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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, 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 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 GREAT NORTHERN FOAL STAKES, 1905-6.

FOR NOW FOALS.

Of 500 sovs. Second horse to receive 75 sovs, and third horse 25 sovs out of the stake. 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 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, 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, January 9, 1904. No money is required at the time of nomination. Six furlongs.

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, 8st 12lb; three-year-olds, 8st 6lb; four-year-olds, 9st. Winners after August 1st, 1905, of any race or races collectively of the value of 250 sovs, 8lb; of 500 sovs, 5lb; 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.

Entries for the foregoing events to be made to the Secretary of the A.R.C. at his office, Durham Street, or to the Secretary of the C.J.C., Canterbury; D.J.C., Lunedin; H.B.J.C., Napier; W.R.C., Wellington; M.R.C., Blenheim; V.R.C., Melbourne; A.J.C., Sydney. WM. PERCIVAL, Secretary.

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The Bay Stallion, HENGIST, (HIGHLAD)

By St. Leger—Hilda, by Musket—Ouida, by Yattendon.

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For further particulars, rates, etc., apply to W. A. SCOTT, Favona Farm, Mangere.



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 Cuirassier (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 various stallions and their sires, including Vedette 19, Voltigeur 2, King Tom 3, Adelina, Joskin 5, Queen Elizabeth, Parmesan 7, Archeress, and others.

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.

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This beautiful young horse, bred by Lord Londonderry in 1894, is a whole bay, with black points, rare quality and substance and excellent temper. He was a good performer, winning Hardwicke Stakes, Granby Stakes, Johnston's Plate at Stockbridge, Welter at Newmarket, and Belper's Plate at Derby, and went to the Stud sound in every respect. 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 600 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, Morganette, is the dam of Galtee More and Ard Patrick, both Derby winners.

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

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

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THE WELL-KNOWN THOROUGHBRED SIRE,

SOULT,

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

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

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. Every care taken, but no responsibility incurred.

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

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By Musket from Petroleuse (imp.) by Oxford from Hartshorn, by Mountain Deer, etc. Sire of Multiform, Uniform, Screw Gun, Forma, Osculator, Wairongomat, Battleaxe, Formula, San Patricia, Korowai, Field Battery, Royal Artillery, Field Rose, Motor, Kelburn, and numerous others.

TERMS: 80 Guineas for Single Mares and 25 Guineas for two or more mares belonging to the same owner. Only a limited number taken.

PHOEBUS APOLLO (IMP.)

By St. Simon, from Polynesia, by Berealdine from Polly Perkins, by Macaroni from Molly Carey 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 Peveril 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: 80 Guineas for Single Mares; 25 guineas for two or more mares belonging to the same owner.

MENSCHIKOFF,

By Stepniak from Pibroch, by Lochiel from Fallacy, by Sledmere 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 Foal Stakes of 500 sovs, Wellesey Stakes of 300 sovs, Wellington Stakes of 300 sovs, C.J.C. Middle Park Plate of 250 sovs, C.J.C. Champagne 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 800 sovs. At three years old: Hawke's Bay Guineas of 600 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 Candlewick, by the Prime Warden. Bluejacket by his deeds on the Turf proved himself the best son of that champion sire St. Leger, winning the Great Northern Derby, Auckland Cup twice, and other races, winning £3,665 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. Grazing at 2s 6d per week. Every care taken, but no responsibility incurred.

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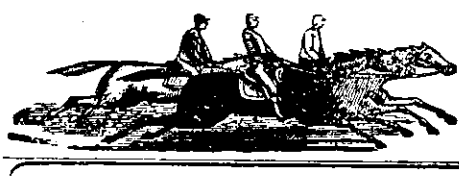
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October 7 and 8—Hawke's Bay Jockey Club  
October 13 and 14—Napier Park Racing Club  
October 14 and 15—Otaki Maori R.C. Spring  
October 14 and 17—Dunedin Jockey Club  
October 21 and 23—Wellington Racing Club  
October 29 and 30—Poverty Bay T.C.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

NOMINATIONS.

October 9—Dunedin J.C. Spring  
October 17—Poverty Bay T.C.  
October 23—A.R.C. Spring, general entries  
October 23—C.J.C. Metropolitan Meeting, general entry  
night  
November 4—C.J.C. Metropolitan Meeting  
December 11—A.R.C. Summer, general entries

WEIGHTS DECLARED

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

ACCEPTANCES.

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

FURTHER PAYMENTS.

October 23—New Zealand Cup

FINAL PAYMENTS.

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.

General entries for the Auckland Racing  
Club Spring Meeting are due with the  
secretary, at the club's office, in Dur-  
ham-street, on or before Friday, October 23.

Handicaps for the Wellington R.C.  
Spring Meeting are due to appear on  
October 10.

## Sporting and Dramatic REVIEW

AND  
Licensed Victuallers' Gazette.  
With which is incorporated the Weekly Standard

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 1903.

## THE GAMING AND LOTTERIES AMENDMENT BILL.

It is reported that the Government in-  
tend introducing a Bill to amend the  
Gaming and Lotteries Act. This con-  
tains some important provisions, notably  
an extension of the law prohibiting lot-  
teries and any lottery or scheme pro-  
moted outside New Zealand. The  
result of this would be that any person  
that sells tickets for any lottery, such as  
Tattersall's would be liable to a fine of  
£200, or six months' imprisonment, and  
the purchaser of a ticket in Tattersall's  
would be liable to a penalty of £10. In  
any proceedings under the Act, a judge,  
or justices of peace, may require any

person to appear as a witness, and no  
person will be excused on the ground  
that his evidence will tend to incriminate  
him. If, however, he gives true and  
faithful evidence he can, on application,  
receive from the judge or justices a  
certificate to that effect, and the certifi-  
cate shall free him from all criminal  
prosecutions and punishment. The Bill  
declares Chinese games of pakapoo and  
fan-tan, and any similar games, to be  
lotteries.

It is sincerely to be hoped that this  
grotesque attempt at legislation will  
meet with the fate which it so richly  
deserves, but unfortunately it is greatly  
to be feared that being a Government  
measure it may become law. The  
particular clauses to which strong objec-  
tion must be taken by any fair-minded  
person are those dealing with the big  
consultations promoted in Tasmania.  
Mr Seddon in his efforts to pander to  
the narrow views of some hypocritical  
Stiggins in this particular instance pro-  
poses to go altogether too far. If anyone  
wishes to take a ticket in such a lottery,  
which by the way is approved by the  
Tasmanian Governments, it is to be  
made a crime for him to do so.

Why any inhabitant of this colony  
should be prohibited from doing this it  
is difficult to say, for it should surely be  
recognised by this time that gambling is  
merely an instinct with mankind, whether  
it be in sweeps, stocks, shares, house lots  
or whatever else. No amount of legis-  
lation will ever alter human nature in  
this respect despite the efforts of our  
legislators. Mr Seddon has been called  
"the unconscious humorist of the  
Empire," and outside this colony is never  
taken seriously. Even to him, however,  
the utter absurdity of such a measure as  
the one proposed being supported by a  
Government, which itself legalises totali-  
sator betting, must be apparent. It  
would seem that it is right and lawful to  
bet to any amount by the latter medium  
because the Government derive direct  
revenue from it, but to wager a paltry  
five shillings on the chance of obtaining  
a fortune through "Tattersall's" is a  
heinous offence. Could there possibly  
be a greater farce? There is no com-  
pulsion for anyone to invest in these  
consultations, but as they are honestly  
conducted, they have proved immensely  
popular, and every class of the community  
has gone in for them. The reason is not  
far to seek, although it may not appeal  
to people who either hold lucrative ap-  
pointments or who are in the habit of  
receiving rich presentation purses. It is  
the one chance, possibly a very remote  
one but still a chance, that the poorer  
classes have of obtaining a competency  
for life, and to take this away without  
any just reason will be one of the most  
unpopular actions that "King Dick"  
has ever attempted. If those persons,  
who are everlastingly attempting to  
interfere with the liberty of action of  
other people because forsooth they do  
not see eye to eye with them, would try  
to take a broader view of life the world  
would be a far happier place to live in.

Unfortunately this is only another  
phase of human nature, for there has  
always been a perennial supply of pos-  
sibly good-intentioned faddists who are  
never happy unless they are meddling in  
some one else's affairs. We would like  
to think that Mr Seddon is a strong  
enough man to be above this sort of  
thing, but if he listens to every canting  
sephist and attempts to alter human  
nature, then it is an easy matter to fore-  
cast that his popularity will soon wane,  
for the public are keen to discover faults  
in anyone who without just reason runs  
counter to their wishes. Our legislators  
should look up that Scriptural passage  
which relates to the inadvisability of  
straining at a gnat and swallowing a  
camel, which is exactly what the sug-  
gested Bill proposes to do. It is not that  
there is any great harm in the camel in  
this particular instance, but it is in the  
inconsistency of the proposed measure  
which is so regrettable.



# Sporting Topics.

(By "The Judge.")

There are fifty horses working daily at Wingatui, which is a record for the track.

Mr J. E. Gleadow has been appointed secretary to the Napier Park Racing Club.

Report has it that Mr J. Mayo refused £2000 for Lord Cardigan after the colt won the Randwick Plate.

Pampero's dam Minstral broke one of her hind fetlocks a few days ago, but an attempt has been made to set the broken limb.

Mr Clark has been reappointed secretary to the Southland Racing Club, while Mr A. J. Gibb will look after the weight adjusting.

Vladimir's injury is apparently not so bad as was at first anticipated, as the leg is on the mend. He has been given a blister.

It is said that the Prince of Wales contemplates following in the footsteps of his father by establishing a stud, and racing horses.

Mr Davis informs me that the most recent foalings at Sylvia Park are a filly by Explosion from the Ingomar mare Sunbeam, and a colt by Seaton Delaval from the St. Leger mare La Cloche.

only fifth in the list of English winning owners during the current season, he can claim to have won more races than any other owner, the nearest to him being Mr Leopold de Rothschild.

From the Cambria Park Stud the following foalings are reported:—Mantilla, by Anteros—Matana, colt to Cyrenian; Sapho, by St. Leger—Brassolis, colt to Cyrenian; Sparkling Water, by St. Hippo—Waitemata, colt to Cyrenian.

Notwithstanding the big attendance on three or four days of the Australian J.C. Spring Meeting, the club lost £300. However, the club has always lost on its Spring Meetings, and fared better over the recent one than on any previous occasion.

The death of the Wonderland—Lady Leger gelding Kohupapa, at Wanganui, removes another candidate from the New Zealand Cup list, for which event he had been supported at long prices. He was a fine galloper, and the loss is a severe one to Mr George Richardson.

Lady Lillian has displaced Wairiki as favourite for the New Zealand Cup, only 6 to 1 being obtainable about Lady Zetland's daughter, while a point longer is quoted about the big son of Soult. Canteen and Shrapnel are the most favoured of the others, but business is far from brisk. Roseal has been supported for a fair amount during the week.

Bobadil's full sister Verne was killed the other day while exercising at Flemington. The accident was an extraordinary one, for the mare was galloping with Le Portel and the latter fell bringing down Verne, with fatal results to both, a piece of real hard luck to the Western District sportsman, Mr McArthur, who owned the pair.

In San Francisco last month, W. C. de Lopez's Articulate (who is by St. Andrew from the well-known Sydney performer, Uter), beat Old England in a mile match for 1000dol. a-side, and 1500dol. added by the Californian Jockey Club. Odds of 2 to 1 were laid on Old England, but Articulate got home four lengths ahead of him in 1min 39sec.

The demand for subscriptions to the great Irish horse Ard Patrick has been so great in Germany that His Excellency Count Lehndorff, who purchased the horse a few weeks ago, has informed breeders through the columns of the "Deutscher Sport" that no inquiry can be entertained until the horse has been matriculated in the German "Stud Register."

J. Delaney, once one of the best Australian jockeys, is in a very bad way with consumption. Delaney won numerous good races of his day, among them being the Doncaster Handicap on Courallie, the Epsom Handicap on Daredevil, Winter Stakes and Tattersall's Cup on Muriel, Carrington Stakes on Stanmore. Summer Cup on Vespasia, Birthday Cup on Pilot Boy, and V.R.C. St. Leger on Cabin Boy.

Mr T. Morrin, the Wellington Park stud-master, who has been on a business trip to Napier, Wellington and Wanganui, returned to Auckland on Tuesday.

Owners should remember that all acceptances close to-morrow night (Friday) at 9 p.m., for all events at the Otahuhu Racing Club's Meeting, to be held at Otahuhu next Wednesday, the 14th inst.

The totalisator investments at the Wanganui Jockey Club's Spring Meeting amounted to £13,846, as against £14,089 for the corresponding fixture last year.

Last month the champion French mare, La Camargo, 10st 4lb, was beaten easily by the three-year-old Vinicius, 9st 1lb, in the Baden Grand Prize, of 4000 sovs.

Returned visitors speak in terms of warm praise of the manner in which the Wanganui Meeting was conducted, everything going off very smoothly and without the semblance of a hitch. Mr F. Moffat and the Committee are to be complimented on such a successful result.

Tirole put up a good performance on the opening day of the Wanganui Meeting, winning both the Maiden Race and the Putiki Hack Race. For the first event the five-year-old son of Captain Webb and Tireuse started a red-hot favourite, but in the Hack Race Mr Holmes' gelding paid the nice dividend of £9 13s.

Sir George Clifford's fine colt Treadmill had a fairly soft thing on in the Wanganui Guineas, although Sea Lion ran a very creditable race. It was no encouragement for the Wanganui Club in their effort to provide classic racing to have only three starters for the rich prize, and two of these belonging to the same owner.

The Northern Wairoa Racing Club is out with its programme for the Summer Meeting, which will take place at Manga-whare, on December 26 and 28. There are seven events to be decided on each day, a very interesting bill-of-fare having been drawn up. The big event on the opening day is the Northern Wairoa Cup, of 50 sovs, while on the second day the best endowed race is the Kaipara Handicap, of 40 sovs. Nominations for all events close with Mr H. E. Stehr, the secretary, on Thursday, November 19. Full particulars of the various events will be found in our advertising columns.

Here is one of "Javelin's" latest. A Caulfield jockey said to a pal: "If ever I get killed, Bill, I'd like a couple o' lines o' poetry on my grave sayin' I went straight. I was tryin' to compose it myself last night, but I could only manage one line—the rhymin' done me." "Let's see it," said Bill, taking the paper which his friend had produced from his pocket. He read:—

Here lies poor Tom, who was always a trier,  
"That's easy finished," he said, and taking out a pencil he added,  
Wrote by his pal, who was always a liar!

I was glad to see the Hack Race yesterday fall to Provost Marshall, who is a three-year-old son of The Officer from the Dreadnought mare Montread. The Officer was a very honest horse, and in any other year might have been considered really great, but had the bad luck to be opposed in classic events by such a brilliant galloper as Newhaven. Good as was the latter Mr Cook's colt proved equal to putting him down on one memorable occasion, viz., the V.R.C. St. Leger of 1897, when he put up a record for the race which has only once been equalled.

In answer to a correspondent who wants to know the records of the fastest trotter, pacer and racer, they are Lou Dillon 2:00 trotting, Dan Patch 1:59 pacing, and Bachelor's Button 1min 32 1-5sec. Lou Dillon was driven by Millard Sanders and Dan Patch by Myron McHenry. The trotting and pacing records were made this year. The mile racing record was done at Manchester, England, on November 21 last year.

Capital nominations have been received for the big handicap events of the Spring and Autumn Meetings of the Auckland Racing Club. Especially is this the case in chief events to be decided at Christmas time. Entries for the Auckland Cup show an increase of three, numbering fifty-two this year. Among them are quite an array of Southern horses, and there is some splendid material for Mr Evitt to try his hand on in weight-adjusting. Among the list I am very pleased to see a reappearance of the Auckland crack Nnette, than which a more honest horse never looked through a bridle. Some good performers are to be found in the list, notably Wairiki, Lady Lillian, Treadmill, Battleaxe, Waiwera, Golden Rose, Quarryman, Idas, General Symons, Pallas, Halberdier, Strathavon and others. The other events have all drawn excellent entries, there being fifty-six in the Summer Cup, forty-eight in the A.R.C. Handicap, fifty-four in the Railway Handicap, and twenty-three in the Steeplechase.

The Otahuhu Racing Club will hold a race meeting next Wednesday.

The Caulfield Cup will be run on Saturday week.

The name of Achilles does not appear among the list of entries for the Auckland Cup.

Comfort looked such a really good thing for the Hack Hurdle Race yesterday that it is difficult to imagine how the Quilt gelding came to pay a dividend of £1 8s in a field of five.

Evening proved good enough to win the First Handicap Hurdle Race at the Hawke's Bay Meeting yesterday, but the bay daughter of Wonderland and Vesper was only opposed by a small field. She has been doing good track work, and a victory for the sister to Evening Wonder was not unexpected.

St. Peter, one of the great St. Leger—Satanelia family and the best of the bunch according to Mr Percival, has been leased to Mr Lee Smith, of Matakohu, and will take up stud duties in that district.

The Victorian Amateur Turf Club will commence its big Spring Meeting next Saturday, when the chief items will be the Caulfield Stakes, Debutant Stakes, Toorak Handicap, and Caulfield Guineas. In the first-named event are Wakeful, Ibex, and Abundance, and at a nine furlongs the flying son of Angora might win. The richest race is the Debutant Stakes, of 1300 sovs, in which the cream of the two-year-olds are engaged. Ibex heads the list in the Toorak Handicap, but may be slipped in the weight-for-age event. If not, he will nearly win the big mile handicap.

That wonderfully good mare Sceptre has won the Jockey Club Stakes, of 10,000 sovs, putting down the triple crowned hero Rock Sand at a difference in the colt's favour of eighteen pounds. The brilliant daughter of Persimmon and Ornament is rapidly writing down her purchase money, which owing to a contingency coming off stands at £22,000. If all goes well with the mare it looks as if Captain Hamar Bass got a splendid bargain after all when he bought Sceptre from Mr Sievier.

The death is reported from Melbourne of Duke of Grafton, by Grafton—Disgrace, who was so badly injured by a fall in the October Stakes, at Flemington on Saturday, that he had to be destroyed. He was a three-year-old brown colt belonging to Mr E. Fraser, of Sydney, but was a somewhat unreliable performer, at times showing great brilliancy, varying it with exhibitions worthy of a second-class hack. He was easily the best two-year-old of his year, and recently won the Rawson Stakes in great style, but disgraced himself in the A.J.C. Derby. It is possible that he was only a sprinter, but when really in a galloping humour the Duke was something of a smasher, and Mr Fraser has undoubtedly lost a good colt.

The Otahuhu Racing Club will bring off a meeting on the Otahuhu racecourse next Wednesday, for which the following weights have been declared:—

MAIDEN PLATE.—Sly Miss 9.2, Simple Simon 8.2, Seaton 8.0, Ngatoro 7.12, Mokomoko 7.10, Freewill 7.8, Captain Jack 7.4, Ralph Spreckels 7.0, Gatesman 7.0, Pukerimu 7.0, Ballin Calloo 7.0, The Hermit 7.0.

RAILWAY HANDICAP.—Camille 9.0, Blaircarrig 9.0, Defender 8.12, Taplow 8.10, Swagsman 8.7, Lavadel 8.6, Sly Miss 8.2, Ian 7.8, Delia Rose 7.4, Woodmount 7.4, Simple Simon 7.4, Belfast 7.4, Leo Delaval 7.4, Seaton 7.2, Ngatoro 7.0, Jean 6.12, Cutter 6.12, Seabrook 6.12, Solitary 6.12, Cyclone 6.12.

HURDLE RACE.—Tim 11.7, Incheape 11.7, Perseverance 11.5, Chancellor II. 11.2, Dingo 10.13, Waimana 10.0, Mokomoko 10.0, Tuni 9.12, Marksman 9.8, Terence 9.2, Boxer 9.0, Pukerimu 9.0.

OTAHUHU CUP.—Solo 8.12, Defender 8.12, Taplow 8.10, Blaircarrig 8.10, Swagsman 8.8, Lavadel 8.6, Sly Miss 8.0, Frances Lovejoy 7.10, Ian 7.6, Belfast 7.2, Simple Simon 7.2, Ngatoro 7.0, Seabrook 7.0.

PONY RACE.—Cuisine 8.12, Gladys Rose 8.12, Solitary 8.7, Leona 8.2, Kyra 7.10, Queenie 7.0, Southbush 7.0, Victorine 7.0.

Acceptances close with Mr F. Yonge to-morrow evening, at 9 p.m. A special train will leave Auckland at 12.20 p.m. for the course, returning after the last race. With any luck in the matter of weather, a very successful little meeting seems assured.

Cresot was served up pretty warm for the Welter Handicap at Hawke's Bay yesterday, and the good thing duly came off, the five-year-old son of Torpedo and Aegyptilla putting down a weak field in good style.

The Otaki Maori Meeting will take place on Wednesday and Thursday next, Napier Park on Tuesday and Wednesday, and Dunedin J.C. Spring Meeting on Wednesday and the following Saturday, so there will be no dearth of sporting fixtures next week.

Quarryman's gallop at Wanganui evidently benefitted the three-year-old son of Bill of Portland and Madowia, for he managed to pull off the King Edward Handicap all right from the Sou'-wester mare Dexterity, whose recent good form enhances the merit of Sir George Clifford's colt's victory.

When having a look round Sylvia Park last year, I was greatly impressed with the yearling colt by Seaton Delaval from Lady Moth, and was afterwards accused of writing in too eulogistic a strain of Hohoro's half-brother. He was subsequently purchased by Mr Stead, who gave him the appropriate name of Silkworm. Sent up to contest the Hastings Stakes, the youngster succeeded in doing what was required of him in the most satisfactory manner. Truly, Seaton Delaval is leading off in great style this season for champion honours in the winning stallion list.

The Cup candidate Halberdier is being treated to swimming exercise in the Wanganui River, and is reported to be looking really well. A strong doubt exists, however, as to whether he will stand the final winding up. If the son of Cuirassier and Miss Stead can be got to the post really well he will take no end of beating in the Great Spring Handicap.

Those who are arguing pro and con over Casper Redfield's theory of speed transmittance have two recent examples in The Picket, winner of the American Derby this year, and the new champion trotting mare Lou Dillon. Those who believe with Mr Redfield that an old stallion will sire the fastest horses can instance The Picket, who was got when his sire Falsetto was 24 years old, while those on the other side of the controversy can refer to Sidney Dillon, who sired Lou Dillon when he was a five-year-old. "You pays your money and takes your choice."

Mr H. W. Stevenson, ex-champion billiard player of the world, has paid a fleeting visit to Auckland, and is now on his way to Canada having left yesterday by the Union Coy. steamer to catch the Vancouver liner to Suva. It would be idle to deny that the Auckland part of the tour was wretchedly managed, and I understand Stevenson was greatly disappointed at his treatment here. The fact was that whoever was responsible for making the arrangements in Auckland made a wretched bungle of the affair, and but few knew that the famous player was in this City, the Press not having been notified in any way. A solitary match at the Auckland Club looked like being the only event of the visit, but Mr W. Lyons, although feeling far from well, with characteristic good nature threw himself into the breach, and played a couple of exhibition matches. Far better financial results might have been obtained if the Press had been invited to the matches.

The first game took place at the Auckland Club, Stevenson conceding half the points in a match of 1000 up to Mr J. R. Hooper. The latter seemed off his game at the start, and the professional rapidly closed the gap. Towards the end, the Auckland amateur settled down a bit, and, although caught at 880, was only beaten by 21 points. Stevenson's best breaks were 49, 36, 157, 156, 73, 52, 67, 42, and 63, while Hooper's few good efforts realised 51, 39, 24, 31, 31, 23, 29, and 52. After the match, Stevenson gave a display of fancy shots.

The second match was played at the Waitemata Club-rooms, Stevenson giving Lyons 550 points start in a 1000 up. Although still suffering a good deal from pains in his head, the after-effects of his Sydney trip, Lyons played very consistently, but the visitor stringing together nice breaks of 141 and 143 caught the Aucklander at 920, and going on won by 80 points. An exhibition of fancy shots was given at the conclusion of the match.

Stevenson played his concluding match in Auckland on Tuesday, on this occasion conceding Lyons 600 in a match of 1000. The ex-champion was in rare form, stringing together breaks in his own particularly finished style. His best attempts were a beautifully put together 204, then 121, 119, 86, 76, 68, 64, and 67, eventually winning by 176, having taken just an hour and forty minutes to complete the thousand. He averaged just 40 points per cue. Lyons was hardly seen at his best, his few good efforts being 53, 26, and 22. Stevenson, prior to leaving, warmly thanked the Tattersall's handicap winner for giving him the opportunity of showing his skill in Auckland.

That Yorkshire is admittedly the home of horseracing in England everybody knows (says the "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette"). Hargrave declares that the sport may be traced to the times of the Romans, and we can only deplore that there are not a few Romans of Claudian characteristics to have lived on throughout the ages and furnished us with a contrast of the contests for the Lay Leaf Stakes, and those which are permitted by the wisdom of the Jockey Club to be run at York in the current year of grace.

A new world's record for a mile and three-quarters was made at Saratoga (America) on August 22. The great performers Africander and Waterboy met in a race of that distance, and, after an exciting finish, the former, who is a three-year-old, won in 2min 58sec.

A match to which a lot of interest attached came off at Hurst Park (Eng.) on the 23rd of August. It was between the crack sprinter Sundridge (9.10) and Le Blizon (7.12), the distance being five and a half furlongs, and the stake £500 aside and a £200 cup, to which each owner contributed £100. Sundridge, who was ridden by M. Cannon, was favourite at 7 to 4 on, but Le Blizon (J. Hare) outstayed him, and won easily in 1min 8 4-5sec. The going was soft. 1½ mile.

Although Australasian sires have not done much in England this season, yet late mails tell of a more encouraging state of things. The Hardwicke Stakes, for two-year-olds, at the Stockton August Meeting, was secured by Mr Douglas Baird's b c Musqueton, by Carbine from Musa, by Martagon from Falmflower, by The Palmer. The three-year-old gelding Salute, by Carbine from Festa, won the Upleatham Handicap, at the Redcar Second Summer Meeting, beating five others. Minie, a daughter of Carbine and Helen Mar, secured the Manor Maiden Plate. The Lochiel gelding Obar, won the Frix du Golf (Selling Steeplechase), at the Deauville August Meeting, in which he carried 10st 13lb, and won in a canter from five others. The Carbine colt, Powder Puff, won the Apprentices' Plate at Hamilton Park. At Derby, Carburton (Carbine—Mrs Butterwick) won the Portland High-Weight Handicap, and White Webbs (Trenton—Spoleta) was the winner of the Belper Plate.

With trifles of the old school match-making in many instances amounted to a passion, and the names of such noble sportsmen as Exeter, Glasgow and Jersey readily occur to the mind in this connection (says "The Licensed Victuallers' Gazette"). The second named noble sportsman, who was, to say the least of it, very eccentric, used to cause great amusement during the running of his matches by the extraordinary excitement he displayed. On one occasion, when he had one of his matches with the late Mr Ten Broeck, the American sportsman, during the running the Earl, scratching the back of his neck, as was his wont, shouted, "Glasgow wins! Glasgow wins!" until he saw that his horse was hopelessly beaten. Then, turning his back to the course, he "bonnetted" his hat over his eyes with the remark, "Glasgow is a fool!" It may be remarked that had anyone else said so there would probably have been a coroner's inquest. It was reserved to one of the great years of a great reign to see our greatest match, however. We speak of the contest for the Hardwicke Stakes, of 1887, the Jubilee year, as a match advisedly, as although four horses took part in it, the event was looked upon as a match between Ormonde and Minting, it never being thought that either Bendigo or Phil would be in it with the two champions. True it was that Bendigo was a king of handicap class, but not an Ormonde or a Minting. We shall not easily forget the courts held by those mighty equines in the paddock before the race. Ormonde possibly had most admirers, but Yorkshire to a man was on Minting, it being the case of a Yorkshire horse, ridden by a Yorkshire jockey, John Osborne, opposed to a south-country champion, Ormonde, ridden by a southern "jock," Tom Cannon. In splendid condition were the wonderful pair, and as Ormonde was infirm in his wind, Osborne had orders to try for this weak spot. He forced the pace accordingly, making running from Ormonde and Bendigo, Phil being whipper-in throughout. So terrific was the pace that Bendigo cracked opposite the stands, and a desperate race ensued between the two great horses for the kingship of the Turf. Minting made a great fight for it, but by an immense effort Ormonde got up, and getting his head in front, won literally on the post by a head. There were four spur marks on each side of Ormonde, and two traces of flail on Minting's flank. Even the Royal enclosure forgot its dignity then, and yelled and ramped with the betting rings. John Porter's lip quivered in reply to a score of hands stretched out to grasp his. It

## INTER-PROVINCIAL

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

### CANTERBURY.

Christchurch, October 6.

Roseal has come into favour for the New Zealand Cup during the past week. The Handsome Jack colt is now quoted at fourteen to one.

Kohupapa was scratched for the Cup at 12.45 p.m., on Friday last, and Pearl Diver was withdrawn from the Cup at 5.50 p.m., on September 29.

Mr Stead, who has carried off the Auckland Cup two years in succession, has nominated Grand Rapids and Royal Flumes for this year's Cup. Machine Gun and Bagpipes are the Yaldhurst representatives in the Railway Handicap. Punters are asking whether Mr Stead can win three Auckland Cups without a break.

Windwhistle was well supported in her two races at Wanganui.

Regulation must have come on a lot since last season. This mare was only considered a moderate performer, but after her display at Wanganui, she must take higher rank.

It is pleasing to see such a popular horse-owner as Sir George Clifford scoring in classic events. With the Bill of Portland colt Treadmill, Sir George should be successful in having his name enrolled as winner of richer classic races later in the season. Although Treadmill is sired by an Australian, his dam is a New Zealander, being by that great racehorse Maxim.

Sirius has returned to Dunedin. He has been racing in Canterbury since the Grand National Meeting, but has quite failed to show any form. I think he can be counted out of the New Zealand Cup.

Narcissus won a double at the Ohaka Meeting in good style, beating some well-performed animals each time.

I hear that the Seaton Delaval colt Silkworm, who will represent Mr Stead in the Hastings Stakes, is a smart youngster. One of the reasons he was sent North was that he was a little more forward than some of the other two-year-olds at Yaldhurst. This is what the man in the street says, and that individual generally knows something.

Secret Society has received further support for the New Zealand Cup, and present indications point to this horse starting in the big race.

Since his arrival at Riccarton Wairiki has done very little work. The news that he contracted a bad cold on the way from Auckland will not be pleasant reading to the backers of the son of Sout for the New Zealand Cup. Wairiki's trainer makes light of the ailment because the horse had done a lot of hard solid work before leaving Auckland, and a week's rest is not likely, according to McHugh, to put Wairiki back much. Mr Bradley's horse looks well to the eye, and we all hope he will be fit to take his part in the Cup next month.

White Rose, who accompanied Wairiki, has been doing easy work, and is evidently well forward. Before starting in the Wanganui Stakes Handicap money was in the market for Shrapnel for the New Zealand Cup, and a fair amount was booked at hundreds to twelve. After The Workman's son failed to get a place in the above race he eased in price for the New Zealand Cup.

The three-year-old filly Nautiloid, by Musketry—Nautilus, won the Flying Handicap, at Ohaka, in a style that suggested that she will soon win again.

Huku is again running in flat races, and took part in the Ohaka Handicap, but failed to get a place. In this race Narcissus (7.3) beat Stepdancer (7.13) by a length and a-half, Hypnotist (7.9) being third. Stepdancer was a warm favourite, and Narcissus returned his supporters £10 6s for each £1 invested; not a bad price in a five horse race.

### WELLINGTON

Wellington, October 5.

The defeat of Sea Lion in the Wanganui Guineas was not unexpected here. Although the brother to Achilles is considered a front ranker, there were few who anticipated that he would effect the downfall of Sir Geo. Clifford's champion. The time put up was good, and the race was run at a solid pace all through. The Hawke's Bay Guineas and C.J.C. Derby should only be a matter of health for Treadmill.

Rawiri won his first race in open company by catching the judge's eye in the Flying Handicap, but those opposed were not high-class. Gold Seal put up 8lb over-weight, and was badly interfered with during the race, otherwise he would, in my opinion, have won, for Rawiri was ridden right out. The following day Gold Seal carried 7st 11lb (including 11lb over-weight), and raced the distance in 1sec less than Rawiri. As Gold Seal won very comfortably it appeared to me that the owner of Rawiri had a lot of luck to win

The New Zealand Cup candidates that were seen out at Wanganui will require to show a vast improvement to have the remotest chance of beating the Southerners Lady Lillian and Pampero. Shrapnel appeared very gross, and was more fitted for a show ring than a racecourse. Hinetaura is improving with the galloping she had at Rangitikei, but estimated on her stakes form, when she failed to give 5lb to Windwhistle, she can have but a poor Cup chance. With the exception of Roseal the other Cup horses seen out did not show much form. Roseal, should she train on satisfactorily, will probably defeat the whole of the Cup horses that ran at Wanganui, for he ran the mile and a distance in the Railway Hack Race in faster time than Hinetaura did when she won the Spring Handicap. He won in the easiest manner possible; if 12½sec, a very liberal allowance, is added to his time for the 200 yards which would be required to make up one and a-quarter miles, it only brings his time to 2min 10sec, or 3sec faster than the time for the Wanganui Stakes. The pair that finished behind Roseal in the race he won, Asteroid and Tirole, are themselves well bred and class enough to win Cups, and as he gave them a most decisive beating, an estimation can be formed of his ability to gallop, moreover he is a nice mover and looks like staying.

The entries for the Wellington R.C. Spring fixture are satisfactory, and the hurdle handicaps that were substituted for a couple of flat events have filled well. The Wellington and Pearce Handicaps show a marked increase, and should produce good fields. There seems a dearth of hack candidates this season, for in the four hack events on the Wellington programme there is a shortage of 43 nominations, the sprint events suffering most.

The nominations for the short races at the Otaki R.C. Meeting have suffered in a like manner, three sprint events on that club's programme showing a decrease of twenty nominations. The nominations for the longer distance events all show an increase on last year. This is surely a strong argument in favour of longer distance racing.

Owing to the proximity of the Otaki and Wellington Race Meetings the Porirua stable will not be represented in handicap events at Hawke's Bay. Boris, a two-year-old by Stepniak—Shepherdess, will take part in the Hastings Stakes.

The Hutt-trained horses Hydrant and Black Squall have returned from Wanganui, and may not race until the Wellington Meeting; the former is still very backward.

J. Low's charges did not display such form at Wanganui as would warrant their mentor making an invasion of Hawke's Bay. Ringman, however, improves with racing in public, and although he appears to be over-weighted in the King Edward Handicap, he may under more favourable circumstances be amongst the starters on the second day.

R. Mason passed through on Friday last with the two-year-old colt Silkworm, by Seaton Delaval—Lady Moth. Mr Stead's colt is engaged in the Hastings Stakes at the Hawke's Bay Jockey Club's Spring Meeting.

Wellington residents are displaying considerable enterprise in the way of acquiring high-class racing stock. Mr E. Cutts informs me that he recently sold to a couple of Wellington racing men two fillies by Musketry—Nautilus and by Musketry—Dudu; the latter is a full sister to Lolah. As the whole of Cutts' time is occupied with Sir Geo. Clifford's large team, he has to dispose of youngsters bred by himself. The fillies will be shipped to Wellington at the end of the month, and will go into F. Higgott's stable.

### OTAGO.

Dunedin, October 6.

The Kurow Meeting held last week was a fairly successful gathering, and the most interesting thing in connection with the day's racing was Tzaritza's futile effort to concede 3lbs to The Malster over five furlongs. The Stepniak mare, who looked bright and well, was in trouble at the end of four furlongs, and was beaten at the finish for second place by the Stepniak gelding Lady Killer. The Malster came out later in the day, and beat St. Monica and others over six furlongs, but his victory on that occasion was mainly due to a brilliant piece of horsemanship on the part of J. McComb.

Floradora, half-sister to Goldspur, won the District Maiden. She is a nice cut of a mare, but is broken-winded, and unlikely to distinguish herself on the turf.

Quagga, a ponified half-brother by Euroclydon to the Cup candidate Buluwayo, also scored during the day, but the wins of both Quagga and Floradora were scored in very moderate company.

Happy Home, who has grown into a nice sort of mare, was a strong order for the Maiden Plate at the Kurow, but the daughter of Euroclydon and the Au-

tralian-bred mare Little Paradise, jumped off the track at the start and took no part in the race.

Yseult, the sister to Cordon Rouge, is to visit the Maxim horse Black and Red this season.

Pipi is to go into work this week to commence a preparation for the Auckland Steeplechase, and he is to be trained by H. Carr.

Sirius is in the market for private sale.

There are at present close on 50 horses in work at Wingatui, which is an easy record for the track.

The Spinner, the half-brother by Tantalus to Scottish Minstrel, has joined H. Jackson's stable. The gelding was foaled in 1892, and is getting up in years.

Horses at present in work at the Forbury include Kotokoto, Tugela, Avenue, Lady Dundas, the Gipsy Grand—Fana filly, Beau Clerc, Sirius, and several others.

Trimolite, the son of the Traducer horse Dead Heat and the Towton mare Mora died recently. He was a fair performer in his day, and won many races over fences, but none of his stock have achieved distinction on the turf, although that may be due to lack of opportunity as the son of Dead Heat was a good stamp of a horse.

Eer Tax, a racy-looking chestnut gelding, who started twice at the Kurow Meeting, is supposed to be identical with a well-known performer in the North. He is broken-winded, and has changed hands more than once, so that his present owner may not be aware that the bona-fides of his horse is questioned. The horse is probably St. Mark, who won several races in Mr E. J. Watts' colours.

Bombardo now works in knee-boots, and the colt apparently derives much benefit from the gear, as he is now moving sounder than he was some few days back.

Pampero did a useful gallop over ten furlongs in 2min 22½sec, on Saturday morning, and Canteen got over the same journey in 2min 18 1-5sec. The gallops were accomplished on the new plough, and neither horse was ridden out, but the grey was allowed to make haste over the first eight furlongs, whilst Pampero maintained a more even gait in his task. This morning, Canteen ran ten furlongs in 2min 17sec, and Pampero occupied a second longer over the same distance, but his gallop was the more attractive of the two.

Oxydonor, the Lochiel—Melissa two-year-old colt which is the latest addition to McGuinness' string, is filling out nicely since his arrival at Wingatui, but is at present suffering from his teeth, and being indulged in the lightest of work. He is an attractive-looking colt and the only fault which he appears to possess is that he turns out his off forefoot rather much.

Isa, the two-year-old sister to Vladimir in McGuinness' stable, has developed a lameness in the near fore leg, and may not be seen out during the Spring. The filly shows a lot of pace despite the lameness, and her trainer may be successful in keeping her going, but it looks doubtful.

Blazer is coming on nicely in his work. The St. Clair gelding still carries a good deal of his winter coat, but he is galloping better than what his appearance would suggest.

Pampero did not overplease some of the critics by the manner in which he finished after working over ten furlongs on Saturday last. The St. Clair horse appeared to climb a bit, but the fact that both Canteen and Pampero were galloped on the new plough, may account for the horse finishing with less resolution than what was expected.

Misral, the dam of Pampero and granddam of Vladimir, broke one of her hind fetlocks a few days back. She was within 14 days of foaling to Lord Rosslyn, and an effort is being made to set the mare's broken limb.

At a special meeting of the Southland Racing Club held last week, Mr A. J.

### A CLOTHIER'S CONVICTION.

Mr F. Cohen, of Willis-street, Wellington, is a busy business man, with no time to waste on letter-writing for fun. He tried Rheumo, and was convicted. Mr Cohen says:—"Last Friday I experienced a very bad attack of rheumatic gout, in fact so bad that I had to leave business, and being unable to walk I was assisted to a cab. On arrival at home I immediately took a dose of your Rheumo, repeating same every four hours. The pain soon left, and in the morning I came down to business as usual. I cannot say too much for the prompt and effectual manner in which your Rheumo acts on pain."

Stocked in Auckland by H. King, chemist, Queen-street; J. M. Jefferson, chemist, Queen-street, and Upper Symonds-street; J. W. Robinson, chemist, Parnell; Graves Aicken, chemist, Queen-street; and sold by chemists and storekeepers at 2s 6d and 1s 6d per bottle.



Gibb was appointed handicapper to the club, and Mr Clark re-appointed secretary at an increased salary.

The two Victorian bred mares in A. Ward's stables look a cut above the ordinary, particularly the unnamed three-year-old daughter of Malvolio and Iodine. She shows a lot of quality, and if looks go for anything, should not be long in returning the amount of her purchase money.

Hard-a-Lee does not show the quality of the Malvolio filly, but nevertheless, has a business-like appearance which wins approval. She is a four-year-old, and was got by The Admiral out of the Merry Girl, but although she has started in close on 40 races she has only one win to her credit up to July the 31st of this year.

When Vladimir broke down some little time back, it was given out that a suspensory ligament was sprung, but now it appears that the injury is in the fetlock joint, and consequently not so serious as if the ligaments were affected. The horse will have an enlarged joint, but the danger of that is minimised by the fact that the enlargement is on the outside of the leg. Since the inflammation has left the leg, Vladimir has been treated to a blister.

Oidaform, the Multiform—St. Ouida colt in Ellis Bros. stable and who boasts of a double cross of the Musket—Pulchra strains is making a very slow recovery from the accident which resulted in both his hocks getting badly lacerated by wire fence. One leg has healed nicely, but the off hind hock still bears a nasty-looking wound, the effects of which may permanently injure the joint of the leg. It is a great pity that such a splendid colt should have met with misfortune, as he has size and quality which marks him as a really good type of the thoroughbred.

The Dunedin J.C. Spring Meeting commences on Wednesday of next week, and although the acceptances have not yet fallen due, this will be the last opportunity of giving a forecast as to the probable winners. The principal races may result as follows:—Mosgiel Handicap: Pampero; Electric Handicap: Red Gauntlet; Welter: Blazer; Hurdles: Southerly Buster.

**HAWKE'S BAY.**

Napier, October 6.

Mr J. Chadwick will act as handicapper for the second day of the meeting of the Napier Park Racing Club.

At a meeting of the committee of the Napier Park Club this afternoon, Mr John McVay presiding, twelve applications for the position of secretary were considered, and Mr J. G. Gleadow was appointed to the position.

Recent foalings at Te Mahanga are as follows:—Parlor Maid (Mute—Maid of All Work), a filly to Torpedo; Melinite (Nordenfeldt—Pearl Ash), filly; Kiss Mary (Hotchkiss—St. Mary) filly, both to San Fran.

Mr W. J. Douglas, of the Te Mahanga breeding establishment, has been appointed judge in the Polled Angus class of cattle at the Manawatu Show.

Two good performers of last year will not be seen out in Melbourne this spring—viz., Vanity Fair and The Victory. According to "The Referee," the former has been lame on and off since she bolted several miles at Caulfield a few weeks ago, and a sprung tendon has troubled The Victory since racing at the A.J.C. Meeting. It is probable he may not race again.

An English writer says that the river (use developed a partiality for overflowing its banks in 1730, and this led to the postponing of the running of the Royal Plate which formed "the card" for the day. From that time forward it was agreed that the races should be run for over Knavesmire, an entirely flat course, a little more than a mile from the city on the road to Tadcaster. The King's Guineas opened the ball in 1731 on the now famous race track, and from thence onward York has furnished by itself enough of racing lore to fill a whole library of volumes. If tradition may be credited, York has held a meeting over the frozen Ouse—a kind of entertainment to which the much-abused sport of steeplechasing must be mere child's play. We are quite sure that the owner of to-day would have nothing to do with York even did the Jockey Club rules permit such insignificant rewards as a small silver or golden bell. Speaking generally, the day of the race cup is over. What changes have overtaken the Turf, in common with every other department of national life, since the August day of 1714, when an "express" arrived and informed the assembled company on Knavesmire's predecessor that Queen Anne was dead! The Lord Mayor of York and Archbishop Dawes immediately "proclaimed" the sovereignty of George I., and the sports were brought to an untimely conclusion, while the nobility and gentry departed for London—a proceeding scarcely comparable for comfort with the rapid journeying of a Great Northern express.

**THE TE MAHANGA YEARLINGS.**

(By our Hawke's Bay Correspondent.)

This breeding establishment never looked better than it did the other day, when I looked the quarters up. The excellent Spring weather we have experienced of late in this district, has brought the feed along in great style, and naturally the young-uns were tucking into it in no half-hearted manner when I, in company with the obliging stud-groom, D. O. Meara, made our appearance amongst them, or to be more correct, amongst the filly portion of them.

"This is a nice sort," I remarked, as a brown with a white star craned her neck over one of her companions. "She is by Mahaki out of Maude," replied my guide and instructor, "and a specially racy, stretchy parcel she is, too, with legs of the finest brand.

A relative of Mutinys followed on, the young lady is by Mahaki out of Lady-smith, the latter being a half-sister by Torpedo by the renowned chaser; the Juvenile has a lot of the characteristics of Torpedo, strong, sturdy set, with big bone, and a bold, determined head. A bay filly with a great splash of white on her face, owes her existence to the union of Waipuratu with Mahaki. Waipuratu is one of the Cascade family, and naturally her daughter notwithstanding that she is somewhat disfigured through having such a peculiar blaze, has a speedy look about her.

A black filly by Quilt—Waiiau, is a good sort with a beautiful head, good bone, and is not built on the big carty lines of her brother Culcita, who, although he was awkward to gaze upon, was a hummer on the racing path, and his relative gives the idea that she will prove no slouch when her time arrives. The half-sister by Mahaki to Comfort and Valance, has much to recommend her, for she is very evenly constructed, and suggests the probability that she will be an early debutant, for she has a ready-made look about her even now.

A brown filly by Mahaki out of Wai-kaha, by comparison does not fill the bill as an attractive one, but it must be allowed that she is not at her best, being somewhat low in condition. One of the big, loose-built tribe, it seems feasible to prophecy that time will be required of her before she toes the mark.

Secret's bay daughter by Torpedo, is the best sample that has so far been produced by her dam, evenly constructed, with good ribs, strong back, and quarters of the strong propelling description.

Ballistite's half-sister by Mahaki, has a racy, sprightly look from head to heel, and if appearances are suggestive of capabilities she ought to have a particularly good time of it in the racing arena. Well-balanced shoulders devoid of loading, strong defined hind quarters, and legs of adamant nature, are to be found in this well-knit parcel.

Whaitiri's brown pledge of affection to Torpedo, who, by the way, has a double strain of the Musket blood coursing through her veins, is a well-grown, sturdy parcel, with a deal of quality in her construction.

The last of the fair sex was a big bay, full-sister to Materoa, The Shannon, The Brook, Brooklet, and Co., with all the rest of her relative's size, good bone, sweep and reach, while courage and pace are stamped all over her in the biggest of type.

A short ride landed me amongst the colts. The first to claim attention being the full-brother to Creusot and Sada (Torpedo—Aegyptilla). His outlook leads to the idea that he will not be so big as Creusot, but his level build and good length suggests that he will be able to step it out with the best of them. The Brook's son, like herself, has plenty of size, and on that account does not favour his sire. Mahaki, whose get, as a rule, are not endowed with any massiveness, for early racing, I do not incline to the prospects of this big chap, but given the opportunity to get set, he will most assuredly prove a remove from the ordinary.

Kissmary's first addition to the Stud Book is a brown by Mahaki; he is a loose-built fellow, with steel-like understandings, nice sloping shoulders.

The bay colt by Mahaki out of Young Vira, favours his dad, as he is a neat, natty-built colt, with truly turned hocks, and serviceable-looking pins.

A good sample throughout is Hine-wai's half-brother by Torpedo, a typical son of his sire, which remark implies all that is good, his ma, Maori Belle, is one of the old-fashioned bred ones, and as she claims relationship to that good brood-matron Primrose, one and all of whose progeny have raced well, it seems a reasonable contention (considering how nicely he is moulded, allied with his strong breeding) to prognosticate a useful career for him.

A sturdy solid brown colt claims H.M.s. Pinafore and Torpedo as his dam and sire. Like Kissmary's son he is a first

foal, but that fact does not appear to have been detrimental to him for he is outlined on the most approved racing pattern, and he will belie his looks greatly if he does not gallop fast and determinedly.

The smallest of the pack is Bonny Blink's brown son by Torpedo. Albeit he has been cast in the pony mould, he is a neat graceful young 'un.

A nice little horse is Javeline's son by Mahaki, a sweet dispositioned chap, with bone of the best type, good quarters and well sprung ribs.

Armstice's full brother, a brown in colour, is a big customer, who favours his sire Mahaki in contour, while he takes after his dam Melinite in length. He is much more solid looking than his sister was at his age, and strikes the eye as a good stamp of the embryo racehorse. He stands over a lot of ground, but is not long on top, his back being particularly strong and his ribs sprung in the oak cask pattern.

A regular picture horse was the next, and as I feasted my eyes on the dark brown son of Torpedo and Nymph I could not help but remark what a beauty. Standing as true as a die on four of the best set legs it would be possible to find, hocks clean as a freshly minted sovereign, quarters and second thighs well developed, oblique shoulders set at the proper angle, short back, plenty of heart room, a head full of strength and grace, and a beautiful intelligent eye totality of the points in this colt are in the proper proportion, and consequently he will be hard to beat either in the show ring or on the racing path.

The next to follow is built on different lines to Nymph's son; this is Parlor Maid's production to Torpedo. He is a powerful, massive colt, with strength and power well defined throughout his anatomy.

This finished the Te Mahanga-bred juveniles, but there were still more to see, the extra ones being two colts and a filly by Pilgrim's Progress that were purchased last April along with their dams by Mr Douglas' representative in Victoria. The first of the Australians to view was the full brother to Rapid Progress (Pilgrim's Progress—Lady Beryl), a bay in colour, of the wiry class, legs clean and hard, good open feet and a hard wear and tear look about him that augurs well for his lasting properties; he certainly is not very large, but no doubt the scarcity of feed in the land of his birth has had a good deal to do with his rather stunted appearance. He is now, however, in the right place to satisfy the cravings of nature and on that account will doubtless improve.

A black colt by Pilgrim's Progress out of Espinola, and consequently half-brother to McDonovan, who like Rapid Pilgrim has been successful on the racing path in the other colonies, is one of the lean kind with plenty of length and freedom, legs of the best stamp, and endowed with all the necessary attributes that students of the racehorse are ever on the look out for.

A weedy full sister to Primrose (Pilgrim's Progress—Lady Heart) completes the Victorian-bred lot. She is no size, but is a nimble lively looking damsel, with a nice head and neck, and legs that give the idea that they will wear for ever and a day.

Of course I looked up San Fran and Torpedo. Both are in the best of bloom, the former appearing much more attractive than when I saw him last; it would, indeed, be hard to find fault with Gozo's son now, who is in perfect stallion condition. He is producing some good specimens of foals both as regards quality and size, one of his daughters out of Maude being a sweet quality possessed young lady, while The Brook's son is a monster, and although a big one is not at all on the coarse side. Torpedo carries his 22 years well, and it is no stretch of imagination to say that Musket's son would easily pass for a horse quite half-a-dozen years younger than he really is; his appearance betokens that he has still a lot of usefulness left in him.

The good manners that are predominant in all of the youngsters and also in the stallions speaks well for the care and attention that O'Meara bestows upon the education of his charges, and I personally have to thank him for his kindness and courtesy to me upon the occasion of my visit last week, and which tended to make the outing a most pleasurable and profitable one.

At the annual meeting of the New Zealand Lawn Tennis Association, it was decided to recommend the committee to have future contests decided by points instead of sets.

Alan-a-Dale, the four-year-old chestnut colt by Halma out of Studie McNairy by Enquirer, ran one mile at Washington Park, Chicago, in 1:37 3/4, a new world's record for a circular track. Halma is a son of Hanover, and is owned by Mr Vanderbilt, who sent him to his breeding farm in France in July, 1901. Alan-a-Dale carried 110lbs in his record-breaking performance, and defeated the great three-year-old Savable, that carried 100lbs. by



(By "Amicus.")

The following are the handicaps for the Otahuhu Trot, one mile and a-half, on the programme of the Otahuhu Racing Club Meeting, which is to be held at Otahuhu on October 14:—Bell Boy scratch, Polly II. 15s, Rushlight 15s, K.D. 19s, Heiress 19s, Miss Huon 32s, Hollywood 34s, Victor Hugo 36s, Nat Gould 36s, Little Agnes 39s, The Judge 39s, Black Diamond 46s, La Rosier 46s, Lady Love 46s, Agnes B 48s, Marly 48s, Miss Vola 48s, Kidney Pae 48s, Dinah 48s, Dan O'Connor 48s.

During the Empire City Track Meeting forty thousand people paid for admission at the gate 10d. each.

Major Delmar's mark of 2:04 made at the Empire track was made so cleverly that it is thought the gelding record is within his reach.

One of the handsomest horses ever seen on a track (says the "Breeder and Sportsman") is the gelding Allendale by Falrose, that Sam Hoy is racing for Mr F. Dudley of Dixon. Allendale is a little outclassed by such pacers as Ben F., Miss Georgie and Col. C., but he can do about 2:16 three times and might show a mile in 2:12. He wears no hobbles and the fewest boots and is a picture in or out of harness.

Lou Dillon was fittingly crowned Queen of the turf at the Cleveland Inter-City matinee. She was led on the track and a beautiful floral blanket was placed over her amid the plaudits of the crowd.

Dan Patch 1.59, the champion pacer, is a brown stallion, 7 years old, bred by Dan A. Messner, Oxford, Ind.; sired by Joe Patchen (p) 2:01 1/2, dam Zelca by Wilkesberry 2:30, grandson of George Wilkes 2:22; grandam Abdallah Belle by Pacing Abdallah, son of Alexander's Abdallah. He is owned by M. W. Savage of Minneapolis, Minn., who bought him from M. E. Sturges of New York for \$60,000 last fall. Dan Patch has never lost a race in the four years he has been on the turf and was defeated in but two heats, the first of which was in his four-year-old form, when he was laid up, and the second when hitched to a new sulky his hock struck the axle-bar and he was pulled up. M. E. McHenry, the Illinois driver, has driven him in all of his great races and trips against the watch.

Tanner, in driving Lou Dillon's pace maker, used the same sulky he used in pacing Dan Patch at Brighton Beach. From the sulky seat to a point near the ground he had a piece of canvas stretched between the wheels. This aroused some adverse comment from some who thought Tanner was trying to introduce a wind shield into the record breaking business. It was used simply to keep the mud from flying back and hitting the trotter. It didn't help the mare in the least, because she was too far behind to get any benefit from it. Tanner was always at least three lengths ahead of the mare with his runner, as attested by numerous photographs of the record mile taken at all points of the track.

The trotting turf has known few greater trotters than Major Delmar, and his recently acquired record of 2:04 places him in the front rank of all the trotting geldings known to the books, says the "Stock Farm." Major Delmar won more money in stakes and purses in 1902 than any trotter in training that season. He started in twelve races and won nine, all in straight heats. He was beaten by Rhythmic, Anzella and Ozanam. Geldings have played no unimportant part in the world's trotting history. The first trotter to acquire a record of 2:10 was the gelding Jay Eye See.

The first meeting of the New Board of the New Zealand Trotting Association was to have been held last night, at their Rooms, Christchurch. Mr C. F. Marks, Secretary of the Auckland Trotting Club, one of the two delegates for the North Island, left last Sunday to attend the meeting.

Mr W. J. Doyle, of Doyleston, Canterbury, has sold his trotter Castaway, the price mentioned is £75. He is to be sent to Auckland shortly.

The trotting event on the programme of the Otahuhu Racing Club races to be held on Labour Day, October 14, has brought forth a large number of entries. The distance is one and a-half miles, and the stakes 10 sovs. The handicaps were due to appear yesterday.

THE BETTING MARKET.

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

- New Zealand Cup
300 to 2 Volley, Sirius
300 to 3 Bombardo, Mars
300 to 6 Lavalette
350 to 2 Secret Society
200 to 4 Rose Shield
100 to 1 Leonore
200 to 6 Roseal
100 to 12 Wairiki
200 to 28 Lady Lillian
200 to 8 Ringman
300 to 21 Shrapnel
400 to 12 Hinetaura
200 to 5 Sea Lion
100 to 6 Royal Fusilier

- New Zealand Cup and Stewards' Handicap
300 to 2 Wairiki and Red Gauntlet
200 to 3 Strathavon and Petrovna, Lady Lillian and Blazer
400 to 4 Canteen and St. Denis, Kelburn and Pallas
300 to 1 Hinetaura and Matuku, Mars and Tsaritsa, Shrapnel and Rose Shield, Halberdier and De la Ray
300 to 3 Pampero and Red Gauntlet
350 to 3 Shrapnel and Royal Plumes
200 to 4 Lady Lillian and Machine Gun
400 to 2 Roseal and Bagpipes
200 to 1 Strathavon and Pallas
400 to 1 Pampero and Madrigal, Bulawayo and Machine Gun
250 to 1 Heroism and Westguard
200 to 2 Lady Lillian and Achilles
350 to 2 Ringman and Matuku, Motor and Petrovna
500 to 2 Pampero and Kamo

Mr Robert Cleland reports the following business on the

- New Zealand Cup
1000 to 50 Ringman
400 to 44 Wairiki
500 to 15 Count of Kolmar
100 to 12 Shrapnel
700 to 37 Roseal
500 to 5 Rose Shield

- New Zealand Cup and Stewards' Handicap
350 to 7 Lady Lillian and Bagpipes
500 to 15 Lady Lillian and Machine Gun
200 to 6 Lady Lillian and Petrovna, Wairiki and Machine Gun
200 to 4 Pampero and Machine Gun, Pampero and Petrovna
400 to 6 Ringman and Machine Gun, Ringman and Petrovna
500 to 10 Roseal and Machine Gun

Messrs Barnett and Grant report the following business on the

- New Zealand Cup
600 to 9 Secret Society
600 to 20 Mars
500 to 30 Ringman
300 to 24 Achilles
500 to 21 Shrapnel
200 to 16 Roseal

- New Zealand Cup and Stewards' Handicap
1000 to 4 Roseal and Matuku
1000 to 10 Roseal and Rose Shield
1000 to 1 Secret Society and Royal Fusilier
600 to 2 Strathavon and Red Gauntlet
500 to 20 Lady Lillian and Machine Gun
500 to 5 Lady Lillian and Madrigal, Shrapnel and Quarryman, Halberdier and Machine Gun
450 to 3 Kelburn and Red Gauntlet

Mr Alf. Adams reports the following business on the

- New Zealand Cup
6 to 1 Lady Lillian
7 to 1 Wairiki, Shrapnel
12 to 1 Pampero
14 to 1 Canteen
15 to 1 Kelburne
16 to 1 Achilles, Halberdier, Strathavon, Ringman, Heroism, Roseal, Count of Kolmar
20 to 1 General Symons, Royal Fusilier, Sea Lion
25 to 1 Hinetaura, Mars, Great Gun, Black Reynard, Creusot
40 to 1 Motor, Rose Shield, Lavalette, Bandmaster, Bombardo, Nell Gwynne
50 to 1 Melwood, Sychem, Auratus, Secret Society, Bulawayo, Provost Marshal, Leonore, Sirius
00 to 1 Volley

- New Zealand Cup and Stewards' Handicap
200 to 4 Wairiki and Achilles, Wairiki and Machine Gun, Wairiki and Petrovna, Wairiki and Quarryman, Lady Lillian and Petrovna, Lady Lillian and Machine Gun, Lady Lillian and Achilles, Shrapnel and Red Gauntlet, Shrapnel and Machine Gun, Pampero and Petrovna, Achilles and Machine Gun
200 to 2 Lady Lillian and Gladsome, Kelburn and Gladsome, Ringman and Matuku
200 to 3 Lady Lillian and Bagpipes
200 to 1 Mars and Kamo
150 to 1 Melwood and Machine Gun

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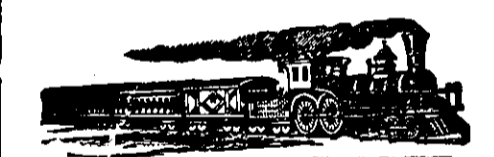
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1903. To be held on the OTAHUHU RACEROURSE. Maiden Plate Handicap of 10 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs out of the stake. Acceptance, 3s. Distance, one mile. Handicap Pony Race of 10 sovs; second pony to receive 2 sovs out of the stake. 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. 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. Acceptance, 3s. Distance, one mile and a-half. Handicap Hurdle Race of 12 sovs; second horse to receive 2 sovs out of the stake. 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. Acceptance, 3s. Distance, six furlongs. ACCEPTANCES, FRIDAY, October 9, by 9 p.m. A SPECIAL TRAIN will leave Auckland at 12.20, returning immediately after the last race. F. D. YONGE, Secretary.



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LABOUR DAY, WEDNESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER, 1903. In connection with the above Holiday Excursion Tickets at the rate of 2d per mile first-class and 1d per mile second-class, minimum 4/- and 2/- respectively, will be issued by morning trains on 14th October from Mercer, Helensville and intermediate stations to Auckland, available for return up to 17th October. OTAHUHU HACK RACE MEETING. On Wednesday, 14th October, a Special Train, stopping where required, will leave Auckland for Otahuhu Racecourse at 12.20 p.m., returning leaving Otahuhu Racecourse for Auckland at 5.25 p.m. BY ORDER.

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TURF RESULTS.

WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

FIRST DAY.

The Wanganui Jockey Club had beautiful weather for the opening day of their meeting last Thursday.

SPRING HANDICAP; one mile and a distance. Mr G. E. G. Richardson's b g Hinetaura, by Robinson Crusoe...

MAIDEN RACE; six furlongs. Mr W. Holmes' Tirole, 5yrs, by Captain Webb-Tireuse...

WANGANUI GUINEAS; one mile. Sir George Clifford's blk c Treadmill, by Bill of Portland-Catherine Wheel...

WON FAIRLY EASY BY A CLEAR LENGTH, THREE OR FOUR LENGTHS SEPARATING SECOND AND THIRD HORSES.

WINNERS OF THE WANGANUI GUINEAS. 1901-Windwhistle, by Claranald... 1902-Achilles, by McDillion...

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

Mr J. McKelvie's b g Beau Ideal, 6yrs, by Handsome Jack-Pandora, 9.5, Watts

FIRST HACK HURDLE RACE; about one mile and five furlongs.

Mr J. Anderson's b g The Dauber, 6yrs, by The Artist-Thona, 9.12, McCannon

POTIKI HACK RACE; one mile and a distance.

Mr W. Holmes' ch g Tirole, 5yrs, by Captain Webb-Tireuse, 7.0, including 5lb penalty, Kempt

FLYING HANDICAP; six furlongs.

Mr Douglas Gordon's b c Rawlri, 4yrs, by St. Leger-Musket Maid, 8.5, Jenkins

SECOND DAY.

Glorious weather prevailed on Friday for the second day's meeting, and there was a large attendance.

OWEN STAKES HANDICAP; six furlongs. Mr G. E. G. Richardson's brg Gold Seal, 4yrs, by Gold Reef Seal Brown, 7.0 and 11lb overweight, Wilson

MOUTOA HACK HANDICAP; six furlongs. Mr A. Laing's f Lass o' Gowrie, 4yrs, by South-Lady Musket, 8.0, O'Brien

SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES; one mile and three-quarters.

Mr W. Davies' br g Kohunui, aged, by Voltigeur-Tiroka, 10.10, McCannon

SECOND HACK HURDLES; one mile and three-quarters. Messrs Elliott and Fly's b m Moetorupuku, 5yrs, by Hautera, 9.3, Wallis

WANGANUI STAKES HANDICAP; one mile and a-quarter.

Mr E. J. Watt's ch g Tradewind, 5yrs, by South-wester-inament, 7.0, Kemp

RAILWAY HANDICAP; one mile and a distance. Mr S. Moutat's br c Roseal, 3yrs, by Handsome Jack-Rosalind, 7.5, Cameron

MARANGAI STAKES; one mile. Mr J. Sinclair's b m Regulation, 6yrs, by Regal-May, 6.10, Young

THE TURF IN ENGLAND.

RESULT OF THE JOCKEY CLUB STAKES.

At the Newmarket meeting on Thursday the following was the result of the principal events:-

THE JOCKEY CLUB STAKES of 10,000 sovs. Last mile and three-quarters of the Cesarewitch course.

Captain Hamar Bass' b m Sceptre, 4yrs, by Persimmon-Ornament, 10.0, including 10lb penalty

NORTHERN Wairoa RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

TO BE HELD AT MANGAWHARE,

ON SAT. AND MON., DECEMBER 26 & 28, 1903.

(Run under A.R.C. Rules.)

PROGRAMME.

FIRST DAY.

- 1. HANDICAP HURDLE RACE, of 20 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs out of stake. Distance, one and a-half miles...

SECOND DAY.

- 1. SECOND HANDICAP HURDLES, of 25 sovs; second horse to receive 3 sovs out of the stake. Over six flights of hurdles...

NOMINATIONS AND ACCEPTANCES.

Nominations close with the Secretary at Dargaville on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 at 9 a.m.

ACCEPTANCES.

HAWKE'S BAY J.C. SPRING MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

HAWKE'S BAY GUINEAS of 300 sovs; one mile. Treadmill Melodeon Quarryman Royal Fusilier Provost Marshal

CANTERBURY J.C. METROPOLITAN MEETING.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH.

Table listing races and horses for Canterbury J.C. Metropolitan Meeting. Races include The New Zealand Cup of 1500 sovs. Two miles.

OTAKI RACING CLUB'S MEETING.

OCTOBER 14TH AND 15TH.

DEMONSTRATION HANDICAP; one mile.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Demonstration Handicap. Races include Pareora, Apprentice, Guesser, Rubin.

TE HIWI MEMORIAL STAKES; one mile.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Te Hiwi Memorial Stakes. Races include Tirole, Valima, Handsome Rose, Ellbank, Little Turk.

FIRST HURDLE HANDICAP; one mile and a-half.

Table listing horses and jockeys for First Hurdle Handicap. Races include Killarney, Romany Lad, Inapan, Hutana, Dr Bill, Halcyon.

WELTER HANDICAP; seven furlongs.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Welter Handicap. Races include Tirole, Hamus, Guesser, Rubin, Valima, Little Turk, Australasia.

FLYING HANDICAP; six furlongs.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Flying Handicap. Races include Valima, Clovelly, Australasia.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP; five furlongs.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Stewards' Handicap. Races include Waikakaho, Catepaw, Sir Galahad, Firelight, Whistler, Cosma.

HANDICAPS.

CANTERBURY JOCKEY CLUB'S SPRING MEETING.

STEWARDS' HANDICAP of 500 sovs. Six furlongs.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Canterbury Jockey Club's Spring Meeting. Races include Achilles, Orloff, Vladmir, Pallas, St. Denis, Tsaritsa, Machine Gun, Pampero, Westguard, Canteen, Petrovna, Blazer, Red Gauntlet, Windwhistle, Cannie Chiel, Golden Vein, Benzoin, Madrigal, Quarryman.

DUNEDIN J.C. SPRING MEETING.

OCTOBER 14TH AND 17TH.

FIRST HURDLES of 60 sovs; one mile and a-quarter.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Dunedin J.C. Spring Meeting. Races include Slow Tom, Roller, Southerly Breeze, Waikaiti.

FIRST HACK HANDICAP of 40 sovs; six furlongs.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Dunedin J.C. Spring Meeting. Races include Bombardeo, Casque, Black Tracker, Juniper, St. Monica, The Melster, Sarchedon, Aldinga, Avenue, Fate, Mosgiel Handicap.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Dunedin J.C. Spring Meeting. Races include Lady Lillian, Pampero, Elzevric Handicap.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Dunedin J.C. Spring Meeting. Races include St. Denis, Canteen, Goldspur.

Table listing horses and jockeys for Dunedin J.C. Spring Meeting. Races include Blazer, Gleneig, Ardmarf, Tugela.

NOMINATIONS.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

November 7, 9, and 11.

MANUKAU HURDLES of 100 sovs. One mile and three-quarters.—Rufus, Kanaka, Tupara, Princess of Thule, A.B.N., Hautapu, Tauhi, Lady Raven, Chancellor II, Tim, Lingard, Up-to-date, Vanquish, Crespin, Frances Lovejoy, Inchcape, Lady Bell, Haydn, Gatelock, Spalpeen, Irish, Hostage, Mokomoko.

CITY HANDICAP of 300 sovs. One mile and a-quarter.—Rose Shield, Idas, Military, Battleaxe, Okoari, Maro, Golden Rose, Soulfish, St. Olga, Putty, Romeo, Beddington, Miss Lottie, Jewellery, Muskerdale, The Needle, Bastion, Zuleika.

BIRTHDAY HANDICAP of 400 sovs. One mile and a-half.—Rose Shield, Idas, Military, Battleaxe, Okoari, Golden Rose, Soulfish, Dolores, Putty, Romeo, Beddington, Onawa, Jewellery, Nonette, Bonheur, Muskerdale, The Needle, Ropa, Bastion.

SUMMER MEETING.

December 26 and 29, 1903, and January 1 and 2, 1904.

AUCKLAND CUP of 1500 sovs. Two miles.—Royal Fusilier, Bombardeo, Rose Shield, Idas, Military, Battleaxe, Okoari, Ringman, Waiwera, Bulawayo, Golden Rose, Grand Rapids, Royal Plumes, Melodeon, Float, Matamatarakeke, Wairiki, Quarryman, Treadmill, Ghoorka, Position, Hinetaura, Menura, Provost Marshal, Idea, Kelburn, Count of Kolmar, General Symons, Bastion, Dolores, Putty, Lady Lillian, Romeo, Lavalette, Pallas, Gladstone, Lolah, Halberdier, Onawa, Beddington, Stepdancer, Miss Lottie, Jewellery, Nonette, Muskerdale, Paul Seaton, Hipstone, Mars, Torchon, The Needle, Ropa, Strathavon.

RAILWAY HANDICAP of 400 sovs. Six furlongs.—Madrigal, Rose Shield, Kamo, Okoari, Matuku, Regiment, Noteorini, Paratutu, Machine Gun, Bagpipes, Starshoot, Lady Rose, Brave Heart, Quarryman, Golden Vein, Exmoor, Ghoorka, Rawiri, Gold Crown, The Middy, Idea, Green and Gold, Count Gorton, Merry Scout, Marshall, Soult, Black and Gold, St. Olga, Maoriand, Romeo, Highlander, De la Rey, Pallas, Gladstone, Lolah, Petrovna, Onawa, Glasgow, Hohoro, Silica, Jewellery, Lady Annie, Lady Bobs, Nonette, Cordon Rouge, Muskerdale, Scotty, Delania, Crexy, Austerlitz, Waiupua, Ropa, Cygnet, Chant, Strathavon.

SUMMER CUP HANDICAP of 500 sovs.—One mile and a-quarter.—Royal Fusilier, Bombardeo, Rose Shield, Idas, Military, Battleaxe, Okoari, Ringman, Commonwealth, Golden Rose, Bagpipes, Grand Rapids, Melodeon, Float, Wairiki, Lady Rose, Windwhistle, Quarryman, Treadmill, Exmoor, Ghoorka, Rawiri, The Middy, Hinetaura, Menura, Provost Marshal, Idea, Kelburn, Count of Kolmar, General Symons, Marshal Soult, Soulfish, Bastion, Dolores, Putty, Lady Lillian, Romeo, De la Rey, Pallas, Gladstone, Lolah, Onawa, Beddington, Rosella, Stepdancer, Silica, Miss Lottie, Jewellery, Nonette, Cordon Rouge, Muskerdale, Scotty, Torchon, The Needle, b g Curassier, Lady Agnes, Strathavon.

AUCKLAND RACING CLUB HANDICAP of 750 sovs. One mile and a-half.—Royal Fusilier, Bombardeo, Rose Shield, Idas, Military, Battleaxe, Okoari, Ringman, Golden Rose, Bagpipes, Grand Rapids, Wairiki, Quarryman, Windwhistle, Exmoor, Ghoorka, Menura, Provost Marshal, Idea, Matamatarakeke, Kelburn, Count of Kolmar, General Symons, Bastion, Dolores, Putty, Lady Lillian, Romeo, Lavalette, Pallas, Gladstone, Lolah, Halberdier, Rosella, Beddington, Stepdancer, Melodeon, Float, Miss Lottie, Jewellery, Nonette, Bonheur, Muskerdale, Paul Seaton, Mars, Torchon, Strathavon, Hinetaura.

AUCKLAND STEEPLECHASE of 300 sovs. About three miles and a-half.—Rufus, Kanaka, Princess of Thule, Agitator, Nor-west, The Pullack, Lingard, Tuni, Slow Tom, Evermore, Fencer, Pipi, Vanquish, Inchcape, Huku, Puffing Billy, Haydn, Marine, Kowhai, Gatelock, Polly, Mokomoko, Dingo.

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 Plumes, Bagpipes, Great Gun, Gladstone, Regiment, Tomorrow, Quarryman, Treadmill, Hardy, Roseal, Outlass, b c by Curassier—Lady Agnes, Bandmaster, br c by The Officer—Montdread, Sychem, Syringa, Waitarere, Gold Crown, Tidal Wave, b f by Eton—Pit-a-Pat, Pampeira.

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

JOCKEY CLUB HANDICAP of 500 sovs. One mile.—Bombardeo, Canteen, Royal Fusilier, Red Gauntlet, Livonia, Menura, Cannie Chiel, Bandmaster, Provost Marshal, Windwhistle, Golden Vein, Quarryman, Ringman, Bulawayo, Secret Society, Pampero, Sychem, Float, Melodeon, Ghoorka, Fl-ka, Shrapnel, Nell Gwynne, Lenore, Hinetaura, Strathavon, Grand Rapids, Lolah, Bagpipes, Count of Kolmar, General Symons, De la Rey, Pallas, Teartza, Petrovna.

CANTERBURY CUP of 500 sovs. Two miles and a-quarter.—Halberdier, Ringman, Bombardeo, Gladstone, Melodeon, Wairiki, Pampero, Rose Shield, Sychem, Thunderer, Kelburn, Orloff, Lady Lillian, Treadmill, Cruciform, Achilles, Royal Fusilier, Mars.

JUBILEE CUP of 600 sovs. One mile.—Ringman, Gladstone, Melodeon, Canteen, Pampero, Sychem, Rose Shield, Thunderer, Pallas, Lady Lillian, Cannie Chiel, Treadmill, Quarryman, Cruciform, Royal Plumes, Bagpipes, Orloff, Red Gauntlet, Ses Lion, Achilles, Royal Fusilier, Petrovna, Shrapnel.

H. E. STEHR, Secretary.



# SPORTS AND PASTIMES

## ACQUATIS.

(By "The Reeler.")

The Ponsonby Regatta will be held on Saturday, December 19. Mr G. S. Mitchell is hon. secretary.

It is expected that the tiny "gipsy of the Horn" which Bailey and Lowe are building for Mr C. H. Buckeridge will be launched on the 14th. Should such be the case the adventurous voyage to England will be commenced a few days later.

The safe arrival of the canoe Tilikum is reported from Thursday Island. She left Auckland on August 19, and called at Tanna Island on September 10. Very bad weather was experienced during the early part of the voyage.

The following have been elected as officers of the Home Bay Sailing Club:—Commodore, Mr C. H. Palmer; vice-commodore, Mr C. Harbutt; rear-commodore, Mr J. P. Maguire; hon. treasurer, Mr H. F. Holden; hon. secretary, Mr C. H. Palmer; assistant hon. secretary, Mr E. Whaley.

The schooner yacht La Carabine, which Mr C. Bailey, jun., is building for Sir Rupert Clarke, of Melbourne, is now all planked up, the decks laid, the bulwarks and rails on, and the outside caulking finished. She will be launched about the first week in November.

Mr A. G. Busby having retired from the captaincy of the St. George's Rowing Club, Mr T. Richards has been appointed to the position. Mr Busby was presented with a very handsome tea and coffee service by the members.

The following have been elected officers of the New Zealand Amateur Rowing Association for the ensuing year:—President, Mr J. White (Dunedin); vice-president, Mr J. James (Dunedin); secretary and treasurer, Mr N. Galbraith; auditor, Mr G. Fache; council, Messrs A. Bayfield, G. F. Campbell, R. M. Isaacs, G. Lauchlan, R. McVilly, S. Partridge, R. F. Smith.

The committee of Lloyd's Register of Shipping have issued their new rules for the building and classification of steel, wood and composite yachts. Rules for yachts were first issued by the committee of this society in the year 1878, when the society's Yacht Register was first published. Since that time the form and construction of yachts, more especially those used for racing purposes, have undergone many changes, and, in consequence, it was necessary that the rules of these pleasure craft should be so modified and amended as to render them better suited for the types of such vessels as are now commonly being built. To aid them in revising these rules, the committee of Lloyd's Register and their staff invited the opinions of the leading yacht builders and designers, not only of the United Kingdom, but of the United States of America, and their suggestions were adopted as far as considered practicable. The rules now published are, therefore, the result of careful consideration both of the committee of Lloyd's Register and of prominent experts in yacht-construction. A new scantling basis has been adopted for all types of yachts, in which the length of the "bilge diagonal" has been introduced in order to ensure that the finer yachts shall have a smaller scantling than those of fuller form. Not only has the basis of the yacht rules been modified, but considerable additions and extensions have been made, both in regard to the details of requirements, as well as in the tables for the various descriptions of scantlings.

The famous swimmer and diver, "Professor" William Finney, has met with a shocking accident at a display at Walsall. While diving from a height of thirty-five feet into a tank containing seven feet of water his head struck the bottom, injuring his spine so seriously that he is paralysed from just below the shoulders, and a fatal result is feared. Finney is well known as having dived from all the highest Thames bridges, including the Tower Bridge.

At the annual meeting of the New Zealand Rowing Association, held at Wellington, on Saturday, it was decided to hold the next championship regatta at Lake Waiholo. The sub-committee appointed to consider the question of a suitable boat for the use of maiden scullers reported that the length should not exceed 24ft 6in. It could not recommend that the weights should be reduced below 50lb. The following were re-elected amateurs:—J. Beer, H. S. Beer, F. Bernston, H. Roderique, M. Cussen, C. Bradley, and H. Phillips.

The new speed oil launch Standard, built to the order of Mr P. A. Hadley, was launched from the yards of Messrs Bailey and Lowe, Custom-street West, on Saturday afternoon. The Standard is a handsome little vessel, and is built on the diagonal principle, the hull timbers being of the best heart of kauri and the stem and floor timbers of pohutakawa. She is 36ft in length overall, 6.3ft broad, with a draught of 2.9ft. She has a 15-h.p. Standard engine which is expected to drive her at a nearly 12-knot speed. Little Miss Hadley performed the christening ceremony, which was attended by a large number of spectators who were hospitably entertained to a champagne luncheon.

The Canada International Cup has again changed hands after some of the most exciting races ever held on Lake Ontario. The challenging yacht was Irondequoit, of the Rochester Yacht Club, the defending cutter being Strathcona, a vessel designed by A. E. Payne, of Southampton. In the first race Strathcona won by 22secs after a great race. The second heat also fell to the Royal Canadian Yacht Club representative by 10min 5sec. In the third contest Irondequoit proved the victor by over 5 minutes. She evened up matters by taking the next by 68sec, owing, however, to getting a great fluke in the wind, the Canadian cutter being a certain winner otherwise. The last and decisive event was very keenly fought out, Irondequoit winning the race and the Cup by 82 seconds.

The ninth series of races for the Seawanhaka International Cup has resulted in yet another victory for the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club. Mr A. H. Higginson, of the Manchester Yacht Club, Mass., challenged with Kolutoo, a yacht designed by Starling Burgess. To meet her F. P. Shearwood designed Thorella II. for Mr Finley, Vice-Commodore of the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club. In the first race a 20-knot breeze was blowing, and Thorella showing much better windward work won easily. In the second attempt the wind was even stronger, the Canadian defender beating the challenger by 19min 36sec. The concluding race, in another hard blow, was also easily taken by Thorella, which defeated the United States yacht by 12min 16sec, and thus retained the Cup. Challenges for it have been received from the Manchester Yacht Club, the White Bear Yacht Club, and the Royal Portsmouth Corinthian Yacht Club.

## FOOTBALL.

(By "Scrutator.")

Owing to the drearily wet afternoon the football match between the Upper Thames and Auckland branches of the M.V.I.O.O.F. on Saturday, was completely spoilt, while the spectators were very few in numbers. The teams were as follows:—Auckland, Pillenger, Smith, Foster, Fearnley, Stone, Polson, J. Clark, W. Hunter, Brewin (?), Haddleston, Mackrell, La Roche, Shaw, and Tremain. Upper Thames: Stephenson, Bromwich, Bain, Bainbridge, Jolly, Brennan, J. Silcock, Corbett, S. Silcock, Hamilton, Collins, Clarke, Forrest, Jones, and Bramble. The Auckland captain won the toss and elected to play down hill for the first spell. The state of the ground made a forward game the only one playable, and as the home team were decidedly superior in that division, the opposing defence was very severely tested. The Aucklanders failed to register any score, however, until within some five minutes of half-time. Stephenson, the full-back, made a bad mistake. Hunter, at wing, by fast following up, registered an easy try. The kick at goal proved a failure. Before many minutes had passed Foster potted a nice goal from the 25 mark. The home team set up another onslaught, but the visitors rallied and carried play to the other end. Their advantage was not sustained, however. La Roche, who headed a capital forward rush, succeeded in placing the oval behind the posts. Foster's kick lacked elevation. Smith, some five or six minutes later, made a pretty run and scored in good style. The kick at goal failed to improve the score, which, when the whistle blew, stood: Auckland, 13 points; Upper Thames, nil. Mr Angus Campbell acted as referee.

The representative match, Wanganui v. Manawatu, was played at Palmerston North, and resulted in a win for Manawatu by 8 points (two tries, one converted) to 3 (a try). The game was to a large extent marred by the roughness displayed, resulting in two of the visitors and one local man being ordered off. Several cautions were administered. Galloway, of Manawatu, dislocated his shoulder.

The eleventh interprovincial football match between Canterbury and Southland was played last week, at Invercargill, and was won by Southland by 16 points to 6. Southland won the toss and played with a fresh south breeze behind them. The Southern team's scores were the result of combined passing rushes, from which Reid scored three tries and Jenkins one, from which Manson kicked a goal. For Canterbury Mellraith scored a clever try from an opening made by himself, and Deana got over as the result of a good passing rush. In the second spell the Canterbury players, taking full advantage of the wind, were continually in Southland's territory, and had their passing been well directed at least two more tries could have been added to their score. Mr Harris, of Dunedin, acted as referee. This was the last interprovincial match of the season.

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## WOLFE'S SCHNAPPS

## CRICKET.

F. Barclay is to act as coach for the Parnell District Club this season.

Owing to the heavy rain on Saturday no practice could take place on Saturday last, but with any luck in the matter of weather the Domain should be soon alive with wielders of the willow.

Entries for the various championship competitions under the auspices of the Auckland Cricket Association are to be made with the hon. secretary of the Association (Mr H. B. Lusk) not later than to-morrow (Friday). A start will be made with the season's fixtures on Saturday, 17th inst.

At the annual meeting of the New Zealand Cricket Association, held during the week it was decided to reimburse the Auckland, Taranaki, Wanganui, Wairarapa, South Canterbury and Southland Associations to the extent of one-half the amount lost in connection with the visit of Lord Hawke's English team to the centres mentioned. The report stated that it would be premature to send a team outside the colony at present, and that negotiations for a visit of an Australian team has fallen through. The balance-sheet showed a profit of £1074 on the English team's tour.

With regard to the team Warner is bringing, it is regarded by impartial critics as being a very good one (says "The Town and Country Journal"). It certainly lacks a "star" such as Stoddart had in 1897-8 in Ranjitsinhji, or MacLaren in 1901-2 had in Jessop. Had Fry consented to come he would have been a great draw, but he could not spare the time. Without him and two or three others, Warner's team cannot be said to be the combination will prove a hard one to be representative of English cricket. Still defeat, as Australia may probably find out in the test matches. Almost all the players are capable of recording good scores, and it will be a case of getting eleven out, and not merely five or six, and then regarding the team as practically disposed of. Or, in other words, there will not be much of a tail. The combination will also be very strong in bowling, no less than eight members being recognised bowlers. They are Hirst, Hirst, Rhodes, Fielder, Relf, Gunn, Bosanquet, and Arnold. Of these Rhodes and Fielder will, doubtless, attract most attention, the former on account of his very many brilliant deeds in the old country, and Fielder owing to his being "an experiment," the same as Barnes was in MacLaren's team.

To my mind the loss of MacLaren will simply be disastrous. I have seen him so often go first to the wickets and knock up a century, thereby taking the sting out of the bowling, and yet have his side defeated, that I am inclined to think without him the Australian bowlers will prove altogether too strong for the Britishers. There is simply no comparison between the former and present skippers.

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The Ponsonby District Club are going in for a big concert on the 15th at the local hall, to raise funds to put their newly acquired playing field in some sort of order.

The colours of the English team will be dark blue coat and cap, the former edged with the Marylebone C.C. colours (red, yellow and black), while on the breast of the coat and the front of the cap will be St. George and the Dragon, in white.

The August number of Bailey's Magazine publishes a plebiscite of its readers on the question of who are the "twelve best amateur cricketers of to-day in England." The first six (equally bracketed) are: F. S. Jackson, A. C. Maclaren, G. L. Jessop, C. B. Fry, K. S. Ranjitsinhji and P. F. Warner.

The M.C.C. Team are due to arrive in Adelaide on November 2, and five days later will open the campaign against South Australia. The party consists of three amateurs and eleven professionals, with Mr J. A. Murdoch, assistant secretary to the M.C.C.

In the first-class batting averages of the London County C.C., the young Sydney player, L. O. S. Poidevin was first with 45.53 per innings for fourteen innings, and a total of 592 runs. Another ex-Australian in W. L. Murdoch was second with 35.2, then Braund 32.8. W. G. Grace averaged 25.38, and D. Reese 13.66.

S. Blythe, the left-hand bowler, who was out here with Maclaren's last team, went close to securing all ten wickets in an innings for Kent against Sussex. He got nine for 67.

## LINE & TRIGGER

The Ballarat Fish Acclimatisation Society laid down last year 50,000 eggs obtained from New Zealand, and some 60,000 or 70,000 of their own stripping, but the water trouble was worse than any previous year, and fully one-half of this number was lost just when they were coming on to feed. For days there was no flow of water through the ponds, and the society did well, under the circumstances, to raise the number of yearlings they did—between 6000 and 7000. In order to save their stock fish the fire brigade on several occasions pumped water into the ponds from the lake.

A fish story comes from the Mediterranean with very circumstantial details. It is this. The captain of the steamer Benaider, of Leith, having thrown overboard a bundle of twenty old letters in the Mediterranean on his voyage to China, they have been recovered in a remarkable manner. Some fishermen noticing a corpulent fish amongst their catch opened it and found a bundle of letters. They took them to the Mayor of Aguilos, a Spanish fishing town, who delivered them to the British Consul. He, upon examination, found only one letter decipherable, and he has just forwarded it to the writer, Captain Potter, the superintendent in London, as he thought the peculiar circumstances of its recovery might interest him.

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## CYCLING.

T. Robl, who visited Australia last year, was responsible for a marvellous performance on August 8. Paced by tandems, he covered fifty miles 262yds in one hour, thus beating previous world's figures by over a mile and a quarter. He is the first man who, on a safety, has done over fifty miles an hour. Robl's wonderful ride can be better understood when averaged out, his pace being equal to min 12 sec per mile for the fifty miles. For years past the one mile world's record has hovered between 1min 20sec and 1min 16sec, but Robl rode every mile considerably faster than this.

About ten thousand spectators gathered round the Canning-town track to witness the first appearance in England of the American coloured rider "Major" Taylor, who competed in three races of a mile each against Jenkins (England) and Piard (France). In each instance Taylor was infinitely superior to his rivals, who, in the sprints for home, were not in with the American, but the time in each case were slow owing to crawling tactics.

The Summer Nights Amusement Syndicate, who brought out Major Taylor last season, are giving £2500 for a series of meetings to be held in Sydney during the summer months (says the "Sydney Mail"). Not to be outdone the opposition body (Mr Brannagan, secretary), intends issuing a counter attraction in the shape of a series of races for £2500 prize money. It is proposed to hold the first meeting in November, when £500 will be given in prizes. Should these be carried out, racing cyclists will have some £5000 to race for in Sydney during the coming season.

Tandem racing still finds place in the programme of all the big European cycle race meetings. This class of racing when restricted to crack teams proves a big draw in Europe. A few years back tandem racing promised to catch on in New Zealand, but gradually dropped out of programmes, not because of public disfavour, but on account of sufficient reliable tandems not being available.

A novelty at the Paris Velodrome has been a match, "Noirs contre Blancs," the blacks being Major Taylor and Willy Hedspath, and the whites Jue and Bourrotte. The two pair met in three contests, 1,200 metres scratch race, 1,000 metres tandem, and pursuit to a finish. Taylor came in first and Hespeth last in the opening event; the black pair won the tandem race; Jue and Bourrotte captured the darkies in the pursuit race. Points being thus equal a lap time trial between Jue and Taylor was arranged as a decider, and this was won by the negro in the new world's record time of 18sec for the 300 metres—about 330 yards.

The vulcanisation of tyres is a very interesting process, but one but little understood by the thousands that use them. Those tyres vulcanised under the "Doughty" patents (of which the Dunlop Company is sole proprietor) have given very satisfactory results. Every tyre cover is vulcanised in so far that the rubber is cured by the process known as vulcanisation, but in the Doughty patent the rubber is placed on a fabric casing in an uncured state, and then put into a large hydraulic press, and moulded into the correct shape. Whilst in mould under a pressure of 1200lb to the square inch, the cover is vulcanised at a heat far in excess of anything it will be subjected to when used under a tropical sun. By this process the rubber is compressed into the fabric or lining, and becomes so impregnated as to render the parting of rubber and fabric an impossibility, and at the same time affording a compressed rubber tread that gives greater durability. When the finished cover is taken from the press it is perfectly shaped that it will not vary one thirty-second part of an inch from a true circle. By reason of its method of manufacture, and of the fine materials used, this vulcanised cover approaches very nearly the acme of tyre construction, if it does not altogether attain it.

The American riders Floyd MacFarland, Ivor Lawson, and H. Downing, passed through Auckland on Monday on the mail steamer Sonoma bound for Sydney. Messrs Crozier and Tierney did their best to show the visitors some of the Auckland sights, but the persistent wet rendered sight-seeing a virtual impossibility. The three cyclists should be heard of on the other side fairly often during the season, for Lawson and MacFarland especially are fine wheelmen.

"Tommy" Hall, of England, defeated Salzmann, Kaeser, and Dangla in an hour's paced race at Leipsic, before 10,000 spectators, covering 69 kilometres 635 metres in the sixty minutes.

World's records continue to fall like autumn leaves. In a recent race between Hall, Bruni, Dangla, Pac, Bonhours, and Gougoltz, Hall took the lead at the start, and easily following the fast pace set by Cissac on his demon motor cycle, reeled off the first ten kilometres in 7min 49sec, and was gradually getting away from the field. At 20 kilometres he was only 4.5sec outside Robl's world's record, and five kilometres further commenced to set up new figures; but, alas, his old luck dogged him, as the axle of his motor broke, thus letting Dangla up into first place. The former, riding well, got inside world's record at 30 kilometres, and kept up to the end, covering the remarkable distance of 50m 715yds in the hour, as against Robl's previous best of 50m 262yds.

Walne's benefit race meeting at the St. Kilda track, Melbourne, signalled the opening of the Melbourne racing season. The meeting was tendered to R. Walne, who for many years was the champion rider of Australasia. Last year a series of accidents befell Walne—culminating in a fractured knee-cap, which has compelled his permanent retirement from the racing track. The weather was disagreeable both from a racing and spectator's point of view—a strong easterly wind spoiling an otherwise perfect afternoon. The racing was a success, and the attendance fair—the gate takings amounting to over £100, which amount will be further augmented by private donations, etc., so that Walne will probably receive about £150 from the meeting.

The Australasian amateur championship meeting was held on the Brisbane Cricket Ground, on Saturday week, in the presence of the largest crowd seen at any cycling sports in Brisbane for a long time. The Half-mile Championship final was won by I. S. Berry, with the Sydney riders D. Ellis and A. Lyons in the places, the time being extraordinarily slow, viz., 1min 45sec. Berry beat Lyon by a dozen yards in the Ten Miles Championship, riding the distance in 29min.

## ATHLETICS.

The following programme for the Amateur Athletic Club's Meeting, which will take place on November 21, has been drawn up:—100yds handicap (for youths under 19 years), 120yds maiden hurdles handicaps (five entries or no race), 100yds handicap, 220yds handicap, 440yds handicap, half-mile handicap, one mile handicap, one mile walk handicap (five entries), putting 16lb shot handicap (five entries), high-jump handicap (five entries), 120yds hurdles handicap (five entries), half-mile bicycle handicap, three-quarter mile bicycle handicap, one mile bicycle handicap, two miles bicycle handicap (ladies' bracelet), steeplechase handicap for amateur members of all clubs belonging to associations affiliated to the Auckland Amateur Sports Club. Entries for all events will close on November 7.

The finals of the Australasian Boxing Championships, in Sydney, were finished on Saturday, there being a very large attendance of spectators. The results were as follows:—Feather weights, Dowridge (Queensland); bantam weights, Dickenson beat Clifton; light weights, Porbery beat Taplin; middle weights, Griffin (Invercargill) beat Harriott (New South Wales); heavy weights, Taylor (Wellington) beat McKellar (New South Wales).

Of the many sports to be held at the mammoth World's Fair at St. Louis next year the following are a few of the features that have been mapped out:—The championship meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, a two-day fixture; two days devoted exclusively to relay racing for schools, colleges and clubs; one day will be devoted exclusively to the cross-country championships. It is the intention to start in one race the college athletes, A.A.U., athletes and the school boy athletes, three competitions in one. Bicycling will receive attention and three days has been set aside for the national bicycle tournaments. The World's Fair interscholastic athletic championships will take two days and will be open to all school boys of the United States. Two days will be devoted to quaits. Swimming will receive the attention it deserves, as teams of the fastest swimmers from England and Australia are expected to compete for national honours. Besides the regular swimming events that are scheduled by the Amateur Athletic Union, there will be plunging, diving contests and water polo championships. Two weeks have been set aside for lawn tennis tournaments. They will be of local, state, national and international character, and it is expected that the world's most expert tennis players will take part. Cricket will be given several days, and it will be the first time that an organised association will endeavour to decide the American championship. Association football, Gaelic football and hurling have been given two days each. The National Roque Association will be asked to hold its championship in St. Louis during the Fair. The popular game of basket ball will be taken care of, no less than three championships will be given for the basket ball player. The A.A.U., championships open to all clubs, the Y.M.C.A., championships and school boy championships.

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(By "Diana.")

## HUNTING.

Hunting is over for this year, and I think you will all agree with me that the season of 1903 with the Pakuranga Hunt Club has been a thoroughly enjoyable one. It seems to me, therefore, it would not be altogether amiss to mention something about the ladies who have ridden to the hounds all the season, especially as they are as straight goers as could be found following any pack.

Mrs O'Rorke is the wife of the Master, and one of the most popular figures in the field. Her favourite hunter Dominic is a beautiful red roan, standing about 15.2, always in the pink of condition and as handsome as paint, as the saying is. An ideal horse for a lady, he seldom makes a mistake, and that is what one wants in the hunting field.

Mrs Willie Bloomfield is one of the straightest riders in the club. Her mount M'less, a black with tan muzzle and very compactly made, is a perfect fencer, her fame for negotiating wire having travelled far. She is one of the cleverest of mares, and if ever there is a tight corner you can be quite sure M'less will get her fair mistress out of it quite safely.

Mrs Crow is comparatively new at the game compared with most of the other ladies out, and a good little rider she has become. Dick is her hunter, a big dark brown horse. At first sight one would think him too heavy for a lady's hunter, but only watch him jump and you know he has been at it before and envy the lucky person who owns him.

Mrs Kelly has been riding Steeltrap all the season, a ragged looking grey, not to be compared with her old favourite Play-boy (now jumping in the circus ring). Steeltrap needs a lot of riding, and has the proper owner, as Mrs Kelly is a good horsewoman.

Mrs Moody also is rather a novice. Last year she was the only lady to go up to Waiuku with the hounds and rode splendidly, quite keeping up the reputation of the Auckland ladies. Mike, Mrs Moody's hunter, is a big bay horse and carries her very well, one of the steady sort that do not blunder and are invaluable in a stable. I will have more to say on this subject next week.

## GOLF.

The committee of the Auckland Golf Club have decided to do away with the two hill holes known as the pah and ramparts, owing to that part of the mountain being used so much by the public, and therefore being dangerous to pedestrians and carriages. It is a pity, as the ramparts was one of the most sporting holes on the links.

The A.L.G.C. have decided to close their list of playing members. There are already one hundred, and the limit is to be one hundred and ten.



MRS O'RORKE.

match over 18 holes, commencing at the old 1st, 14th, lodge, long hole, hedge, 18th, Kybr Pass, 1st flat, outpost, 2nd flat, Eastern Crater, Jacobs, amphitheatre, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th, over again. The hedge holes are unplayable on account of the long grass.

There were twenty-two entrants for the Ladies' Championship of New South Wales. Eight retired at the outset, and only five handed in completed cards of the first two rounds and four of all three rounds. Miss Trevor-Jones led throughout, and this though her driving was not



MRS W. BLOOMFIELD.

Miss Gillies has resigned her position as secretary, and the committee have appointed Miss Blanche Gorrie as her successor pro tem.

Miss Barstow, the hon. treasurer, is leaving next week for a trip to Wellington to stay with her sister, Mrs J. Campbell, who was for some time secretary and treasurer of the club.

Last Thursday the ladies were to have played for their monthly medal, but owing to the inclemency of the weather it had to be postponed until to-day (Thursday).

Mrs O'Rorke, the vice-president, is giving a prize to be played for by unmarried ladies only. It is to be a bogey

up to her best form. She played the second shots and short game well, and the performance from the long tees was excellent. The putting competition was really good. Quite a number holed from the outside ring (about 20ft) in one, and several took only seven for the four puts. Miss J. Cape (R.S.G.C.) and Miss Cooke did six each, and the former won in the play off. The approaching was poor. Miss Nea Mort, of the Royal Sydneys, won the driving with 160 yards. The mixed foursomes produced the most remarkable result of all the events. A Marrickville pair, Mrs Aitken (who was playing against medical advice) and Mr Df G. Soutar \*the Australian champion) did 76

from scratch. There were 80 entries—40 pairs—and this was the only pair on scratch.

The Victorian Ladies' Championship (three rounds, stroke play) was won by Mrs H. F. de Little, of Geelong, with a score of 276 (87-93-96). Mrs de Little is also the holder of the Australian Championship, which she won in Adelaide last year.

## HOCKEY.

A lot of interest was taken in the match on Saturday morning between Auckland's crack ladies' team, the Wapiti Hockey Club, and the Paeroa representatives. It was played at Buckland's paddock, Epsom. To my mind the honours of the match, although it ended in a draw, were with the visitors, for despite the fact that they had spent a most uncomfortable night on a steamer they played up in great style, being considerably faster than the Auckland eleven. Too much credit cannot be given to the country ladies for their really brilliant performance in playing such a fast and even game with so strong a side as the Wapiti Club put into the field. No goals were scored during the match, which was keenly contested throughout.

The Wapiti Club entertained the visitors at luncheon after the match, and then both teams witnessed the match between Auckland and Waihi, but the persistent rain quite spoils the pleasure of this.

In the evening there was a very cheerful theatre party, all the visitors expressing themselves as being greatly pleased with their trip to town.

The advent of the tennis season is being greatly looked forward to, and it promises to be unusually successful. All the lawns that I have seen are looking in first-class order, this especially being the case with the Eden and Epsom courts. I have not yet heard when these are to be opened, but suppose it will be about the beginning of next month.

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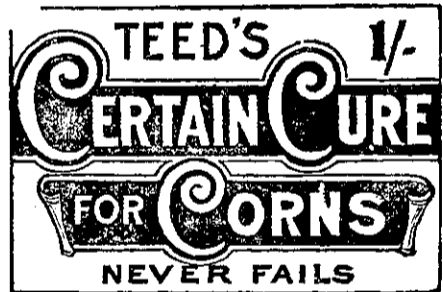
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# The Motorist.

The Auckland Automobile Association on Saturday last changed the order of their run. Owing to the excessive dust experienced on the Saturday before it was decided at a committee meeting, held on Friday night, to abandon during the summer months, the old method of following the President's car. The dust experienced on the Saturday previously had been so terrific that it not only smothered the members in filth, but owing to the close order of following, entailed considerable risk. On Saturday, instead of meeting in order to start out for the run, the rendezvous was made at Papakura for a quarter to four, when afternoon tea was to have been served. All members started out as they pleased. Mr and Mrs Whitson succeeded in reaching Manurewa before the deluge of rain came down, and then were obliged to turn back, meeting as they went Dr. and Mrs Rayner, Dr. and Mrs Owen, Mr Spinks and Miss Peach, Dr. Lowe and visitor, Mr Haynes and Mr Baxter, Dr. Purchas and visitors, Dr. Knight and visitor, and all were sooner or later obliged to turn back from the same cause. The run ended very damply, but very contentedly, members having had a really good afternoon's outing, despite the violence of the weather.

The increasing motor car traffic has a curious effect on flint roads on a dry foundation, according to the Surrey County surveyor. The large rubber tyres were found to separate the small metal from the large and extract it, so that it was a common occurrence after a dry day with heavy motor-car traffic to find long lengths of such roads as the Portsmouth Road, where the surface had been perfect in the morning, covered with a fine, sharp grit, which had been sucked up during the day by india-rubber tyres. This allowed the larger stones to grind and wear more rapidly. It was certain that the use of self-propelled vehicles would enormously increase; they would compete with omnibuses and tradesmen's carts, and then a demand would arise for a smoother surface than was possible with the present method of repairing roads.

Although the Americans claim that the back-peddalling brake, even for motor-cycles, is sufficient, and rarely have more than this one fitted, the law in Paris demands that no motor-cycles be ridden there unless they are provided with two efficient brakes, and in connection with this the prefect of police has refused to pass brakes of the back-peddalling hub variety as efficient. The British custom is to supply two brakes with each machine, even of the ordinary kind, if fitted with a free wheel, and in this connection the British rim brakes of the Bowden variety find a ready sale in France.

From America comes particulars of a very fine motor performance, being no less than the Pioneer Automobile ride across the American Continent from San Francisco to New York, by Messrs Jackson and Crocker, two American motorists. Several attempts had previously been made to surmount the difficulties in crossing the deserts and mountains to be met in this ride across the American Continent, but had failed. Despite many hardships in crossing mud flats—the car at times sinking almost to the floor in mud, block and tackle being necessary to pull the car out of the ooze—they succeeded. On one occasion this heart-breaking work was repeated seventeen times in one day, the distance covered being sixteen miles.

Dozens of streams had to be forded, no bridges being available: whilst on the sand deserts on the West of the Mississippi terrible hardships were endured, the plucky motorists on one occasion being thirty-six hours without food. The distance along the route taken by Messrs Jackson and Crocker is about 5600 miles. Up to Chicago (4000 miles) they had yards in 24 hours on a racing track, by of which no travelling at all had been done. The mileage ranged from 16 to 250 miles per day. Great difficulty was experienced in obtaining petrol along the route. Dr. Jackson and his friend, Mr Crocker, left San Francisco on May 24, arrived at Chicago on July 17, and reached New York on July 26. They were sixty-three days accomplishing the ride, forty-four only being on the road, the exact distance travelled being 5600 miles. This is the longest straight out motor tour yet accomplished in any part of the world, and affords striking evidence of what knocking about the up-to-date automobile is capable of standing.

The first automobile service in the Commonwealth has been established in Perth, where a service of three electric-motor omnibuses are now plying between Perth and Victoria Park. Should the experiment prove a success, the promoters intend extending the service throughout the Perth and Fremantle districts.

A. A. Hansen, an American motor cyclist, has succeeded in riding 634 miles 75 yards in 24 hours on a racing track, by the aid of a 2-h.p. motor cycle. The first 500 miles took 19hr 53min 11sec.

It is estimated that the German motor industry will benefit to the extent of one million sterling through victory in the Gordon-Bennett race, while M. Michelin, the French tyre manufacturer, when he heard of the result of the race, exclaimed that he would lose from £350,000 to £400,000 a year by it.

The present year has witnessed some remarkable feats of speed, particularly with the automobile. Unquestionably, the most astonishing performance was that of Gabriel, the winner of the first stage of the Paris-Madrid race, who covered a stretch of 331.2 miles at an average speed of 56.25 miles per hour. To maintain such an average over roads that are more or less hilly must necessitate extremely fast running over certain portions of the road. Although the meet for the Gordon-Bennett Cup did not witness any such high average speed as was achieved in France, the speed trials for short distances were the most successful ever held. It is true that the course in Phoenix Park is an ideal one for speeding, but it must be admitted that the performance of Baron de Forest, when he lowered the world's record for a kilometre to 26 3-5sec, which is equal to a speed of 86 1/2 miles per hour, is most phenomenal. No less astonishing either is the record of Barney Oldfield, made recently on an oval track, of a mile in 55 4-5sec, or at the rate of 64 1/2 miles an hour. As far as it is possible to ascertain, the highest speed attained by a railroad train on the trial that was properly tested by competent time-keepers was a fraction over 90 miles an hour, so that the automobile is to-day practically as fast as a locomotive.

In the golfing competition at Chicago, towards the end of August, between the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society's team and the Chicago Golf Club, Hunter, of the British team, completed the 6032 yards course in 71 strokes breaking amateur and professional records.

# Miscellaneous Items.

The hockey match between Auckland and Waihi was completely spoilt by the heavy rain which fell during the afternoon. The teams, the photo of whom appears in this issue, were as follows:—Waihi (red and white). Goal, R. Hazard; full-backs, F. Hazard and Evers; half-backs, McKinley, W. J. Gray and Fyffe; forwards, Anderson, Box, Ulrich, Cramer, Roberts and Scalye. Auckland (blue and white). Goal, Dr. Neil; full-backs, D. Hill and G. Court; half-backs, Shirriffs, Brown and Thornes; forwards, J. Lepine, Matthews, Barry, Morpeth and Mason. The match went very evenly during the first half, but Auckland, who seemed more at home on the heavy ground, played much the better game during the second spell. Barry, Mason, Matthews and Lepine shot goals for the local side, while Anderson scored for Waihi, who were thus defeated by four goals to one.

At the big Public School Games, in Sydney, J. G. McIntosh, of the Sydney Grammar School, threw the cricket ball 112 yards, a grand throw for a school boy.

Jim Scanlan, of Pittsburgh, Pa., the well-known heavy-weight, gave me a look up on Tuesday, bringing letters of introduction from "Prodigal," of "The Referee," and others. He went to Rotorua on Wednesday, and will leave for America by the next mail steamer.

Soldier Thompson defeated Snowy Sturgeon in five rounds in Sydney last week. It was a very even go till this round started, and they had only just warmed up, and were coming at each other when Thompson drove his left into the ribs, and ripped his right (an upward blow) fair on the nerve centre—the solar plexus—with remarkable force, contributed to materially by the fact that Sturgeon was coming in at the time and the latter was counted out. By the way, Sturgeon is back in Auckland again.

# Echoes of the Week.

(By "Ithuriel.")

The inauguration of the Sunday tram service was marked with some amusing incidents. One of the Ponsonby trams was stopped to pick up the minister of a certain religious sect which had been prominent amongst the opponents of the trams. He had to put up with some good-natured chaff, and was evidently glad when his destination was reached. On the return trip of the same tram a dozen members of the Salvation Army boarded it, and the other passengers were not to be restrained. It is not probable that the blood-and-fire persons will have such another painful experience this side of the Styx.

The Crusaders, which body includes such humble worshippers of the Cross as William Richardson, the stump orator, have demanded of the new Leader of the Opposition, Mr Massey, a confession of his faith in the matter of Prohibition! Apparently it rests with Richardson to determine whether Mr Massey is a fit and proper person to represent King Edward on the left side of the House. One would have thought that everybody who is opposed to Mr Seddon, in any way whatever, would be a "persons grata" to the

Prohibition gang, but such is not the case evidently. Those who are not with the Pump are reckoned enemies of cold water. Goodness knows there are many such.

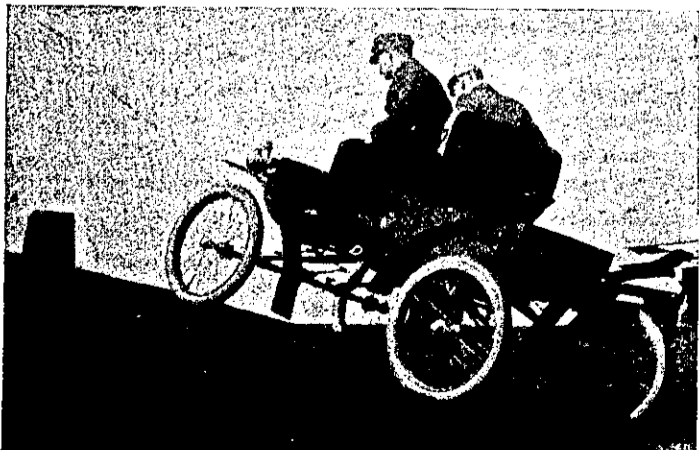
A religious organ has the following:— "It appears that twenty men would have been at work in a quarry near Adelaide when a great fall of earth and stones took place, which must have killed them, but for the fact that it took place on Sunday. If these men never before saw the advantage of keeping the Sabbath, we think they must see it now. They have to thank God for the fourth commandment, and for His gracious Providence in causing the fall to take place on that particular day." But (comments a profane critic) supposing Providence had made it fall on Saturday, whilst the men were away at the races, what would the aforesaid journal have said then? Would it have thanked the races?

The amendment of the Victorian Licensing Act proposed by Mr Levi, M.L.C., is a logical measure, since it provides that the man who breaks the law by purchasing drink within prohibited hours is to be punishable as well as the man who sells. If the receiver is as bad as the thief in an ordinary criminal transaction, surely the receiver is as bad as the publican in the case of an infringement of the Licensing Act! Mr Levi's amendment would render the Sunday purchaser of a long beer liable to a fine of £5 if he were not a bona fide traveller or a lodger. An enactment of this kind would result in a great saving of policemen on Sundays. The probability of being fined from £1 to £5 for taking an illicit refresher would encourage thousands to turn empty away. There is no sympathy for the publican when he's fined, even among his customers, and it is fair that publican and sinner should be treated alike.

The following good thing, by "Woo-mera," will be appreciated by the profession:—The great nuisance of theatrical manager's life is the man who claims free admission to a show on the ground that he is an actor. "Of course you'll have no objection to giving me a box," grandly remarked one of these visitors to a well-known Australian manager recently; "I played Hamlet at Korumburra and Orlando at Nhill." "I'm sorry," said the manager, "but our rules are rigid. We can't make an exception in your case." "What!" cried the visitor, "you would deny an actor of my standing. I'll have you to know, sir, that I could walk into Covent-garden any time I liked." "Um-yes," mused the manager, "Covent-garden market."

"Intellectually there is nothing in it," said a stray Benedict who had slipped the collar on a recent evening, and was discussing socialities. "Cards, you know. Card parties. People get together and preen and perk at one another across the table, and the whole talk is about the lead and diamonds, clubs, kings, jacks and queens. Not a word of sensible conversation. You've seen ducks holding a convention, marked the motion of their necks, the rolling of their eyes, and listened to their quack-quack. That's just my idea of a card party. And then after an hour or two, or more, your host stuffs you with some food which, duck-like, you have to bolt in a hurry, for fear of missing your tram. And then off you go, you and your wife, and getting home belated you try hard to think you've been enjoying yourselves. Pah! Give me the feast of reason, and flow of soul." And he gazed pensively at the diminishing contents of his glass of cold mountain dew.

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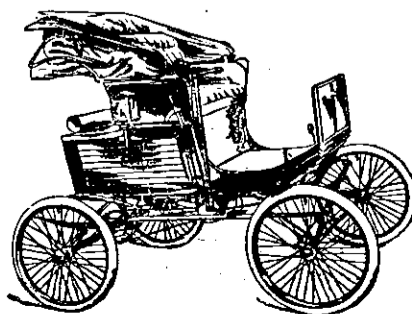
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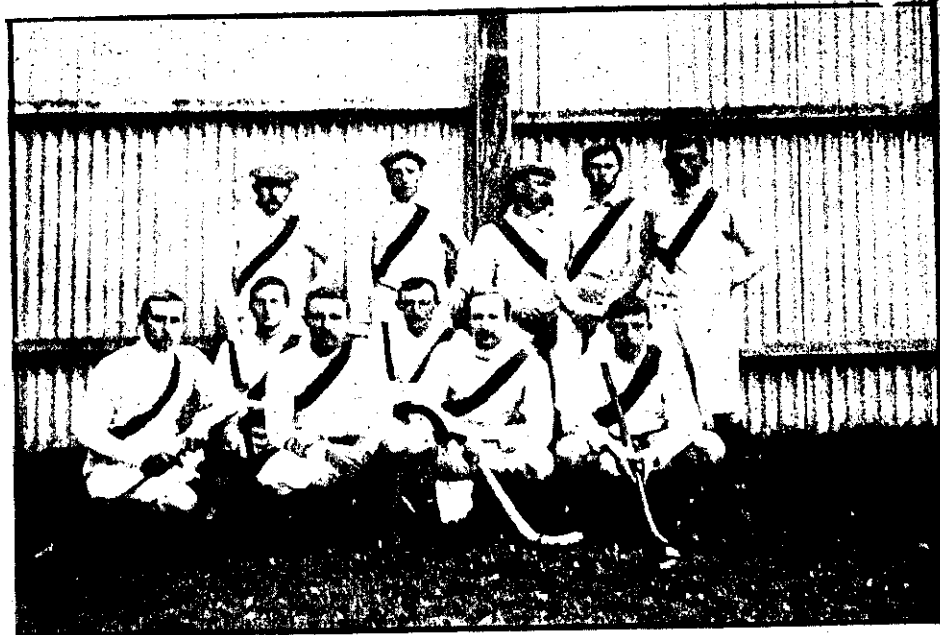
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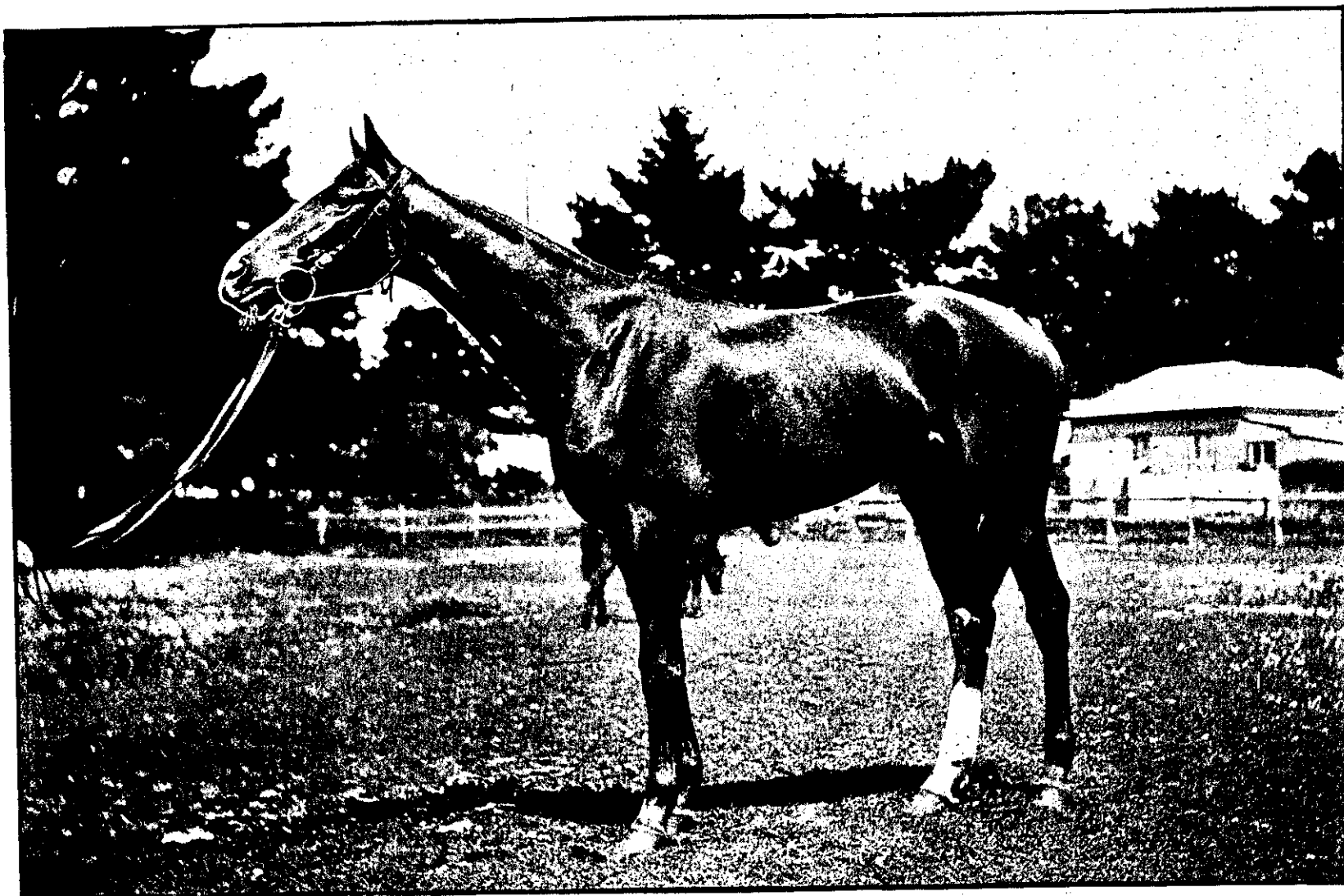
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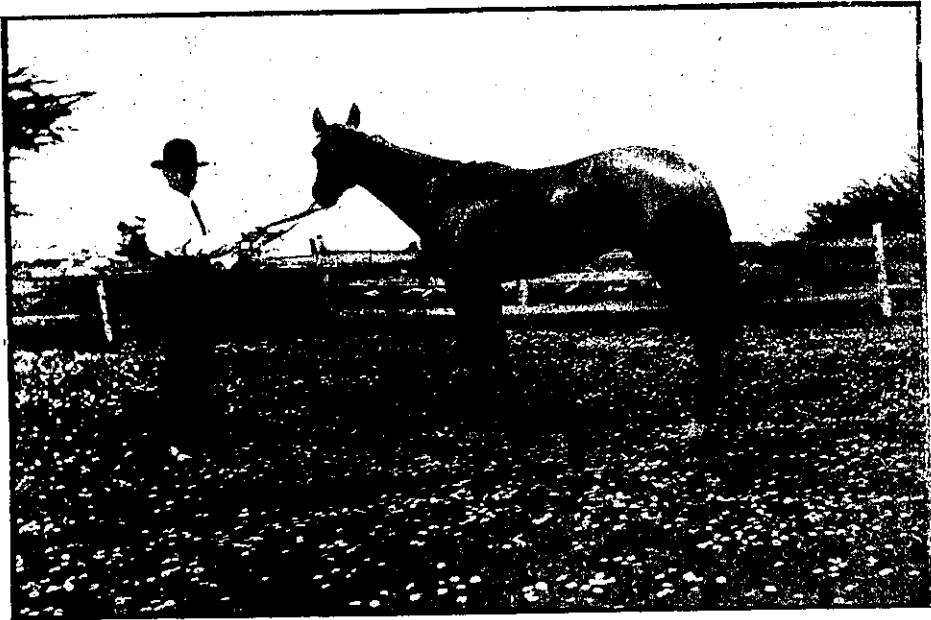


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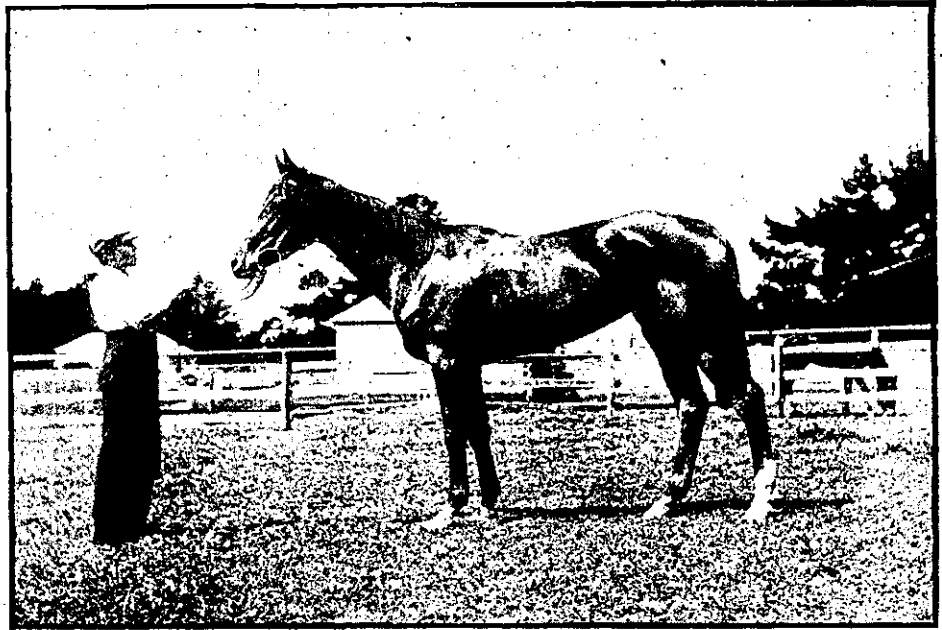


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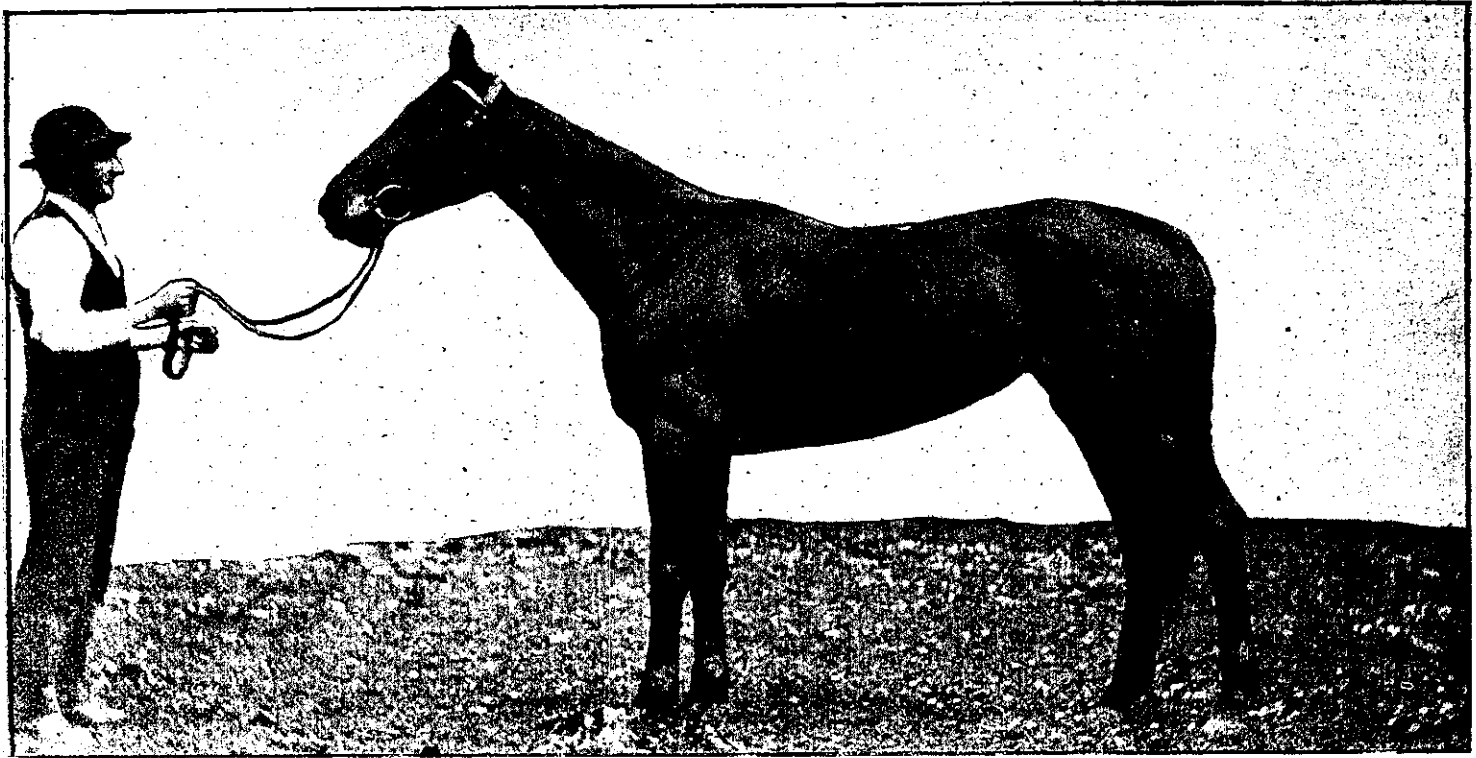




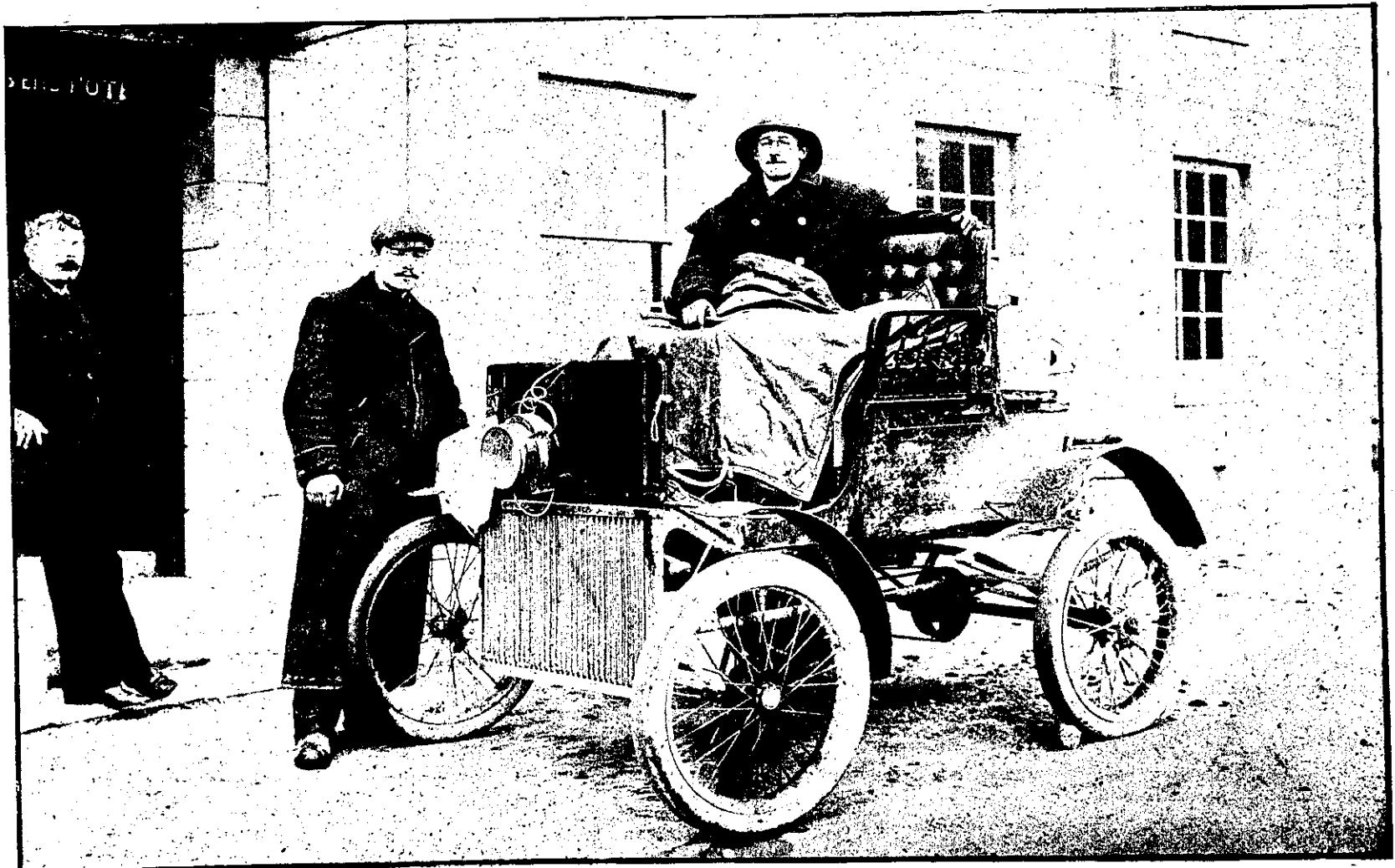
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# THE STAGE

(By "Comus.")

**HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.****THE JOHN F. SHERIDAN COMPANY.**

The "immortal" Widow O'Brien, who now travels under her own name, and not as a mere passenger on the fast and furious steamer Bristol, made her appearance for the many thousandth time at His Majesty's last week. She still retains her stern demeanour towards her rebellious daughters, and entertains the same old objection to be called "Mrs Obreeon." She is, also, just as lively and as fond of a joke, and displays even more than the old-time dexterity in knocking (old Cranberry's) head on the table and making him turn a somersault in his rocking-chair. Miss Celia Mavis is one of the sweetest of the many Norahs that the Widow has adopted, and she has certainly never had a more fascinating elder daughter than Miss Heba Barlow. Mr Sydney Carden develops quite a mine of comedy in his impersonation of bashful Tommy Cranberry. Mr Needham is a fine old Captain Cranberry, and all the other parties to the revels deserve a medal with several clasps. The singing and dancing are lively and bright, and everything else is fully up to the mark, except perhaps the nigger steward.

On Monday there appeared a variant of the O'Brien legend in the shape of Mrs Murphy on a Trip to Chicago. There was the same mother, and the same daughters, and the same young men, and the same old man, and the same rascal who wants to marry the Widow for her dollars. The only addition is a lady who is mother to one of the young men. And an admirable addition she is, too, as played by that clever actress Miss Stella Thebaud, who has heretofore been seen in parts much smaller than her talent. The programme embraces a rich store of music and dancing, and succeeds in filling the house with wholesome delight and merriment. Last night the company appeared in "Naughty Nancy."

**THE FRAWLEY DRAMATIC COMPANY.**

Mr Daniel Frawley and his company, specially imported from America by Mr J. C. Williamson, is about the biggest thing we have yet had from the States in the theatrical line. In America the name of Daniel Frawley stands for "the best," and his specially selected company of

American artists has throughout his Australian tour done full justice to the reputation of its chief and his charming leading lady, Miss Mary Van Buren, whose picture graces our columns this week. The opening play next Monday, October 12, at His Majesty's Theatre, will be the striking American drama "Arizona," which so caught on in its native land that it is now in its fourth year and still running. It is a tale of the rough South-west, full of military interest, and so fitted the English taste that it ran for 300 nights in London. While in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane the company has awakened enthusiasm from start to finish of its brilliant and extensive repertoire. The company has early engagements to keep in Africa, and consequently the time is limited for their New Zealand tour. In order that Mr Frawley may be seen in as many of his principal characters as possible, Mr J. C. Williamson has decided upon a series of rapid changes of bill, which, of course, adds considerably to the cost of the tour, but is only characteristic of the lavish scale upon which Australia's premier manager invariably caters for his patrons.

The second piece will be "Barbara Freitchie," a powerful drama from the pen of Clyde Fitch. It is a story of the Civil War, full of dramatic interest, and said to be the author's best play.

**OPERA HOUSE.****THE WOODS-WILLIAMSON COMPANY.**

This clever company showed what they could do in the lighter walks of the drama last week, when Mr Sydney Grundy's amusing three-act farce "The Arabian Nights" was staged. The play went with great spirit from the start. Miss Williamson was the bright, particular star of the cast as the irrepressible mother-in-law, showing unmistakably that her talents are by no means restricted to the exposition of the deeper shades of human sentiment. There is always at hand the temptation to "over-do" such characters, but Miss Williamson is much too gifted and experienced to be led astray by transient impulses. Mr Woods was extremely good as the son-in-law who gets into a scrape and sinks deeper in the effort to extricate himself, but comedy is not this artist's forte. Messrs Beaumont, Buckler, Hassel, and Miss Carleon ably seconded the principals. The comedy will be repeated, and all who want a couple of hours amusement should go and see it.



MISS EDNA LEIGHTON, of John F. Sheridan's Co., formerly known as Renee Lees, the brilliant child pianist.

On Monday the company returned to the serious side, and gave a first-rate representation of the late Tom Taylor's drama, "The Master Passion." The play has always enjoyed a large measure of popularity for several reasons. It is semi-historical; it deals with a romantic period; it affords immense scope for the display of passionate rhetoric, and it is a costume play. It was correctly and efficiently staged, and the principal characters found sympathetic exponents in the leading members of the company. In the exacting part of the hero, Henri du Neuville, Mr Woods rose to considerable heights, but the chief honours must be paid to Miss Williamson for her telling presentation of the woman who, noble in all other respects, falls a victim to the wretched passion for gambling. Mr Boothman gave an exceedingly powerful reading of the part of Fouche, Napoleon's Minister of Police, and Mr Buckler was a most capable Desmarests, Chief of the Secret Police. The other parts were well filled.

Last night there was a revival of "The Gates of Bondage," to-night "The Arabian Nights" will be presented, to be followed by revivals of "A Woman's Sin" to-morrow evening, "Hands Across the Sea" on Saturday, and for the first time in this Colony, on Monday night, "In Old Madrid," a dramatisation by Miss Williamson of Mr F. Marion Crawford's splendid romance, "In the Palace of the King." The season closes on Wednesday.

**THE CITY HALL.****FULLER'S ENTERTAINERS.**

Time goes round very quickly, finding John Fuller in his eleventh week at the City Hall, and still going strong, with a cheerful determination to please and be pleased. His liberal and spirited policy in making rapid changes and sticking to good quality has produced the inevitable result, and the taste for vaudeville is increasing week by week. The present programme, which was inaugurated on Saturday last, is quite up to the Fuller standard. Jessie Dell, the new "serio," has quickly established herself as a prime favourite in her song "The Diamond Queen," while her darning causes huge delight. Young Thomas McDonald has a sweet alto voice, and his song, "When the Harvest Days are Over," rouses the house to the pitch of enthusiasm. Thomas nightly has to respond to encores without number. The Clare Sisters are a bewitching pair who add much to the attraction of the show, while Charles Waite sings several ballads in a pleasing style and also acts as interlocutor. The remaining members of the company, Bob Bell, Joe Watts, Madge Lucas, Miss Kinnaid, the Driscoll Boys, and John Fuller himself, all do their best to maintain the gaiety of this portion of the Empire. Further changes are promised on Saturday.

On Thursday last the 107th "open evening" for visitors took place at Mr W. H. Webbe's School of Music, Grafton Road, inaugurating the 21st year. The ensemble pieces included four piano quartettes contributed by Misses E. Spooner, M. Anderson, M. Webbe, G. Spooner, A. Webbe, S. Clarke, E. Cole, M. Willerton, V. Henderson, L. Burns, A. Dawson, Mr F. Morton, Mrs Ferguson, Misses L. Cutts, A. Jeavons, J. Heath. Piano duo by Misses D. Nichol and D. Henderson; pianoforte solos, which were mostly played from memory, by Misses V. Henderson, M. Webbe, and G. Spooner. These included selections from Beethoven, Scharwenka, and Chopin. The ensemble playing was exceedingly good, while the soloists were evidently experienced hands. Mr Webbe, by request, contributed a couple of clever improvisations, which proved of great interest, particularly to the students and a number of professional musicians, who were amongst the visitors. Mr Webbe and his assistant teacher, Miss M. Spooner, are to be congratulated on the success of their pupils. The visitors' items included songs contributed by Miss H. Evans, and Mr Hamilton Hodges, and a violin and piano duo, Sonata Beethoven, by Misses A. Steuenson and A. Law, which were heartily appreciated. The large music room was well filled by a critical and appreciative assembly.

My Wellington correspondent writes, under date October 1st:—The Musgrove Opera Coy. are scoring heavily with "The Fortune Teller" at the Opera House. The piece will run only five nights, when "The Serenade" goes on. Some of the old favorites were warmly received, especially Miss May Beatty, who captivated her hearers. She seems to have improved in vocal powers since her last visit, and can adapt herself to circumstances much better than the usual run of operatic stars. Mr Lempriere Pringle and J. C. Piddock are also favorites. Dix's Gaiety Coy. are putting up a new musical sketch to-night, entitled "Monte Carlo." There will also be added four new faces. Misses Addie Fredericks, in her cloud swing speciality, and Malvena Moore, serio and dancer, are getting lots of applause nightly, and the De Wynne Bros. (in their last nights) are also well received. The Delevalles, in their singing and cycling specialities, are getting along famously. Fuller's Entertainers are attracting attention at the Choral Hall with their people. The last nights are announced of the Jones Bros., Albert M'Kisson and Ada Duval. Miss Bessie Young reappeared this week, and is a warm favorite. The Phillips Sisters also reappeared. Hawtrey Comedy Coy. passed through Wellington yesterday for the West Coast tour.

Mr Harry Rickards has closed down at Adelaide.



ALFRED WOODS as "Dan Mylrea" in "The Gates of Bondage."

THE DANIEL FRAWLEY COMPANY.

On the departure of the Frawley Company from India, the critic of the "Indian Daily News" wrote:-

"The peculiar distinction of the company is the presence of so many 'stars.' The light of some shone on us fully in the very first week of the engagement; the light of others we had to wait for until the fall, and when it did come we gladly acknowledged its radiance. Miss Mary Van Buren was, of course, the bright particular star. Her versatility is proved by the great range of characters she portrayed always with the highest ability and charm. Laughter, emotion, and pathos, all come naturally to her. She was never at a loss, she was never at fault. In the broadly human characters of Sans Gene and Glory Quayle she belonged to the world of art, rising above all distinction of time and place. In the purely American plays, she was the American woman of Mark Twain's fancy, and to cap it all, she played the English aristocrat of the Smart Set as to the manner born. In 'Lord and Lady Algy' she was the only one in the cast who could have rendered the part in London without exciting other than favourable comment. She has a lovely stage presence, and dresses to perfection, and we do not think that a more acceptable actress has appeared on the local stage for a decade. Mrs Gardner Crane can play anything and play it well. She never overloads or underrates a part. She knows just how funny to be and how emotional, and she has contributed very largely indeed to the brightness of the entertainment at the Theatre Royal. Miss Eva Dennison, who, we believe, has only had a year's stage experience, is a most winsome prairie flower, and in 'Arizona,' 'Secret Service,' and 'The Girl I Left Behind Me' she fairly put the comethers on us. Miss Christine Hill has given wonderful life and prominence to small parts. Her forte is comedy, and we have never seen a better negress than her Martha in 'Secret Service.' Miss Adele Nott has had little more to do than look pretty, and she thoroughly understands that role.

"One of the secrets of Mr Frawley's success as a manager is that he gives every member of his company a chance. He might be playing the hero himself to-night, but to-morrow just helping to fill the caste in a very subordinate manner. But no matter what his role, it was impossible to miss his distinct personality. Sometimes it pervaded the whole scene; at others it just served to throw the rest of the traffic in relief. It is evident that his presence controls as well as inspires, and no actor-manager could wish for a higher influence than this. His serious manner is phlegmatic and reserved, but he can unbend to some purpose. His is the finish of experience and the confidence of undoubted talent. Mr Gardner Crane gets as much as it is possible to get out of any character. He has an intimate knowledge of technique, a truly artistic temperament and wonderful capacity for hard work. Mr Amory is a comedian who would have delighted the heart of Charles Lamb. His quaintness is inimitable and his mannerism delightful. Mr Wallace

Shaw is a fine all-round actor, with very marked characteristics. His Fouché in 'Sans Gene' is as fine a character study as we have seen. Mr Jeffrey Williams is great as a pure American, be it ranchman or general, but it was when he acted as Dick Phenyl in 'Sweet Lavender' that we got the full measure of his ability.

"Behind the scenes Mr Frawley was served as well as in front, and we have seldom had to do with more courteous business men than Leigh D. Bruckart, the manager, and R. D. Kinmond, the personal representative."

John F. Sheridan in his travels has met many phases of life, and the travels in Heathenland are specially worthy of note. The Chinese theatre is a very funny concern. It embraces the music-hall, restaurant and play-house. There are small tables where visitors sit, eat, smoke, drink, etc. A Chinese waiter or attendant goes from table to table, supplying visitors with hot cloths; the respectable old dirty serviettes which have done service for years. A Chinaman will accept the hot cloth, wipe his face, neck, and hands, and leave it on the table. Presently another fresh—one, I won't say fresh—one is brought, for it has been used by some other fellow at the other end of the room. It has been swashed out in hot water and brought round by someone else. I didn't partake of the hot cloth; it is an acquired taste. The Chinese play is a wonderful concoction of cymbal, tymbal, squeaky violin sounding instrument, and noise generally. Stage totally devoid of scenery, a concert platform; proscenium at back; a door R. and L. back. Entering at R. they exit at L. No female actors; men play women's parts: the actor who can in falsetto sing the loudest is generally voted the best artist. After a long falsetto solo, the actor turns up stage, an attendant comes on, holds to his lips a cup of tea, the actor cannot hold the cup himself, for his sleeves are so long and wide his hands are not visible. A war scene or fight will be on; they pantomime striking each other, but never come in contact. They jump, pirouette, and march off. Acrobatics is a great feature of their plays. To cross a stream of water—a river—they will place two ordinary chairs, and step from one to the other. Hong Kong and Shanghai were the only towns I played. These places were patronised, like India, by Europeans and military. The latter are very strong in Hong Kong, and it is a very nice sight to see the officers in the dress circle in their white mess jackets. It looks far more dressy than the sombre black dress coat. In Shanghai you get English, French and American patrons, as they each have a part of the town laid out for them. I played Shanghai three months, playing three nights weekly alternate nights. This was prudent, as you nearly get the same persons to every play, and you must change nightly.

I have received a pretty postcard from W. S. Percy, of the Pollards, conveying his kind regards and best wishes from Johannesburg. The illustration is a fine view of the residence of the late Cecil Rhodes. "Rondebosch," Cape Colony. I very cordially reciprocate.



MISS MARY VAN BUREN.

Mr Dan Leno's condition, to which reference was made some weeks ago, seems to have become more favourable than was anticipated, and there is now hope that he may be able to take a sea voyage to Australia, although there is no chance of his being able to accept any engagement.

News comes from Germany that Herr Hermann Sudermann has just completed a new play, of which the title might be freely translated into English as "Socrates and His Companion in Arms." The play deals to a large extent with the difference that exists between socialism of the highest class and the base mercenary substitute which so often parades in its name. The whole performance is essentially German, the last scene being devoted to a fete commemorative of the Battle of Sedan, and it seems unlikely, even if it attains in its own country the success which friends of the author predict, that it is a play which could ever be performed with any hope of a good reception in Paris.

Mr Daniel Frawley, the star of the organisation to open here next Monday, has long been a prominent figure in theatrical circles of America. Some ten years ago he started out as his own manager and director, secured the western rights to a large number of London and New York successes, including "Secret Service," "The Great Ruby," "The Liars," "Lord and Lady Algy," "The Only Way," "Quo Vadis," "In Missouri," "The Derby Winner," "Trilby," "Puddin' Head Wilson," "The Dancing Girl," "The Christian," "Sweet Lavender," "Madame Sans Gene," "Arabian Nights," "Children of the Ghetto," "Brother Officers," "The Girl I Left Behind Me," "Alabama," and other great plays. For seven years he was the most prominent producer of plays in San Francisco, and the fame of his productions established him as one of the leading directors in America.

The musical world in England is still divided in its opinion as to whether Miss Ada Crossley or Miss Clara Butt is the greater artiste. Discussing the question the "Critic" produced the following significant statistics:—"So far, Miss Ada Crossley's position shows as little chance of being assailed as Melba's, and even Clara Butt cannot endanger her place. Plain facts are the most effective style of argument. Well, there are nine oratorio festivals this year: Miss Clara Butt is engaged for two, Miss Crossley is engaged for eight, and only had to relinquish the ninth (Bristol) because the dates clashed with those of one of the others for which she is already engaged (Cardiff). The same in drawing-room work—Miss Crossley has five engagements to Miss Butt's one; while for London concerts, they are both engaged for every one of the Queen's Hall Ballad Concerts, and they take turn about to appear at Patti concerts in the Albert Hall or elsewhere. In a recent article on "Millions Made on the Concert Platform" it was stated that 'Ada Crossley or Clara Butt can afford to smile at the income of a Cabinet Minister,' and their surroundings and style of living support this statement."

"A Message From Mars" is to be produced as in a musical dress in Vienna shortly.

Miss Gracie Whitford (Mrs John F. Sheridan) is showing in the English provinces with much success. In a letter to an Australian friend, the popular little lady says that she is not likely to visit this part of the world for some time to come.

Willoughby and Geach have secured from J. C. Williamson his Christmas dates at Auckland, also his openings in Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. This (says the "Newsletter") looks as if J. C. was not going to send the Royal Comies to New Zealand.

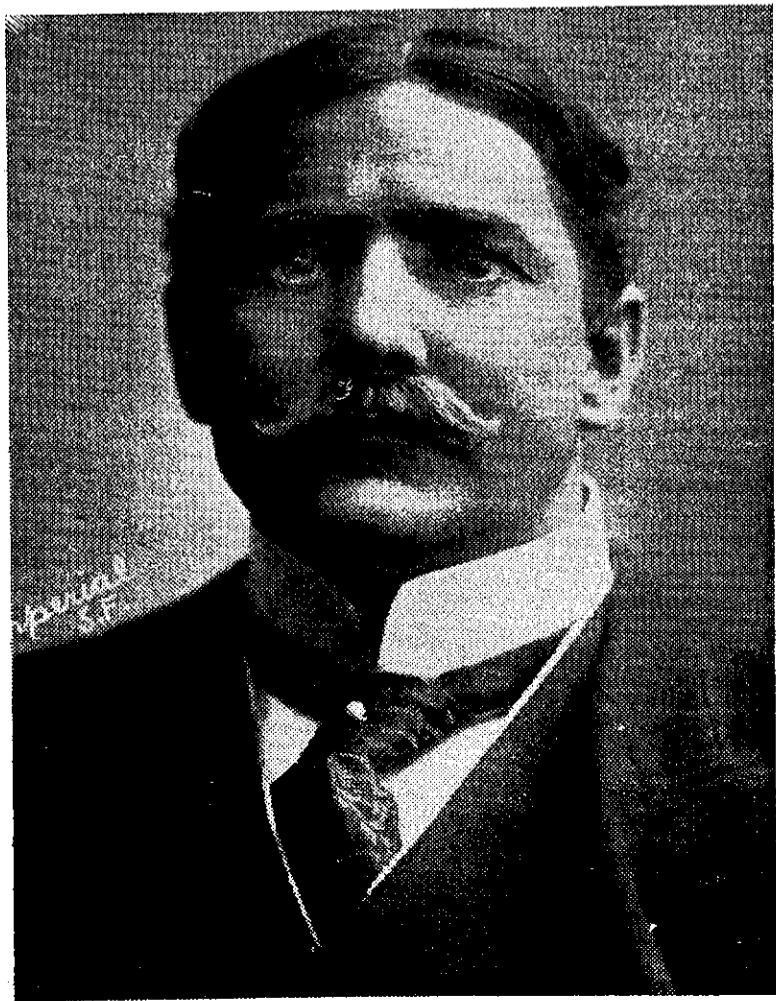
Some of the Shakesperian exponents now at the Royal, Sydney (says the "Newsletter"). For instance, Croker-King was the "heavy father" in the "Dream," and now in "Twelfth Night" he extracts laughs as a humorous Sir Andrew. Athol Forde plays the good old Adam in "As You Like It," meanwhile he gambols joyously as Sir Toby. Miss Maud Milton as Audrey, Maria, and Helena also lends colour to the statement.

On Monday next Mr J. C. Williamson will inaugurate the New Zealand season of Mr Daniel Frawley and Company, beginning at Auckland. Visits to Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin will follow, and then a second trip through the islands, making return visits to the cities mentioned, and taking in several of the smaller places, is contemplated.

There is always good money in Western Australia for theatrical people, provided the show is a "top-notch." The West has of late years been educated up to the good things theatrical, but if "rotters" (theatrical word this) come along they "ain't got no use for 'em."

Miss Mary Van Buren, leading lady for Daniel Frawley, calls herself an Army girl. Her father was colonel of the only regiment of cavalry raised in Texas by the Northerners during the Civil War. She is also related to General Chaffee, the former commander-in-chief in the Philippines and in command of the American contingent at Peking. General Chaffee is now stated to be head of the American War College. During Miss Van Buren's stay in Manila last year she was much sought after by army people, and at a great reception to General Miles she was the belle of the evening.

Miss Beatrice Vartha, the gifted young pianist, makes her first appearance in Auckland at Abbott's Opera House, on October 16th. Her appearances in the South have caused favourable impressions by press and public. Miss Vartha had the honour of playing before the Duke and Duchess of York during their visit, at Wellington, in 1901. Her musical association in the past with such eminent artists as Chevalier de Kontske, Mdme. Trebelli, Bessie Doyle, and Miss Gwen Davies is a guarantee of this artiste's ability.



MR. DANIEL FRAWLEY.



A great success is predicted for the Australian tour of the Julius Knight-Maud Jeffries Company. Mr Knight explains to a Melbourne paper that the readers of Tolstoi's book may possibly form a wrong impression as to "Resurrection." Something of the disagreeable is eliminated in the drama, which is none the less solemn and magnificent, with its lighter side emphasised for stage purposes. Almost every act is differently cast, and its setting is very beautiful. It represents really so many phases of life, beginning with the young soldier in his own home and passing in succession to the jury scene—a Russian drawing-room, its splendour heightened by contrast with the sordid prison scene, one of the greatest of the piece, and winding up with the gorgeous snow scene on the road to Siberia, where the play ends. It is a play the effect of which upon an audience, Mr Knight says, cannot be conveyed in off-hand description. He is greatly in love, too, with "Monsieur Beaucaire," a play which has been running in London for a year, and is still. "It is a delightful costume comedy, with a romantic love story; a favourite with men, a still greater favourite with women. I like my own part in it immensely, and I like Miss Jeffries' part, too. As Lady Mary Carlisle she will, I feel sure, be such a 'Beauty of Bath' as we have not yet seen on the stage. 'The Eternal City,' the dramatisation of Hall Caine's story, is another powerful play in our repertoire, with nothing in it to which the most devout churchman could take objection. The Vatican scenes are beautiful and reverential. Mr Berthold Tree, who is most anxious that the company should do credit to his London theatre, will send us almost immediately, a new play, 'The Darling of the Gods,' which he is just staging at His Majesty's Theatre, in London. It is a Japanese love tragedy, picturesquely staged, as you can understand, and played in Japanese costume, yet so charming a story, and appealing so immediately to human sympathy, that within ten minutes the audience have forgotten the nationality so often associated with the lightest style of theatrical production, and are absorbed only in the story."

The latest San Francisco "Dramatic Star" is responsible for the following:—"After many proposals from other parties and considerable deliberation as to her coming appearance in New York, it was definitely settled by a long telegram from the great theatrical firm of Klaw and Erlanger to McKee Rankin that Nance O'Neill, the now celebrated actress, is to pass under their exclusive control for the period of four years. This arrangement is a most auspicious one for the brilliant young star's appearance in the metropolis. Everybody knows what the advantage of being presented by the great syndicate means in a city where productions costing many thousands of dollars are not uncommon. The arrangement just



MISS BEATRICE VARTHA, the well-known pianist, who appears at the Opera House on October 16 and 19.

made insures for Miss O'Neill magnificent productions and a thoroughly efficient cast in her support. The question of expense will cut no figure, and the ambitious star could not desire a better opportunity to demonstrate to the people of the great American metropolis the rare histrionic talent which has already been recognised on this coast and in other parts of America.

The insane manner in which the alleged comic corner-men ring off stale jokes and "get ats" while an inoffensive serio-comic is doing some dancing should be put down with a firm hand. The system has outlived its popularity.

Alas for anti-Wagnerites! Musgrove threatens to make the great Teuton's works the backbone of the 1904 season, and lovers of the sugary Italian school who have not got over regarding Wagner as the Ibsen of the musical world will be left complaining.

Mr Charles Arnold, whose judgment as a producer of comedies succeeded, it is stated, in adding to his banking account, during the last eighteen months he appeared in Australia, no less a sum than £35,000, secured for Messrs Willoughby and Geach "Mistakes Will Happen." This will be seen for the first time in Auckland on Boxing Night. There are three acts in the play. The first shows the apartments of an actress; the second the coachhouse (with a practical loft) of a rich man; and the third the vestibule hall of a fashionable boarding-house, and of which the Sydney press say creates as much laughter as "What Happened to Jones?"

Miss Olga Nethersole, who visited Australia some years ago, has achieved an eminent position in America, as may be inferred from the announcement that Mr G. L. Tyler has offered her over £8000 to play the leading part in "The Eternal City," for an American tour extending over thirty-five weeks.

A new version of "Don Quixote" is being arranged by M. Jean Richepin, and the English adaptation is to be done by Mr Michael Morton, who translated "Resurrection."

Musgrove rightly costumes "Twelfth Night" in the Venetian costumes of the 15th century (says the "Newsletter"). The Daly production in London some years ago garbed the characters in the sartorial glories of ancient Greece.

Through an extreme similarity in the names, the announcement was recently made that Carl Hertz, the well-known conjurer, had died in London. It appears by a recent exchange that the name of the artist who died was Martz, and that he was in a similar line of business. Mr Edwin Geach has now received confirmation of the mistake which was made, in a letter from the distinguished conjurer, dated four weeks after the report of his death was received here.

Thus a New Plymouth press critic:—"Mr J. C. Piddock, of the Musgrove Opera Company, is evidently no believer in an artificial or make-believe kiss on the stage; he is in fact a believer in making the business a reality. In both his appearances here, and more particularly in "The Serenade," Mr Piddock kissed with no uncertain sound, and every time he kissed on the lips and not on the cheek. He is a gentleman who plays his part in a wholehearted way and deserves to succeed."

While the Charles Holloway Dramatic Company was playing in one of the northern towns of Queensland, and just as the leading lady was acting a heavy tragic part, a Jackeroo from the back blocks, well primed with whisky, staggered down the centre of the hall, and stood, hat in hand, near the orchestra, watching the actress intently, so much so that she caught his eye several times. At last when she pronounced the words, "I can never learn to love you," he bowed profoundly, donned his hat, and left the hall muttering, "That settles it. Just my luck!"

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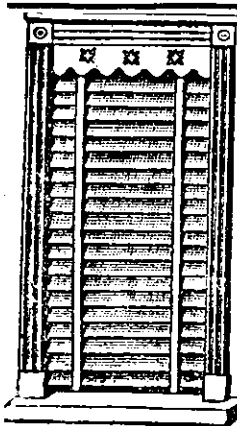
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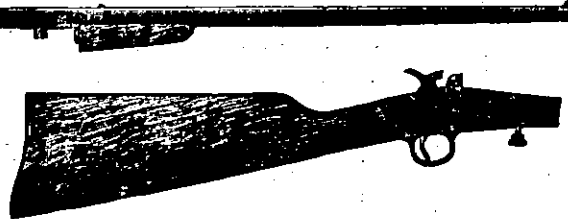


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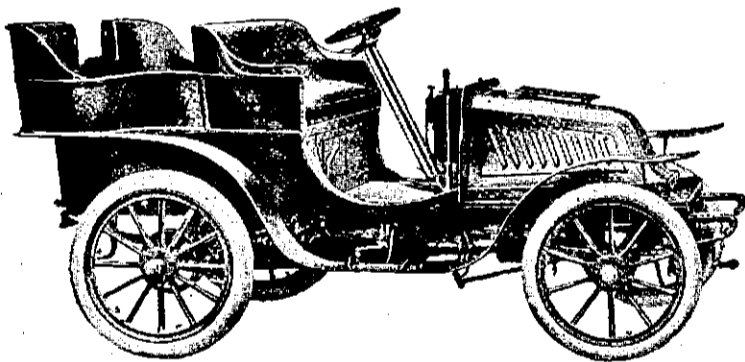
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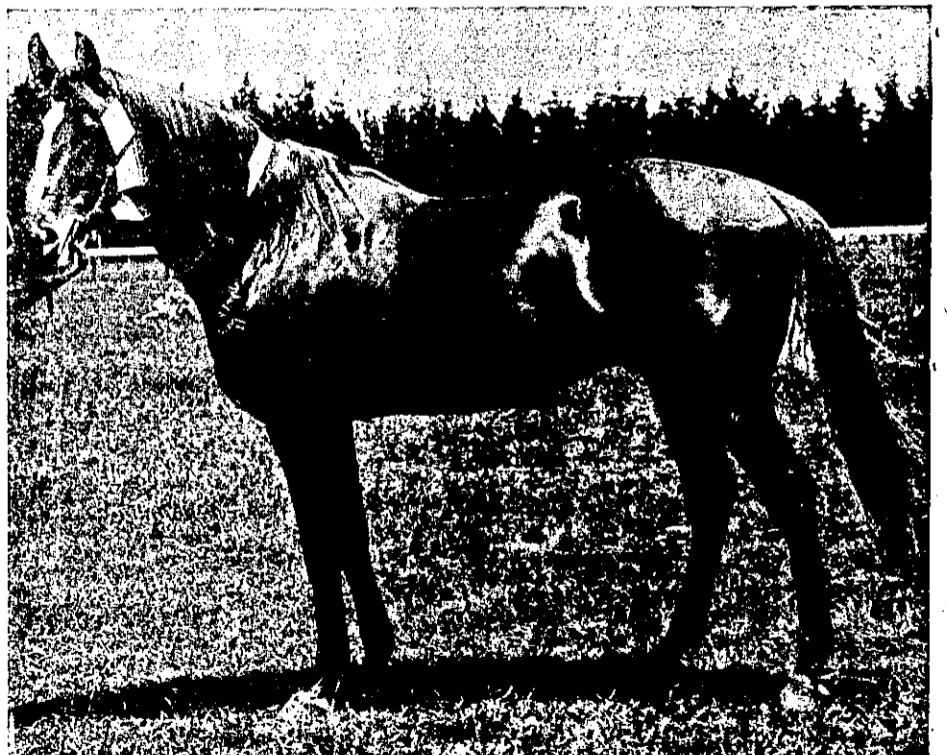
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## LIBERTY SCORES.

The result of the poll taken to determine whether the electric cars should, or should not, run on Sunday, is an emphatic victory for the party of freedom and progress. The minority embraces virtually all the members of the party of intolerance who are on the City roll, and had they stood alone they would have been as ludicrously as they are hopelessly out of the running. But they were supported by others, some of whom are merely selfish and therefore human, and some that it is difficult to range under any category. Those who were guided by self-interest are the bus owners and cab drivers, and on their behalf it was urged, by persons who would resent the imputation of ignorance, that as the Tramway Company did a good business all the week, it should let the cabbies have a "cut in" on the Sunday. By parity of reasoning it might be argued that as the Gas Company made a handsome profit during six days, the candlemakers ought to get a "show" on the seventh. However, there was a reason for the opposition of the bus and cab owners, and they were perfectly justified in attempting to block by lawful means the progress of an institution which certainly does threaten to destroy their interests. But there were others who were swayed by such absurd considerations as, for instance, that the Company would make too much money, and that the citizens would be fleeced to provide fat dividends; that the manager of the Company is a "fore gner." Such contentions, of course, require no answer, though it is certain that they accounted for a good many votes. They were invented by men who knew that they were false and ridiculous, by men who professed to be guided in their opposition to Sunday trams by motives of high morality, by men who for weeks past have been filling the daily papers with Biblical texts. It is humiliating to reflect upon the gross misuse of religion throughout the campaign. The assumption by the fanatical element that all who differ from them on the question of Sunday observance are irreligious would be offensive if it were not so grotesquely amusing. Nevertheless there is a danger in the tendency, laughable at it is. It constitutes a serious anomaly that, in a country boasting of the separation of religion from State polity, and the absolute freedom of conscience, the ultra Sabbatarian sects should yet have it in their power to assail the practical exercise of moderate beliefs. There is a serious menace here, evident not only in such matters as the scope and nature of Sunday traffic, but in other affairs affecting the personal inclinations of the people. The principle of rule by the majority is established, and we do not attack it; nor do we

think that any serious injustice is likely to spring from it so long as it is exercised with intelligence. The mass of the people, though they may suffer from temporary aberrations, are generally governed by considerations of fair play and commonsense. In the long run they will realise that the danger that has to be guarded against is the persistent attempt that is being made, under a multitude of different shapes, to control their liberty as individuals and as a community. To-day the enemy poses as prohibitionists; to-morrow as protector of the "Sabbath," and so on, but it is always the same old enemy, that made a sacrifice of somebody else for the glory of God and the satisfaction of its own sins. This enemy has been checked in various directions; from some it has been permanently turned; but it is still active, and demands as much vigilance on the part of those it attacks as ever.

## Trade Topics

Mr F. W. Watt, proprietor of the Imperial Hotel, New Plymouth, who underwent an operation in the hospital the other day, is, it is reported, progressing satisfactorily.

The following appears in the leading English Organ of the Trade:—"The extension of local option to liquor legislation in New Zealand has given that method of dealing with the problem of drink considerable popularity at the Antipodes a cry for local option is now being raised in Western Australia. It is extremely doubtful, however, whether such a system would work successfully on the goldfields owing to the lack of personal interest in parochial affairs. In New Zealand local option has led to the closing of many licensed houses, and in some parts of the colony prohibition is in force. Where reductions in the number of licenses are to be made in accordance with the will of the electors, it is provided that licenses which have been endorsed for breaches of the law in respect of selling liquor to children or to drunken persons shall be the first to be reduced, and next to these shall come licenses held in respect of premises which comprise little or no accommodation for travellers or lodgers. This, of course, is fair enough. This provision is, however, qualified by the granting of discretionary powers to the district licensing committee to make the reductions to extend over the whole district in such manner as they think equitable, having regard to the convenience of the public and the particular requirements of the several localities within the district. Should Western Australia decide in favour of local option it is anticipated that the law will be framed on the New Zealand model.

## TRADE ORGANISATION.

The following from the London "L.V. Gazette" will be of interest to the newly-organised Hotel Proprietors' Union:—

"The need for a round table conference, such as that suggested by Mr Howard Tripp, between the wholesale and the retail trader, must be apparent to all who take the trouble to read the reports of the proceedings of the Trade Protection Societies. Here is the City of Westminster and Borough of Chelsea Association—the oldest and perhaps most influential of all the Metropolitan societies—now declaring that the members of the Trade do not require a compensation Bill, but reasonable security for the continuation of their calling. And this after all the money that has been spent in bringing home to the Government the absolute necessity of passing a compensation Bill through Parliament with the least possible delay. What was the mass meeting in the Queen's Hall at the beginning of the year primarily called for? What has been the main object of the agitation that has been carried on throughout the country during the year? Reduction and Compensation have been the text words at each successive gathering, and it will be remembered that at the meeting in London, convened by the Central Board, and at which many members of the Westminster and Chelsea Association were present, the following resolution was unanimously carried:—

"That representations be made to His Majesty's Government as to the urgent necessity of introducing into and passing through Parliament a measure providing for the compensation of all persons who may be affected by the action of the licensing justices throughout the country in reducing the number of licenses in their respective areas.

"This resolution, the passing of which I well remember was received with ringing cheers—was proposed by Mr W. J. Wettenhall, J.P., seconded by Mr Henri Gros, and supported by Mr Howard Tripp, who expressed a hope that His Majesty's Government would take that meeting as the 'writing on the wall.' Well, the Government and Parliament have taken that 'meeting as the 'writing on the wall,' and yet now when we are daily expecting an important pronouncement by the Prime Minister on the whole subject, we are calmly told by the most important and influential of all the metropolitan societies that the Trade 'does not want compensation.' Evidently the sooner Mr Howard Tripp's round table conference gets to work the better."

## INTOLERANT NONCONFORMISTS.

What a wonderful thing is that Non-conformist conscience! It appears that among the Welsh members of Parliament are a number of barristers, and that some of these have been briefed by brewers to represent publicans in licensing cases. Well, this is regarded as very wicked by the Nonconformists and temperance people, who claim to have sent these members to the House of Commons, and in view of a possible general election, an effort is to be made to put a stop to the practice. The Members of Parliament in question will know how to treat this latest piece of impertinence on the part of a section of their constituents. Clearly a

member's private business is no concern of the electors, and if the lawyers in the House of Commons choose to accept briefs at the hands of wealthy brewers, that should be no cause for public complaint. Brewster Sessions open again in February, and who more suitable to represent the licensed victualling interest than the barristers in the House of Commons, who could bring their parliamentary as well as their legal experience to bear?

Why Mr Hugh Edwards, of Liverpool, should have addressed a letter to Mr Arthur Chamberlain regarding these complaints of Welsh Nonconformists it is difficult to understand. Possibly it was because the chairman of the Birmingham Licensing Bench happened to be on a visit to South Wales. Anyway, Mr Chamberlain seems to have been only too pleased to have had the opportunity afforded him of giving expression to his views. Of course he entirely agrees with the Nonconformists. Writing from Brecon, he says:—

"We temperance reformers have no selfish purpose to serve. On the contrary, we sacrifice our time and our strength, because we must do what we feel to be our duty, and it is intolerable that our cause should be utilised for money-making by men who owe their seats to professing agreement with our aspirations. I think that these wolves in sheep's clothing should not be allowed to misrepresent the Nonconformist electors in Parliament. The brewers only brief them because of the special injury to the temperance cause their position as representative of a temperance constituency enables them to do."

It is really too bad that a chairman of a Licensing Bench should go out of his way to vilify the wholesale Trade in this manner. What justice can be expected from a justice who holds such pronounced views? The announcement made by Mr Balfour that the Government intend to deal with the question of the confiscation of licenses next session has evidently proved too much for Mr Arthur Chamberlain, and he has expressed a hope that religious men, whatever their political predilections, will unite to remove from power the present Government, which he maintains is "becoming every day more immoral, more retrograde, and more dangerous to the material, mental, and moral welfare of the people."

## WANGANUI PACKET LICENSES.

A petition was presented to the House of Representatives on Thursday last from Wikitoria Kemp, daughter of the late Major Kemp, and forty-four chiefs, objecting to the packet licenses which have been granted to the steamers on the Wanganui River, on the ground that the Licensing Committee, in granting those licenses, have ignored the spirit of the proclamation that no licenses to sell liquor be granted in the King Country. The petitioners state that they have instructed a solicitor to take proceedings in Court to test the validity of the licenses in respect to the portion of the river which runs through the prohibited area, and they ask the House of Representatives to declare that the law costs incurred, and to be incurred, be paid out of the £7000 placed annually on the Civil list for native purposes.

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(Own Correspondent "L.V. Gazette.")

Our licensed victuallers have had their field day, or, rather, night in the House of Assembly, but the result was a foregone conclusion. The provisions of an Act of Parliament had been stretched to allow of the prohibition of the sale of liquor to natives in a large district of the Eastern Province, and the veteran Colonel Schermbrucker voiced the complaint of the licensed victuallers of East London and King William's Town in finding their legitimate trade interfered with. As the Colonel pointed out, such action neither promoted the cause of temperance nor that of law and order; smuggling was made very prevalent, and on the borders of the area it was notorious that the natives had only to cross the Buffalo River, take the liquor over to their own side, and that, too, in paraffin tins, drink it under the bushes, and lie down to sleep it off. In reply, the Premier, Sir Gordon Sprigg, a rabid teetotaler, stated that the law officers of the Crown had been consulted before the step was taken. The House endorsed his action, but the intemperate temperance party may yet find in another session that the old Colonel will come up smiling, as was always his wont. It is a fair specimen of the unfair treatment the trade receives that a man in Sir Gordon Sprigg's position should make the accusations "licensed victuallers wanted to sell more liquor; they wanted to promote drunkenness throughout the country." This could not be allowed to pass, and our old friend, "Harry Magor," has, in his capacity of chairman of the Western Province Licensed Victuallers' Association, sent a letter of protest to the "Cape Times." It is some little satisfaction to find the leading newspaper in South Africa giving the letter prominence in leaded type. Here are his concluding words: "I would venture to hint that being a 'father' to the natives does not justify the Premier in adopting the role of the father of tarrididdles! I contend that Sir Gordon, greatly as he is esteemed in certain political ranks, owes an apology to every respectable licensed victualler in the colony for his unwarrantable and wholly unsupported attack upon the reputation of the Trade. In his capacity as Treasurer of the Colony I do not suppose he is above accepting all the revenue obtainable from the drink traffic, and no questions asked. But while mem-

bers of the Trade are perfectly free to carry on their business under strict conditions of legality, they protest against being reviled and assailed by an 'old Parliamentary hand' who ought to know better, and who shelters himself behind the ramparts of a Ministerial position."

In connection with this subject I may tell you that a "paraffin tin," often converted into a bucket, holds four gallons, but the beer-drinking capacity of a Kaffir is pretty considerable. I am reminded of one employed at a brewery who was allowed a gallon of "tickey" beer after he had finished his work each day. It was a sight to see him take his "tot," not in six bottles, but from the brimming measure. His own lips were thicker than the measure's rim, and the rotundity of his paunch not inferior to that of the can. Just one long, mighty draught, a heavy sigh, a smack of his lips as he drew the back of his hand across them; then with a "Donkey Boss!" as the Dutch equivalent of "Thank you, Master!" is usually pronounced, he went on his way.

By the way, I have heard of newcomers taking offence when they have bestowed a tip, and instead of receiving the polite "Thank you," they expected, have apparently been called asinine. I never hear the expression myself but I am reminded of another sort of L.V. to those in the liquor interest, namely, my butcher, who bestows the name of donkey on a species of meat entirely unakin to anything you would make the regular food of your cat. He has a large number of Mohammedan customers, whose patronage is of so much consideration that he is not supposed to supply pork. If you order that joint he passes it on for delivery by a fellow tradesman who resides near the acorn bearing groves of Newlands. Your own butcher's bill bears the entry of, say, "five pounds loin donkey," sometimes abbreviated to DNK.

The repressive efforts of would-be reformers have had an unexpected effect in the Wynberg district, where a magistrate has decided that a wholesale dealer may supply one dozen assorted liquors and escape the trouble of obtaining a bottle store license. One of these "wholesale" purveyors has put up a price-list in his window with the prices quoted for single bottles—"tickey" 3d, Fine Cape Brandy 2s 6d, and so on. On a par with this is the formation of clubs. Talking to the proprietor of one of these, he remarked: "If they want me to become licensed they must ask me. Why should I go to all the trouble, just to be refused again. I have

three hundred customers, and who has more of the regular sort? I am not obliged to serve Tom, Dick and Harry, and I can open and close when I please. No license for me, thank you!"

This is open dealing, both in the case of the club and the wine store, but what of the illicit traffic? Hardly a week passes but you read of police prosecutions, resulting in heavy fines, which have little deterrent effect. And how many illicit dealers are not found out? Truly, this is a thirsty country, and all in it are not like Sir Gordon in preferring hot water. Little wonder, then, if our L.V.'s take umbrage at, and resist every new effort of repression. Conducting a legitimate trade under the eyes of the police, he has every right to object to any movement that sends his business into illegitimate channels.

THE BRANDY TRADE.

There is an interesting article in "Le Moniteur de Cognac," the organ of the wine and spirit trade in France, on "The Brandy Trade in England," based on the annual report of M. Jean Perier, French Consul in London. It appears from the figures given that the year 1902 was a bad one for French shipments to England, and the Cognac merchants must have suffered, as the total imports into this country only amounted to 2,291,239 gallons, against 3,081,525 gallons in 1901. This "regrettable fact" is partly attributed to the close of the South African war, and "perhaps partly to the competition of Scotch and Irish whisky, which, on account of their comparative cheapness, tempt clients when the profits of the middle classes are lower." There is not much in this latter argument, since brandy and whisky drinkers may be described as belonging to two different and distinct classes. As a rule the man who favours "Irish" or "Scotch" would not look at brandy, while the lover of good old Cognac would care not for the finest glass of whisky placed before him. It is recognised that there are no better judges of good brandy than the English, hence it is that we continue to take half the exports of France, and pay the best price for the genuine produce.

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A return prepared by the Minister for Justice shows that the amount expended in the prohibition districts for the last financial year in obtaining convictions for sly grog-selling exceeded all others. The police districts' figures were:—Auckland (King Country), £223 18s; Napier, £21 7s; Wanganui, £57 18s; Wellington, £62 12s; Greymouth, £5 10s; Christchurch, £1 5s; Dunedin (Clutha), £203 15s; Invercargill, £1 18s. Total, £578 5s.

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LIARS, PERJURERS, AND SCOUNDRELS.

(London "L.V. Gazette.")

A very strong and natural feeling of indignation has been aroused in Trade circles by the deliberate insult and libel that was fastened on to the licensed fraternity by Mr Curtis Bennett in the course of some remarks he made the other day at the Marylebone Police Court. The case before him was that of a landlord of a public house charged with allowing his house to be used for betting purposes. Evidence in support of the landlord's denial was given by three detective officers. The magistrate had either to accept the veracity of the majority and be swayed by the superior weight of evidence, or brand the publican and three members of the force as liars on the word of two constables. Mr Curtis Bennett chose the latter alternative, and he couched his remarks in the most offensive and sweeping terms that he could employ. Apparently his grievance lay in the fact that the landlord dared to have any defence at all, or that his defence cast an aspersion upon the veracity of the policemen who brought the charge, or that his denial should be corroborated by a preponderance of professional testimony. The precise form in which the grievance framed itself in the magisterial mind does not matter; on two points he was adamant—that the publican who controverts the statements made by the prosecuting policeman must, ipso facto, be a liar, and that when it comes to lying among the minions of the law, three constables must necessarily lie more than two, because there are more of them. No man, as the testimony of the Scriptures convinces us, knoweth the mind of the Lord, and the logic of the law is at times equally incomprehensible.

variable practice among publicans nowadays to absolutely deny on oath everything the police had to say against them when prosecuted for offences committed on licensed premises. That was the present state of things in London. The police were to be believed in prosecutions for forgery, murder, larceny, and every other kind of offence, but when they gave evidence against licensed victuallers the latter on oath denied every word said against them, and practically asked the magistrate to brand the police as liars, perjurers, and scoundrels. We have precedent to warrant our belief that remarks of this kind may be credited to the vagaries of the liver or the eccentricities of the digestive organs. We have in mind the case of Bardell versus Pickwick, and we remember the concern with which Mr Perker speculated on the quality of the judge's lunch, and the pious hope that it might not disagree with him. It has been claimed for magistrates that they are only human after all, but the further mitigating plea put forward on Mr Curtis Bennett's behalf that "very likely it was a very hot afternoon," does not, we confess, weigh with us. We do not resent this judicial stricture because the words are ungenerous, but because the charge is unjust and untrue. When an innocent person is haled before the bench on a false account he must, in his own defence, contradict the statements of the prosecuting agent, and if a hundred unoffending people are similarly falsely charged the denials are correspondingly numerous. So long as a policeman brings unfounded charges against publicans, for just so long will the publicans "absolutely deny on oath" what the police say against them, and if the process of refuting untrue evidence and pleading not guilty to false charges constitutes a petition to the magistrate to stigmatise a lying, perjured and scoundrelly constable as a liar, perjurer, and scoundrel, the magistrate who faithfully does his duty will have no option but to comply with the request. This magistrate, in effect, calls the Trade by the names he charges all its members with asking him to brand the police with.

Lest we should be thought to be exaggerating the offensiveness of the opprobrium that Mr Curtis Bennett levelled against the Trade, and also because we would have a permanent record of the dictum by us for future reference, we give the magistrate's words as they appeared in the daily Press. After listening to the landlord's defence and the witnesses on his behalf he declared that "it was the in-

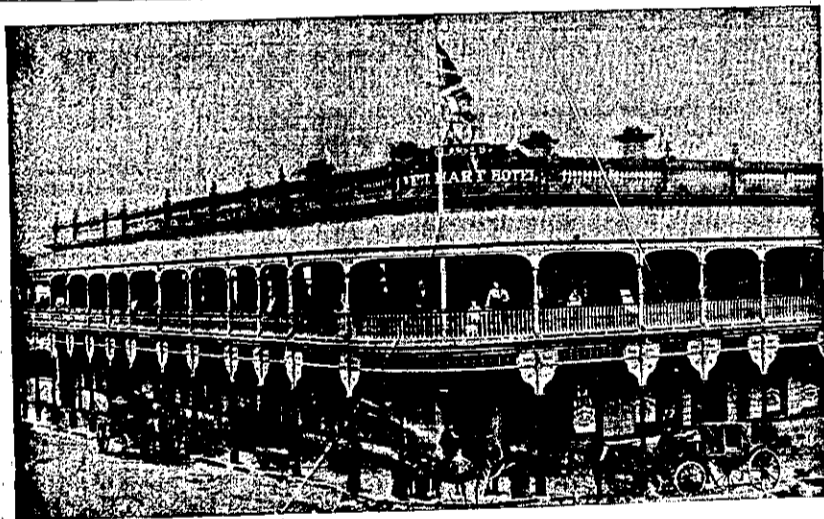
practices," that every publican who is taxed with an offence is guilty by Act of Parliament, and that every policeman who gives evidence for the prosecution is a George Washington with a flying start and an apprentice's allowance. If the distinguished ornament to the Marylebone bench will take the trouble to turn up the file of the "Licensed Victuallers' Gazette," he will find that not only have the police in cases of prosecutions or licensed victuallers been appealed from as liars, perjurers, and scoundrels, but the presiding magistrates have frequently sustained the appeal. It is not our wish or intention to make a general indictment of the police force, nor should we, happily, be able to support such an accusation; but we do desire to state, in the most emphatic terms, that the word of a publican is as good as the word of a policeman in the eyes of the law until one or other is shown to be lying. The two policemen in the case at the Marylebone Court were proved to be lying on the evidence of three policemen and the oath of a publican, yet Mr Curtis Bennett not only accepts the word of the minority against the weight of evidence before him—in itself a most unusual and indefensible proceeding save in very exceptional cases—but he goes further and slanders, in the grossest manner, every member of the Trade. We have spoken strongly on this matter, because we feel that it is an instance in which strong speaking is demanded, and because we would not have other magistrates imagine that the Trade does not resent most keenly such an unwarrantable aspersion. Licensed victuallers have quite as many ills to suffer as they can inconveniently endure—their trade is hedged about with a multitude of laws that no two judges can construe alike. Their reputations are at the mercy of any lying policeman who is entrusted with a note-book and a pair of regulation boots, and their livings are in the disposition of justices who are pledged to effect their extinction. This is the common lot of the individual who is privileged to serve the public as a licensee; but to damn him as unworthy of credence simply because he has the hard fortune to be so privileged is as false as it is unfair.

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The popular idea about the present state of affairs in Bruce is (says the "Herald") that it is a no-license district the same as Gore. This is a popular error, for Bruce is not a no-license district, and the hotels are only closed because the Licensing Committee maintain that they have no jurisdiction to grant licenses owing to the poll being voided by the magistrate, nothing has been carried—neither No-license, Continuance, or Reduction. It is also maintained that unless the higher Courts compel the Committee to grant licenses, both Bruce and Newtown have ceased to be licensing districts, not only for three years, but until Parliament in its wisdom shall pass a law restoring to the electors their rights in licensing elections. It is evident that the law is a double-distilled ass!

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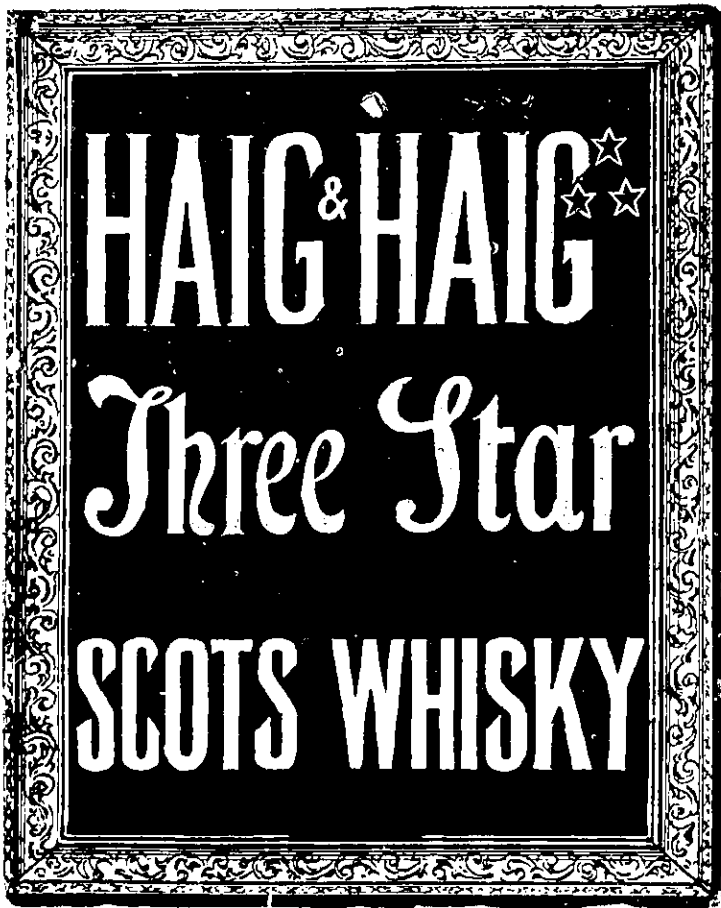


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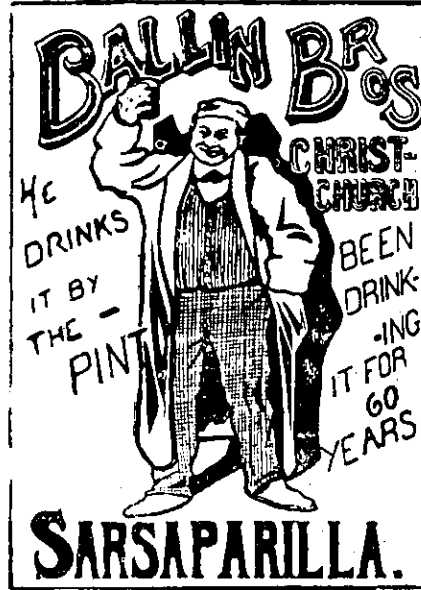
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**LONDON TRADE NEWS.**

(A.B. Journal.)

At last the Government have made a definite pronouncement of their intentions as regards the vexed licensing question, which involves the principle of compensation for disturbance, about which I have had so much to write during the last few months.

It had become quite clear that no legislation could be hoped for this session, and that the most we were likely to get was a statement to the effect that as soon as Parliament assembled in 1904 a measure would be introduced. But Parliament does not assemble usually before the end of January, whereas the annual Licensing Sessions begin their work on February 1st. Fearing the nature of this "work," the trade has spared no effort to get a suspensory measure passed, which would limit the powers of the magistrates pending the introduction and passing of the fuller Government measure. Although the teetotal party are pledged to say that the trade control the Prime Minister and the Unionist Party, the fact remains that after putting forth every effort, they have failed to get even the short suspensory measure I have mentioned, and the position now stands as follows:—

In the House of Lords on July 14th the Lord Chancellor said it was the intention of the Government to bring in a bill as early as possible in the approaching session, but he would not allow himself to be drawn beyond this bald statement. A few days later, in the House of Commons, the Prime Minister promised that before the session closed he would make a statement also on the subject. This statement has since been anxiously awaited by every owner of licensed property throughout the country. Sir W. Hart Dyke, who had a suspensory bill before the House, but could make no progress with it unless the Government would afford it facilities, has never despaired of getting the Government to father it. In order to induce them to take that course, he has within the last week or two organised a petition to Mr Balfour in its favour, and obtained no less than 250 signatures of Unionist M.P.'s, who urged that it should be proceeded with before Parliament adjourned.

in order to avoid the committal of flagrant injustice at the next Brewster Sessions.

The Prime Minister, on August 6th, replying to questions, explained why legislation had been impracticable this session, but he added, "the Government propose to take it up at the earliest possible moment after the reassembling of Parliament." As to the necessity of a suspensory measure or making the new bill retrospective, Mr Balfour pointed out that no licenses could be withheld at the Licensing Sessions in February next without the possibility of appeal to Quarter Sessions in April, and he hoped that in the interval between those two events the House of Commons would be able to express its views on the subject. Beyond this, Mr Balfour said he could not discuss any details at present. Under all the circumstances, and bearing in mind that Mr Balfour is a man who, having given a pledge, can be relied upon to redeem it if in his power, I think the trade will make a virtue of necessity, and be satisfied for the time. With the tariff question so much to the fore, however, no man can say with any degree of certainty that Mr Balfour will be Prime Minister next January, as there is the possibility that a general election may come in November or December.

I think I have already referred to the Licensing Bill for Scotland, brought in by the Government, amending the law on the lines of the Act for England, which was passed in 1902. This measure has now passed both Houses of Parliament, and only awaits the Royal Assent. It is not only an amending, but a consolidating bill, so that the whole licensing law for Scotland, as I pointed out last month, will now be contained in one statute.

The news from the hop gardens is not very encouraging, and the climatic conditions are bad, the rainfall for June and July having been quite twice as much as normal. August has started unsatisfactorily, too, but should an improvement set in at once, and be maintained until picking is over, it is quite possible the crop may be above the average, both in quantity and quality.

The summer, as may be gathered from what I have just said, has been a bad

one, and I fear that depression in the trade, owing to the consumption of beer not having expanded as we had hoped, will still be heard of on every side. That this applies to London, at any rate, is shown by the speech of Mr Cosmo Bonsor to the shareholders of Watney, Combe and Reid Limited, the largest brewery in London, only a few days ago. He said, in regretting that only 2 per cent. could be paid on the deferred ordinary stock, that the company was suffering from two causes—namely, over-taxation (the war tax imposed in 1900 is still being collected) and lessened consumption of beer. The taxation would be a serious handicap if even consumption had been increasing, but when it had been decreasing for four years, more or less steadily, as is the fact, the extra taxation is well-nigh intolerable. This company, however, owing largely to economies, has done somewhat better during the year just ended, and will doubtless at once feel the benefit of more favourable weather and less general trade depression, as soon as these things become facts. The profits of this company last year were £552,679, and the capital invested is nearly £15,000,000.

Messrs Guinness and Co., of Dublin, who have the largest brewery in the world, are able to show a very different result of their trading in the past year. They are able to pay a dividend of 20 per cent. on the ordinary stock, and have accumulated reserves of nearly £2,000,000. The company's profit for the year is £1,001,414, and the total capital of the company amounts to only £6,000,000. One item taken from the profit and loss account speaks volumes as to the enormous extent of their trade, which, by the by, is confined to the brewing of black beers. They paid to the Excise authorities, in the shape of beer duty (7s. 9d. per barrel of 1055 degrees sp. gr.) in the year, no less than £964,154, which is equivalent to over £3000 per day. In other words, the gross profits are practically divided in equal shares between the State and the stockholders, though it must be remembered that the former has provided no part of the £6,000,000 capital of the undertaking.

The rejection by the Court of Chancery of Messrs Allsopp's scheme for reconstructing their capital account has, since I last wrote, been reversed by the Court of Appeal, so that there is no reason, in

this direction at any rate, why the directors should not in a year or two bring the business round to a dividend-paying concern. Of course the sealing down of the capital won't add to the profits, which must come out of increased sales of beer, but it will give the directors more courage to face the position. Under its present management, and now that the old reckless speculation has entirely disappeared from its methods, I am a confident believer that the position in a year or two will once more become satisfactory. Mr C. J. Stewart, the chairman, is an able, energetic, and, within proper limits, a conservative manager.

Mr Jas. Jackson, the new proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, Whangarei, evidently intends to leave no stone unturned to make his patrons comfortable. He has largely increased the accommodation, and is making a special study of the convenience of commercial travellers. The house may confidently be recommended to anybody visiting the growing centre of the North.

The Trade and the public have been severely criticising the recent action of the Glasgow magistrates in trying to "do away" with the barmaid. Curiously enough, according to reports there is in Sweden a trouble of a different sort on a similar question. The retailers want to abolish the girls, but the customers object. The argument of the retailers is that the charms of the barmaids interfere with the consumption of drinks, and consequently with receipts. But the customers have come to the rescue of the girls, and have presented a petition in a high quarter on their behalf. It has even been suggested that the consumers should give the barmaids a tip, which in every case would be more than the price of the drink. If this idea is carried out, it is estimated that the salaries of the barmaids would be something like £4 a week. It is felt that a decision must be come to one way or the other, for retailers consider the situation intolerable, and the customers are determined to stand by the girls.

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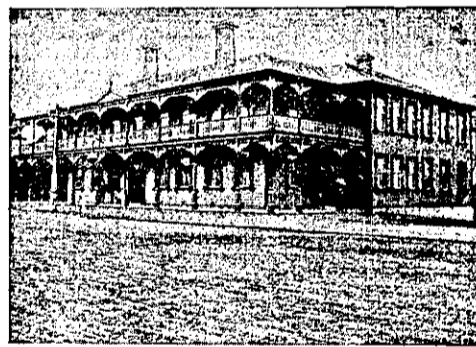
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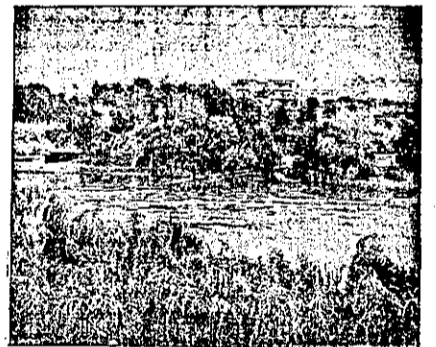
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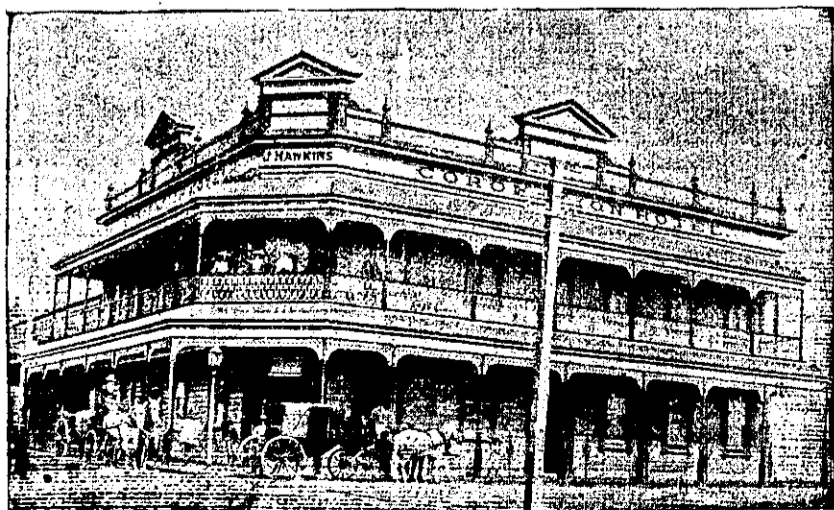


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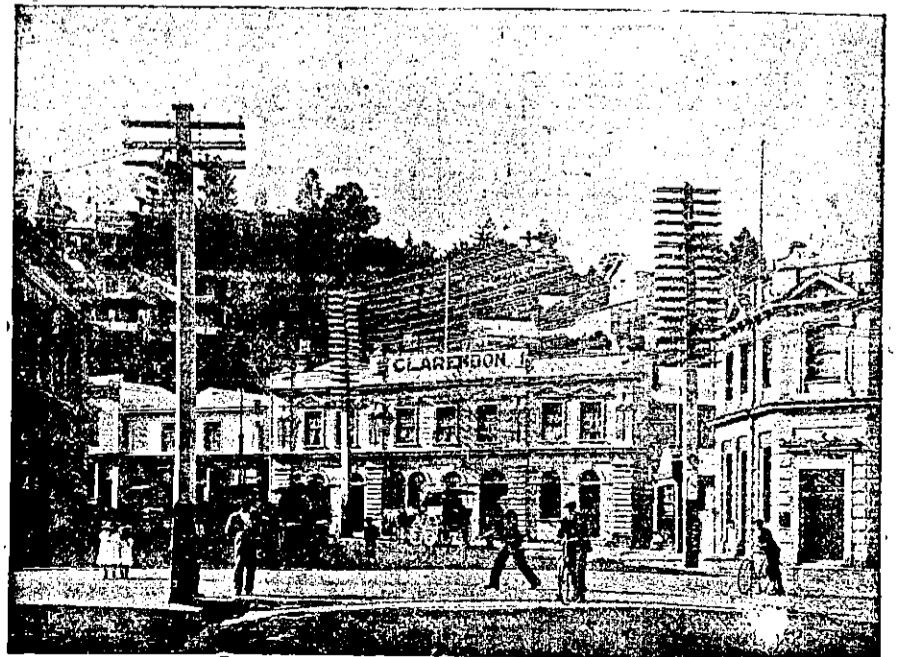
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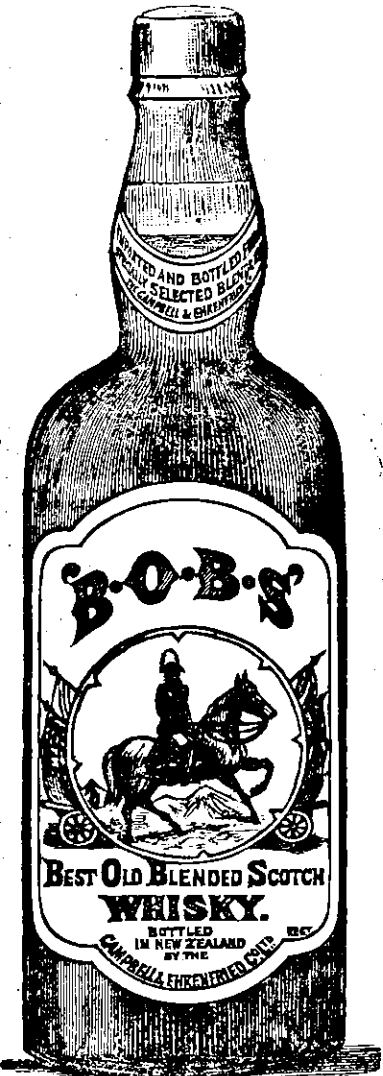
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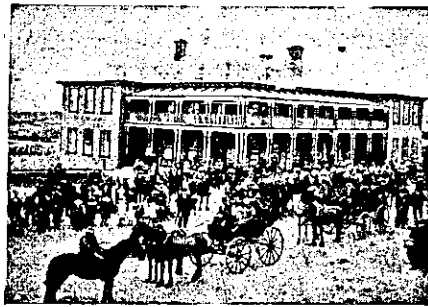


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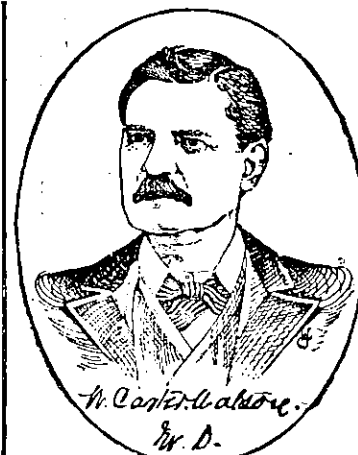
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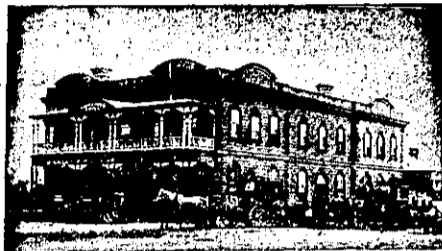
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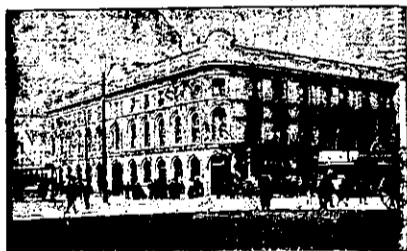
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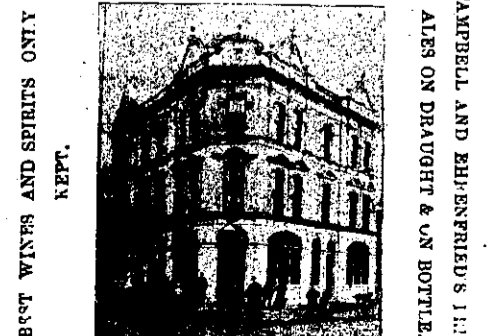


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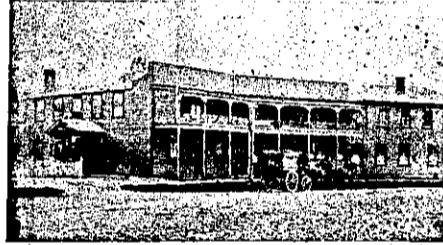
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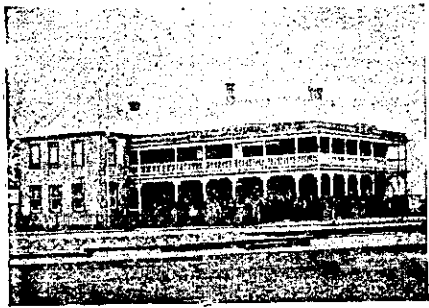
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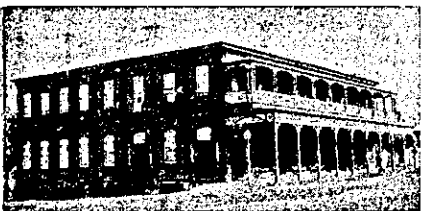
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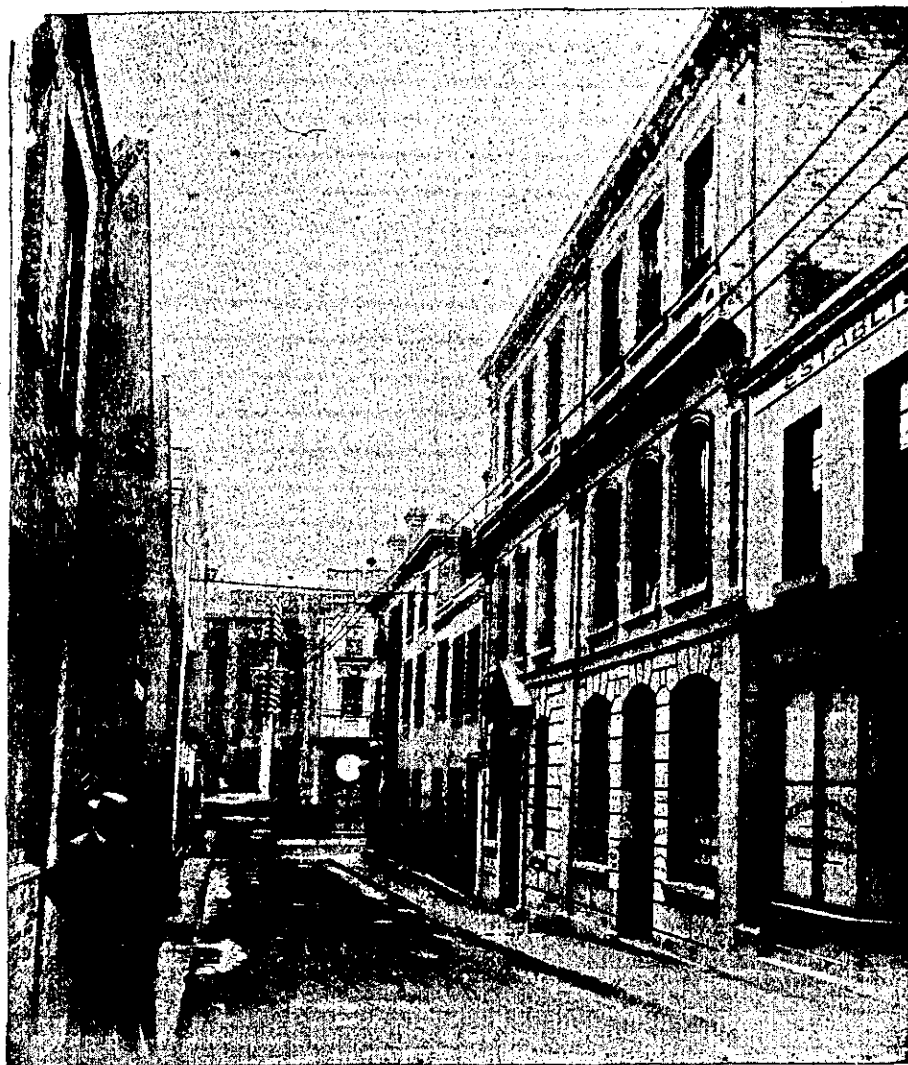
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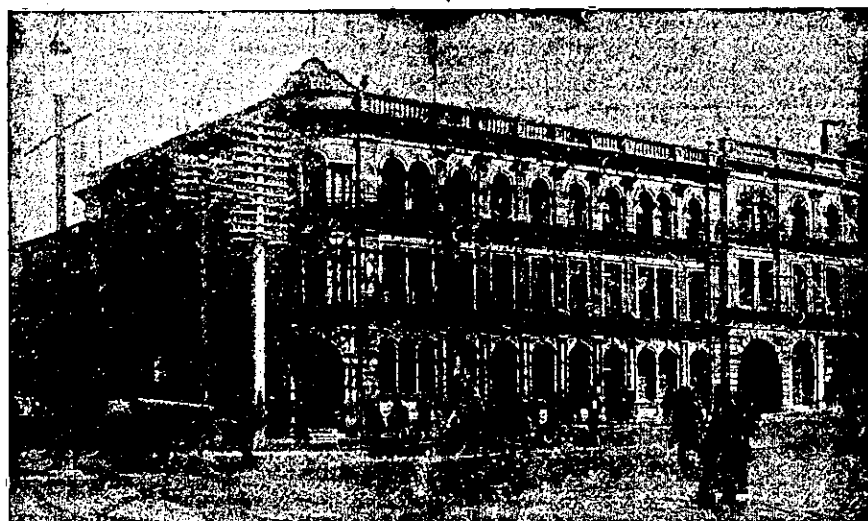
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 Mr Chris. Leek begs to notify his numerous friends  
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 Buses and trams pass the door every three minutes.  
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 This fine House, just re-built in brick and furnished  
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 Sample Room. Hot and Cold Baths.  
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 Favourite Seaside Resort for Tourists

The Proprietor begs to notify the Public that he has  
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UPPER SYMONDS STREET,  
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Every Convenience, combined with Civility and  
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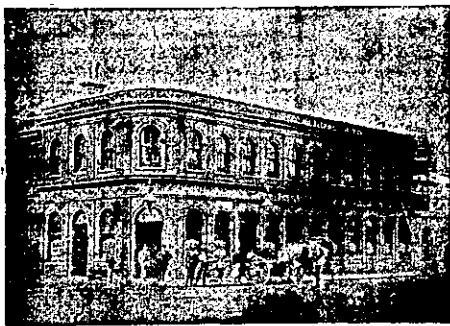
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MRS. J. McCULLOUGH (late of the Harbour View Hotel, Raglan) has taken over the above well-known Hotel. Country Visitors will find in it splendid accommodation and an excellent table. The bedrooms are large and airy, and the Hotel possesses one of the finest Billiard Rooms in Auckland. The Hotel has been completely renovated, and is fitted with all modern conveniences. Hot and cold baths. Private Bar. Comfortable sitting-rooms, etc., etc. CHARGES MODERATE.



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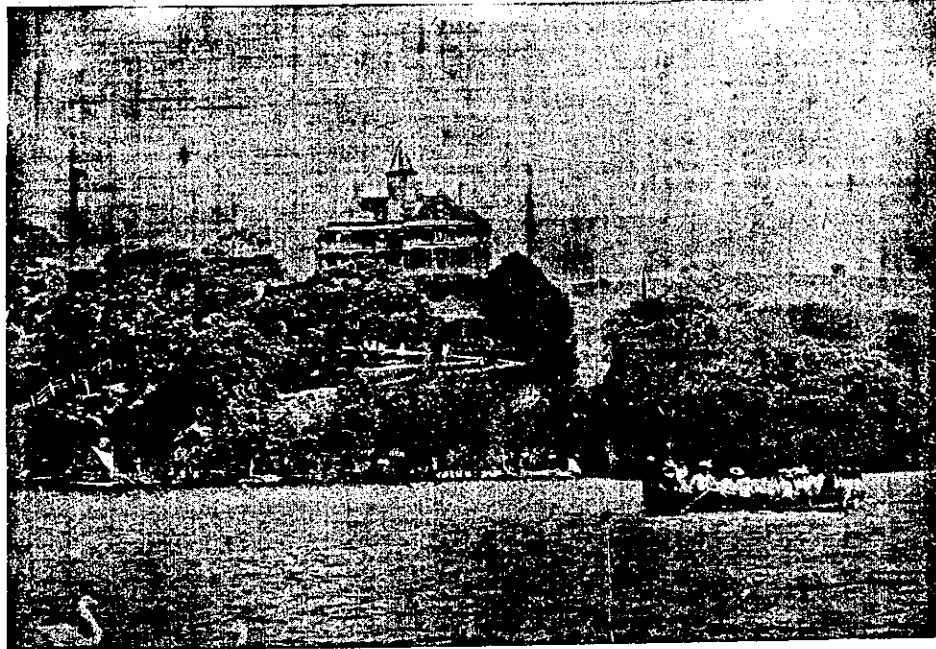
This well-known Hotel has been thoroughly Renovated and Re-furnished throughout. Every Modern Comfort and Convenience for Tourists, Travellers and Families.

First-class Billiard Table.

Wines and Spirits of the Best Brands only.

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LAKE HOTEL, TAKAPUNA.

JASPER MONTGOMERY desires to intimate that he has taken over the above House, which has been re-painted and decorated throughout. Visitors will find every home comfort, whilst the position of the house and grounds is unequalled in the Colony. Terms have been fixed on a most moderate scale, and no effort will be spared to make visitors' stay most enjoyable. Fresh and Saltwater Bathing, Fishing, etc. Only One Hour's Journey from Auckland.

JASPER MONTGOMERY, Proprietor.



STAR HOTEL, OTAHUHU

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The Best Wines, Spirits, Beers, and Cigars. All the Comforts of a Home, and a Good Table Kept. Charges Reasonable, and Civility the Rule of House. Commodious Stables. Good Paddocks. Billiards.

QUEEN'S HOTEL

(Corner of Symond Street and Khyber Pass)

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

VICTOR CORNAGA,  
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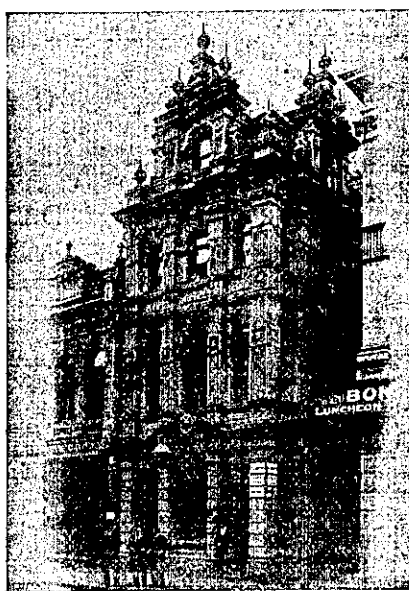
PARK HOTEL,

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The above house is entirely under new management, and patrons can rely upon cleanliness and civility

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JAS. ORMOND.....Proprietor



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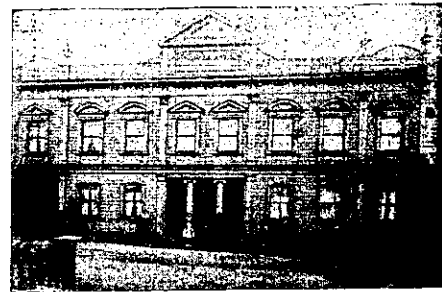
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WELLINGTON PROVINCE.

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

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Has taken the above Hotel, and Solicits a share of patronage

Good Beds, always available, and a first-class Table.

Stabling and Safe Paddocks provided.

Only the Best of Wines and Spirits in Stock.

Speight's Ales on draught.

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KIMBOLTON ROAD, FEILDING.

Under Patronage of His Excellency Lord Ranfurly.

This favourite hostelry has been renovated and re-furnished throughout. Private and Public Drawing Rooms upstairs en suite. First class Billiard Room.

The most commodious Sample Rooms betveen Wellington and Wanganui. The cuisine is under the supervision of an experienced cook. Noted for best Wines, Spirits, and Beers of any house on the Coast. The Feilding Club have rooms at the above Hotel.

Superior stable accommodation with groom in charge.

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Best Dinner for One Shilling in the Antipodes.

McCarthy's, Staple's, and Speight's Beer.

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MANNING'S HOTEL,

BROAD STREET, PALMERSTON NORTH

The above Hotel has been thoroughly Renovated and Re-furnished throughout, and may now be classed one of the most up-to-date on the Coast.

Wines, Ales and Spirits of First-class Quality only kept in stock.

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Good Fishing and Shooting to be had within easy distance.

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

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WELLINGTON—Continued.

WHITE HART HOTEL, MARTON. The Leading Family and Commercial Hotel in the District. First-class Accommodation. Nothing but the Best Brands of Wines and Spirits kept. Hotel lighted with Electric Light throughout. Spacious and Well lighted Sample Rooms. S. J. GIBBONS ... Proprietor.

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The Proprietor wishes to inform the travelling public that the above well and favourably known Hotel has recently been enlarged and renovated, making it now one of the Best Hotels in the North Island, where patrons may rely on receiving every attention and the comforts of a home, while the tariff is moderate and the chef at Town Hall for theatrical and other performances, recently enlarged and improved. Best wines and spirits stocked. Dunedin and other celebrated colonial ales on tap. Large billiard and sample rooms. Cyclist Touring Club's "Rest," the visitors' resort. Horses and traps on hire. Beautiful view of Horowhenua Lake from balcony. Hot and cold water laid on. Separate apartments for families and ladies. Coaches meet all trains. Invalids, holiday makers, and persons seeking change of air cannot do better than patronise this establishment, as the climate of Levin is superb. Telegraphic address, "Levin Hotel, Levin."

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UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY EARL OF BANFURLY. MASONIC HOTEL, DANNEVERKE, H.B. THE LEADING FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL HOTEL IN THE DISTRICT. First-class Accommodation. Nothing but the Best Brands of Wines and Spirits kept. Speight's Dunedin Beer always on draught. Commodious and well-lighted Sample Rooms. Porter meets all trains. Night Porter in attendance. Correspondence punctually attended to. P.O. Box 11. WILLIAM LIGHT ... Proprietor.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE EARL OF BANFURLY. HAVISTOCK HOTEL, WAIKAWA. Tourists, Commercial and Families will find this Hotel replete and most up-to-date. Good trout-fishing in Waipukurau and Tukituki Rivers. Shooting on lake three-quarters of a mile from Hotel. Stabling and Paddock. R. HUNTER ... Proprietor.

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COMMERCIAL HOTEL, WAIKAWA. Private Suites of Apartments and every Convenience for the Accommodation of the public. WINES, SPIRITS & BEER of the Best Quality Only. A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD TABLE. Good Stabling and Paddock Accommodation. W. PELLOW ... PROPRIETOR.

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WOODVILLE REFRESHMENT ROOMS. E. W. BUDDICK ... PROPRIETOR. Mail Trains wait twenty minutes for Lunch. The Railway passengers, going either North or South, should be acquainted with the fact that at the Woodville Refreshment Rooms they can have a good Hot Luncheon. Railway guards will inform the traveller how much time he will have at Woodville.

POST OFFICE HOTEL. (Opposite Post Office, Main Street, Pahiatua.) T. HENLEY (late of Working Men's Club, Palmerston North), has taken over the above well-known Hostelry, which will now be found up-to-date in all its appointments. Telephone connection. All Wines, Spirits, and Ales guaranteed. Stabling accommodation. Terms moderate.

CLUB HOTEL, WOODVILLE. First-class Accommodation for Families, Travellers, and Tourists. Well-lighted Sample Room. P. M. POOL ... PROPRIETOR. Telephone No. 1. P.O. Box 58.

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

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EMPIRE HOTEL, HAWERA. (Corner of High and Princes Streets). MRS A. MAGUIRE ... PROPRIETRESS. Good Stabling, Billiards, Bath Room. Wines, Beers and Spirits Unsurpassed. Mrs MAGUIRE wishes to draw the attention of the Auckland Public to the 'ONE SHILLING LUNCHEON' provided. Tariff: 4/6 per day; only one price.



RED HOUSE HOTEL, DEVON-STREET, NEW PLYMOUTH. EDWIN WHITTLE ... Proprietor. Rebuilt and refurnished, this well-known hostelry now contains every comfort for guests. The Liquors stocked are the Choicest to be bought in the Market. PAUL'S XXXX ALES ON DRAUGHT.

THE METROPOLITAN Grand Central Coffee Palace and Restaurant. CORNER OF DEVON & EGMONT STREETS, NEW PLYMOUTH. Within one minute's walk of Railway Station, Post Office and Banks. (Recognised as the Leading Unlicensed Hotel in Taranaki.) The above is specially adapted for the Convenience and Comfort of the Commercial and Social Travelling Public, and in every way equal to a First-class Hotel. Lofly and airy bedrooms, Ladies' Tea Rooms, Drawing-room, Spacious Dining-room, Commercial Room, Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths, Convenient and Commodious Sample Rooms. THE KITCHEN IS UNDER AN EXPERIENCED CHEF. TERMS: Per Day, 4/6; Per Week, 22/. ARROWSMITH, PROPRIETOR.



TARANAKI—Continued.

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THE BEST OF ACCOMMODATION FOR TRAVELLERS AND VISITORS.

Six Boomy Loose Boxes and Six Stalls. First-class Paddock. The Best Brands of Ales, Wines, and Spirits. Telephone No. 6. P.O. Box No. 7. B. T. BENNETT ... Proprietor.

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

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

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

MASONIC HOTEL, Bedford Street, Patea. MRS. KRANE ... PROPRIETRESS. MRS KRANE begs to inform her many friends and the residents generally of Patea and district, that she has assumed the proprietorship, and that it will be her aim to uphold the past high reputation of the Hotel. English and Colonial Ales and Stouts always on supply. Wines and Spirits of best brands only kept in stock. Prompt attention, civility, and cleanliness in every department.

THE TROCADERO, STRATFORD. UNDER ENTIRELY NEW MANAGEMENT. THE TROCADERO has been renovated and refurnished throughout, and has every up-to-date convenience. Suites of Rooms, Sitting and Commercial Rooms, Sample Rooms. Hot and Cold Baths, and every modern convenience. The Cuisine is under the direction of an experienced Chef. Dinners from Noon to 2 p.m. CHARGES MODERATE. Telephone 51. C. H. PAYNTER, Proprietor.

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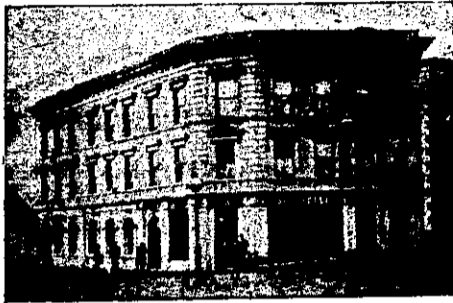
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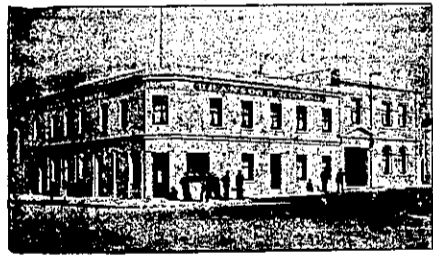
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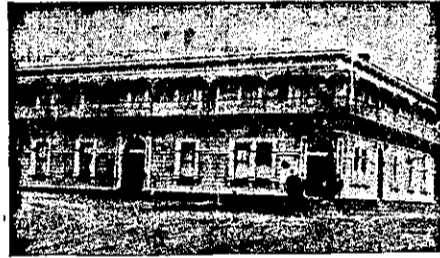
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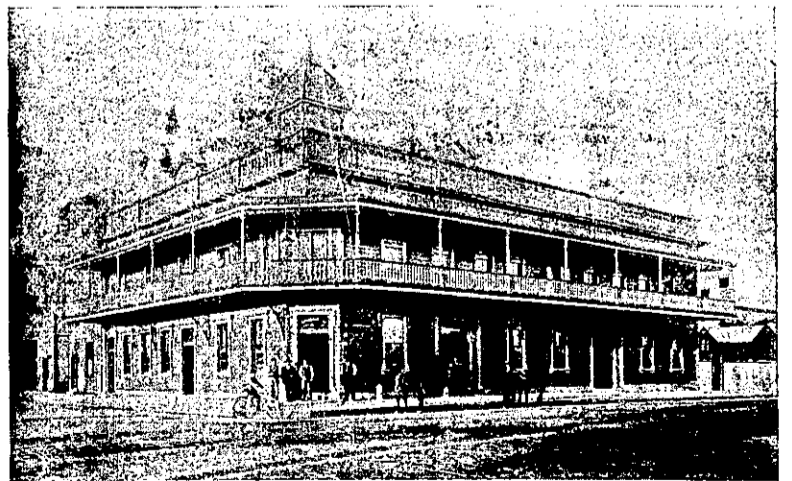
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