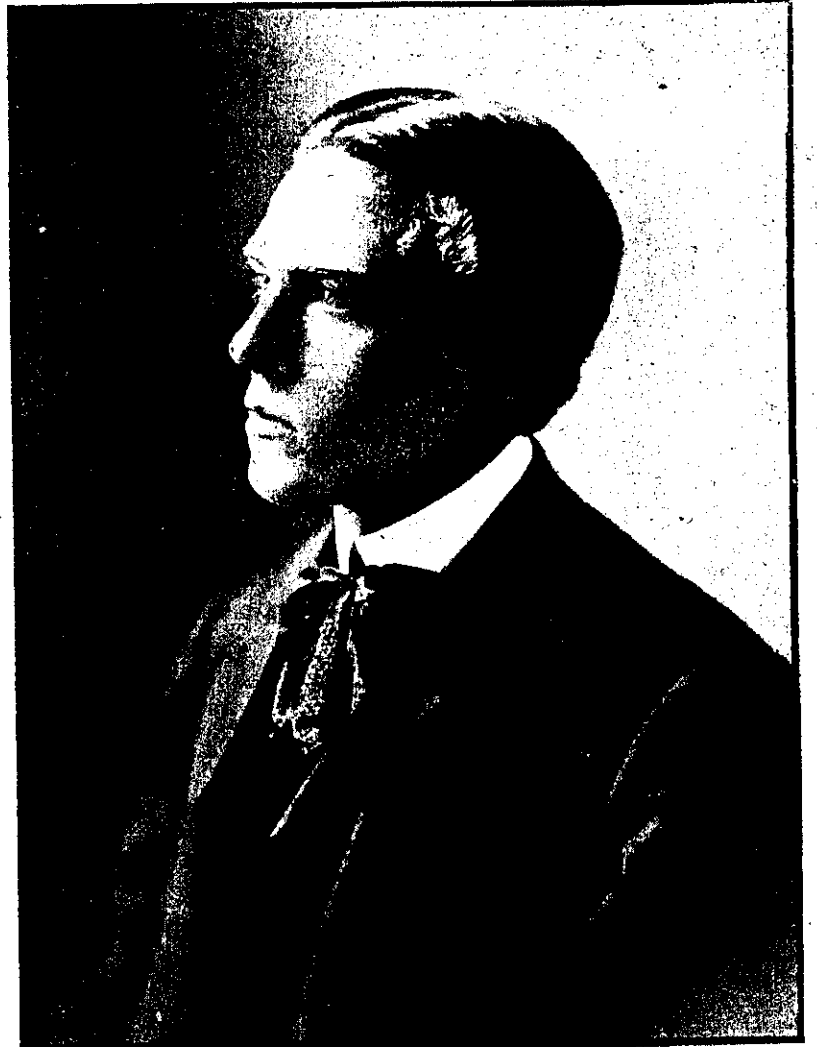
To-night (Thursday), John F. Sheridan will appear in his original creation as Widow O'Brien, a character he has sustained nearly 6,000 times, and which has served to make the name of John F. Sheridan, coupled with that of Widow O'Brien, a household word throughout all English speaking countries.

"The Widow" will be staged for three nights, and a matinee on Saturday.

OPERA HOUSE.

"THE NEW MAGDALEN."

The Woods-Williamson Company have produced another stirring play in Miss Williamson's fine dramatisation of the well-known novel by Wilkie Collins. The story is told in a prologue and three acts, and the leading lines of the book are followed with sufficient faithfulness. The interest naturally centres in the two principal characters, Mercy Merrick, the "New Magdalen," and the Rev. Julian Grey, the high-spirited parson, who first awakened the glimmerings of hope in Mercy's breast, and finally brings her to complete repentance and a new and happier life. Both characters afford scope for the strongest display of the emotions and the exercise of dramatic skill, and Miss Williamson and Mr Woods make the most of their opportunities. It is a powerful drama, with telling situations, well-staged and conspicuously well acted throughout. The subsidiary roles are sustained by Messrs Buckler, Hassell, and Peaumont, Miss Barry Lane and Miss Carleon.



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THE COMPANY IN FARCE.

It will be a complete (and perhaps welcome) change to see the members of this excellent Company in farce. To-night they appear in Sydney Grundy's farcical comedy, "The Arabian Nights." A most enjoyable performance may confidently be looked for.

THE CITY HALL.

FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS.

If Mr Fuller keeps on growing in popular favour as he is doing at present there will soon be placards with "Standing Room Only" stuck up at the City Hall. The programme now presented is of real excellence, and proves that the entrepreneur has the fullest confidence in his public. Amongst the new-comers in the company is Miss Madge Lucas, an exceedingly clever young lady, who combines singing, acting, dancing and a contortionist capacity equal to that of the famous Perry the Frog. There will be new artists to-night and again on Saturday, and the quality keeps up with the variety. The other attractions at present are the Dashing Elmores, the Driscoll Boys, Bob Bell, the wierd jokist, Ted Herbert, the descriptive vocalist, Miss Annis Kinnaird, the talented balladist, and Mr Fuller himself. There is a crispness about the entertainment that is bound to make it "go."

BEATRICE VARTHA CONCERTS.

The above company will give two concerts at Abbott's Opera House on October 16 and 19, when excellent programmes of gems of musical art will be presented. One of the piano solos chosen by Miss Beatrice Vartha, the charming young and brilliant player, is Mozart's "Concerto in D Minor." At her recent concert in Dunedin the demonstration of approval displayed when this item was rendered was especially emphatic, being described as "bright and sparkling, ravishing the ear as with the music of the tiniest golden bells." Miss Vartha is a finished exponent of the most modern methods of pianoforte playing, and so far as the merely technical side of her work is concerned she obtains all her effects in a reposeful manner. Herr C. Lehmann, violinist, is another prominent member of the company, and has created quite a distinct impression in Australia and the South by his artistic playing.

Quick changes will be given at His Majesty's Theatre for the last week. "A Trip to Chicago," "When the Lamps are Lighted," and "Naughty Nancy," will all be staged during next week.

A theatrical treat in store for local theatregoers is the coming visit of Mr Daniel Frawley and his company. This organisation is touring Australasia under the direction of Mr J. C. Williamson, and its great success in Melbourne, Sydney, and Brisbane, has been one of the epochs in theatrical circles. The company supporting Mr Frawley is universally said to be the best all round company that has ever been seen in these cities, while the principals, Mr Daniel Frawley and his leading lad Miss Mary Van Buren, have been ranked with the best that have visited Australia.

Mr "Bob" Keating, who acted as advance agent for Williamson and Bland Holt at various times, has gone back to press work, and represents the Sydney "Daily Telegraph" in Melbourne.

The popular Widow has some excellent scenery with her (him) for "The Bristol," which is to be staged to-night. The saloon is a particularly fine set, and is followed by an extra scene on the deck of the ship.

My Christchurch correspondent writes:—Dix's Gaiety Co. wind up a phenomenally successful season at the Royal to-night. We shall miss them when they're gone. Ida Roslyn, little Vera Kearns, Jack Kearns, the Gallardi Sisters, and others are old friends here, and the others who came here as strangers have now become old friends, too, and may be sure of hearty welcome whenever they bob up again in this flat and rather slow city. Tod Calloway is a genuine comique, "good enough for London," and the Williams Sisters, Ernest Hill and the rest of 'em are all artists of the first water. Good luck go with the crowd! On Monday the American Comedy Co., piloted by friend Fred Duval, commence their brief season at the ancient Royal. The opening attraction is "Mama's New Husband." The advance booking is heavy, and the season promises to pan out 16oz. to the pound. . . . Fuller's Entertainers (now in their 18th consecutive week here) continue to fill the Opera House coffers. Shows may come, and shows may go, but Fuller's is fuller than ever all the time. . . . P.R. Dix has engaged the Royal for all nights, outside present bookings, for current year. Good enough!



MISS MAUD WILLIAMSON, as "Galatea," in "Pygmalion and Galatea."

"REPRESENTATIVE ENGLISH COMEDIES."

In a review of the new work under the above title, edited by Mr C. M. Gayley, of the University of California, the "Era" says:—"The earliest evidence of dramatic effort in England is to be found in Latin tropes of the Easter service, composed for use in churches at different periods between 967 and the middle of the eleventh century. While these are, of course, serious in nature and function, they interest the historian of comedy because they show that the dramatic spirit was at work amongst our ancestors before the Anglo-Saxons had passed under the yoke of the Normans. Of vital importance, too, in the development of a dramatic technique are certain fragments of liturgical plays belonging to the library of the Shrewsbury School, which was published in 1890 by Professor Skeat. Subjects both Biblical and legendary were as early as 1160 produced for liturgical purposes in France, not only by Frenchmen, but one Hilarus, who was presumably an Englishman, and this fact favours the opinion that the earliest saints' plays in England, also, were as frequently derived from Scriptural as from legendary sources. Professor Gayley considers that the Latin comedy of the Middle Ages was one of the tributaries of the farce interlude and the principal source of the romantic play of domestic intrigue. Mr Gayley has little doubt that the romantic combination of tragic, marvellous, and comic later noticeable upon the Elizabethan stage was in some degree due to the ancient and continuous dramatisation of the irrational adventures, blood-curdling tortures, and dissonant emotions afforded by the legends of the saints. These 'miracles,' moreover, must, because of their early emancipation from ecclesiastical restraints and their adoption by the folk, have contributed to the development of the freely invented, surprising, and amusing fable which is congenial to comedy. That we have not more notices of them is owing, not to their insignificance nor any disappearance before the advancing popularity of the craft cycles—for even the pageants of the saints still flourished in Aberdeen as late as 1531, and the plays elsewhere much later—but, as Ebert has already noted, to the fact that they were seldom presented with the magnificence and publicity of the cyclic miracles; but whenever a saint's play is taken up by a city or guild, it enjoys frequent official notice and maintains its dignity for years. Of late we have had the devil in a dress coat on the London boards. His advent on the English stage is a creation of theology, not of folk mythology. He is concrete, to be sure, in accordance with Scriptural and legendary traditions, but in the 'mysteries' his character is almost entirely serious, not ludicrous, as appears to be vulgarly reported. The association of the genuine comic or satirical with the conception of the Devil is first evident in later representations of that character, and then only in the case of lesser denizens of the lower world. The humorous scene in the Chester 'Harrowing' between the demons and the alewife abandoned in hell is, for instance, as Dr. Deimling has said, a late interpolation. The Wakefield dramatist's contribution to the 'Judicium,' of 'Tutivillus' and his ilk, is about the only diabolic humour in the miracles; and that the satirical speech of the Coventry demon in the 'Conspiracy' was a still later borrowing from 'Tutivillus,' I have but little doubt. To credit the Devils of the earliest miracles with a tendency and an ability to criticise manners and morals would be just as wrong as to attribute to them a buffoon-

ery which accrues only at a later date. Of the Mephistophelian style, more serious than Chaucer's and more satirical than Langland's, we have no historical trace before the witty Devil of Wakefield—or his maker. The humour of the miracle Devil shows itself in bombastic, grotesque, or abusive language, rather than in anything of common utterance or incident. The uproarious laughter caused, according to tradition, by this character cannot, therefore, have depended upon the lines of the dramatist, except in so far as they consist of threats, objurcation, profanity, and the like. The representative English comedies, each of them preceded by a critical essay and notes, also a life of the author, include John Heywood's 'The Play of the Wether' and 'A Mery Play

Between Johan Johan, the Husbunde, Tyb, his Wife,' etc.; Nicholas Udall's 'Roister Doister,' William Stevenson's 'Gammer Gurton's Needle,' John Lyly's 'Alexander and Campaspe,' George Reece's 'The Old Wives' Tale,' Robert Greene's 'The Honorable Historie of Frier Bacon and Frier Bongay,' and Henry Porter's 'The Pleasant History of the Two Angry Women of Abington.' The authorship of 'Gammer Gurton's Needle,' is attributed to Dr. John Bridges, Bishop of Oxford, and Dr. John Still, who was made Bishop of Bath and Wells in 1593."

Mr Daniel Frawley and Company, who begin their New Zealand engagement at Auckland, on October 12, under Mr J. C. Williamson's direction, will present an extensive repertoire of plays, all of them new to theatregoers of New Zealand. The season will be inaugurated with "Arizona," a play that has been received with great enthusiasm wherever presented in Australia, and has received the highest praise from the press. Other plays will be "The Girl I Left Behind Me," "Barbara Freitchie," "In Miz-zouri," "Brother Officers," and "In Paradise." These plays will be presented on the first tour through the Islands. For a second visit, Mr Frawley has other new plays that will be as enthusiastically received as those of the first list.

The singing of Mr John Prouse, the Wellington baritone, with the Dolores Company in America, is very highly spoken of the Canadian critics. The Winnipeg "Daily Tribune" of July 14 says of a concert in that town:—"The Two Grenadiers," by Schumann, is a word picture, set to graphic music, and climaxing with the stirring strains of the "Marsellaise." It was very finely sung by Mr John Prouse, a baritone from the City of Wellington, New Zealand. The rules of aspiration and inspiration are traced down by the accuracy of the poet and composer, which the vigorous and manly style of the singer still further emphasised to such a degree of dramatic power that it aroused the audience to enthusiasm. If New Zealand grows many such admirable vocalists as Mr Prouse, then is that country blessed.

"Mrs Dooley's Little Joke" was written by John F. Sheridan and Pat. Finn, and the music is by Fred W. Weierter.

My Wellington correspondent writes, under date September 23.—The Stine and Evans Comedy Company are playing to large audiences at the Opera House. The principals are very well supported by an acceptable coterie of variety people, whose distinction is song and dance, rag-time predominating. They should have a good season on their visit South. Dix's Gaiety Coy. are also doing good business, and are at present anxiously awaiting the arrival of Miss Malvena Moore, a serio-comic of some repute on "tother side," and Miss Addie Fredericks, the clever originator of the "Cloud Swing," who arrived by the Mokoia to-day. Sunoni, facial contortionist and character impersonator, is also at the Royal, and is a very clever performer in facial work. It is understood that pantomime will occupy the stage for the Xmas season. Fuller's Entertainers have, as the chief fun-maker, Mr Will Watkins, who is an especial favourite with the ladies, as, also, are the Clare Sisters with the boys, for dainty serios are scarce in this City. John Fuller is giving five guineas as a prize for weight-lifting, the outcome of a challenge by "Hercules." Harris Trigger is his opponent.

The writer ("Newsletter") has in his possession some copies of the scenic designs used by Kean in his Shakespearian revivals. Among them is the scenery for "A Mid-summer Night's Dream." W. Gordon, grandfather of our John Gordon, was one of Kean's scene-painters, and for the setting of Act II., scene 1, he copied J. M. W. Turner's famous picture, "The Golden Bough," with some of the details omitted.

Mr William Anderson has several prime London novelties up his sleeve, including "Her Second Time on Earth," "That Painted Woman," "Saturday Night in London," and "The Great World of London."

"Ben Hur" is being turned into an opera, and will be produced shortly at a London theatre.



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AN ALLEGED MORAL STORY.

Young ladies who desire to go upon the stage—and Heaven knows there are many of them—would do well to read a few particulars of the case of Margaret Howard which cropped up in London a couple of months back. In 1871 Miss Margaret Howard (Mrs John Wylesone) was the directress of an English theatre, and was billed as "the favourite tragedienne from the Princess Theatre, London." Her husband was acting-manager for her, and also principal tragedian. "Nature," said a critic of that time, "has endowed Miss Margaret Howard with a commanding figure, a rich, clear voice and a pair of dark, brilliant and expressive eyes. In tragedy and comedy she is equally at home. She is no unworthy follower in the footsteps of that queen of living tragediennes, Miss Helen Faucit." We are also told that the manly, noble and splendid physique of Mr Wylesone recalls to the mind's eye the famous G. V. Brooke.

After a varied career Mr and Mrs Wylesone sank out of the public gaze to appear before it again this year. They were admitted to the receiving house of the Strand Workhouse absolutely destitute. The following account is from the Charing Cross "Hospital Gazette" of last June—"She (Margaret Howard) was dressed in rags, and her hair was tangled and unkempt. She had played with Irving as second lead, and performed at Windsor Castle and before the Queen at Holywood. Here at the age of seventy-six she was homeless and scavenging the streets for food, like a town rat in a drain. Her hair was white, her cheeks were sunken with hunger, and her frail, ill-clothed frame tottered with weakness. She had injured her shoulder, and when this was set right she went out into the night still mumbling a phrase from "Macbeth" that had before come a score of times from her lips." The report does not say what that phrase from "Macbeth" was, but pitying fancy can supply it—

"Out, out, brief candle!
Life's but a walking shadow, a poor
player
That struts and frets his hour upon the
stage,
And then is heard no more.

It is a tale
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,
Signifying nothing."

Thus a writer, quoted by "Melbourne Punch" but such a fate as that related is not necessarily connected with the stage. People in other walks of life go to the bad occasionally.

The design of Messrs Mackenzie and Wilson, local architects, has been accepted for the new theatre at Invercargill. The cost is not to exceed £15,000.



MR. SYDNEY CARDEN, as Tommy, in "Fun on the Bristol."

An amusing account of a tour through the States of Australia is given by Miss Mabel Hardinge Maly, the young English actress, who returned to Sydney with the Willoughby-Geach Company. The customs of the country hotels, the curious meals, the strange modes of travelling, and the primitive theatres all struck the traveller as novel and interesting, but her amazement knew no bounds when, at the first small town the company struck, she saw the tiny stage on which she was to perform a dance—between the furniture and the footlights, her position was a perilous one, but nothing serious happened. After this the stage became smaller and smaller, so she accustomed herself to gyrating gracefully on a few yards of boarding. She now feels quite sure that she could do the most complicated skirt dances on a threepenny bit.

A lady prominent in melodramatic parts (says the "Newsletter") looks very much on the wine when it is red. Perhaps some friend might intervene and apply the gold cure.

Mr Alf. Dampier's son will play Warrigal in the forthcoming "Robbery Under Arms" production at the Criterion, Sydney.

Mrs Brown-Potter, who is playing "For Church or Stage," received an invitation from the Wesleyans in the Isle of Man, through Mr Hall Caine, to open their bazaar with the Vicar of Gorleston, the author of the drama. This combination of high Anglican, Nonconformity and the stage will be interesting.

The scene on the lawn at Flemington, in the production of "Mrs Dooley," is a particularly fine one.

Of Miss Mary Van Buren, leading lady of the Daniel Frawley Company, a Sydney critic writes: "Lovely as a poet's dream, her every attitude, action, gesture and inflection casts its spell over the audience. From grave to gay, from lively to severe, she changes like a landscape under a cloud-flecked sky, but is always admirable and natural. That's her strong hand in all her parts. She never gives the impression of repeating a part from memory, and her audience laughs at her and with her, and loves her all the time."

According to a late English paper Miss Olga Nethersole, who has been salmon fishing at Braemar till August 1, resumes her tour of "Sapho," starting from the Aquarium, Yarmouth. She instantly got mused up with the rights of her version, which was written for her by Clyde Hitch, and the one that Mr Bernard Epinasse has adapted. The result was that Mr Justice Farewell decided for Miss Nethersole, and an order to prevent Mr Epinasse's version being used was made.

John F. Sheridan will stage "Cinderella" at Dunedin Princess on Boxing Night.

Miss Nellie Mortyne, the well-known Australian actress, appears to have been particularly fortunate since her return to England, as immediately on her arrival from Australia Mr Edward Terry secured her services for his South African tour, and now, on her return from that country, she has received a remunerative London opening, and makes her first appearance in that city on September 5.

The need of an up-to-date theatre for Gisborne was emphasised the other night by Mr Hawtrey, who apologised to the audience for any deficiencies there might be in staging the play as compared with other towns, owing to the need of a better stage. He pointed to a number of towns of lesser importance than Gisborne, which had far superior theatrical accommodation, and he recommended the people to turn their attention to the subject of erecting a municipal theatre. The speaker's remarks were warmly endorsed by the audience.

Miss Rose Fendennis, of the new Jeffries-Knight Company, was here with Wilson Barrett and his players during that actor's first Australian tour, and was, though only playing small parts, the subject of great attention from our play-going public on account of her fine figure and good looks. Since her return to London Miss Fendennis has played in many companies, and has made great strides in her art.

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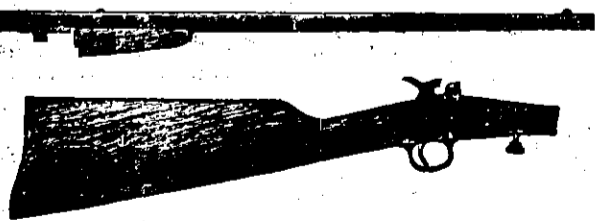
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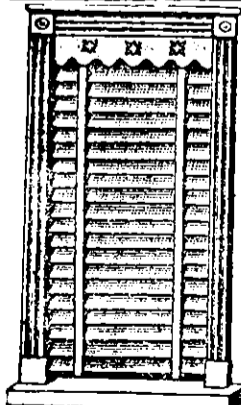
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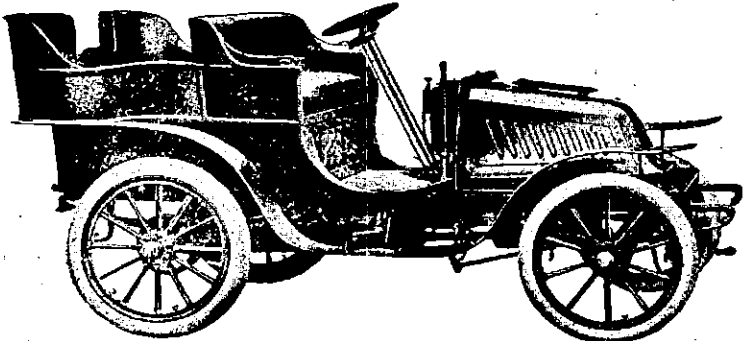
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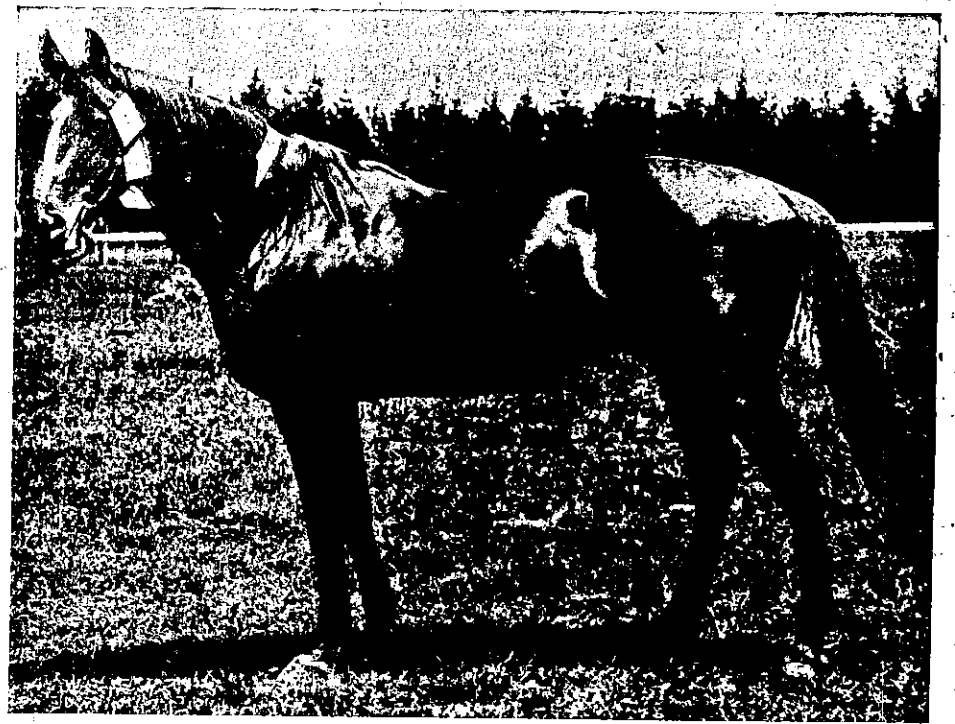
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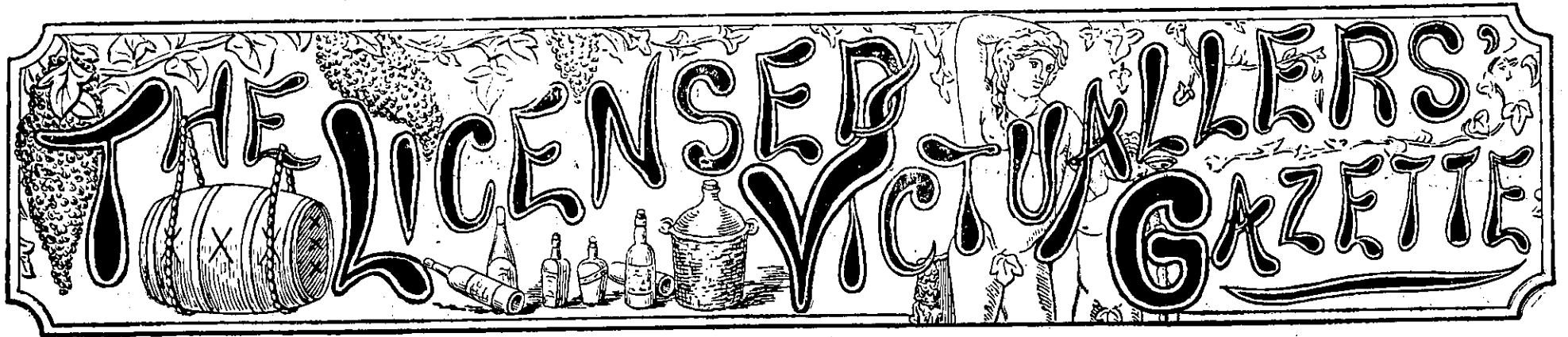
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TRADE ORGANISATION.

The determination of the members of the Licensed Victualling trade in the Auckland Province to strengthen their position has not come too soon. As will be seen from the brief report of Friday's meeting, printed elsewhere in this issue, it has been decided to reorganise the old L.V. Association under the name of the Auckland Provincial Licensed Victuallers' Union of Employers, and to register the Association under the Conciliation and Arbitration Act. It was further resolved to affiliate with the Auckland Provincial Employers' Union. Readers of these columns cannot have failed to note the increased interest that has been manifested of late in the affairs of the Trade in the Old Country. The Trade there has been subjected to the most acute persecution by that active party of alleged temperance reformers who rely upon Acts of Parliament to make men sober, and in their zeal trample upon the rights and liberties of the whole population. There is only one effective way to meet organised attack, and that is by means of organised defence, and the new spirit that has awakened in Britain is already showing what good work can be done in this direction. Heretofore the licensing question has been dealt with in this Colony in a temper of comparative fairness, but day by day the influence of the more intolerant sections of the Teetotal Party is more and more felt. The war cry of this division is "no quarter," and there is no use in disguising the fact that it is growing in strength. To oppose it there must be a closer and more intelligent union of the members of the Trade which is in danger. The real arbiters of the question are the members of the great middle-class, who may be designated "moderates." There are not acutely affected one way or the other, and they are often content to let the decision in cases affecting the national freedom of action go by default. To these the appeal for justice and fair treatment must be made, and if this is done wisely and well, the result here will approximate to that which has been obtained in Great Britain, where already a strong reaction has set in against the insensate demands of prohibition. The new Union has started under excellent auspices, with a good membership and most efficient officers, and we have no doubt that it will soon make its influence felt in the right direction. There is plenty of work for it, some in directions other than those we have indicated, and it may be confidently assumed that it will prove itself capable.

Trade Topics

The Clutha "Free Press" states that the "cutter-running" system, as it is called, otherwise the importation of grog in quantity, is very common in Tapanui, where young men and youths are the chief participants in the scenes of debauchery that the unrestricted drinking of the liquor gives rise to.

The French Chartreux monks, who have bought the castle of the Comtes du Val de Beaulieu at Cambron-Casteau, Belgium, will, it is said, install their distilling apparatus in two other properties which they are on the point of acquiring in the same district.

A salutary fine was imposed at Gisborne, last week, by Mr Barton, S.M., in a case of procuring liquor for a prohibited person. The accused was George Edward Maxfield, for whom Mr L. Rees appeared. The evidence showed that drink had been obtained, and that accused and two young men (one a prohibited person) had shared it. His Worship said defendant had aggravated his guilt by denying it; he must have been aware of the previous warning given. A fine of £10, with costs 11s, would be imposed; or six weeks' imprisonment, in default of payment within 14 days.

Over an hour was taken up at the Dunedin Police Court a few days ago in determining a case of drunkenness. Mr Hanlon appeared for the offender, who pleaded not guilty to being found drunk in the bar of the Law Courts Hotel. The case was a serious one for the licensee. In all five officers of the law gave evidence in support of the charge. The two arresting constables were the first witnesses called. They told the Court that they entered the bar and found the man drunk sitting on a form with a mug of beer in his hand. Inspector O'Brien said that when the man was brought to the police station he was drunk. In answer to the magistrate he said that it was highly probable that the man would have been a nuisance in the street had he not been arrested. He considered that the constables would have been failing in their duty had they not apprehended accused. A detective and a third constable gave corroborative evidence, one policeman expressed the opinion that the man was very drunk, and the other four officers agreed that he was drunk, one, in addition, considering that he was incapable. The magistrate, after hearing Mr Hanlon, and without calling on him for evidence for the defence, dismissed the case. He said he thought the arresting constables had exceeded their duty in arresting the man without first seeing whether he could go home. It was clearly laid down, he said, that a person must not merely be the worse of drink, but that he must be in such a state that he was not able to take care of himself. Accused never had a chance to show whether he was, in that position or not. It was the duty of a policeman, he added, to try to assist a man without arresting him. The advice of the magistrate at Dunedin might well be repeated from the Auckland bench.

During recent discussions in New Zealand and Russia on the abolition of barmaids (remarks the "Dunedin Star") legislators do not appear to have contemplated the possibility of the barmaid abolishing herself. Yet this is by no means an impossible contingency. "For instance," as Mr Dooley might say, a case of something like self-effacement happened in Dunedin recently, and one which, if followed, would speedily cut off the chief source of supply for Mr Hone Heke and Mr Parata's eloquence. A man passed a half-crown over the counter, and received one shilling and two drinks in exchange. He asked for his other sixpence, but was informed that he had only handed the young lady a two-shilling piece. Then for a few moments, and much to the amusement of the bystanders, there was a running fire of affirmatives and denials, while the despised shilling was shot backwards and forwards across the counter by the finger-tips of the disputants. Eventually, as beseeching members of a democratic community, the Court of Arbitration was appealed to, and the landlady appointed judge. She promptly gave the award to the customer, and by way of solatium declined payment for the liquid refreshment already partaken of. Then came the climax. The indignant Hebe—we think this is the correct term—with her nose "tip tilted like the petal of a flower," threw up the reins of government, left the bar, and fled the premises. Perhaps the true solution of the barmaid problem may be found in this story.

The Falkirk (N.B.) Town Council have had enough of hotel keeping on their own account. Whether tried in England, Scotland, or Ireland the municipalisation of licensed houses has "invariably" proved a costly and unsatisfactory experiment. When the Crown Hotel, Falkirk, came into the market some two or three years ago the Town Council decided to purchase it. They engaged a very experien-

ced manager, in the person of Mr Robert Sneddon, who was well acquainted with the requirements of the district, and he has proved himself very popular, so popular in fact that the Town Council have come to the conclusion that they could find no better owner than Mr Sneddon, who has been only too pleased to have an opportunity of purchasing this old-established house.

The final reading of the Scotch Licensing Bill in the House of Lords brought out a pronouncement on the recent action of the Glasgow magistrates. The feature of the debate was Lord Kinnaird's proposal to enable licensing authorities to make by-laws for regulating or preventing the employment of barmaids. This met with strong opposition from Lord Balfour, who declared the proposal would constitute an unwarrantable interference with the freedom of people to manage their business in a legitimate way. The Glasgow magistrates, in dealing with this matter, had landed themselves into an illegal condition. There were licensed establishments in Glasgow and elsewhere where serving behind the bar was a perfectly proper employment for women. Lord Kinnaird was content with this explanation, and he withdrew his proposal.

Apparently there are some English Licensing Benches who do not mean to stay their hands—Balfour or no Balfour. The following is issued from one Bench in Derbyshire—"Uttoxeter, July 31, 1903. Dear Sir,—The licensing justices of the division of Sudbury, in the county of Derby, at their meeting held on the 23rd day of February last, had under consideration the number of licensed houses throughout the division. It appeared to them that the numbers in Hilton, Hatton and Marston Montgomery were in excess of the reasonable requirements of those districts. They therefore suggest that prior to the licensing session next year, when the matter will be taken fully into consideration, the owners should be prepared with a scheme for the closing of some of their houses. The justices also desire to be furnished by the 1st November next with a ground plan of all the licensed houses in the division, and particulars of sleeping, stabling, and yard accommodation. Will you kindly give these matters your careful consideration with regard to the licensed houses owned by you, and send me the plan asked for by the date named."

Sir Wilfrid Lawson is a "jokist" of the very first water, and sometimes his jokes are of the unconscious order. Only in that way (says a contributor to the London "L.V. Gazette") can I account for his bringing in a Bill within ten days of the end of the Parliamentary session, when it could have not the ghost of a chance of being read for even a second time. And the purport of that Bill adds to the humour of the situation. It is to the effect that if a drunken man commits a crime, the licensed victualler who supplied him shall bear the penalty. Perhaps when printed, the Bill will show where Sir W. draws the line. Should Mr Drunk commit a murder, should the publican be hung?—And if Mr D. went into a dozen different houses, emerging from the last in a state to become drunk in the fresh air, should each of the twelve publicans be one-twelfth hung? And suppose he had his beer in by cask? Lesser crimes would no doubt have lesser penalties; but the virtues of vicarious atonement would be the same, and it is hard to see where the operation should stop.

A LICENSING QUESTION.

At last week's meeting of the Invercargill Licensing Bench a decision of very great importance was given, says the "Southland Times." "As is well known, the Crescent Hotel was recently acquired for business premises by one of our large mercantile firms, and as the lease will presently be determined it became a question of what to do with the license. Mrs Bond, the present licensee, does not wish to continue in the business, and at the meeting applied for a transfer to Richard Blackham, formerly licensee of the White Swan Hotel, one of the houses 'reduced' at the annual meeting of the Licensing Committee in June. As the same premises are not available, however, it became neces-

sary to have the license attached to some other premises; but a removal to the White Swan is more than 440 yards from the Crescent—i.e., beyond the limit allowed by law for the removal of a license. It was proposed, therefore, that the Crescent license should be allowed to lapse, and that Mr Blackham should be granted a new license for the White Swan, for which he accordingly made application. After considering the question at length the Committee resolved that if Mrs Bond abandoned her license and Mr Blackham carries out certain alterations and improvements required in the White Swan premises, his application for a license would be granted. Although the granting of the license does not add to the number of licensed premises in town, it is technically a new license, and the decision of the Committee is therefore interesting in view of the very general opinion that when reduction has been carried it is beyond the power of the Committee to grant new licenses. The circumstances are peculiar, as there is no breach of the spirit of the law. The Chairman, indeed, said that to take advantage of the position forced upon Mrs Bond would be 'an unrighteous abuse of power,' but, nevertheless, the granting of the license appears to be in conflict with the letter of the law, and it will be interesting to see if there are any developments."

THE NEW SOUTH WALES LIQUOR BILL.

("Australian Wine and Spirit News.")

It appears, if we may accept the assurances of the Premier of New South Wales as bona fide, that the Liquor Bill is to come on in the Assembly after all this session, and it behoves the sections of the trade who may be interested to keep an eye open for the coming event. If the Government really propose to carry the measure through, and have the support of the Labour party, they may do so. This is a matter which requires careful consideration. It is a fact that the measure does not provide for local option as it is understood in New Zealand, and the deputation from the New South Wales Alliance which waited on the Premier is prepared to accept the Bill, as it stands, and to take the risk of getting local option another way. Now, it is a curious fact that while the deputation was interviewing the Premier, the Leader of the Labour Party was giving notice of the following remarkable motion, viz.:—"That in the opinion of this House, the Parliamentary electors should be intrusted with power to continue, reduce, or veto the liquor traffic as they please to vote, and, therefore, believes in an efficient measure of full local and State option without compensation, but a reasonable time-notice should be allowed." Mr McGowen's English may be a bit out of the straight, but it appears that he is in favour of local option, and the taking away of licenses, be the conduct of the licensees ever so good, without compensation.

It will be noticed that the Treasurer, in replying to the deputation from the Methodist Conference, defended the omission of the provision for local option from his Bill, except in the city of Sydney, and he laid great stress on the necessity for granting compensation—a real compensation—in any scheme of local option. As he remarked, the people of this State have so far shown no keen interest in the local option, but there is no telling how the privilege of local option might be used if it did exist. That, however, is beyond the point. The point is that the Government measure, which must go through with the support of the Labour party—if the Opposition oppose it—does not provide for local option, whereas the Labour party, as represented by its leader, wants local option, and local option without compensation. How then, will the Bill come through the ordeal? Supposing the Labour party make local option, without compensation, the price of their support of the Bill, what will happen? In the event of the question becoming a party one, the Bill will probably be carried, so far as the Assembly is concerned at any rate, with this iniquitous provision. This aspect of the question may have escaped the notice of those interested, and we draw their attention to it, so that when the Bill comes on they may be in a position to fight for

their just rights. As has been pointed out in these columns of late, this question of compensation is likely to become a burning one at no very future date, if not immediately, and it behoves the trade to have all their forces in readiness to fight at a moment's notice for the granting of compensation in some tangible form should local option be conceded.

While the so-called "temperance" parties are fighting for what they claim to be reforms, it is essential that the interests of the trade should be properly put forward in the Bill. There are two sides to every question, and we have reason to hope that the House will deal with this question on its merits as a non-party one, and that the majority will prove to be reasonable men and willing to concede reasonable consideration to those who have carried it on in a fair and honourable way. The important point raised by the deputation that there should be a right to appeal from the Licensing Bench to the Quarter Sessions when the renewal of a license has been refused must not be lost sight of, and no doubt steps will be taken to have a provision to this effect proposed for insertion in the Bill. It is a scandalous position that, because the police in a certain district may have an "edge" upon a particular licensee, and work up a case to bring about the refusal of his license, the decision should be final. The licensee of an hotel is as much entitled to receive British justice as any other individual, and appeal to a higher Court is a privilege of every man in ordinary matters, even in many criminal cases. In this matter, a remarkable power has been given to the Bench of refusing a license in the event of the police bringing in a charge of systematic Sunday trading, even if a man be not caught. Surely if a man's livelihood is to be taken away on such a flimsy pretext as it would be in a good many cases—the individual should be allowed to appeal to a higher court on the facts. The charge might be quite unexpected, in fact such cases have occurred, and a man taken unawares might be unable to rebut the charge at a moment's notice, though perfectly innocent. Mr Waddell has not shown himself to be very sympathetic on this point, but Parliament may prove to be more so. It is also very necessary that there should be some more stringent legislation to deal with the control of clubs, so that they may not be able to compete, as they do now in some cases, with licensed houses by permitting their members to drink at all hours. It has never yet been made quite clear why a man who can afford to pay the annual fee for a club—perhaps a club just for drink-

ing purposes—should have greater privileges in the matter of getting drink than the average citizen, and some more convincing reasons should be forthcoming.

HOTEL PROPRIETORS' UNION.

A meeting was held on Friday afternoon in the Federal Club, thoroughly representative of the licensed victuallers of Auckland. Mr James McLeod was voted to the chair and explained that the idea was to reorganise the Licensed Victuallers' Association to cover the whole province, and register it as a union. After the matter had been fully discussed, it was resolved on the motion of Mr M. Foley, seconded by Mr J. Eudean, junr., that the Auckland Licensed Victuallers' Association be reorganised under the name of the Auckland Provincial Licensed Victuallers' Union of Employers, and that the same be registered under the provisions of the Conciliation and Arbitration Act of 1900 and amendments thereof. It was further resolved that the Union should affiliate with the Auckland Provincial Employers' Association. Rules were submitted and approved, and the following officers were elected.—President, Jas. McLeod; vice-president, James Rolleston; secretary, Charles Grosvenor; committee, Messrs M. Foley, A. J. Tapper, J. Eudean, junr., C. Clarke, and J. T. McHugh.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Messrs Rolleston, Tapper and Grosvenor for the valuable services rendered in connection with the formation of the Union.

ASHBURTON CLUB CASE.

Judge Denniston gave judgment at Christchurch, on Friday, in the Ashburton Club case, in which the charter of the club had been revoked by the Colonial Secretary without notice. His Honor stated that he was satisfied that the power entrusted by the statute to the Colonial Secretary was judicial in its nature, and must be executed judicially. The club, whose franchise was threatened, must have notice of the grounds on which it was attacked, and opportunity of showing cause against the proposed revocation. A rule for certiorari was granted, with £10 10s costs.

Mr Joseph Mandel, of the Empire Hotel, Wellington, has sold out, and intends to make a tour of the world.

The Star and Garter Hotel, Coromandel, has changed hands. Mr George Loran having disposed of his interest to Mr Alex. Bilsland, late of Inglewood. The business was effected through the agency of Messrs E. Whitehead and Son.

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ONE GOOD SCHEME DESERVES ANOTHER.

(London "L.V. Gazette.")

August Bank Holiday—the last special summer festival of the year—is generally recognised as a fitting opportunity for the display of solid joviality and elemental humour of the peculiarly British variety. In some respects Sir Wilfrid Lawson is a typical Britisher, and he apparently could not resist the temptation of improving the gaiety of St. Lubbock's Day by bringing in a Bill "to provide for the payment of compensation to sellers of liquor in certain cases." At first glance it looks as if the irrepressible member for Camborne intends to organise a campaign against certain liquors which he regards, one supposes, as being particularly pernicious. The suggestion does not, when it is brought before one suddenly, appear to be altogether lacking in sense or system. Most of us who have lived long enough and have travelled will remember certain liquors we have drunk under necessitous circumstances which have inspired us with thoughts and words uncomplimentary to the purveyor of them, and we would, if Sir Wilfrid's Bill had been a law of the land in which we consumed them, have briefed a dozen counsel to obtain the compensation that we considered was our due. In brief, if this new measure was conceived with the intention of making the sellers of inferior, or worse, refreshment liable under the law we should have welcomed it with both hands. Such men are a disgrace to the trade in which they are engaged and a menace to the public that they are commissioned to serve.

But Sir Wilfrid Lawson's proposal does not do anything of the kind. It is not calculated to improve the quality of our liquor or the character of the consumer—it is simply a brick heaved in a spirit of Bank Holiday jollity at the harmless and necessary human being who acts as middle man between the maker and imbibitor of intoxicating liquors. The man in street requires to be served with certain liquid comforts, and the State in response to such demands, deposes certain persons, under myriad restrictions and penalties,

to satisfy that demand. Sir Wilfrid Lawson and Company demand the heads of those who are entrusted with the duty which the public requirements have made it incumbent upon somebody to fulfil. The brewer and distiller are not only innocent, but they are frequently rich; the consumer is a voter and therefore a person too sacred to molest; it is the publican who sells for the brewer what the public is eager to buy who must bear the onus of the entire traffic. The barrel is not inculpated, and the glass is dismissed with a caution, but the tap is to be persecuted with all the rigour of the tectotalers' righteous animosity.

That is the gospel according to Sir Wilfrid, and he defends it on the ground that "liquor sellers are licensed for no other purpose than to keep people sober by Act of Parliament." He is appointed to stand between man and his desires; to judge the public capacity; to regulate the public appetite; and to accept the responsibility for all divergencies from the grace of dead-cold sobriety. Man, according to this gospel, is no longer to be held responsible for his own actions, because "the spirit of the law is that a customer does not know for himself how much drink is good for him, and that the publican is to supply him exactly with that quantity and no more." But, as it happens, this is not the spirit of the law; it would rather appear to be the inspiration of an entirely different kind of spirit altogether. According to Sir Wilfrid, however, it is what the law should be, and what he would make it.

We can imagine the aquamanities in council bemoaning their own impotence, and crying with old Omar Khayyam:

... could you and I with Fate conspire
To grasp this sorry scheme of things
Entire,
Would we not shatter it to bits—and
then
Re-mould it nearer to the Heart's desire?

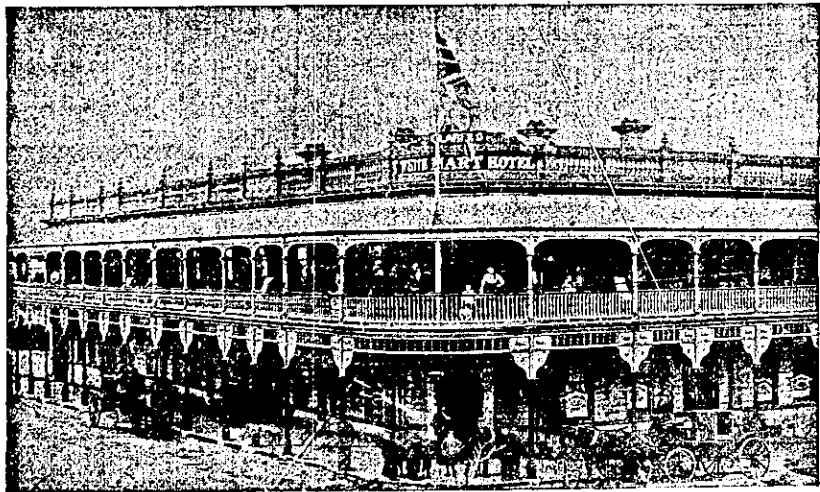
But having done so, and having made it an offence for a publican to serve his customers with more than the exact quantity of drink that is good for them, how is the publican to gauge the capacity of his patrons? Some delicately con-

stituted individuals can see two moons through the bottom of a single glass of beer, while others can walk away with a bucketful without turning a hair. One day a man may "do himself" well and feel rather the better for it than otherwise, and another day he is conscious that one-half the quantity would seriously disagree with him. He knows it because his stomach or his brain communicates the fact to him, but the secrets of each man's internal organisation is a sealed book to the publican. A full meal, a hot room, overwork or overworry, all juggle with a man's capacity for liquor, and the publican would require to know not only the man, but his particular mood in order to judge what quantity of spirituous comfort he can swallow with impunity.

In fact it would be iniquitous to abrogate so great a responsibility in such an arbitrary fashion. A publican, like a magistrate, is only human, and to require him to be arbiter of the capacity of each and all of his customers is to handicap him above his top form. The only body who could cope with such a task would be the London County Council, and, since schemes are in the air, we would like to put forward a rival suggestion while the Bank Holiday mood is still upon us. The simplest and the sanest way of dealing with the question of apportioning liability for inebriation would be to license, not the sellers, but the consumers of alcoholic beverages. These licenses should be issued by the L.C.C., and every man applying at Spring Gardens for a permit should be compelled to have his capacity tested at the expense of the ratepayers. When his carrying powers had been accurately gauged, he should be given a book of tickets for every day of the year. Each ticket should be dated and ruled into squares representing as many drinks as the testing committee consider the applicant to be capable of imbibing without becoming a nuisance either to himself or the community. Publicans should then be instructed to serve only such customers as could produce a ticket, and to cut off a squate or a number of squares to tally with the drink or number of drinks consumed. When a man's ticket was demolished, he would then have the option of keeping himself going on

small lemons, or forging another ticket, or sponging on friends whose tickets were more liberally sub-divided. Every license-holder would be required to submit himself to a fresh test once a year on applying for a renewal, and he might also be allowed three free tests during the year if he conscientiously believed that his carrying powers had undergone any variation since he received his license. We don't profess to regard our scheme as absolutely perfect; we are aware that it is not without trifling defects, but compared with Sir Wilfrid Lawson's Bank Holiday measure it is an eminently lucid, simple and practical suggestion.

It is safe to say that no license holder who had any regard for his future would run the risk of serving a drunken man, or leave himself to the tender mercies of the police by permitting drunkenness on his premises. The sale of a single glass of ale might mean the infliction of a heavy fine and costs, and ultimate ruin. There are times, however, when it is impossible to tell at a glance whether a customer is drunk or not, and in such cases license holders might be recommended to take a leaf out of the book of Mr James Bishop, of the Fountain Inn, Chorlton-on-Medlock. When he was informed that he would be summoned for having sold beer to a drunken man, and for permitting drunkenness, he, satisfied in his own mind that the customer was not drunk, instructed a doctor to go to the police station and report. Naturally the doctor was also one of the chief witnesses for the defence. A duly qualified surgeon, in practice for seventeen years, he described how he put the man through a walking test, got him to put his feet together and hold up his head with his eyes closed—showing a steadiness characteristic of sobriety—and how he finally got him to write his name and address with a flourish on a sheet of paper that was handed up to the stipendiary. The expense of engaging this medical practitioner must have been considerable, but it proved to be money well spent, for Mr Bishop had the satisfaction of being informed, after a patient hearing, that the summons against him was dismissed.



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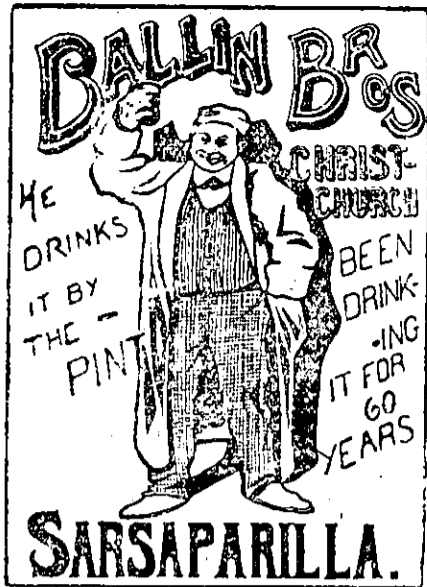


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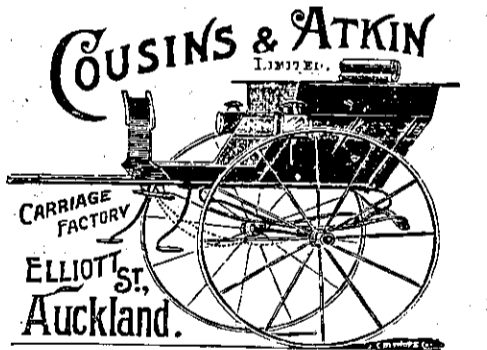
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The following is the text of Sir Wilfrid Lawson's Liquor-Sellers' Liability Bill:

1. Any person holding any licence or certificate to sell intoxicating liquors under any of the Licensing Acts, and any other person who is pecuniarily interested in such sale within the meaning of Section 6 of this Act, shall be liable, as hereinafter provided, to pay compensation or damages for any injury defined by this Act.

2. Any husband, wife, widow, child, parent, guardian, employer, or other person who shall be injured in person, property, or means of support by any intoxicated person, or in consequence of the intoxication, habitual or otherwise, of any person, shall have a right of action in his or her name, jointly or severally, against any licensed person who shall by himself or by his servant or agent have sold or supplied to such person for consumption on the premises any intoxicating liquor which shall have caused in whole or in part the intoxication of such person or persons resulting in any of the injuries aforesaid, or who shall have sold to such person, while in a state of intoxication, any intoxicating liquor, and also against any other person who is pecuniarily interested in the sale of intoxicating liquor by such licensed person within the meaning of Section 6 of this Act.

3. Whenever any person, while in a state of intoxication, has come to his death by accident, or by suicide, or has committed crime for which he has suffered death by due process of law, any licensed person who shall by himself or by his servant or agent have sold or supplied to such person for consumption on the premises any intoxicating liquor which shall have caused in whole or in part the intoxication of such person resulting in death as aforesaid, or who shall have sold to such person, while in a state of intoxication, any intoxicating liquor, shall be liable to an action at the instance of the personal or legal representatives of the deceased person, and such representatives may recover by such action any sum not exceeding three hundred pounds, as may be awarded by the Court.

4. If any person be imprisoned by reason of intoxication, or be imprisoned for any criminal act committed while in

a state of intoxication, any licensed person against whom an action would lie under section 2 of this Act shall be liable to pay to the wife, if any, of such convicted person, or, if the wife be dead, to his minor child, or children, if any, or if such convicted person be unmarried and contribute to the support of either or both of his parents, or contribute to the support of any other member of his family, then to such parent or parents, or other members of his family, as the case may be, such sum, not exceeding five shillings each day throughout the period of such imprisonment, as may be awarded by the Court.

5. If any person, by reason of habitual intemperate drinking of intoxicating liquor, be at times dangerous to himself or herself or to others, or is incapable of managing himself or herself, or his or her affairs, the husband, wife, parent, brother, sister, guardian or employer of such person, or the guardian of any child or children of such person, may apply to a court of summary jurisdiction to have such person declared to be a habitual drunkard as defined by section three of the Habitual Drunkards Act, 1879. If the Court declares such person to be a habitual drunkard, then such relative or guardian as aforesaid, or employer of such person, may give notice in writing, signed by him or her, to any licensed person or persons requiring such licensed person or persons not to sell or supply any kind of intoxicating liquor whatsoever to such habitual drunkard, and if any licensed person so notified by himself or by his servant or agent shall at any time within a year after receiving such notice sell or supply any intoxicating liquor to such habitual drunkard for consumption on or off the premises, the person who has given such notice shall have a right of action against such licensed person, and may recover any such sum as the Court may award, not less than ten pounds nor more than one hundred pounds, as compensation or damages.

6. In any case of injury provided for by this Act where any licensed person is the manager of the licensed premises for any brewer, distiller, or brewery or distillery company, or wine and spirit merchant, or is the tenant of the brewer or distiller, or of a brewery or distillery company, or of a wine and spirit merchant, or is the mortgagor of the premises to such person or company, and where such brewer, distiller, company, or

merchant supplies in whole or in part to the said licensed persons or premises, directly or indirectly, intoxicating liquors to be sold on such premises by such licensed person, such brewer, distiller, company, or merchant as aforesaid shall be liable jointly with such licensed person for any damages or compensation under this Act, and any damages or compensation awarded by the Court under this Act shall be paid by such licensed person, and by such brewer, distiller, company, or merchant respectively, in shares proportionate to the interests which the Court, after the examination of witnesses or documents, shall determine that each of the parties respectively may have in the licensed premises and business carried on thereat.

7. Nothing in this Act shall affect any existing right or remedy as against the intoxicated person actually committing the injuries or damages complained of.

8. For the purposes of all legal proceedings under this Act, this Act shall be construed in England, as one with the Licensing Acts, 1828 to 1902; in Scotland, as one with the Licensing (Scotland) Acts, 1828 to 1897; and in Ireland, as one with the Licensing (Ireland) Acts, 1833 to 1900.

9. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Liquor Sellers' Liability Act, 1903.

10. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and four.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WINES.

In Adelaide last week, Mr A. H. L. Browne, of Chateau Tahbilk, judged the wines exhibited at the 1903 show of the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society of South Australia. Mr Browne states that the exhibits were wines one very seldom came across. In his experience as a judge he had never met wines so universally good and of such high standard. It showed that the growers, or those interested in the trade, thoroughly understood and appreciated their business when they put forward wines of such quality as they had done. It had generally been his experience in years past to be able to pick out four or five wines from the ten or twenty samples in a class because they stood above the others; but in the present instance the exhibits all ran very close. It had been a very difficult and anxious matter to pick out the best wines. In the classification of

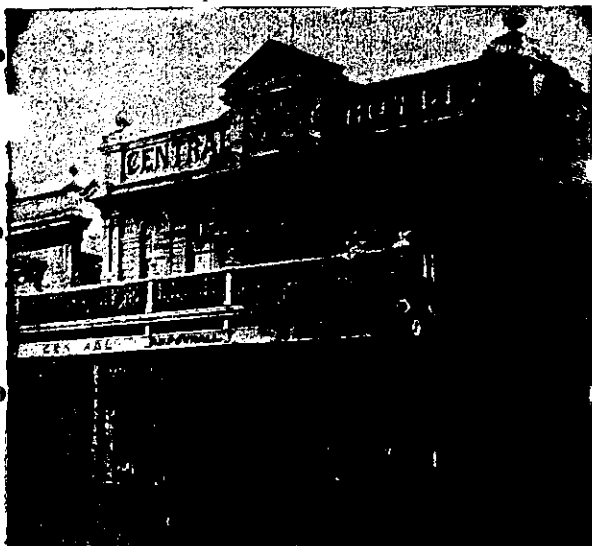
the light red and clarets he did not think they wanted a claret class at all. They knew, and they had known it for a good many years, that they did not produce a wine of the quality and standard of the imported clarets; but they produced a wine equally as good, if not better; and they should call it a Hermitage, which it more nearly approached, or any name they liked. Their full red wines were good, honest wines, and approached the Burgundy. They were good export wines. They had got over the difficulty of producing wines. It was now a question of finding a market for them. It was a great pity they had not a committee of thoroughly representative men in the trade as an advisory board to find markets and prosecute the trade. If they were going to rely on the markets in the States they would be relying on a broken reed. They must find markets outside, and the wines were fully equal to the occasion. He might say with reference to the Chablis and the Hock that they should call them by any other names except those, and let them depend for success on their own distinctive merits. He did not know they wanted anything better than the port wine he had judged. What the industry wanted was the markets to be exploited irrespective of individual interests, which were too prominent. At present they were working at sixes and sevens, instead of taking concentrated action.

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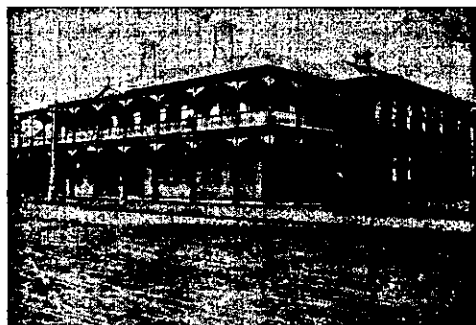
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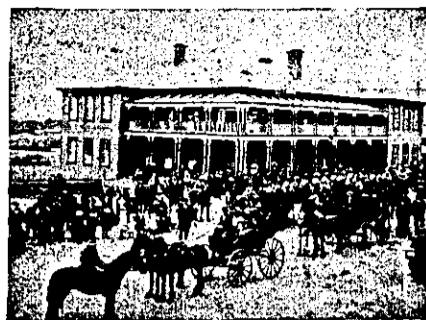
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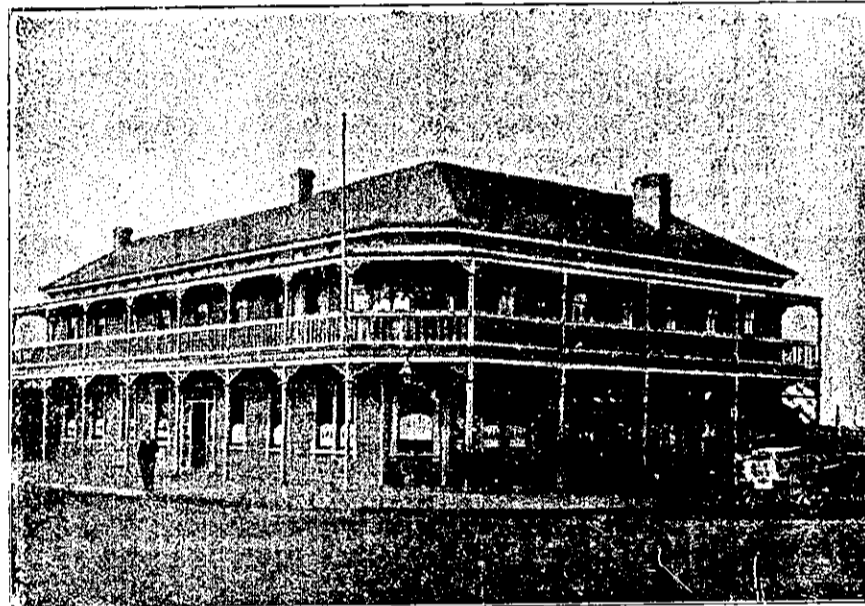
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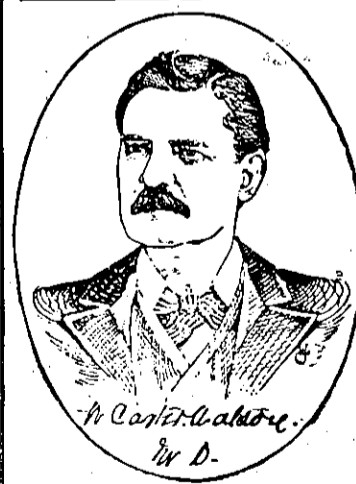
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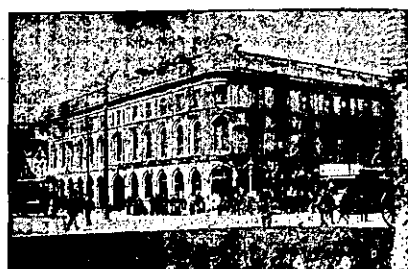
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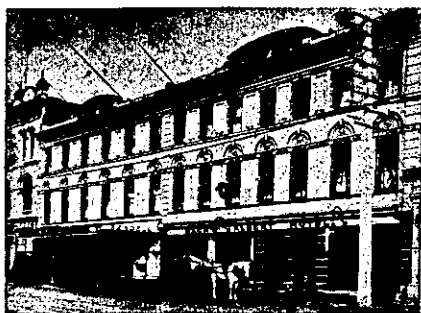
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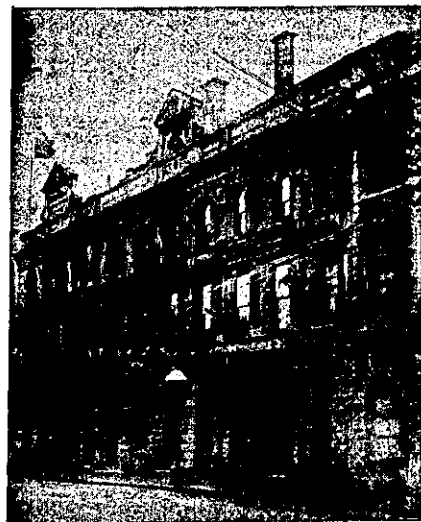
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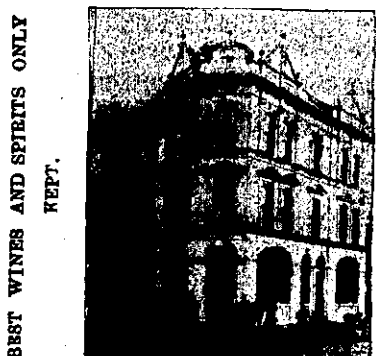
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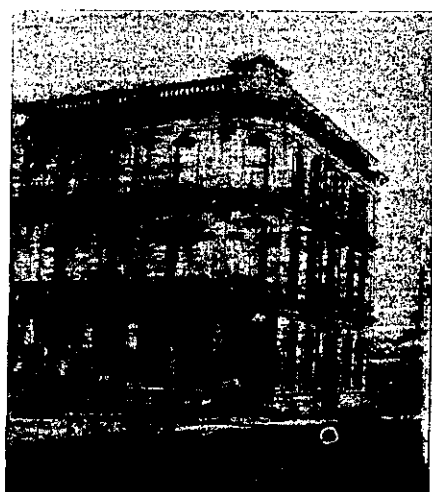
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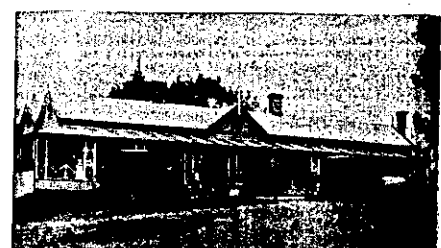
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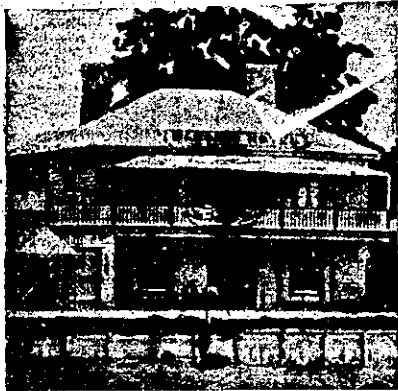
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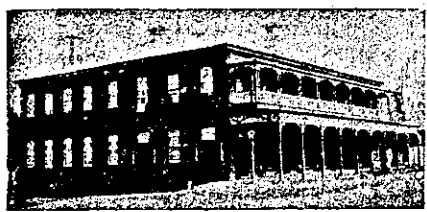
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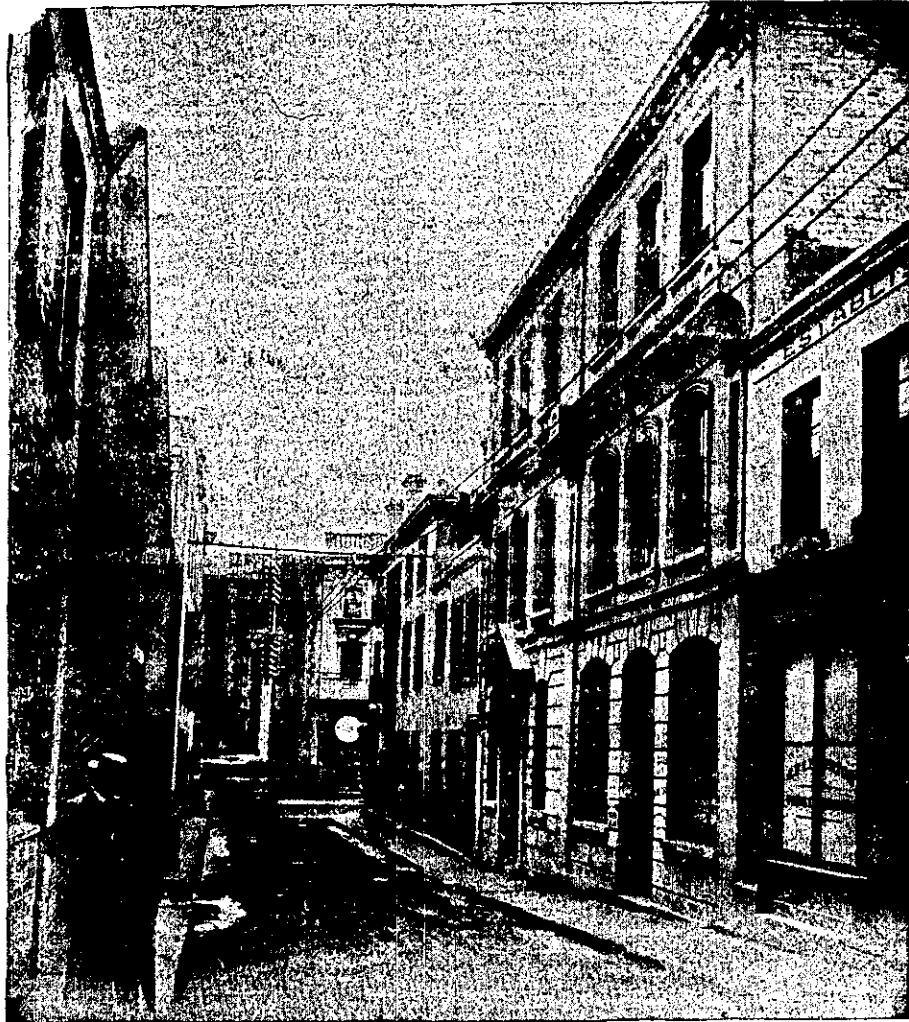
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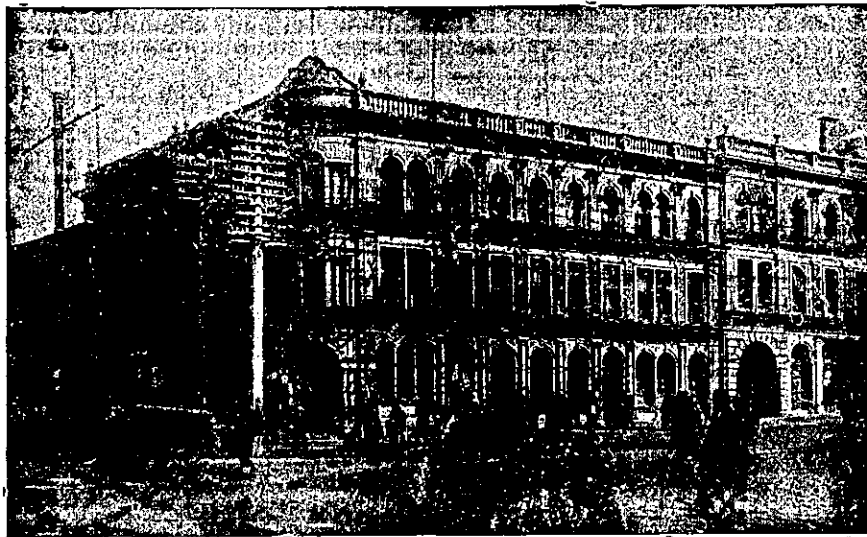
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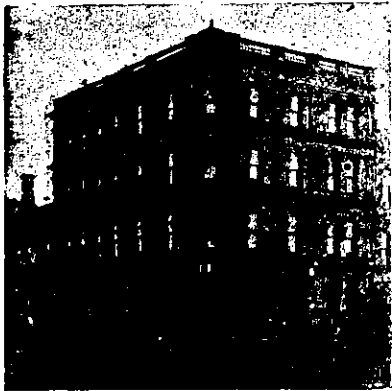


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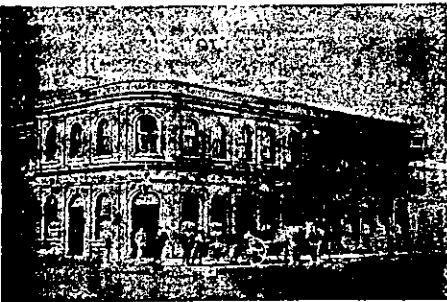
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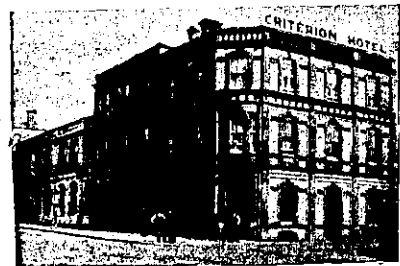
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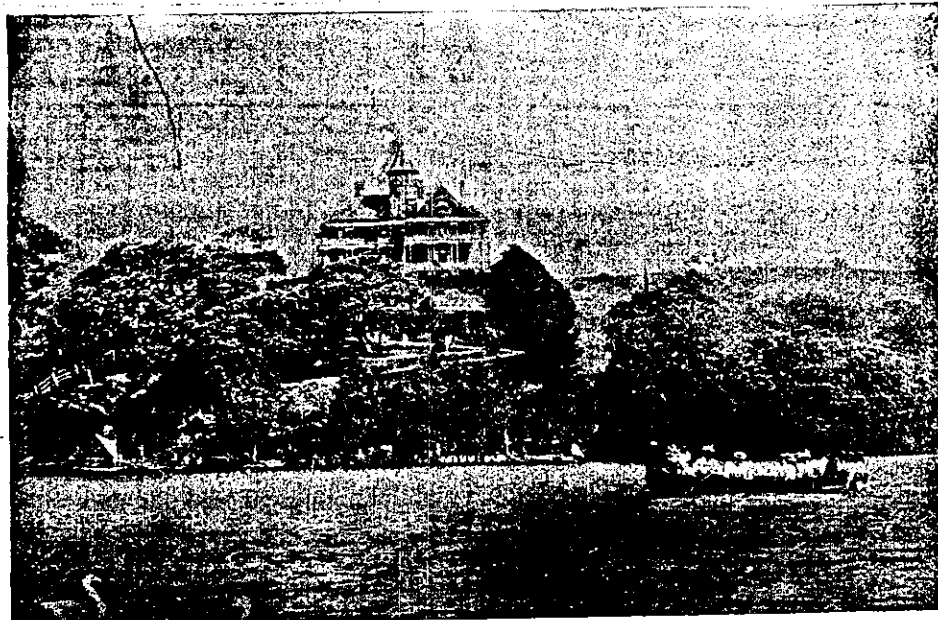
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This well-known Hotel has been thoroughly Renovated and Re-furnished throughout. Every Modern Comfort and Convenience for Tourists, Travellers and Families.

First-class Billiard Table. Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only.

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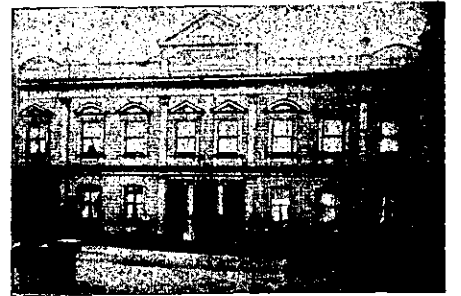
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Best Brands of Liquors kept in Stock. Speight's Dunedin Ale always on tap.

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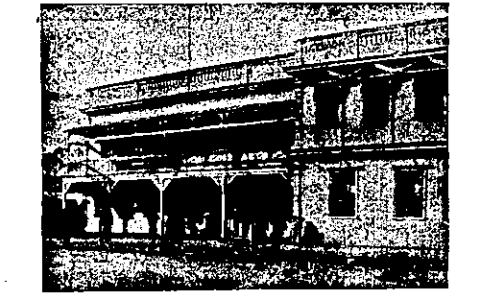
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The best brands of Ales, Wines, and Spirits kept in stock. Billiard Room fitted up with one of Alcock's best Tables. Good Stabling and Paddocking.

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

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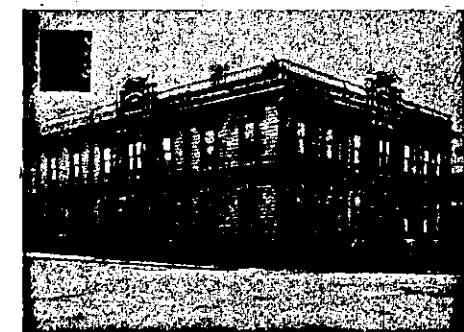
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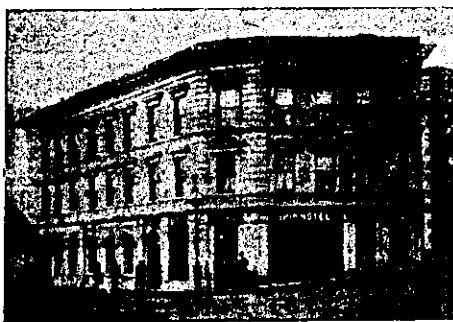
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PICTON, N.Z.

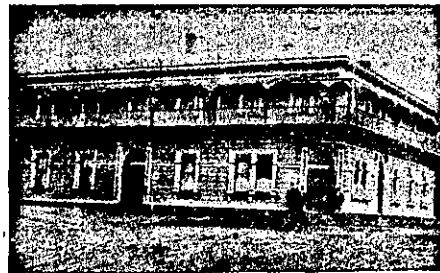
T. J. STOREY Proprietor. (Late Representative Booth, Macdonald & Co.)

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

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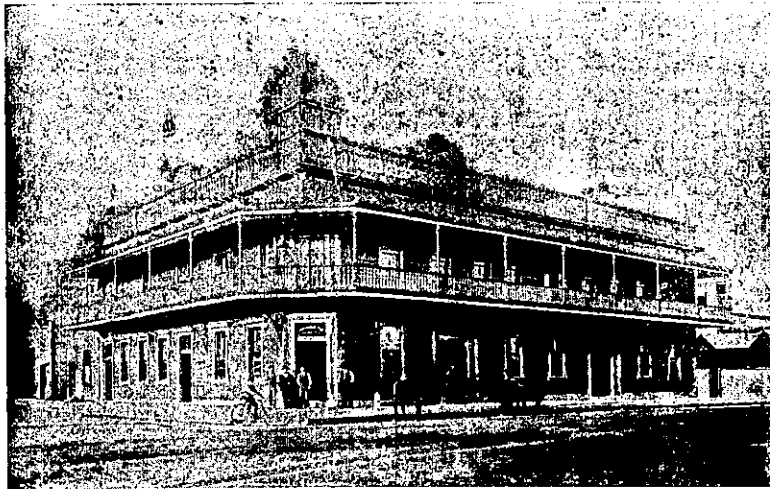
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